



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

SIG/Committee Name: Australia & New Zealand SIG (ANZ SIG)

Date: 14 March 2018

Co-Chairs: Lucy Busija (past chair), Claudia Rutherford (chair), Rasa Ruseckaite (chair elect), Rebecca Mercieca-Bebber (secretary)

Board Liaison: Mogens Groenvold, MD PhD

Mission: The Australia and New Zealand Special Interest Group brings together Australian and New Zealand-based researchers in the field of quality of life research. Given geographical remoteness of Australian and New Zealand quality of life researchers from colleagues in the northern hemisphere, the SIG aims to support local researchers by facilitating communication and opportunities for collaboration and exchange of ideas.

Number of SIG Members:

30

Date of SIG Meeting:

16/02/2018

Number of attendees at meeting: 8

Project/Objective	Actions/Deliverables	Project Chair	Project Members	Timeline
1. Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review of the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry to identify trials with PRO endpoints b) Members invited to submit ideas and/or proposals for collaborative projects. This is an agenda item for member meetings. 	Rebecca Mercieca-Bebber	Claudia Rutherford, Natasha Roberts, Lucy Busija, Jessica Roydhouse, Michelle Wilson.	Manuscript draft prepared, submission planned for March 2018
2. Member engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Member meetings held 3-4 times per year b) Regular communication with members as needed (e.g. announcements, sharing relevant resources, conferences, updates from ISOQOL conference, etc) via teamwork c) Registry of member expertise d) Member share and brag – members encouraged to share any relevant news, publications, grants, etc. This is an agenda item for member meetings. 	Claudia Rutherford	All members encouraged to communicate with other members via teamwork and share relevant news and achievements.	On-going
3. Knowledge dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Member in the spot light – a member invited to present results from their current work as a way of disseminating information to other members. 	Claudia Rutherford	Past 'spot light' members: Melanie Hawkins, Natasha Roberts	On-going
4. Regional meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proposal for a regional meeting. CR/MK to meet with Jan Sansoni (who was Chair of the Australian patient centred outcomes conference) regarding plans for a regional meeting. b) CR to draft a proposal for consideration by the ISOQOL board. c) If proposal approved, CR send announcement for expressions of interest to join the conference organising committee. 	Claudia Rutherford (CR) and Madeleine King (MK)	To be confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) March 2018 b) April 2018 c) Planning in 2018