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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Claire Snyder, PhD, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine



Dear Colleagues,

I am writing this column after our mid-year Board meeting, and I'm excited to highlight just a few of the many projects and initiatives we will be undertaking to move ISOQOL forward. In preparation for the Board meeting, I asked the Board members to keep track of the questions that keep coming up in their work and ideas on how ISOQOL might help them come up with answers. Almost all of our questions related to our two substantive themes "**Measuring What Matters**" and "**Making Measurement Meaningful**." Examples are, "*What PROs should I measure?*" "*What instrument should I use?*" "*How do I evaluate content and other validity?*" "*What do the scores mean?*" "*What is important?*" "*How can they be applied?*" Additional questions emerged under the heading of "**Making Sense of Methods**," such as "*How*

*do you interpret psychometric data?*" And, of course, there were some "**Miscellaneous**" issues that were outside of our general themes.

To address these questions, we will be undertaking a number of initiatives. Central to this effort is the creation of a new committee on "**Standards & Best Practices**." This new committee will be charged with developing new standards and best practices for patient-reported outcomes research, serving as the custodian for our current suite of standards and best practices documents, and creating knowledge translation tools to help members and other constituencies implement these standards and best practices. Some examples of our previously developed recommendations include reporting standards for PROs in randomized clinical trials, standards for PROs in patient-centered and comparative effectiveness research, and the User's Guide for Implementing PROs in Clinical Practice – all of which are available on the ISOQOL website (<http://www.isoqol.org/research->  
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publications/[isoqol-publications](http://isoqol-publications)). To take this work to the next level, the Standards & Best Practices Committee will be charged with developing tools, templates, blogs, and other resources to help ISOQOL members (and not-yet ISOQOL members) implement these recommendations in research and practice. Soon, we will be circulating a call for volunteers for this committee and hope many of you will be interested in participating.

Of course, one of our key initiatives regarding "**Measuring What Matters**" is our symposium, taking place July 25-26 in Washington, DC. We have an excellent slate of speakers who will be addressing how to develop and implement a PRO measurement strategy that meets regulatory requirements while assessing issues that are important to patients and clinicians. The symposium will include both plenary presentations and an interactive component. Many thanks to Sara Ahmed and Steven Blum for chairing the first in what we hope will be a series of successful symposia on these topics. I'm looking forward to attending this meeting and to seeing many of you there.

In another important development for ISOQOL, we will soon be launching the **Journal of Patient-Reported Outcomes**. We just signed the contract for *JPRO* with Springer, our publisher for *Quality of Life Research*. *JPRO* will be an ISOQOL-owned, open access journal that will complement *QLR* with particular emphasis on PRO results from clinical trials, PROs in clinical practice, the role of qualitative methods for PRO research, methods and results of engaging patients in PRO research, and social and behavioral determinants of

PROs. Many thanks to the journal task force members, and chair Neil Aaronson, for developing and executing the strategy for launching this new journal in partnership with Colleen Pedersen and our management team at EDI.

Finally, a note on membership. I'm pleased to report that there will be no dues increase for 2017. I'm even more pleased to report that ISOQOL is launching two new membership categories: Regular Patient Research Partners (who pay dues equal to regular members and have full membership privileges) and Affiliate Patient Research Partners (who pay discounted dues and have limited membership privileges). Again, this will be launched in 2017, and I want to thank the Patient Engagement Task Force, chaired by Cindy Gross, for their efforts on this and other patient engagement initiatives.

As you can see, ISOQOL is busy on many fronts. I look forward to reporting back on our progress in future newsletter articles and at our annual meeting in Copenhagen. In the meantime, please feel free to send feedback to ISOQOListens (<http://www.isoqol.org/forms/isoqol-listens.php>).

Sincerely,

Claire Snyder, PhD, ISOQOL President



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By: Ana Popielnicki, BA, TransPerfect



Dear ISOQOL family:

Welcome to the Spring issue of our *Quality of Life Quarterly!*

This is quite an interesting

issue (and I can say that objectively, since it is nothing to do with me but all thanks to our excellent contributors and the fabulous Executive Office and Creative teams!), with a wealth of information and exciting news about upcoming opportunities for personal and professional growth in our industry.

Dr. Snyder's President's Message is exceptionally rich with pertinent information on educational opportunities, task forces and committees, innovative initiatives, and membership news. She also touches on the last Executive Board meeting, and encourages the whole membership

to get involved and grow together as a multi-disciplinary global family.

Our enterprising New Investigators SIG is back! I know you all missed their traditional contributions in the last few issues – please check out their article on helpful networking tips; these will be particularly handy for the conference attendees. There is also information about our Mentor-Mentee Program, with Dr. Ida Korfage relating her personal experience from both points of view. Please make use of this wonderful resource in our Society.

Of course the issue would not be complete without news on the Annual Conference. Our 2016 Scientific Program Chairs, Drs. Jakob Bue Bjorner and Mogens Groenvold, bring us details on the conference, its theme, sessions and program. There is also helpful information on travel, the conference venue, and Copenhagen. Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

We have as well a call for nominations for the Emerging Leader and President's Awards – please see details in this issue. Our Quality of Life Research Journal co-Editors in Chief, Drs. Schwartz and Oort, along with Dr. Jan Böhnke, are calling upon our members to act as Language and Grammar Reviewers for the Journal – find out what is needed, and please contact them if you are interested in helping out in that capacity.

As always, we are at your service for any questions, comments, or submissions for the 2016 Summer issue. Please send your queries/comments to your Editor at [info@isoqol.org](mailto:info@isoqol.org) with "Newsletter" on your subject line. Enjoy!



Ana Popielnicki  
Editor



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# ISOQOL ANNUAL CONFERENCE – COPENHAGEN 2016

By: Jakob Bue Bjorner and Mogens Groenvold, 2 May 2016



Jakob Bue Bjorner



Mogens Groenvold

The ISOQOL Annual Conference will take place in Copenhagen from 19-22 October 2016. As scientific program chairs, we would like to welcome you to our beautiful and vibrant city. This year's conference theme is: *Successful strategies for dealing with the challenges in quality of life research*. We hope that the conference will allow a broad discussion of the challenges that we face in quality of life research and that it will present inspirational proposals as to how we can improve the quality and impact of our research.

The plenary sessions will focus on different challenges in quality of life research and present a mixture of top researchers and new talent within our field. The first session, *"Challenges in quality of life research and successful solutions"*, will serve as an introduction to the conference theme. Speakers will be John E. Ware, Jr., University of Massachusetts Medical School; Donald L. Patrick, University of Washington; Arthur Stone, University of Southern California. This session

The session *"Increasing patient involvement in health related quality of life research"* will explore multiple ways in which patients can be involved in quality of life research: providing data, providing content, interviewing, and interpreting results. Speakers will be

Sophie Staniszewska, University of Warwick Medical School; Anna Thit Johnsen, University of Southern Denmark; Susanne Malchau Dietz, Danish Society of Nursing History and the European Association for the History of Nursing; Danielle Lavalle, University of Washington; Amye Leong, Healthy Motivation, Patient Research Partner.

The session *"Health care policy and practice: do patient reported outcomes deliver?"* will explore the impact of quality of life research on health care policy: setting priorities, evaluating the quality of health care, and as key elements in the transition towards value-based health care. Speakers will be Caleb Stowell, International Consortium for Health Outcomes Measurement (ICHOM); Joanne Greenhalgh, University of Leeds; and Nils Gutacker, University of York. The session will describe the state of the art and the challenges in using health related quality of life assessment for health care improvement.

The fourth plenary will feature *"Cutting Edge Research"* based on selected submitted abstracts.

In addition to the plenary sessions, ISOQOL Copenhagen will offer a number of exciting preconference workshops, symposia, oral and poster presentations, and the new ISOQOL Introductory Education Course. The number of submitted abstracts is the highest seen for several years. Thank you for this! We recommend that you check the website ([www.isoqol.org](http://www.isoqol.org)) regularly to stay updated about the program and speakers.

A key element in a successful conference is your quality of life during the conference. We hope to continue the tradition of ISOQOL conferences

having a friendly and open-minded atmosphere that encourages a lively exchange of ideas and experiences. We will continue the traditions of a Mentor/Mentee Program and Roundtables where young researchers have the opportunity to interact with some of the major figures in the field in more informal settings.

On the social side, we will continue the tradition of 'Dine-Arounds' on Friday evening. We will not aim for the world famous but pricey Noma restaurant<sup>1</sup> but there are plenty of alternatives almost as good. In addition, you will be offered a range of discussion topics and an evening of inspiring discussions with your fellow attendees.

When booking your travel please consider adding a few days of vacation in Copenhagen. The city has more than 1,000 years of history dating back to the Vikings and is connected to fairy tales. It houses the World's oldest monarchy, and the city still has its medieval city center. Nowadays it is known as a bike city, and for its Danish design and modern architecture, sustainability (you can swim in the harbour), and its cuisine which includes New Nordic cuisine and numerous options for finding good beer from local micro-breweries. Film locations for Danish TV series such as the Killing, Borgen, the Bridge and other Nordic Noir series can be found in the city. Find more inspiration on <http://www.visitcopenhagen.com/>

1 For particularly well-funded attendees: Noma booking for October starts July 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00 AM CEST on [www.noma.dk](http://www.noma.dk). You may need to book that very day and time.



## 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register today for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and receive the advance registration discount. Advance registration is available through **12 September**.

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## THE ISOQOL MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM

### JOIN ISOQOL'S MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

The ISOQOL mentoring program promotes career development and provides networking opportunities for students and new investigators within the society. Individuals interested in serving as a Mentor will be paired up with students and new investigators that have signed up for the program. In order to volunteer as a mentor or register as a mentee, please provide the necessary information, as noted on the Annual Conference Registration Form.



Mentors and Mentees will be able to meet and converse at the Conference in Copenhagen, during a special reception on Thursday, 20 October, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. This reception provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere. Refreshments will be provided.

#### **Mentor/Mentee Program Testimonial:**

“To me, ISOQOL’s mentor-mentee program is one of the most attractive and relevant elements of the yearly conferences. The program truly facilitates conference attendants to get in touch and have meaningful exchanges. I have participated often in the mentor-mentee program, starting as a mentee, but more recently as a mentor. At the 2005 ISOQOL Conference, Carolyn Gotay was my mentor. I was about to defend my PhD thesis on localized prostate cancer and quality of life in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and starting my post-doc project. Carolyn and I went for dinner and, while walking through the streets of San Francisco, we discussed my new topic (quality of life effects of cervical cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment). Carolyn provided me with a good suggestion for my questionnaires, resulting in a paper on attitudes towards HPV-vaccination among Dutch screen participants. Carolyn and I kept in touch over the years. In 2011, a fellowship of the Dutch Cancer Society enabled me to pay a research visit to her in Vancouver. Later Carolyn invited me to co-chair the 2015 ISOQOL Conference with her. It was a great joy (and hard work!) to collaborate in finding a conference theme, drafting the plenary sessions, selecting abstracts and many other things to prepare the meeting in Vancouver, which was evaluated very well. We had much fun and I learned a lot from Carolyn. This would never have happened without the mentor-mentee program!”

Ida J. Korfage, PhD

2015 Scientific Program Co-Chair  
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For more information on this program, please visit: <http://www.isoqol.org/2016conference/mentormentee-program> or email the ISOQOL office at [info@isoqol.org](mailto:info@isoqol.org).



## MAKE YOUR NETWORKING WORK – TIPS FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATORS

*Kathrin Fischer & Catherine Bottomley (Co-chairs), on behalf of the New Investigators SIG*

The 23<sup>rd</sup> ISOQOL conference in Copenhagen draws closer and the submission dates have already passed. This year's conference theme "Successful strategies for dealing with the challenges in quality of life research" encourages investigators, whether new or advanced, to "discuss the challenges for the field with regards to theory, methodology, and implementation of results in health care policy and practice".

Being new in any field of research, or at an early stage in your career, conferences are great opportunities not only to present your own work, but also to network and to share experiences. Some individuals seem to have a natural talent for talking to new people, while others find this aspect of a conference more daunting. The following tips can be used to help overcome any networking fears:

### 1. Plan early.

Ask yourself: What is your goal and what are your objectives for this specific conference? This may be to get in touch with researchers or people from a specific institution, who are in a similar field or may have used interesting methods you would like to learn more about (Google and LinkedIn are great tools to aid with this). Maybe you face some challenges within your own research project and would like to discuss your findings or problems, or you have great ideas for future research, which you would like to present to possible project partners. All these are goals which have one theme in common – to connect with other people!

### 2. Prepare.

Register for any conference sessions that require pre-registration and review the programme for possible opportunities for networking sessions. Business cards are a great tool for swapping contact details and consider using social media to keep in touch with contacts you made, whether that is LinkedIn, ResearchGate or Twitter (#ISOQOL16).

### 3. Strike up a conversation.

Starting a conversation can be the biggest obstacle for some people. Keep it short- start with your research interests, background, or where you currently work. Listen carefully to the responses you get- a good networker is always a good listener! If in doubt, talk about the conference: Which do you think has been the most interesting session so far? Are you presenting any research this year?

### 4. Follow up.

One of the most important factors for networking is following up with your new contacts soon after the conference; this gives the best chance for forming an ongoing professional relationship. Write a personal message: where you met, what you talked about. Avoid sending too many follow up emails- remember that networking is a two way process!

With these tips in mind, we hope you will use the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Copenhagen to network, build professional relationships, and have fun doing so!



## EXPLORE COPENHAGEN



Are you planning on exploring Copenhagen before or after the Annual Conference? The most populous city and capital of Denmark boasts some of the world's finest sights, restaurants, and attractions! Situated on the eastern coast of Zealand, Copenhagen is rooted in rich traditions and surrounded by beautiful landscapes.

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**If you prefer to book by telephone, mention ISOQOL for the reduced room rate.**

Standard Room: DKK 1095 – this rate includes VAT and other taxes/fees, along with breakfast at Mama's & Papa's Restaurant & WiFi.



The discounted room rate will be available until the room block reaches capacity, or through **12 September 2016**. Reduced room rates cannot be guaranteed after this date. **The hotel is starting to sell out, so reserve a room as soon as possible to guarantee a sleeping room at the headquarter hotel.**

#### Travel Information

Transportation options from Copenhagen Airport to the Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen:

The hotel is easily accessible for travelers. Take the metro M2 to

“Christianshavn” and change to the M1. Get off at “Islands Brygge” and walk a few minutes to the hotel.

Bus 5A “Husum Torv” takes approximately 30 minutes from the airport. Get off at “Øresunds Boulevard.”

Private taxis are also widely available right outside the airport. The trip by taxi takes approximately 15 minutes.

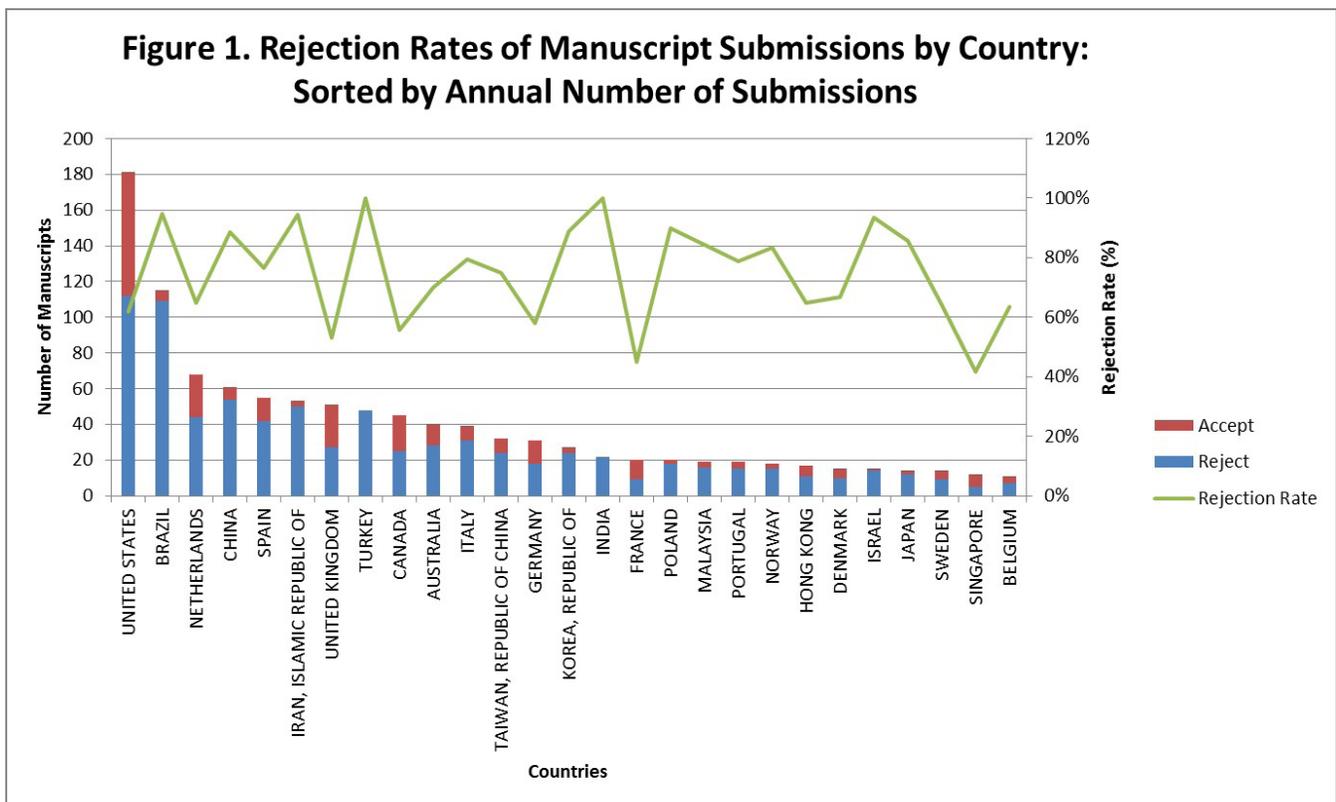


# NARROWING THE LANGUAGE DIVIDE: QLR OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRONG ENGLISH WRITERS

By Carolyn E. Schwartz, Sc.D.<sup>1,2</sup>, Jan R. Böhnke, Ph.D.<sup>3</sup>, and Frans J. Oort, Ph.D.<sup>4</sup>

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As an international society, we pride ourselves on bringing together scientists from around the globe to share in the development of novel scientific work at our annual conference and in our journal, *Quality of Life Research (QLR)*. Indeed, our journal published scientific articles from 27 countries last year (see Figure 1). Each year when we review the publisher’s report, we note that manuscripts from countries with strong skills in English writing also seem to have a higher acceptance rate in the journal.



We have made focused efforts to try to help authors with strong scientific manuscripts to improve their language and grammar use. In 2011, we recruited eager young scientists from the New Investigators Special Interest Group to serve as English Language and Grammar Reviewers as a last stage of manuscript review, after the manuscript had passed muster in our increasingly rigorous peer review process. This approach helped to narrow the language divide. We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Drs. **Lisa Carlesso** (McMaster University, Canada), **Helen McTaggart-Cowan** (Canadian Centre for Applied Research in Cancer Control, Canada), and **Poorna Kushalnager** (Rochester Institute of Technology, USA) for their efforts on behalf of QLR.

Now, however, these generous and conscientious scientists who were our original fleet of English Language and Grammar Reviewers are no longer able to help us with this noble effort. Overwhelmed by work demands – the cost of success – they declined our recent invitations. We thus are **actively seeking to rebuild this cadre of reviewers** with willing and able ISOQOL members. In addition to knowing that you are providing a needed and appreciated service,

henceforth **Language and Grammar Reviewers will be listed on the journal's inside cover**, alongside the Editorial Board and the International Advisory Board.

### **INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT? BUT NOT SURE WHAT IS INVOLVED? READ ON...**

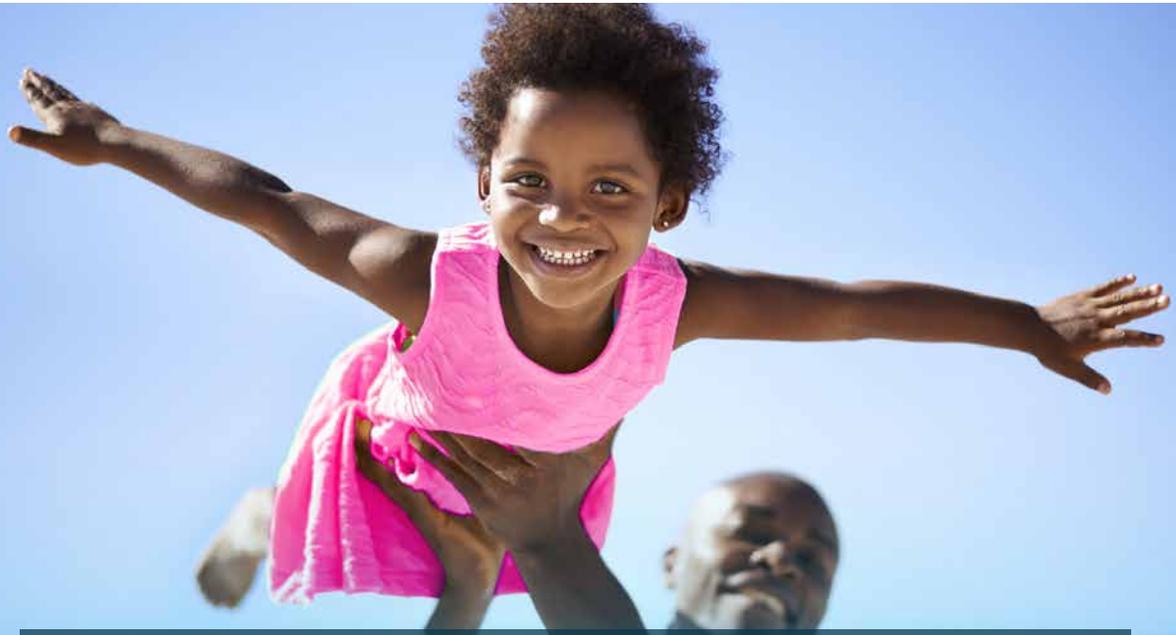
Briefly stated, the goal of English Language and Grammar Review is to check the manuscript for accessibility of the manuscript for the diverse and international readership of QLR. Handling editors and scientific reviewers already work hard to help authors to get their results focused to the point as much as possible, iron out passages that seem unclear, and to reject manuscripts where large amounts of copy-editing remain necessary even after this has been pointed out to the authors. Nonetheless, there are cases where the manuscript makes an important contribution to the field of quality of life research, but some of its passages need a final touch with a view to language and clarity of presentation. This is when English Language and Grammar Reviewers might be asked to step in to increase the accessibility of the manuscript for the general readership of the journal. The specific goals of the language review are:

- 1) Be a fresh pair of eyes to read the manuscript, identifying passages that are grammatically unclear and/or are hard to understand.
- 2) Make suggestions as to how they can be reformulated. Be mindful in this step to come as close to the authors' intended meaning as possible.
- 3) Identify unusual use of words, phrases, and terms. Suggest more fitting ones.
- 4) Check whether all terms are defined and abbreviations introduced.
- 5) Although they should be minimal at this stage, the correction of any typos would be appreciated.

The content of the manuscript should remain unchanged at this stage, since the English Language and Grammar Reviewer is working on a final version that has been agreed upon after peer review. This is not to dismiss the professional expertise of English Language and Grammar Reviewers. The editorial team of QLR acknowledges — and deeply values — that knowledge of and practical experience in health contexts and work with patient-reported outcomes is necessary for high quality language review.

If you think you have the language skills and would like to do your part to narrow the language divide, please email a cover letter and updated curriculum vitae to us at: [Carolyn.schwartz@deltaquest.org](mailto:Carolyn.schwartz@deltaquest.org); [jan.boehnke@york.ac.uk](mailto:jan.boehnke@york.ac.uk); [oort.qolr@uva.nl](mailto:oort.qolr@uva.nl). Thank you!





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## WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF THE NEWEST SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP TO ISOQOL, THE INDUSTRY SIG (I-SIG)!

### INDUSTRY SIG:

The I-SIG evolved out of the former ISOQOL Industry Advisory Committee (IAC). Members include a diverse group of researchers from the pharmaceutical and device industry, academia and consulting, who share a common interest in the application of patient-centered outcomes, including health-related quality of life (HRQOL), in research important to industry.

The I-SIG is interested in innovative methods in patient-centered outcomes measurement for use in research important to industry.

The purpose of the I-SIG is to synthesize, share, promote and educate on industry-related patient-centered outcomes research, by bringing together individuals wishing to explore topics of joint interest to industry and ISOQOL.

### I-SIG Goals:

- Learn, develop and promote best practice in the field of patient-centered outcomes research and implementation in industry-related research
- Provide support to I-SIG members and stimulate research in this field
- Encourage I-SIG members to meet and share relevant research and experiences through ISOQOL and at other professional meetings
- Increase awareness of issues important to industry within the general ISOQOL membership

**For more information on the I-SIG, including upcoming initiatives, resources, and leadership, visit: [www.isoqol.org/special-interest-groups/industry](http://www.isoqol.org/special-interest-groups/industry).**

To become a member of the Industry SIG, login to the ISOQOL Members Only page using the [MEMBER LOGIN](#) and select the link *My Profile*. Here you will find your contact information, select the SIG tab, and update your SIG membership.



## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### STANDARDIZED EVALUATIONS OF PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOMES (PRO): THE EMPRO METHODOLOGY / EVALUACIONES ESTANDARIZADAS DE RESULTADOS PERCIBIDOS POR LOS PACIENTES (PRO): MÉTODO EMPRO

*PRESENTED IN BOTH SPANISH AND ENGLISH!*

**SPANISH:** Monday, 20 June 2016 - 10:00 AM CDT

**ENGLISH:** Thursday, 21 July 2016 - 10:00 AM CDT

**PRESENTED BY:** The Ibero America SIG

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#### **Background:**

Researchers and health professionals face the problem of selecting the most appropriate PRO tool for a given purpose among competing instruments. This webinar will focus on how to support decision making through validated standardized assessment of metric properties and issues related to administration of PROs with the 'Evaluating Measures of Patient Reported Outcomes' (EMPRO) system.

#### **Description:**

EMPRO was developed to assess an instrument's quality, considering all available information. It consists of standardized expert evaluations of 8 key measurement attributes for each PRO, resulting in scores that allow direct comparisons among instruments. These attributes were originally proposed by the Medical Outcomes Trust: Concept and measurement model; Reliability; Validity; Sensitivity to change; Interpretation; Burden; Alternative modes of administration, and Cultural adaptation.

The purposes of this webinar are to define each attribute assessed by this tool, and to explain how to apply them to generic and specific PROs. The scoring algorithm and its rationale will be described. Other complementary evaluative tools, such as the COSMIN checklist to appraise the methodological quality of metric properties' studies, will be addressed. This webinar includes lessons for all researchers interested in valuation of metric properties.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

To recognize and apply the criteria required for the evaluation of the eight attributes assessed with EMPRO system: Reliability; Validity; Sensitivity to change; Interpretation; Burden; Alternative modes of administration, and Cultural adaptation.

## **SPANISH**

#### **Antecedentes:**

Los investigadores y profesionales de la salud se enfrentan al problema de seleccionar el instrumento de Resultados Percibidos por los Pacientes (PRO, en inglés) más apropiada para cada ocasión, de entre los diversos instrumentos existentes. Este seminario se centrará en cómo apoyar la toma de decisiones a través de una evaluación estandarizada y validada de las propiedades métricas y las cuestiones relacionadas con la administración de resultados reportados por los pacientes mediante el sistema de "Evaluación de Medidas de Resultados Percibidos por los Pacientes" (EMPRO).

#### **Descripción:**

EMPRO fue desarrollado para evaluar la calidad de un instrumento, teniendo en cuenta toda la información disponible. Se incluyen evaluaciones estandarizadas de expertos de los 8 atributos principales para la medición de cada PRO, dando lugar a puntuaciones que permitan comparaciones directas entre instrumentos. Estos atributos fueron propuestos originalmente por la *Medical Outcomes Trust*: Modelo conceptual y de medición; Fiabilidad; Validez; Sensibilidad al cambio; Interpretabilidad; Carga de administración; Modos de administración alternativos, y Adaptación cultural.

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El propósito de este seminario es definir cada atributo evaluado por esta herramienta, y explicar cómo aplicarlos a los PROs genéricos y específicos. Se describirá el algoritmo de puntuación y su razón de ser. También se abordarán otras herramientas de evaluación complementarias, como la lista de verificación COSMIN para evaluar la calidad metodológica de los estudios de propiedades métricas. Este seminario incluye temas que pueden ser de interés para todos los investigadores que trabajen en la evaluación de las propiedades métricas.

**Objetivos De Aprendizaje:**

Reconocer y aplicar los criterios necesarios para la evaluación de los ocho atributos evaluados con el sistema EMPRO: Modelo conceptual y de medición; Fiabilidad; Validez; Sensibilidad al cambio; Interpretabilidad; Carga de administración; Modos de administración alternativos, y Adaptación cultural.

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