



## Problematic Internet Use: A Biopsychosocial Model

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Problematic Use of the Internet (PIU) is a growing problem in modern societies. It is characterized by excessive concerns or impulsive behavior about Internet access that leads to distress. Surveys in the United States and Europe indicated a prevalence of between 1.5% and 8.2%. Cross-sectional studies on patient samples report high comorbidity of Internet addiction with psychiatric disorders. Several factors are predictive of problematic Internet use, including personality traits, alcohol use, depression, and anxiety, and familial factors, both genetic and relational. This Special Issue is dedicated to the research of scientific papers on the above issues, with particular attention paid to studies that use a biopsychosocial point of view. In particular, the presentation of interdisciplinary work and multi-country collaborative research is encouraged. In particular, studies are encouraged that take into account the epigenetic characteristics of the subjects. This Special Issue will welcome original research articles using different study projects (both longitudinal studies and cross-sectional studies), or systematic reviews and meta-analyses.





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