Editorial

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With this issue, International Journal of Mental Health & Addiction has entered into its 10th year of operation. During the entire period of journal's lifespan, the editorial team has encountered with various challenges. Overcoming presented challenges required strategic planning that would only come with significant human resources. We are forever indebted to the journal's reviewer body that came through and has helped us to overcome the gaps and barriers. We have begun expanding journal's coverage to include issues of mental health and addiction that has touched the lives of vulnerable and marginalized population, and we have expanded our review list to reflect the diversity of academics and clinicians from South Africa to North America and from Oceania to Euro-Asia. We feel that this is an exciting start, which would help the journal to solidify its position as a platform of dialogue. We are committed in continuing this ongoing journey further to establish the journal as the voice of the international community, one that rises from the local roots.

In this issue:

Sublette and Mullan have conducted a systematic review to evaluate evidence of the effects of MMOGs on those who play them.

In her paper, **Breen** reports on findings into risk and protective factors associated with gambling products and services by Indigenous Australians.

McCormack and Griffiths used Grounded theory to examine the motivating and inhibiting factors in online gambling.

Taylor reports on the act of graffiti and compares participation in graffiti-writing in adolescence to early adulthood and how it changes into an obsessive desire for obtaining community respect.

van Rooij, Zinn, Schoenmakers and van de Mheen report on a pilot program that explored the use of a combined Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing based treatment program ('Lifestyle Training') to treat internet addiction.

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In their study, Salaam and Brown examine the rate at which members of Lagos' "area boys" engage in drug and alcohol use, and study the predictive roles of parental and neighbourhood characteristics in the gang patterns of drug use behaviour.

In their paper, Siporin and Baron describe the program design and observations of combined Contingency Management programs (CMP) and non-drug social and recreational activities (NDSRA) at Coney Island Hospital's Outpatient Chemical Dependency Services (CIHCDS) in New York City.

Clarke, Pulford, Bellringer, Abbott and Hodgins compared the relative contribution of casino EGMs with non-casino EGMs on current problem gambling.

Heinrichs and Sam studied the schizophrenia-crime relationship and suggested that specific contextual and intrinsic aspects of schizophrenic illness make interaction with law enforcement and therefore criminal charges more likely.

Penney, Mazmanian, Jamieson and Black examined factors associated with recent suicide attempts in clients who sought treatment at an addictions facility and found associations between gambling and suicide.

We hope that you enjoy this fascinating and thought provoking issue and we look forward to receiving your contribution.