



ISOQOL

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR QUALITY OF LIFE RESEARCH

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION



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DEAR SIG LEADER,

On behalf of the leadership and membership of the International Society of Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL), I thank you for your service as a Special Interest Group (SIG) Leader Volunteer.

SIGs are specialized communities within ISOQOL based on shared interests in advancing health-related quality of life (HRQL) for specific populations (i.e., patients, children, etc.), geographic demographics (developing nations, United Kingdom, etc.) and fields of science (statistics, psychometrics, etc.), as well as your career (new investigators, clinical practice, etc.). These communities facilitate opportunities for members to network and collaborate, as well as to influence the work of the society through project proposals.

With your time and support, we can continue to improve and advance quality of health care and patient centered outcomes. We look forward to working with you throughout your term as a SIG Leader.

Thank You,



Samantha Walker, Director of Administration at ISOQOL

YEARLY CHECKLIST

Please make sure the following items are completed during your leadership term.

☐

Check Website and Teamwork SIG Descriptions after the conference. Contact ISOQOL staff if revisions are needed.

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Introduce yourself on your SIG's Teamwork Discussion Board during or after the Annual Conference in October. Encourage others to also introduce themselves.

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Complete the SIG Annual Report form in the Spring.*

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Work with ISOQOL staff to secure nominations for next term's SIG leadership in the Spring.*

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Organize the agenda for an in-person SIG Meeting at the ISOQOL Annual Conference.*

*You will be contacted by ISOQOL staff with detailed instructions on how to complete this item.

SOCIAL MEDIA

SIGs are encouraged to follow the official ISOQOL social media accounts. Individual SIG social media accounts are not permitted as documented in the ISOQOL Policy Manual. ISOQOL staff is the sole responsible party for using social media on behalf of the association. However, SIG leaders may serve non-admin roles on certain social media platforms, if interested. Information about specific ISOQOL social media platforms are detailed below.

[View ISOQOL Policy Manual](#)

Twitter

Each ISOQOL SIG has its own unique hashtag, which are available to view on the [SIG webpage](#). SIG members are also encouraged to tag ISOQOL ([@ISOQOL](#)) in their tweets from their personal Twitter accounts. They may also use hashtags to categorize their tweets and connect with other SIG members on Twitter.

LinkedIn

ISOQOL offers [LinkedIn Groups](#) for SIGs to connect outside of Teamwork. SIG leaders may reach out to the ISOQOL office to request the creation of a group and manager access. LinkedIn Groups may be used to promote the SIG and its work by sharing updates and information related to the specialty of the SIG. Since posts are only viewable to those in the LinkedIn group, members of the LinkedIn group do not need to be a member of the associated ISOQOL SIG to join.

Facebook

ISOQOL offers [Facebook Groups](#) as an alternative form for SIGs to utilize social media. SIG leaders may reach out to the ISOQOL office to request the creation of a group and moderator access.

Facebook Groups may be used to promote the SIG and its work by sharing updates and information related to the specialty of the SIG. Since posts in the Facebook group are public, only SIG members will be allowed to join the Facebook group.

ISOQOL BRAND AND LOGO

Member Logo

Any ISOQOL member can use the member logo at any time. Copies of the ISOQOL Member Logo are available with black, transparent or white backgrounds on your online member profile.

[Login to your online member profile](#)



Official ISOQOL Logo

Use of the official ISOQOL Logo is strictly prohibited without written approval from the ISOQOL Board of Directors. Such requests are generally granted through approved project proposals. Once permission is granted, please do not download or screenshot the ISOQOL logo online. ISOQOL staff will provide you with a high quality image of the logo in an appropriate format.

Using the ISOQOL Name

Projects resulting from collaborations through the SIG network may only use the ISOQOL and/or SIG name with written permission from the board. SIGs are a community within ISOQOL. Only the Board has independent and legal authority to release official communications in ISOQOL's name. SIG members who want official ISOQOL endorsement should work with their SIG chairs to submit a project proposal to Leadership.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are used to report the progress and work of all working groups to the Board of Directors and the society. SIG Annual Reports are published online for public record on the [ISOQOL SIG webpage](#) after each Spring Board Meeting. This is a great way to see what other SIGs are doing and can provide project/collaboration ideas for your SIG as well as foster collaboration between SIGs.

[2020 Annual SIG Reports](#)

[2021 Annual SIG Reports](#)

ENDORSED PAPERS

Receiving official ISOQOL endorsement for a manuscript is a great way to increase paper citations and broaden the reach of your research to various stakeholders. Official ISOQOL endorsement requires Board approval. SIGs are encouraged to submit concept proposals and/or manuscript drafts resulting from collaborations within the SIG. These manuscripts can be published in an official ISOQOL Journal or other Journals of high quality.

Endorsed papers are promoted by ISOQOL by listing the paper in the [Online ISOQOL Resource Center](#), through email and social media campaigns, and/or through the publication and distribution of press releases.

Proposal Process

Send a [concept proposal](#) and/or draft of your manuscript to info@isoqol.org before submitting your manuscript for publication. Include what Journal(s) you intend to submit your manuscript to and any pressing time considerations. Include a JPRO waiver request if applicable. A limited numbers of JPRO waivers are available for ISOQOL endorsed SIG papers. If you would like for your manuscript to be considered for this waiver, please indicate this in your request for ISOQOL endorsement. The ISOQOL Board of Directors will review this request along with the manuscript.

CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

ISOQOL offers additional 90-minute time slots on the pre-conference day of the Annual Conference for educational symposia hosted by Special Interest Groups. Submission is optional. Detailed information on the symposium submission process is released to SIGs yearly.

WEBINARS

All [ISOQOL webinars](#) are planned and presented by ISOQOL member volunteers. Many are the collaborative efforts of one or more SIGs.

Submitting a Proposal

If you have an idea for a webinar, please fill out and submit a [Webinar Planning Form](#) and send it to info@isoqol.org.

Expected Commitment

Before submitting a proposal, a moderator needs to be identified for the webinar. Moderator responsibilities include:

- Participating in a minimum of three planning calls over the course of 2-3 months
- Securing speakers
- Providing a short introduction at the beginning of the webinar
- Fielding questions at the end of the webinar
- Working with ISOQOL staff to promote the webinar

OTHER PROJECTS

ISOQOL SIGs are truly the grassroots of ISOQOL. Many unique project ideas emerge from SIG collaborations. SIGs are not limited to the activities listed in this packet. ISOQOL Leadership encourages you to submit new ideas for consideration.

Submitting a Proposal

If you have a project or initiative please fill out and submit a [General Proposal Form](#) and send it to info@isoqol.org.

NETWORKING, COLLABORATION, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Annual Conference Meetings

SIG Leaders organize the agenda for their SIG's in-person meeting at the Annual Conference. This meeting is a great way to network, plan future initiatives and connect with your members. They are also asked to attend the ISOQOL SIG Council Meeting to network with other SIG chairs and ISOQOL leadership. ISOQOL staff will contact SIG leaders with details on the time, location and other logistics related to both of these meetings before the Annual Conference.

Teamwork

ISOQOL uses [Teamwork](#), an online project management software, to provide SIGs with an online community for collaboration and information sharing. We encourage you to review the Teamwork User's Packet, available on the [Online ISOQOL Resource Center](#), if you are not familiar with this software.

ISOQOL Newsletter

SIGs are encouraged to share updates with the rest of the ISOQOL membership by submitting an editorial to the [Online ISOQOL Newsletter](#). Editorial requests are reviewed according to established guidelines by the ISOQOL Communications Committee. Editorial submissions should be sent to info@isoqol.org.

Requesting Call Support

Staff is available to help set up conference or video calls for SIG Chair meetings. Send requests to info@isoqol.org.

OTHER RESOURCES

Staff Contact Information

www.isoqol.org/contact/

SIG Descriptions

www.isoqol.org/sigs/

General Information for SIG Members and Leaders

www.isoqol.org/sigs/general-information/

Teamwork Help

www.isoqol.org/sigs/general-information/#teamwork

Resource Center

www.isoqol.org/resource-center/

ISOQOL Policy Manual

www.isoqol.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ISOQOL-Policy-Manual-April-2020.pdf

SIG LEADERSHIP LISTING

Contact information for SiG leaders can be found in the Membership Directory. The Membership Directory can be accessed via your [online ISOQOL account](#).

Board Liasons

Liaisons have an advisory role to support, connect and guide the committees, SIGs, and task forces of ISOQOL. Board of Director (BOD) members serve as liaisons in an advisory ex-officio role.

Nalin Payakachat

Term: 2019 – 2022

*New Investigator SIG
Developing Nations SIG*

Kirstie Haywood

Term: 2018 – 2022

*Child Health SIG
Mixed Methods SIG
Patient Engagement SIG*

Sajobi Tolulope

Term: 2021 – 2024

*Australia and New Zealand SIG
Chinese PRO SIG
Japan SIG*

Jakob Bjorner

Term: 2020 – 2023

*Industry SIG
Psychometrics SIG
Statistics SIG
Regulatory & Health
Technology Assessment
Engagement SIG*

Richard Skolasky

Term: 2020 – 2023

*QOL in Clinical Practice SIG
Response Shift SIG
Translation & Cultural
Adaptation SIG*

Lotte Haverman

Term: 2020 – 2023

*Canada PRO SIG
Ibero America SIG
United Kingdom and Ireland
SIG
German-Speaking Countries
SIG*

Kathryn Flynn

Term: 2021 – 2024

Health Preference Research SIG

SIG Officers

New SIGs may choose from two leadership structures:

- Two co-chairs (secretary/treasurer position optional)
- One chair-elect, one chair and one past chair (secretary/treasurer position optional)

Australia & New Zealand SIG

Ashika Maharaj

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Liane Ioannou

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Nadia Corsini

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

Rachel Campbell

Secretary/Treasurer

Term: 2020 – 2023

Canada-PRO SIG

Ana Maria Moga

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Fatima Al Sayah

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Doris Howell

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

Child Health SIG

John Eric Chaplin

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Holger Muehlan

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Zephania Tyack

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

Chinese PRO SIG

Daniel Fong

Co-Chair

Term: 2017 – 2023

Ji-qian Fang

Co-Chair

Term: 2017 – 2022

Developing Nation SIG*

Adesola Odole

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

Liliane Lins-Kusterer

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

Vijaya Gothwal

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

German-speaking Countries SIG*

Kathrin Fischer

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2023

Bernhard Holzner

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Health Preference Research SIG

Amy Cizik

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Heather Gelhorn

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Donna Rowen

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

Ibero America SIG

Pedro Ferreira

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Noélie de Oliveira Freitas

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Industry SIG

Patricia Corey-Lisle

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Ana Maria Rodriguez-Leboeuf

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Japan SIG

Mariko Naito

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Kikuko Miyazaki

Co-Chair

Term: 2019 – 2022

Yoshimi Suzukamo

Secretary

Term: 2020 – 2023

Mixed Methods SIG

Antoinette Davey

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Motolani Ogunsanya

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Rachel Cusatis

Chair-Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

New Investigators SIG

Maryam Mozafarinia

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Ahmed Osman

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Patient Engagement SIG

Danielle Lavalley

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Natasha Roberts

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Sandra Zelinsky

PRP Advisor Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Psychometrics SIG

Pip Griffiths

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

John Devin Peipert

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Don Bushnell

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

QOL in Clinical Practice SIG

Angela Stover

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Liv Marit Valen Schougaard

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Elizabeth Austin

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

Regulatory & Health Technology Assessment Engagement SIG*

Ashley Slagle

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

Robyn von Maltzahn

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

Response Shift SIG

Richard Skolasky

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Gudrun Rohde

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Statistics SIG*

Kim Cocks

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

Antoine Regnault

Co-Chair

Term: TBD

Translational & Cultural Adaptation SIG

Dagmara Kuliś

Co-Chair

Term: 2020 – 2022

Emily Parks-Vernizzi

Co-Chair

Term: 2021 – 2023

Dana Weiss

Secretary

Term: 2020 – 2023

United Kingdom & Ireland SIG

Grace Turner

Past Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Jonathan Evans

Chair

Term: 2021 – 2022

Timothy Pickles

Chair Elect

Term: 2021 – 2022

**Provisional SIG: New SIGs have a provisional period before becoming a full SIG.*