Abstract Submission
The colloquium convenors are now calling for submission of abstracts outlining proposed papers. Abstracts should include the title of proposed papers, the name and email address of author(s), and if applicable any institutional affiliation. Abstracts should address any aspect of dangerous consumption, preferably drawing on a socially theoretical perspective, and should be less than 250 words in length. In order to manage the number and quality of the papers, the suitability of the paper will be reviewed by the organizing group, with acceptance notified when review is complete. Abstracts should be forwarded as an attachment in Word format via email to charles.livingstone@med.monash.edu.au. Please use "dcVII abstract - <AUTHOR NAME>" as the subject line. Please forward abstracts by 23 October 2009.

Colloquium Presentation Format
dcVII will continue the tradition of encouraging theoretical analysis and research presentations of the myriad forms of consumption available within contemporary societies. In past years, a range of approaches have been adopted to explore and pursue explanation of consumption forms including alcohol, illicit drugs, gambling, sex, food, blood, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, pleasure and celebrity magazines. The event takes the form of a colloquium, in which all participants are able to hear and respond to all papers presented. The colloquium offers participants a unique opportunity to share ideas and understanding from across the spectrum of dangerous consumptions and a range of theoretical and research perspectives, in an open, relaxed and thoughtful forum.

Forum on DrinkWise
This year, dcVII will include a self-contained forum featuring invited speakers focusing on the organisation DrinkWise, its impacts on public health and well-being, and its interactions with researchers, research organisations, and scholarly journals. This forum will be a public event held on the evening of 26th November. Confirmed speakers for this forum include Prof. Mike Daube, Professor of Health Policy at Curtin University and President of the Public Health Association of Australia, Prof. Simon Chapman, Professor of Public Health at the University of Sydney, Assoc Prof. Peter Adams, Head of the Department of Social and Community Health at the

Colloquium convenors - Charles Livingstone, Monash University; Peter Adams, University of Auckland; Helen Keane, Australian National University; Cathy Banwell, Australian National University; Rachael Kendrick, University of Melbourne
University of Auckland, and Dr Peter Miller, NHMRC Howard Florey Fellow at Deakin University and Commissioning Editor of *Addiction*.

The forum on *DrinkWise* is supported by the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation - VicHealth.

The forum on *DrinkWise* will be open to the public and will be free of charge.

**Registration**

Registration information for *dcVII* will be circulated shortly. In keeping with past practice, registration costs will be kept to a minimum, and postgraduate students may register at no cost. If you wish to be informed of news about *dcVII* please email charles.livingstone@med.monash.edu.au and ask to be added to the email distribution list.

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