

2010 Asian Chinese Quality of Life Conference


2010 亞洲華人生活質量學術研討會

17 to 19 December, 2010
Hong Kong

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for Free Papers

Quality of Life – The Outcome for ALL

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Mr. Donald McKnight BUSHNELL

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Important Dates

Free Papers Submission

- Open for on-line free paper submission : 28 May, 2010 (Friday)
- Deadline of on-line free paper submission : 31 August, 2010 (Tuesday)
- Notification of accepted free papers : 22 October, 2010 (Friday)

Scholarship Application

- Open for on-line scholarship application : 28 May, 2010 (Friday)
- Deadline of on-line scholarship application : 31 August, 2010 (Tuesday)
- Notification of awards of scholarship : 22 October, 2010 (Friday)

Registration

- Open for on-line registration : 28 May, 2010 (Friday)
- Deadline of on-line Early Bird registration : 31 August, 2010 (Tuesday)
- Deadline of on-line Pre-conference registration : 12 December, 2010 (Sunday)
- On-site registration : 16 - 17 December, 2010 (Thursday - Friday)

Conference

- Check-in and Registration : 16 - 17 December, 2010 (Thursday - Friday)
- Conference : 17 - 19 December, 2010 (Friday - Sunday)

Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

The ISOQOL- Asian Chinese Chapter, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Society for Quality of Life (HKSoQOL), and the University of Hong Kong would like to invite you to the "2010 Asian Chinese Quality of Life Conference" on 17 to 19 December, 2010 in Hong Kong. The theme of this conference is "Quality of Life (QOL) - the Outcome for All".

The scientific programme will focus on four main areas: QOL measures and related research methodology, QOL assessment in clinical applications, application of QOL assessment in Chinese medicine, QOL research in rehabilitation and social services.

We have invited Prof. John WARE to be our keynote speaker. Several renowned experts in QOL research including Ms. Mona MARTIN and Mr. Donald McKnight BUSHNELL from USA, and Prof. Ji-qian FANG and Prof. Cindy LAM from China will share up-to-date knowledge from various perspectives in the plenary sessions.

Besides, there will be a range of concurrent symposia to suit the needs of participants from different disciplines. The themes of the symposium include: QoL measures, interpretation of QoL findings, clinical applications in a range of specialties including cancer and chronic illness, oncology and palliative care, psycho-oncology, traditional Chinese Medicine, nursing, dementia, and mental health services.

The several past QoL symposia and conferences held in Hong Kong or Mainland China were well attended. The scientific content has advanced in breath and depth throughout the years. We believe this conference will be another very successful intellectual exchange that will help your clinical and academic work in the promotion of quality of life of your clients.

We welcome all people from Asian and other parts of the world who are interested in QOL research on Chinese populations to join this conference. Please mark your diary for the conference now and remember to submit your abstracts and register for the conference according to the important dates. Please check the conference website at www.hksoqol.org/conf2010 for updated information.

Chairmen
Organizing Committee
2010 Asian Chinese Quality of Life Conference

Conference Arrangement

- A. Date & Time : 17 to 19 December, 2010 (Friday to Sunday) 9:00am to 5:30pm
- B. Venue : Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong SAR
Lecture Theatre: Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, G/F., William M.W. Mong Block
Seminar Rooms: G/F., Laboratory Block, Faculty of Medicine Building
- C. Theme : Quality of Life (QOL) - The Outcome for ALL
- D. Scientific focus :
 - QOL measures and related research methodologies
 - QOL assessment in clinical applications
 - Application of QOL assessment in Chinese medicine
 - QOL research in rehabilitation and social services
- E. Organizers :
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- I. Target participants : Academic researcher, Administrator, Clinical psychologist/Psychologist, Dietitian, Epidemiologist, Medical practitioners, Nurse, Occupational therapists, Other allied health professional, Physiotherapist, Psychiatrist, Social worker, Sociologist, Speech therapist, Statistician
- J. Contents : Plenary lectures; Symposiums; Free paper sessions; Workshops
- K. Arrangement :
 - 17-Dec (Fri) : Pre-conference workshops; Opening Ceremony; Scientific Program
 - 18-Dec (Sat) : Scientific Program
 - 19-Dec(Sun) : Scientific Program; Scholarship presentation
- L. Scholarship : A limited number of scholarships of RMB¥/HK\$500 will be offered to support young researchers to submit papers and attend the Conference. Applicants have to have submitted abstracts accepted for presentation in Free Papers Sessions. If the number of applicants exceeds the funding, the scholarships will be awarded to the best based on the scientific merits of the paper submitted. Successful candidates will be notified individually, and their names will be posted on the conference website. The scholarships and Certificates of Award will be presented on 19 December, 2010.

- M. Registration procedure : • Mainland China : On-line registration, Postal, E-mail or Fax; Registration fee can be paid on-site.
 • Other regions : On-line registration only. Registration fee should be paid on-line.

N. Registration fee : Registration fees are listed as follows:

	Registration fee (Renminbi - Chinese Yuan RMB¥ / Hong Kong Dollars HK\$)		
	Early Bird registration On or before 31 August, 2010	Pre-conference registration On or before 12 December, 2010	On-site Registration 16 to 17 December, 2010
Delegates	1,200	1,400	1,600
HKSoQOL / IsoQOL Members	900	1,100	1,300
Staff of the University of Hong Kong (HKU)	1,000		
Day registration (\$500 per day)	500		
Full-time students / Postgraduates	600		
Invited symposium speakers / Organizing Committee members / Scientific Programme Committee members	600		
Plenary speakers / Workshop speakers	0		

- Conference registration fee:
 Included : All scientific programs including workshops; Tea refreshment
 Not included : Hotel accommodation, Meals, Traveling expenses
- **Membership** will be verified if delegates join as "HKSoQOL / IsoQOL Members".
- For **Full-time students or Postgraduates**, please submit a copy of student card.
- There will be a discount for **Invited symposium speakers** to join the conference in a reduced registration fee of \$600. However, if the invited symposium speakers attend the day of their speech & lecture only, there will be no charge.
- For **Mainland China delegates**, conference registration fee can be paid on-site.
- For **delegates other than Mainland China ones**, conference registration fee should be paid in HK\$ online with credit card at time of registration.

- O. Hotel Accommodation : The Conference Secretariat has negotiated special rates with several hotels which are within the vicinity of the conference venue. Bookings should be made directly with them. To guarantee the discounted rate, hotel reservation must be made using specific reservation form (Please visit conference website at www.hksoqol.org/conf2010 for details). All reservations are however subject to room availability.

	Recommended Hotel	Rate (Per room per night)
1.	Le Meridien Cyberport Hotel 數碼港艾美酒店 District : Pokfulam (Southern) Tel : 852-29807788 Fax : 852-29807888 Add : 100 Cyberport Road	<u>Smart room:</u> • HK\$1,100 - Single/double, without breakfast • HK\$1,200 - Single, with breakfast • HK\$1,350 - Double, with breakfast <i>The above room rates are NOT inclusive of 10% service charge.</i>
2.	Courtyard by Marriott Hong Kong 香港萬怡酒店 District : Sai Wan (Western) Tel : 852-37178888 Fax : 852-37178228 Add : 167 Connaught Road West	Available soon
3.	Island Pacific Hotel 港島太平洋酒店 District : Sai Wan (Western) Tel : 852-21311188 Fax : 852-21311212 Add : 152 Connaught Road West	<u>Superior room:</u> • HK\$590 - Single/double, without breakfast • HK\$680 - Single, with breakfast • HK\$770 - Double, with breakfast <u>Deluxe room:</u> • HK\$790 - Single/double, without breakfast • HK\$880 - Single, with breakfast • HK\$970 - Double, with breakfast <i>The above room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge.</i>
4.	Bishop Lei International House 宏基國際賓館 District : Central Tel : 852-28422039 Fax : 852-25266239 Add : 4 Robinson Road, Mid-levels	<u>Standard room:</u> • HK\$650 - Single/double/twin, with breakfast <u>Harbour View Room:</u> • HK\$830 - Double/twin, with breakfast <u>Harbour View Suite</u> • HK\$990 - Double/twin, with breakfast <i>The above room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge.</i> <i>Free morning taxi transfer service to Conference venue;</i> <i>Free shuttle bus to and from Admiralty & Wanchai & from Airport Express Hong Kong Station in Central to hotel.</i>
5.	The Garden View - YWCA 女青年會園景軒 District : Central Tel : 852-28773737 Fax : 852-28456263 Add : 1 MacDonnell Road, Mid-levels	<u>Superior room:</u> • HK\$605 - Single/double, without breakfast • HK\$660 - Single, with breakfast • HK\$725 - Double, with breakfast <i>The above room rates are inclusive of 10% service charge.</i>

- The above listed rates are for "2010 Asian Chinese Quality of Life Conference" delegates exclusively, and are valid for 16 to 20 December, 2010. The hotels reserve the right of final decision.
- Hotel reservations will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis. Credit cards details are required by hotel to secure your booking.
- Please visit the conference website at www.hksoqol.org/conf2010 for details.

Tentative Program

	17 December, 2010 (Friday) Day 1			18 December, 2010 (Saturday) Day 2			19 December, 2010 (Sunday) Day 3		
09:00-10:30	Concurrent Workshops			Plenary 2 Clinical applications and Regulations of PRO			Plenary 4 QoL outcomes in oncology / palliative care & nursing Scholarship Presentation		
	Tea Break								
11:00-12:30	Concurrent Workshops			Symposium 2A Analysis & interpretation of QOL	Symposium 2B Traditional Chinese Medicine	Symposium 2C Psycho-oncology	Free paper 2A	Free paper 2B	Free paper 2C
	Lunch Break								
14:00-15:30	Opening Ceremony Plenary 1 Measuring QOL			Plenary 3 QoL outcomes in Chinese medicine			Symposium 3A Nursing	Symposium 3B Oncology and Palliative Care	Symposium 3C Dementia
	Tea Break								
16:00-17:30	Symposium 1A Rehabilitation/ Chronic illness	Symposium 1B Assessment of QoL Measures	Symposium 1C Mental health/Social services	Free paper 1A	Free paper 1B	Free paper 1C	Free paper 3A	Free paper 3B	Free paper 3C

Call for Free Papers

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You are invited to submit abstracts of free paper presentation in the conference. The free papers can be presented by posters, or in one of the oral free paper sessions. Each oral presentation will be given exactly 15 minutes for presentation and discussion.

Author can submit more than one abstract. A maximum of 3 abstracts will be accepted for presentation by the same speaker. The Scientific Programme Committee will select the papers according to scientific merits.

Two kinds of papers will be accepted: (1) Analytical studies; (2) Conceptual papers. The general requirements and specific requirements for each type of paper are listed below.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

General requirements

1. The submitted abstracts should have scientific, advanced or practical values.
2. Chinese abstracts should be within 200 words, English abstracts should be within 250 words.
3. Abstracts should be submitted on-line at www.hksoqol.org/conf2010.
4. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you within one week upon abstract submission. If you do not receive the e-mail, please send an e-mail to the Conference Secretariat for enquiry.
5. Authors are welcome to join the conference even if submitted abstracts have not been accepted.
6. All presentations should be done by computer projection with PowerPoint files. Computers and projectors will be available in the conference venue; please bring your files on a USB drive for presentation. Overhead projector or slide projectors are not available.

Requirements on Analytical Studies

Aims : Clearly state research questions, study objectives, and/or hypothesis.

Methods : Brief description of research design, study population, setting, procedures for data collection, data completion rates, sample size and methods of analysis.

Results : Description of the key findings.

Conclusions : Provide a concise statement that addresses the question, "What do these results mean for peoples' health and well-being, clinical practice, health service & resources, and/or health care policy?" It may include potential implications of the findings and "next step" options or recommendations.

Requirements on Conceptual Papers

Aims : Clearly describe the purpose of the paper or issue to be discussed.

Methods : A brief description of paper content, including approaches used, institutional, organizational, or theoretical frameworks applied, or development of rationale, should be included.

Results : Briefly summarize resulting policy options or recommendations, institutional or organizational successes/failures, and/or lessons learnt.

Conclusions : Provide a concise statement that addresses the question, "What do these results mean for peoples' health and well-being, clinical practice, health service & resources, and/or health care policy?" It may include potential implications of the findings and "next step" options or recommendations.

Nature of Studies

There is no specific limit for the nature of papers provided that the topic falls with one of the following five academic tracks:

- Health related QOL research findings and methodology
- QOL outcome and research in Health, Disease and Medical Care
- QOL outcome and research in Rehabilitation and Social Services
- QOL outcome and research in Chinese Medicine
- Cultural issues in QOL outcome and research for Asian Chinese

Method of Submission

Abstracts should be submitted on-line at www.hksqol.org/conf2010.

Deadline of submission

Deadline of submission of abstracts on-line is 31 August, 2010 (Tuesday).

Result Notification

Submitters will be notified of the result through e-mail on or before 22 October, 2010 (Friday).

Background information of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, which comprises little more than 1,000 square kilometers (400 square miles) has a population of over 7 million people. It comprises Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, which includes 262 outlying islands. It is a dynamic city that blends both east and west, and is full of surprises.



Weather

Hong Kong has a subtropical climate with distinct seasons. Typhoon season is May to November. The Winter is from December to February - Cool, dry and cloudy, with occasional cold fronts. The temperature can drop below 10°C in urban areas. More detailed current and seasonal weather information can be found at the Hong Kong Observatory website at <http://www.weather.gov.hk/>



Time

Standard time in Hong Kong is 8 hours ahead of GMT.

Currency

The legal tender is the Hong Kong dollar (HK\$), which is linked to the US dollar at a rate of about 7.80 HKD to 1 USD.



Electricity

220V / 50Hz UK plug

International Calling Code

Dial +852 to call a Hong Kong number from overseas. There are no regional codes.

Language

Cantonese is the Chinese dialect spoken by over 88% of the people in Hong Kong. However, English is widely used in the Government and by the legal, professional and business sectors as well as tourist areas. Most taxi drivers and salespeople are able to communicate in English. Since reunification with China in 1997, Putonghua - the official dialect of China, has gained in prominence also.

Emergency numbers

In emergency situations, you can contact the local police, ambulance service, fire department and other emergency services by calling 999.



Entry Requirement

All visitors to Hong Kong must hold a valid passport. Visitors from most countries can enter Hong Kong without a visa for periods of seven days to six months, depending on nationality. Please check with any Chinese embassy or consulate for the latest status, and you may also visit the Immigration Department of Hong Kong at http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehhtml/hkvisas_4.htm for further details.

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