

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



1st EuroQol Asia Academy Meeting 2019

Guangzhou, China

11 - 12 June 2019

Dear Colleague,

The use of EQ-5D questionnaires (i.e. EQ-5D-3L, EQ-5D-5L, and EQ-5D-Y) in the Asia Pacific region is increasing. For example, international publications that utilized the EQ-5D as their tool increased rapidly, from only one publication in 2001 to about 100 in 2015. Concerning the EQ-5D national value set, seven countries published their EQ-5D-3L value set and six countries for the 5L version value set, while five others will follow. Some on-going studies using EQ-5D in Asian region including the content validation of the EQ-5D in the region, research into specific bolt-on dimensions and the validation of the youth version of the EQ-5D (EQ-5D-Y).

By organizing a regional conference, we aim to support these methodological studies in the region by bringing the EQ-5D researchers from Asian countries together to share their methodological works and provide opportunity for networking and collaboration. Note, the conference has a focus on methodological work with the questionnaire at the object of the work, and not so much on the application of the EQ-5D in clinical research. The conference will follow the EuroQol tradition in that authors do not present a power point presentation, but they submit a draft article that will be discussed by a discussant and the audience. The format is one of the basis of the success of the EuroQol Group, as it boosts the output of high-quality publications.

We kindly invite you to submit an abstract electronically in Word format to [Fredrick Purba](#) using the Abstract Form by Friday 1 March 2019. Please note, the abstract should not exceed 400 words.

Provided below you will find important information on:

1. The organization of the programme
2. Key topics of strategic interest to the EuroQol Group
3. Timelines
4. Meeting Time & Location
5. Participation and registration procedure
6. Speakers
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Your participation and support are very welcome. We look forward to receiving your abstracts.

Regards,

Fredrick Purba and Zhihao Yang
EuroQol Asia Academy Meeting 2019 Chairs

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The organisation of the programme

The meeting will be started with key note presentations about recent developments in the EuroQol Group, trends in the global research of the EQ-5D and trends in the research of EQ-5D in Asia Pacific region. These key note presentations will then be followed by scientific discussions on the submitted papers and guided posters. In the paper discussions, each paper will be discussed by a discussant for about 10 minutes. As all (draft) papers are available at forehand, the discussant can concentrate on the strong and weak points of the paper. The author of the paper is then asked for a quick response, after which the participants can add any additional point of critique, or better: suggestions to address the critique or suggestions for any other improvement. Each paper will be discussed for 25 minutes, including the introduction of the discussant. In the guided poster session, a discussant will lead participants through each poster in turn, and the poster author will be available for questions and clarifications. Each poster will be discussed for approximately 10 minutes. This format where there is a key role for the discussant and draft paper are brought to the conference, has been a great success in the EuroQol Group and elsewhere, and it will be one of the first times that this format is brought to the Asian Pacific Region. Given the highly interactive format, the final meeting agenda will depend on the number and quality of the submitted abstracts.

Key topics of strategic interest to the EuroQol Group

The EuroQol Group's Executive Committee has established several Working Groups, each charged with specific objectives relating to the scientific agenda of the EuroQol Group. A summary of each Working Group's activities and research priorities is attached to the Abstract Form. Those intending to submit abstracts are encouraged to consult these summaries as they indicate the topics and issues of greatest interest to the EuroQol Group and inform you about planned or ongoing activities that may be relevant to the work you intend to present.

Papers that report only on clinical or economic applications of the EQ-5D in specific sub-populations or disease areas, e.g. economic evaluations, are usually not accepted unless they contain methodological innovations that have wider relevance to the Group. These could include, for example, broader perspectives in using EQ-5D products in clinical settings and for decision-making in health care, and the conceptual basis for generic-based health-related quality of life measures. Submitted abstracts will be evaluated by 3 reviewers. Note that one does not have to send in a full draft paper at the first deadline, but only an abstract. If the abstract is accepted, a draft paper is expected at the next deadline, short before the meeting.

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Timelines

1 March 2019	Abstract submission deadline
2-17 March 2019	Review and selection of abstracts
18 March 2019	Abstract acceptance notification
12 May 2019	Papers and posters received by the committee deadline. No requests for extensions please.
13-17 May 2019	Review of submitted papers and posters
25 May 2019	Papers and posters made available on the EuroQol Group website

Meeting Date & Location

Date: 11-12 June 2019

Location: Guangzhou, China

Participation and registration procedure

Travel

Lead authors of accepted papers and/or posters will be expected to book and pay themselves for their flights or other transport in advance. The EuroQol Research Foundation will reimburse these flights up to 400 euro. It is expected that the flights are economy class, and booked in an economical way.

Travel Scholarship

Non-lead authors who would like to participate but have insufficient funds to cover flight costs, a Travel Scholarship (max. 300 Euros for Economy flight) can be requested via email to [Fredrick Purba](mailto:Fredrick.Purba@euroqol.com) by 19 April 2019. Travel Scholarship requests after the deadline will not be considered.

Hotel

Accommodation in single occupancy rooms will be arranged at the hotel where the meeting is held. The organizing committee will cover accommodation costs (including breakfast and city tax) at the abovementioned city for the dates of the meeting.

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Speakers

Prof Jan J.J. van Busschbach*

Chair of the EuroQol Executive Committee and full Professor and head of the section of Medical Psychology of the Erasmus MC Rotterdam.

Prof Nancy Devlin*

Former Chair of the EuroQol Executive Committee and Professor of Health Economics and Director of the Centre for Health Policy in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

Luo Nan, PhD

Member of the EuroQol Executive Committee and Associate Professor of Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, National University of Singapore.

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Zhihao Yang, PhD

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Meeting programme*

Pre-meeting Registration		
Time	Activity	Person in Charge
09.00 – 18.00	Registration	Secretariat
Day 1: Scientific session		
09.00 – 09.30	Opening and introduction	Fredrick Purba & Zhihao Yang
09.00 – 09.30	About EuroQol Group	EuroQol Exec member
09.30 – 10.00	The EQ-5D in the Asian Region	Luo Nan
10.00 – 10.20	Coffee break	
10.20 – 12.00	Paper discussion I: 4 papers	Invited discussant
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 15.00	Guided posters presentation: 10 posters	Invited discussant
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 17.45	Paper discussion II: 3 papers	Invited discussant
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner	
Day 2: Morning session: Scientific session		
08.45 – 10.30	Paper discussion III: 4 papers	Invited discussant
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break	
10.45 – 11.35	Paper discussion IV: 2 papers	Invited discussant
11.35 – 12.00	Closing	Fredrick Purba & Zhihao Yang
Day 2: Afternoon session: Business meeting Invited participants: EuroQol members from Asia, valuation study PIs, leading researchers		
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 15.00	Business meeting: research priorities and collaboration	Fredrick Purba & Zhihao Yang

*: subject to change based on the number of accepted papers and posters