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From the editor

Searching the Archive in the *Electronic Journal of Gambling Issues: eGambling*

This issue of the *EJGI* inaugurates a Google search engine within our Archive section. Now readers can use their own search terms to find current and back articles on topics of their choice. We thank Alan Tang, our Webmaster, for this capability. If you are familiar with such searches, you may wish to go right now to test it at www.camh.net/egambling/archive/index.html. Good searching.

Here's an example for beginners of what is possible. Let's say that I was at a conference and heard of a valuable presentation by a researcher named Rina who spoke about her programme with youth who gamble. I want to learn more about her research and I wonder if she has been published in the *EJGI*. Can I find her even though I don't know her last name?

To check this possibility, I go to the Archive and scroll down past the list of back issues to the Google search engine. In the dialogue box ("Type in words to search"), I key in the two words: "youth" "Rina" (but without quotation marks) with no other terms and then click on Search. In all, 31 references for Rina Gupta (co-director of the Youth Gambling Institute, Montreal, Canada) appear, from the Feature article that she co-authored to her name on the list of peer reviewers, all in both HTML and PDF versions.

For technical help in searching, readers can click on the underlined link "Help with Searching" (or here at http://search.camh.net/user_help.html) for a list of topics and how-to notes, from simple to more complex.

Another option allows readers to search the archives of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health for information that may be related or unrelated to gambling.

We hope that you will treat the *EJGI* Archive as a growing resource for your gambling information needs.

In this issue

Our feature article (“Meta-analysis: A 12-step program” by David Streiner) has the goal of making meta-analyses more understandable. With more meta-analyses appearing that assess the effectiveness of different clinical approaches, it seems important to understand what underlies a meta-analysis, that may, for example, rank highly the effectiveness of a treatment option that you may not think well of. It is written both for those disinterested in statistics and those who wish to understand their role in this approach.

The research articles in this issue include the topics of over-reporting wins (“Why do gamblers over report wins: An examination of social factors” by John Jamieson, Chris Mushquash and Dwight Mazmanian), relapse from recovery (“Quitting again: Motivations and strategies for terminating gambling relapses” by Kylie L. Thygesen and David C. Hodgins) and Gamblers Anonymous (“Gamblers Anonymous: A review of the literature” by Peter Ferentzy and Wayne Skinner). We also invite you to read our opinion articles and book reviews.

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Statement of purpose

The *Electronic Journal of Gambling Issues: eGambling (EJGI)* offers an Internet-based forum for developments in gambling-related research, policy and treatment as well as personal accounts about gambling and gambling behaviour. Through publishing peer-reviewed articles about gambling as a social phenomenon and the prevention and treatment of gambling problems, it is our aim is to help make sense of how gambling affects us all.

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