



International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies

"exploring wellbeing and happiness"

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW • 2023

2023 MEMBERS

442 active members






- 322 Regular members
- 92 Students
- 28 Retired

YEAR	Active Members	Countries Represented	Conference Attendees	Students
2018	198	45	319	35
2019	312	54	342	44
2020	328	65	n/a	56
2021	305	62	321	63
2022	355	57	177	81
2023	442	59	382	92

2023 MEMBERS BY REGION:



ISQOLS SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

-  **Facebook followers:** (2022) 690 → (2023) 749
-  **Twitter followers:** (2022) 1,070 → (2023) 1,531
-  **YouTube Subscribers:** (2022) 141 → (2023) 183
-  **LinkedIn Followers:** (2022) 253 → (2023) 517
-  **Newsletter subscribers:** (2022) 8,627 → (2023) 9,066





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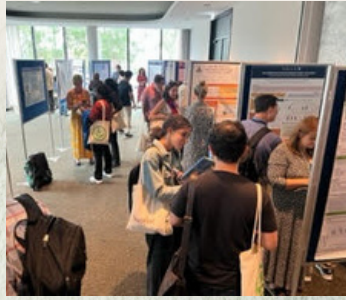
2023 ISQOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: NETHERLANDS, AUGUST

383 total in person registrations

- Africa: 18
- Asia: 72
- Europe: 213
- Middle east: 19
- North America: 49
- Oceania: 9
- South America 3

525 abstract submissions

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CONFERENCE
SUMMARY**



2023 ISQOLS EDUCATION GRANTS

ISQOLS was proud to provide full conference registrations and travel stipends for eight individuals from the following countries: Philippines, India, Brazil, India, Armenia, South Africa, Kazakhstan, Indonesia



ISQOLS ACADEMY

ISQOLS President, Martijn Burger, launched the "ISQOLS Academy" at the 2023 conference. The ISQOLS Academy aims to support young scholars in their pursuit of quality-of-life, happiness, and wellbeing research. Select any of the following options to learn more:

- [Certification Programs](#)
- [Summer School/Retreat](#)
- [Online Events](#)
- [Young Scholar Mentor Program](#)
- [Ruut Veenhoven award](#)
- [Best Dissertation Award](#)
- [ISQOLS Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship](#)



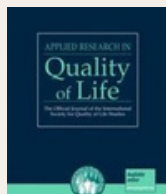


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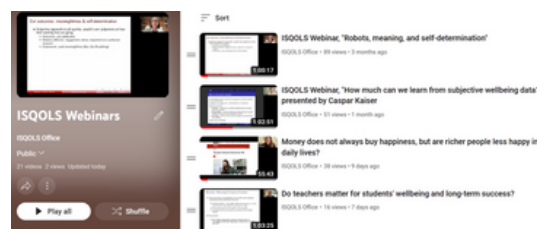
ISQOLS JOURNAL: APPLIED RESEARCH IN QUALITY OF LIFE



- **2023: 6 Issues (Volume 18); 144 articles**
- **419,696 downloads, 3.4 Impact Factor, 5.1 CiteScore**
- **Read HERE**

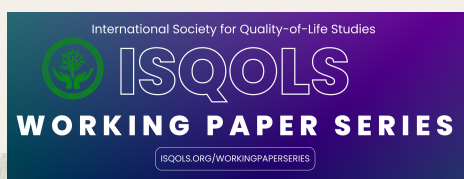
2023 ISQOLS WEBINARS

- **9 FREE ISQOLS Webinars in 2023**
- **Watch them all on our ISQOLS YouTube channel**



2023 ISQOLS WORKING PAPER SERIES

The ISQOLS Working Paper Series was established in 2023 and we were pleased to publish two articles. Learn more at isqols.org/wps



Working Paper No. 1: Measuring Societal Progress, by Kelsey J. O'Connor

WPS No. 2: Is Life Really Getting Worse? Veenhoven and Kegel. Veenhoven and Kegel.

2023 ISQOLS POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship is intended to support one postdoctoral candidate conducting research in quality-of-life, happiness, and/or wellbeing studies. The ISQOLS 2023 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow was Dr. Emma Pleeging, a senior researcher and project coordinator at the Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO) at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Her work focuses on the role of positive experiences such as happiness and hope in society, organizations and for individuals. She presented "Hope: A constructive approach in an uncertain world" in a 2023 webinar, view recording [here](#).



ISQOLS CERTIFICATES



In addition to our "Community Indicators Project", "Psychology of Wellbeing" and "Child Indicators" certifications, ISQOLS launched a new certification program: "Key Actors In Public Policy Making for Quality-of-Life" certification program. Learn more about our certificates, member discounts & registration here.



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ISQOLS WAS PLEASED TO HONOR MANY INCREDIBLY TALENTED RESEARCHERS. PLEASE VISIT [ISQOLS.ORG/AWARDS](https://www.isqols.org/awards) TO READ MORE ABOUT THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

ISQOLS AWARDS

YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD: DIYA DOU

YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD: ANTJE JAN

FELLOW IN QOL RESEARCH: CHRIS BARRINGTON-LEIGH

FELLOW IN QOL RESEARCH: ARTHUR GRIMES

FELLOW IN QOL RESEARCH: DAVID BARTRAM

DISTINGUISHED QOL RESEARCHER AWARD: MING-CHANG TSAI

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: CAROL GRAHAM

AWARD FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE HUMAN CONDITION: MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY OF LIFE STUDIES (MIQOLS)

BEST ANNUAL APPLIED RESEARCH IN QUALITY OF LIFE (ARQOL) PAPER AWARD: "ALTERNATIVE RECIPES FOR LIFE SATISFACTION: EVIDENCE FROM FIVE WORLD REGIONS"



ISQOLS BEST DISSERTATION AWARDS

ISQOLS BEST DISSERTATION AWARDS 1ST PRIZE: VERONICA VIENNE "ESSAYS ON WELL-BEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT".

2ND PRICE (JOINTLY):

LEONIE STECKERMEIER "AUTONOMY AND THE GOOD LIFE. TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INEQUALITY OF PERCEIVED AUTONOMY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR INDIVIDUAL LIFE SATISFACTION."

CHRIS SWERTS, "TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ADOLESCENTS IN YOUTH CARE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUTH SERVICES SCALE (QOLYSS)"

3RD PRICE (HONORABLE MENTION): ALBA AZA, "LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF QUALITY OF LIFE IN PEOPLE WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY"



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2024 EVENTS

ISQOLS 2024 Winter Virtual Conference



**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

[ISQOLS.ORG/EVENTS](https://isqols.org/events)



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2024 WINTER VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

***RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WELL-BEING AND
QUALITY OF LIFE STUDIES***





ALL TIME
ZONES
WELCOME



FEBRUARY
7 AND 8,
2024



LIMITED
SPACE
AVAILABLE

[LEARN MORE](https://isqols.org/2024virtual)
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ISQOLS 2024 Annual Conference, Malaysia

**Abstract
submission
deadline:
January 15**





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22nd ISQOLS Annual Conference
UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH
KOTA KINABALU,
MALAYSIA

***"Human Happiness and Wellbeing
in an Uncertain World"***

25-28 JUNE 2024

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The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies has been dedicated to promoting happiness, wellbeing, and quality-of-life research since 1995. As we enter our 29th year of operation, let us reflect on the incredible work that has been accomplished by our organization. ISQOLS strives to be a home for researchers, scholars, practitioners, and those with a genuine desire to enhance and improve the lives of those around us. May each of us enter this new year with renewed optimism, curiosity, and focus. We hope you continue to feel at home with ISQOLS in 2024 and beyond. Happy New Year and cheers to 2024!



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2024 ISQOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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**ABSTRACT
SUBMISSION
DEADLINE
EXTENDED
TO 15 JANUARY 2023**

**KOTA KINABALU,
MALAYSIA**

**25-28
JUNE**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) is holding its 22nd conference in the thriving city of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah state, on the beautiful island of Borneo. The theme of the conference is "Human Happiness and Wellbeing in an Uncertain World", which reflects both the changes that have occurred in our world post-pandemic, but also the unique capacity for post traumatic growth and quality of life improvement.

KEYNOTES



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CLARK**

PARIS SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS, NATIONAL
CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH



**MOHSEN
JOSHANLOO**

KEIMYUNG
UNIVERSITY



**JANNIE
LASIMBANG**

KAPAYAN
ASSEMBLYWOMAN FROM
THE DEMOCRATIC ACTION
PARTY/DAP; CHAIRMAN,
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION



MORE INFO & REGISTRATION VISIT

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