The International Center for Gaming Regulation celebrates its first full year of regulator educational programming this month. In 2016-17, the Center delivered twenty open enrollment and custom programs to global gaming regulators - in both Las Vegas and around the world.

Participation in the programs was robust. The center welcomed a total of 710 regulators to the programs throughout the year. International participation from over 20 countries included representatives from Japan, Brazil, the UK, Canada, South Africa, Singapore, Australia, Saipan, and the Caribbean among others.

“In addition to the 12 open enrollment programs hosted on the UNLV campus, the ICGR also delivered our world-class instruction on-site to commercial jurisdictions like Michigan, tribal entities such as the San Manuel Gaming Commission in California, and executive level gatherings at G2E and ICE,” explained ICGR Operations Director Rob Horgan.

The ICGR is slated to increase the number and diversity of its offerings in 2018.
ICGR Welcomes Extern from William S. Boyd School of Law

Breyen Canfield, a law student at UNLV’s William S. Boyd School of Law, has joined the ICGR team in 2017 as a law school extern assisting with research. Before his academic career, Breyen was a professional gambler, specializing in poker and sports betting. Following the federal government’s shutdown of multiple online poker sites in 2011, he began his path to gaming law, focusing on player rights and consumer protection.

During his tenure with the ICGR, Breyen has co-authored an upcoming Nevada Gaming Lawyer Magazine article on the uses of blockchain technology in licensure applications, a short history of suitability regulation in Nevada, and a law review article analyzing esports cases in Washington’s Western District.

ICGR Provides Expertise as Sports Betting Gains Momentum

The growing interest in the legalization of sports betting in the United States has provided ICGR with the opportunity to lend expertise and education to jurisdictions preparing for potential changes to the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA).

ICGR Associate Director Jennifer Roberts has partnered with William S. Boyd School of Law colleague Greg Gemignani to deliver a 2-Day intensive course on Understanding Sports Betting three times per year.

“The Supreme Court’s willingness to hear the challenge brought by New Jersey has made a lot of jurisdictions take notice. They recognize that there may be a potential opportunity in the future and they need to get their regulatory workforces ready,” explained Roberts. “Our course welcomes gaming regulators and policy makers as well as operators, technology providers and attorneys looking to gain a fundamental understanding of how Nevada has regulated sports betting.”

Professor Roberts has also fielded a number of inquiries on the topic of sports betting recently from media outlets around the country including Nevada Public Radio, Associated Press, and the Huffington Post.

Thank You to KONAMI GAMING

The ICGR would like to express its gratitude to Konami Gaming for their donation this Spring of a Frogger skill-based slot machine game cabinet to the lab at the International Gaming Institute. The device has been used to demonstrate the quickly evolving issues related to skill-based games to regulators who visit the ICGR. The device has provided many regulators with their first hands-on experience with a slot machine featuring skill based elements.
**Fundamentals of Land-Based Casinos Continues to Draw Global Participation**

Gaming regulators from over a dozen U.S. tribal and commercial jurisdictions - as well as international participants from Jamaica, Australia, and Saipan - participated in the ICGR's June 2017 **Fundamentals of Gaming Regulation for Land-Based Casinos** program on the UNLV campus.

The 5-day intensive program provided participants with a holistic curriculum designed to develop “enterprise mindset” and a comprehensive understanding of the functions within a regulatory authority. The curriculum was curated by UNLV faculty and instructors from the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

In addition to classroom sessions on pre-licensing, audit, casino internal controls, enforcement, credit issuance, junkets, AML and patron disputes, the program also included visits to the surveillance room of a local Las Vegas casino operator and a tour of a sports book.

With a commitment to facilitate experiential learning, the program also included a few hours in UNLV’s Konami Gaming Lab on the basics of table game rules and gameplay. Highlighting the future of gaming, the group also received a demonstration of skill-based games from Marcus Yoder, VP of Regulated Markets Business Development at Gamblit Gaming and his team.

The next iteration of the program is offered in December.

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**Call For Research Fellowship Applications**

The ICGR is offering up to three 6-month nonresident fellowships to support impactful research on important gambling regulatory issues. These fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis via a peer review process. Submissions are welcomed on any topic of current interest to the global gambling regulatory community.

The final deadline for submissions for this cycle is **September 1st, 2017**. For more information, or to apply, review **the announcement on the ICGR website**.