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## on Gambling and Addiction

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The International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG) is pleased to invite you to the 25th annual ICRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction, the preeminent science-based forum featuring the latest research on gambling disorder and responsible gambling. This educational experience offers valuable insights for all stakeholders:

### **Treatment Providers and Public Health Professionals will engage in dialogue about:**

- Engaging and retaining clients
- A new digital format for CBT and new pharmaceutical treatments
- Why people with gambling disorder don't seek treatment
- The impact of the changing gambling landscape on clinicians
- Military veterans with gambling problems
- Health disparities in the Latinx community
- Culturally competent, trauma-informed care for Native Americans

### **Responsible Gambling Professionals, Other Industry Professionals, and Regulators will engage in dialogue about:**

- The state of responsible gambling from the perspective of a researcher and a military veteran in recovery
- Players' understanding of who is responsible for responsible gambling
- How scientists and industry can work together on research projects

### **Researchers will engage in dialogue about:**

- How to investigate digital approaches to prevention and recovery
- The potential of research on ketamine, TMS and psychedelics for gambling disorder
- The state of research on military veterans
- How to develop and test culturally appropriate interventions for minority populations
- How to investigate health disparities among Hispanic communities
- New research presented at the poster session

All this, plus 13 continuing education hours approved by national and state entities for treatment providers, continuing legal education hours, and a poster session showcasing new research and networking opportunities with colleagues from around the world.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, the ICRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction remains dedicated to delivering the highest quality, research-based programming for all stakeholders in the gambling field. Join us in Oct. as we reflect on a quarter-century of groundbreaking work and look ahead to the future impact of our collective efforts. We look forward to your participation in this milestone event!

## CONFERENCE VENUE AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

### VENUE

The ICRG Conference is held in conjunction with Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in the Venetian Expo & Convention Center. For more information about G2E, visit [globalgamingexpo.com](http://globalgamingexpo.com).

### HOTELS

To give you a wide range of lodging choices, G2E has partnered with Connections Housing to offer extensive hotel options to ICRG Conference attendees. Book your hotel reservation by visiting the Hotel & Travel page at [globalgamingexpo.com](http://globalgamingexpo.com). G2E recommends booking ASAP.



# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Michael Campos, PhD**  
*UCLA Gambling Studies Program*



**Tonya Elliott, PhD, LMFT**  
*University of Louisiana at Monroe*



**Jon E. Grant, JD, MD, MPH**  
*The University of Chicago*



**Lojann Hooee, LADAC**  
*San Felipe Behavioral Health  
and Peopleswork-NM*



**Lucy Lan, MD, MBA**  
*VA Southern Nevada Healthcare, Las Vegas*



**Eric Louderback, PhD**  
*Division on Addiction,  
Cambridge Health Alliance,  
a teaching hospital of  
Harvard Medical School*



**Shane W. Kraus, PhD**  
*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*



**Gloria Miele, PhD**  
*The Opioid and Stimulant Implementation Support-  
Training and Technical Assistance program (OASIS-TTA)  
at UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs*



**Marc N. Potenza, MD, PhD**  
*Yale University School of Medicine*



**Deirdre Querney, MSW, CPGC, CCAC**  
*Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services, City of Hamilton*



**Hugo R. Ramirez**  
*Vision and Compromiso*



**Jennifer Shatley, DPP**  
*Responsible Gaming Online Association*



**Steven D. Shirk, PhD**  
*University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School  
and New England VA Mental Illness Research  
Education and Clinical Center*



**Nathan Smith, PhD**  
*Kindbridge Research Institute*



**Elizabeth Thielen, LPC, PCGC**  
*Nicasa Behavioral Health Services*



**Jennifer Grant Weinady, PhD**  
*Ohio State University*



**James Whelan, PhD**  
*University of Memphis*



**Dave Yeager**  
*Military Veteran and Kindbridge Research Institute*

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Note: Learning objectives for each session are available at [icrg.org](http://icrg.org).

**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Registration**

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**10 a.m. – Noon (2 CE Hours)**

**Pre-Con Workshop for Treatment Providers**

**Treating Gambling Harms: Valuable strategies for engaging and retaining our clients**

Speaker: **James Whelan, PhD**, University of Memphis

The evidence supports that gambling-specific treatment can reduce symptoms, gambling behavior and potentially enhance well-being. At the same time, only 10 to 15 percent of individuals experiencing gambling harm seek treatment and 39 percent of treatment seekers discontinue treatment before a therapeutic dose. This session will review the evidence and strategies for addressing treatment hesitancy and dropout.

**1 – 1:15 p.m.**

**Welcome**

**1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**

**Keynote (1 CE Hour)**

**Medical Interventions for Gambling Disorder: The Past, Present, and Future**

Speaker: **Jon E. Grant, JD, MD, MPH**, The University of Chicago

The field of research on gambling has evolved considerably since gambling disorder was first recognized by the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* in 1980. In the beginning people with gambling problems could access Gamblers Anonymous groups, founded in 1957. But slowly other strategies for recovery were developed, especially behavioral and pharmaceutical approaches that were successful with other addictive disorders. Leading gambling researcher Jon Grant will trace this history and look ahead to see what other promising treatments might be on the horizon for treating gambling disorder.

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

**Digital CBT: Expanding Treatment Options for Gambling Disorder**

Speaker: **Marc Potenza, MD, PhD**, Yale University School of Medicine

With support from the Mohegan Tribe in Connecticut, Dr. Potenza is developing digital therapeutic tools, such as a Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT)-based mobile app, to ensure greater access to care for traditionally underserved populations. This initiative will develop state-of-the-art tools specifically designed to address gambling disorder. Dr. Potenza will report on the clinical trials testing for effectiveness and safety.

**3:30 – 4 p.m.**

**Refreshment Break**

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**4 – 5 p.m.**

**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

**Military Veterans and Gambling Problems: What does the research say?**

Panel: **Shane Kraus, PhD**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
**Nathan Smith, PhD**, Kindbridge Research Institute  
**Marc N. Potenza, MD, PhD**, Yale University School of Medicine

The military veteran community seems to have a higher rate of gambling problems than the general adult population. This panel will provide an update on new research and new outreach to veterans with gambling problems and propose what needs to be done to address this problem.

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCT. 6 CONTINUED

**5:15 – 6:15 p.m.**

**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

**What's on the Horizon? Ketamine, Psychedelics and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for Gambling Disorder**

Panel: **Jon E. Grant, JD, MD, MPH**, The University of Chicago  
**Lucy Lan, MD MBA**, Chief of Interventional Psychiatry at VA Southern Nevada Healthcare and University of Nevada, Las Vegas

The media is abuzz with stories about alternative therapies for mental health problems such as ketamine, psychedelics and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Do these new (and old!) approaches show promise for treating gambling disorder? The panel of experts will discuss the possibilities.

**6:30 – 8 p.m.**

**Reception and Poster Session**

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE MONDAY, OCT. 7

**7 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

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**7 – 8 a.m.**

**Networking Breakfast**

**Open AA/GA Meeting**

**8:15 – 9:15 a.m.**

**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

**Disparities for Gambling Treatment Service Use in the Latinx Community**

Panel: **Michael Campos, PhD**, University of California, Los Angeles  
**Hugo Ramirez**, Vision y Compromiso

The prevalence of gambling disorder among Latinx individuals in the U.S. is similar to that seen in the non-Latinx Caucasian community. However, there are disparities in the use of State-funded treatment for such problems in California. Dr. Campos and Mr. Ramirez will report on pilot research using community health workers to increase Latinx utilization of services in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties.

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

**Why People with Gambling Disorder Don't Seek Treatment?**

Panel: **Jennifer Grant Weinady, PhD**, Ohio University  
**James Whelan, PhD**, University of Memphis

A study from the University of Missouri on national surveys of gambling problems in the U.S. found that only 7 to 12 percent of people with gambling disorder seek either formal treatment or informal approaches such as GA. This panel will highlight the latest research on motivations to seek help and strategies for raising the rate of help-seeking among this population.

**10:30 – 11 a.m.**

**Refreshment Break**

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE **MONDAY, OCT. 7** (CONTINUED)

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

## **Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention for the Treatment of Gambling Disorder among U.S. Military Veterans: Case Series and Feasibility**

Speaker: **Steven D. Shirk, PhD**, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School and New England VA Mental Illness Research and Education Clinical Center

Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention (MBRP) was developed to treat substance use disorders, but its core principles can be readily applied to the treatment of behavioral addictions. Dr. Shirk will present a series of case studies describing the application of a manualized mindfulness treatment used with U.S. veterans seeking outpatient treatment for GD at a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital.

**12:15 – 1:15 p.m.**

**Awards Luncheon**

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## **CONCURRENT SPECIAL INTEREST TRACKS**

Note: All attendees are welcome to participate in either track.

**PUBLIC HEALTH TRACK**

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**INDUSTRY TRACK**

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**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

### **Focus Group on The Changing Landscape of Gambling for Treatment Providers (1 CE Hour)**

Leader: **Gloria Miele, PhD**, UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs

Focus Group: **Deirdre Querney, MSW, CPGC, CCAC**, Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Services, City of Hamilton

**Elizabeth Thielen, LPC, PCGC**, Nicasa Behavioral Health Services

**Lojann Hooee, LADAC**, San Felipe Behavioral Health and Peopleswork-New Mexico

People rarely ask, what do clinicians think about their practice and the pace of the changing gambling landscape? This focus group, representing treatment providers from three very different regions, will express their concerns about improving treatment for people with gambling problems.

### **Who's Responsible for Responsible Gambling? What Players Say (1 CE Hour)**

Speaker: **Eric Louderback, PhD**, Cambridge Health Alliance and Harvard Medical School

Academics, gambling regulators and the gambling industry increasingly espouse a shared responsibility view of preventing gambling harm. This view considers individual gamblers and external stakeholders, such as casino employees, to be jointly responsible for minimizing gambling harm. But do individual gamblers share this view? Dr. Louderback will present the findings from a three-year study of participants sampled from a casino's customer loyalty program database.

**2:45 – 3:45 p.m.**

### **The Spirit of Addiction: Providing Culturally Competent, Trauma Informed Care for Gambling Addiction Treatment for Native Americans (1 CE Hour)**

Speaker: **Tonya Elliott, PhD**, University of Louisiana at Monroe

In her clinical practice, Dr. Elliott offers a holistic approach to counseling by integrating Native American and Eastern philosophies. She addresses the intergenerational trauma that plagues Native American communities and why treatment of this population must be grounded in Native American spiritual traditions.

### **Science and Industry: Collaborating on Responsible Gambling Research (1 CE Hour)**

Panel: **Jennifer Shatley, DPP**, Responsible Gaming Online Association

**Eric Louderback, PhD**, Cambridge Health Alliance and Harvard Medical School

**James Whelan, PhD**, University of Memphis

A panel of researchers and industry representatives will share their experiences with industry-supported research investigations on responsible gambling. They will offer advice to investigators and industry professionals interested in the study of customer datasets.

**3:45 – 4 p.m.**  
**Refreshment Break**

**4 – 5 p.m.**  
**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**

**Responsible Gambling, Finding Goldilocks, and The Nate-Dave Problem: A dialogue on responsible gambling**

Panel: **Dave Yeager**, ROTC Program Coordinator  
**Nathan Smith, PhD**, Kindbridge Research Institute

Public health interventions must be able to answer the following questions:

- What is the harm to be prevented?
- Who is the harm affecting?
- How does the intervention reduce the harm?
- How will we know if the harm is being reduced?

However, responsible gambling interventions often struggle to produce compelling answers to these questions. This session will feature a dialogue between a researcher and a military veteran in recovery to illuminate the conceptual challenges facing responsible gambling.

**5 – 6 p.m.**  
**Plenary Session (1 CE Hour)**  
**Retrospective on 25 years of the ICRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction**

## CONFERENCE PRESENTER



The International Center for Responsible (ICRG) is the global leader in scientific, peer-reviewed research on gambling disorder and responsible gambling. The ICRG disseminates research findings through evidence-based educational programming such as the annual conference and webinars.

*Thank you to our generous sponsors supporting onsite attendee amenities this October:*



# CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVALS

Conference attendees can earn up to 13 continuing education hours approved by healthcare and legal certifying agencies.

## 2 HOURS

**Pre-Con Workshop: Treating Gambling Harms: Valuable strategies for engaging and retaining our clients**

## 11 HOURS

Sessions held Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon.

## AGENCIES THAT HAVE APPROVED ICRG AS A CE PROVIDER

- The International Center for Responsible Gaming is approved by **NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals**, to offer continuing education (Provider # 100793).
- The International Center for Responsible Gaming is approved by **NBCC, National Board of Certified Counselors**, as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6474. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. The ICRG is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.
- The International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG) is approved by the **American Psychological Association** to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The ICRG maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

## SINGLE PROGRAM APPROVAL

The ICRG will seek approval of the conference from the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB), The Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education, the National Association of Social Workers, Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers, and the Nevada Certification Board.

(Please contact Travis Sztainert at [tsztainert@icrg.org](mailto:tsztainert@icrg.org) if you wish to receive CLEs from other jurisdictions. Visit [icrg.org/events](http://icrg.org/events) to get updates on CE and CLE approvals.)

## ICRG CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Application Deadline: Aug. 1, 2024**

The ICRG is committed to involving all stakeholders in the annual ICRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction. Toward that end, the ICRG offers a limited number of free conference registrations for those in the clinical, research and public health sectors.

Applicants may also request travel assistance, up to \$1,000.

To apply for a scholarship, please send to Travis Sztainert ([tsztainert@icrg.org](mailto:tsztainert@icrg.org)) the following information in a Word document:

1. Name
2. Job/Field
3. How will attending the 2024 conference benefit your work and community?
4. Please describe the financial challenge you face in attending this event.
5. Are you seeking travel assistance as well? Please specify a travel budget. If funds for travel assistance are not available, will you still be able to attend the conference with just a scholarship for registration?

Please submit your application by Aug. 1, 2024.

*Thank you to Rush Interactive for help making the ICRG Conference scholarship program possible:*





# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## 2024 SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Deadline: Aug. 15, 2024**

### PAST RECIPIENTS

#### 2002

Robert Custer, MD  
Nancy Petry, PhD

#### 2003

Robert Ladouceur, PhD  
Marc N. Potenza, MD, PhD  
Renee Cunningham-Williams, PhD  
(Honorable Mention)

#### 2004

Alex Blaszczynski, PhD  
Jon E. Grant, JD, MD, MPH

#### 2005

Ken C. Winters, PhD

#### 2006

Suck Won Kim, MD  
Rina Gupta, PhD

#### 2007

Howard J. Shaffer, PhD, CAS

#### 2008

Marc N. Potenza, MD, PhD

#### 2009

Jon E. Grant, JD, MD, MPH  
Anna Goudriaan, PhD

#### 2010

David C. Hodgins, PhD

#### 2011

Wendy S. Slutske, PhD

#### 2012

Randy Stinchfield, PhD, LP

#### 2013

Jeffrey Derevensky, PhD

#### 2014

Linda B. Cottler, PhD, MPH  
Catharine Winstanley, PhD

#### 2015

Luke Clark, PhD

#### 2016

Donald W. Black, MD

#### 2018

Debi LaPlante, PhD

#### 2019

Michael J. A. Wohl, PhD

#### 2022

Sarah E. Nelson, PhD  
James Whelan, PhD

#### 2023

Iris Balodis, PhD  
Deirdre Querney, MSW, CPGC, CCAC

The ICRG recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of research on gambling disorder and responsible gambling with the annual ICRG Scientific Achievement Award. We invite nominations in the following categories:

- Research investigators at any stage in their career—early stage, mid-career or senior—whose research has made a significant contribution to the knowledge base about gambling disorder and responsible gambling
- Educators who have successfully mentored young investigators in the field or have excelled at promoting public awareness and education about gambling disorder and responsible gambling
- A recent publication in a scientific, peer-reviewed journal that represents seminal work in the field



Iris Balodis, PhD, and Deirdre Querney, MSW, CPGC, CCAC; 2023 Scientific Achievement Award recipients, with ICRG President, Arthur Paikowsky.

### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A NOMINATION

The nomination package must include the following:

- Letter of recommendation: A detailed letter describing the worthiness of the nominee or nominated work, specifying the contribution to the field of gambling studies and significance.
- Curriculum vitae (CV):
  - For individual nominees, include an up-to-date CV
  - For research investigators, include a comprehensive bibliography of the nominee's publications
- Publications: For research investigators, submit no more than five scientific publications representative of the nominee's work. When nominating a publication, include a copy of the published version of the article. The publication must have been published in the same year or the year prior to the nomination.

**Submit nomination materials to Travis Sztainert ([tsztainert@icrg.org](mailto:tsztainert@icrg.org)) by Aug. 15, 2024.** The selection committee, composed of distinguished scientists in the addictions field, will select the recipient of the 2024 ICRG Scientific Achievement Award. The award will be presented at the awards luncheon during the ICRG conference on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024.

# CALL FOR POSTERS

## POSTER SESSION: OCT. 6, 2024

*Deadline for Abstracts: Aug. 15, 2024*

The ICRG showcases new research on gambling disorder and responsible gambling during a poster session and reception held at the ICRG Conference. This event is an opportunity for investigators to report on their empirical research and discuss their findings with conference attendees. Each year, a committee selects the recipients of the Outstanding Poster Award and honorable mention.

### SUBJECT MATTER

Posters can focus on any aspects of gambling disorder and responsible gambling and must report on empirical research. Abstracts will be reviewed for scientific merit.

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

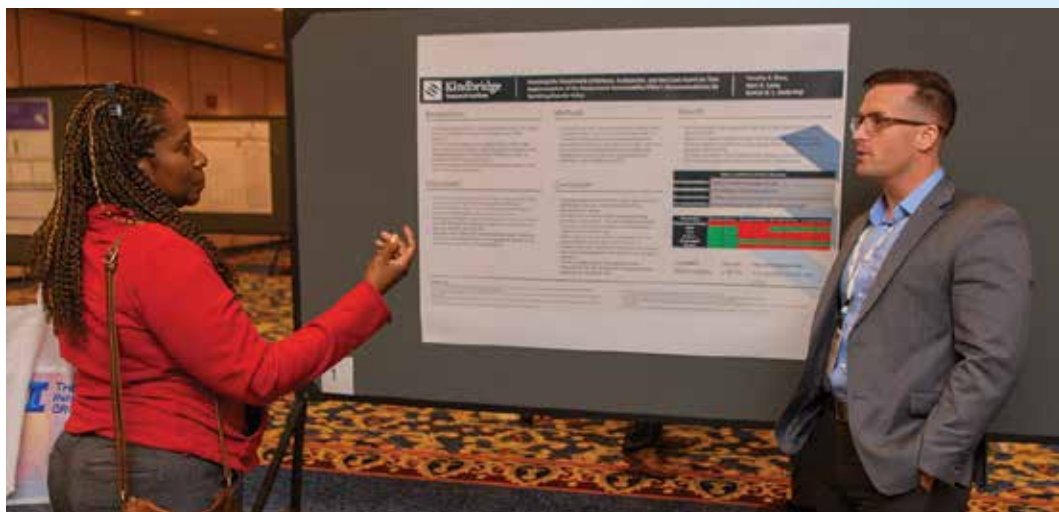
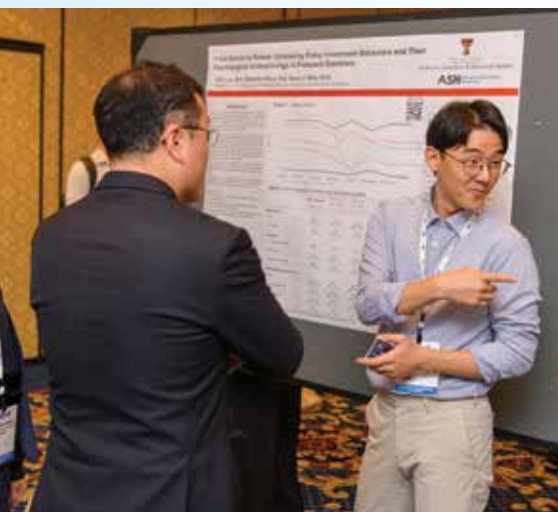
Abstracts should be submitted electronically in MS Word® or another word processing software using a font size no smaller than 12 pt. PDFs will not be accepted. Please include the following information:

- Title of Presentation
- Name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- Email address of the first author
- Poster abstract (no more than 500 words). Please follow APA format for text and references. The abstract should address the following:
  - Sample and methods
  - Preliminary findings
  - Implications for the field
- Digital signature of first author certifying that any work with human or animal subjects in the abstract complies with the guiding policies and principles for experimental procedures of the World Medical Association of Helsinki.

By submitting a poster, at least one author must agree to attend the conference and to participate in the poster session. No individual can be first author on more than one submission.

Abstracts will be accepted on a rolling basis until Aug. 15, 2024.

Send the abstract to **Travis Sztainert** ([tsztainert@icrg.org](mailto:tsztainert@icrg.org)).



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Full Conference – Treatment Provider	\$170	\$195	\$395
Sunday Only	\$175	\$200	\$400
Monday Only	\$225	\$250	\$450

**Deadline: Sept. 27**

After Sept. 27 register at the conference.

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Cancellations and substitutions must be submitted in writing to [tsztainert@icrg.org](mailto:tsztainert@icrg.org). Substitutions can be made at any time. Cancellations will be accepted in the case of personal emergency. No refunds will be issued after Oct. 1, 2024. Questions? Contact Travis Sztainert ([tsztainert@icrg.org](mailto:tsztainert@icrg.org)).

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