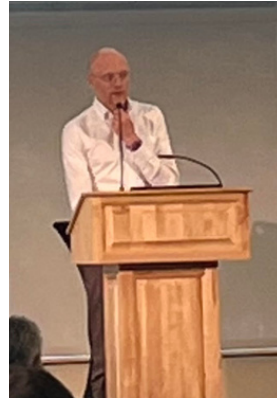




2022 International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Annual Conference Summary

For the first time in over three years, our society convened together at the University of Vermont, in Burlington, VT, USA. In the wake of a forced hiatus, seeing old friends and new colleagues brought a spirit of renewed connection, optimism, and excitement. Our world has indeed changed, but our organization’s focus on investigating, analyzing, and measuring quality-of-life across all populations has never wavered. Undoubtedly, the interdisciplinary and inclusive nature of our society allows for a unique exchange of a variety of perspectives, ideas, and methodologies. *(continued, page 2)*





This year's conference theme, "Quality-of-Life for Resilient Futures: Sustainability, Equity, & Wellbeing", attracted over 200 researchers from 53 countries. Our first attempt at a hybrid event, we welcomed 172 oral presentations, with about 25% of those being virtual, and 17 poster presentations. Presentations ranged from an array of topics including:

- Happiness Economics
- Wellbeing in the World and in Regions
- Promoting Worker Well-Being in Organizations
- Community Development and Community Well-Being
- COVID-19 and Well-Being
- Promoting Well-Being: Public Policy and Development
- Applied Research in Quality-of-Life
- Qualitative Methods for the Study of Quality-of-Life, Well-Being, & Happiness
- Well-Being in Different Populations
- Well-Being in the World and in Regions, Health and Well-Being
- Big Data and Well-Being
- Beyond GDP: New Understandings and Measures of Progress
- Well-Being, Sustainability and Perspectives for Social Progress, Equity and Well-Being
- Advancement of Quality-of-Life and Well-Being of Children
- Methodological Issues in the Study of Quality-of-Life, Happiness and Well-Being
- Quality of Life and Environment



Did you miss any of the presentations or would you like to watch them again?



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Instructions: After you login to the conference site, click on "plan your event", click on "schedule", click on "past sessions", click on any of the sessions and select "watch recording".

Conference Lecturers:

Richard J. Estes Lecture in Comparative Quality of Life Research, Christopher Barrington-Leigh
Associate Professor, McGill University
"Global Trends in Measurement of Wellbeing"

2022 Featured Keynote Lecture, Rhonda Phillips
Dean & Professor, Purdue University, "Community: the Elixir of Quality-of-Life?"

Alex C. Michalos Lecture on Advances in Quality-of-Life Theory & Research, Matt Killingsworth
Senior Fellow, The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania
"Human Happiness in High Resolution"

Edward F. Diener Lecture on Advances in Subjective Quality-of-Life Theory and Research
Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux
Associate Professor, University of Vermont & Vermont State Climatologist
"Science in the service of society: Reflections on climate justice, equity and sustainability"

Pre-Conference Workshop, "Quality of Life and Local Foods: A Taste of Vermont"

Vermont is a small state but mighty in its impact on many aspects of local and regional food systems that are inclusive and equitable, regenerative agriculture, and related culinary and outdoor adventures. Twenty participants enjoyed the tour of Burlington at the Intervale Center (an urban, multi-cultural farming incubator and more), Shelburne Farms (1,400-acre non-profit farm and educational venue) for an agritourism experience and lunch, then to Shelburne Vineyard to learn about the local craft beverage industry. Participants discussed indicators of neo-localism, strategies for sustainable and regenerative agritourism, equity and inclusion, and quality of life and wellbeing considerations of local food systems.



Conference Education Grants

ISQOLS was proud to provide full conference registrations and travel stipends for sixteen individuals from the following countries: Spain, Italy, India, Kazakhstan, Bhutan, Chile, UK, Uzbekistan, China, USA, Canada, South Africa, Turkey, and Iran.

~Grant Recipient Reflections~

"ISQOLS creates a great network for researchers who are already in the field of quality of life but is also open to newcomers and welcomes novel insights, which I find important for the circulation of innovative ideas. Overall it was a very positive experience that has left me with insight, new ideas and with the feeling of being part of an amazing community of researchers." -Giulia Slater, Italy

"The ISQOLS 2022 Conference has been a wonderful experience that has allowed us to connect and network with like-minded researchers working in the field of quality of life. The conference was held in Burlington and hosted on the campus of the University of Vermont, a magical place to host the first face-to-face conference since the pandemic began. I am very grateful to the ISQOLS organization for their work organizing the event and for awarding me one of the 2022 education grants, giving me the opportunity to participate in the conference and present the first results of my doctoral thesis." - Lucía Gómez Balcácer, Spain



Conference Dinner

A highlight of the week was certainly the conference dinner. Conference participants enjoyed an evening cruise around Burlington's Lake Champlain, on the Spirit of the Ethan Allen ship. The views were incredible! Thanks again to the local host organizers (Kelly Hamshaw & Michael Moser) for organizing a spectacular experience.



ISQOLS 2022 AWARDS



**Young Scholar Award:
Caspar Kaiser**



**Young Scholar Award:
Sarah Flèche**



**Fellow in QOL Research:
Francesco Sarracino**



**Fellow in QOL Research:
Ada Ferrer-I Carbonell**



**Distinguished QOL
Researcher Award:
Mariano Rojas**



**Distinguished Service
Award: Daniel Shek**



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ECONOMY
ALLIANCE**

**Award for the Betterment of the Human
Condition: Well-being Economy Alliance**



Best Annual Applied Research in Quality of Life (ARQOL) Paper Award:

Pleeging, E., Burger, M. & van Exel, J. The Relations between Hope and Subjective Well-Being: a Literature Overview and Empirical Analysis. Applied Research Quality Life 16, 1019–1041 (2021).

ISQOLS Best Dissertation Awards -

Ranking 2022 1st prize: Caspar Kaiser (Oxford University, United Kingdom): “Four essays on applied and methodological issues in the study of subjective life satisfaction”

2nd prize (jointly):

Emma Pleeging (Erasmus University Amsterdam, Netherlands): “Understanding hope. Insights into the definition, relevance and measurement of hope from an interdisciplinary perspective”

Alberto Prati (Marseille University, France): “Memory and Subjective Well-Being. Empirical Analysis of Workers' and Consumers' Endogenous Recall Behaviors”

Honorary mention: Laura Dewitte (KU Leuven, Belgium): Losing memory, losing meaning? Towards a deeper understanding of meaning in life in older adults with Alzheimer's disease.

Watch the ISQOLS Awards Ceremony:
We were grateful to honor the 2022 ISQOLS Awards recipients at our awards ceremony.
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Thank you to our hosts at the University of Vermont; the 2022 Local Conference Organizers, Kelly Hamshaw & Michael Moser; to all our Scientific Committee members; and volunteers!

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