



**CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING,  
CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND  
INTERVENTION**

## **PRESENTER PROFILES**

### **Dr. Masood Zangeneh**

Dr. Masood Zangeneh is a Professor in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Sciences and Innovative Learning, Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning.

He is the founding editor of the International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction (Springer Publications) and is a consultant to numerous scientific journals and universities for interdisciplinary, multi-cultural research and development addressing mental health, addiction and resilience among marginalized populations.

Dr. Zangeneh has led numerous international collaborative programs and research initiatives; and, he has served as the Ben Gurion University (BGU) – Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research (RADAR) Center Visiting Professor addressing multi-ethnic youth resilience through research, training, education and publication.

### **Dr. Mark Griffiths**

Dr. Mark Griffiths is a Chartered Psychologist and Distinguished Professor of Behavioural Addiction at the Nottingham Trent University, and Director of the International Gaming Research Unit.

He has spent 33 years in the field and is internationally known for his work in gambling, gaming, and behavioural addictions. He has published over 1,100 refereed research papers, 6 books, 160+ book chapters and over 1,500 other articles. He has won 23 national and international awards for his work including the John Rosecrance Prize (1994), CELEJ Prize (1998), Joseph Lister Prize (2004) and the US National Council on Problem Gambling Lifetime Research Award (2013).

Dr. Griffiths also does a lot of freelance journalism and has appeared in over 3,500 radio and television programs, and written over 350 articles for national and international newspapers and magazines.

## **Paul Bishop**

Paul Bishop is a Youth Outreach Specialist with the YMCA of Greater Toronto's Youth Gambling Awareness Program. He works with youth and community partners in promoting awareness of youth gambling and encouraging harm reduction strategies. He has a particular interest in how education and awareness can help undermine some of the stigma surrounding problem gambling.

## **Maria-Luisa Elias**

Maria-Luisa Elias is a Registered Social Worker with a Masters degree in Social Work by the University of Toronto. She has 20 years of experience working in the non-profit sector doing research, and program development and evaluation in areas such as housing, employment, poverty and violence against women. For the past 10 years, she has been a Clinical Counsellor offering support to individuals dealing with trauma, domestic violence, difficulties related to mental health, and behavioural addictions such as problematic gambling and gaming.