



ANNUAL REPORT

SIG/Committee Name: New Investigators SIG

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Mission: The New Investigators SIG is targeted at people new to QOL research. We welcome students, post docs, and anyone who has been working in QOL research for five years or less. We aim to create a network for investigators new to the field of QoL, facilitate discussions, both theoretical and practical and help solve common problems at early stages of one's career.

Project/Objective	Actions/Deliverables	Project Chair	Project Members	Timeline
1. New Investigators Special Interest Group 90-Minute Symposium	Laura submitted a symposium proposal, which was accepted for the 2019 annual conference. From April to October, Laura worked with the symposium panel to design a 90-minute symposium on how to write a competitive grant proposal. The panel was comprised of international experts. The symposium was well-attended and Laura received several email requests for the slides.	Laura Pinheiro	Bryce Reeve, Sandra Nolte, Antonia Bennett, Skye Barbic	January 2019-October 2019
2. New Investigators Special Interest Group Survey	Laura and Nikki developed and administered a survey to the membership in December 2019. The goal of this survey was to solicit feedback from the SIG members on ways to improve the SIG and what they would like to see in the upcoming year.	Laura and Nikki	NI SIG members	December 2019-January 2020
3. Educational Webinars	Based on the survey results, we plan to organize and hold at least 2 educational webinars before the annual ISOQOL conference in October 2020. We estimate one should take place in May and September 2020.	Laura and Nikki	NI SIG members	May and September 2020
4. ISOQOL Conference Happy Hour	We plan to organize an informal meet up for SIG members the first night of the annual conference. This will be an opportunity for members to meet and interact prior to the conference officially beginning. We hope this will increase attendance to our annual meeting which is scheduled to take place the first morning of the conference.	Laura and Nikki	NI SIG members	October 2020