

QLG spring meeting 2026

16-17 April 2026 | Berlin, Germany

MEETING PROGRAMME

Wednesday 15 April 2026

15:00 – 18:00 EC Meeting (incl. lunch)

16:30 – 18:00 Registration

Thursday 16 April 2026

08:30 – 18:00 QLG Meeting (Day 1)

Friday 17 April 2026

08:30 – 17:30 QLG Meeting (Day 2)

MEETING VENUE

Hotel Aquino

Conference Centre Catholic Academy

Hannoversche Straße 5b

10115 Berlin, Germany

<https://www.hotel-aquino.de/en/>

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday 16 April 2026

19:00 Dinner at Spreespeicher (Eventloft), Stralauer Allee 2A, 10245 Berlin

www.spreespeicher-events.de/en/start-page/

Friday 17 April 2026

19:30 Dinner at Hotel Aquino Wintergarten restaurant

LOCAL ORGANISATIONAL COMMITTEE:

Alizé Rogge

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Claudia Weber

EORTC QLG MEETING ORGANISATIONAL COMMITTEE:

Martin Eichler, EORTC QLG Secretary

Amy Thomas, EORTC QLG PA to EORTC QLG Chair Jaap Reijneveld

Monika Turek, EORTC QLG Executive Assistant

Caroline Hance, EORTC QLG Strategic Lead Communication

Day 1 – Thursday, 16 April

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 9:00 WELCOME SESSION [Auditorium gesamt]

Jaap Reijneveld (EORTC QLG Chair), Madeline Pe and Dagmara Kuliś (QoL Department), Local organisers

9:00 – 11:00 PMDC SESSION (OPEN TO ALL) [Auditorium gesamt]

Bernhard Holzner, Simone Oerlemans

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/ Tea Break

11:15 – 12:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS (1)

1.1. Development of an interpretation guideline for the EORTC PRO measures [Auditorium gesamt]

Monika Sztankay, Daniela Krepper

1.2. Combined session: Rare Cancer Project / Sarcoma Project [VIP Raum]

Catarina Simões Padilla, Olga Husson, Winette van der Graaf, Tessa van Amerongen, Bibian Been

1.3. Facilitating the representation of EORTC QoL Modules and Items in Common Data Models [Wintergarten]

Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Charlotte Moss

1.4. Computer Adaptive Testing Projects/Comparative evaluation of the computer adaptive EORTC QoL measures [Seminarraum 1]

Morten Aa. Petersen, Mogens Grønvold, Johannes Giesinger

1.5. Combined session: Hereditary Cancer Predisposition Syndrome; Cancer screening HRQoL questionnaire [Seminarraum 3]

Anne Oberguggenberger, Veronika Engele, Emma Lidington, Vasilis Vasiliou

1.6. Combined session: CODAGLIO 2.0 - Combining clinical trial datasets in glioma patients to answer clinically relevant questions about patients' HRQoL / Development of recommendations for the use of the EORTC QLQ-C30 Summary Score in cancer clinical trials and clinical practice [Aquino-Lounge]

Johan Koekkoek, Martin Taphoorn, Oge Edeh-Asogwa, Mogens Grønvold, Josien Scheepens

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1.7. EORTC BALANCE (Big dAta in patients with breast cANcER: risk prognosis for clinically relevant impairments of health related quality of life based on Machine Learning) [Seminarraum 2]

Thijs van der Heijden, Niclas Hubel, Lonneke van de Poll-Franse, Bernhard Holzner

12:15 – 12:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

12:30 – 13:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS (2)

2.1. Combined session: DIVERSITY-QOL: HRQoL within the sexual and gender minority cancer / Population & RESPECT: Addressing neutrality and inclusivity in EORTC / Addressing neutrality and inclusivity in EORTC QoL Measures: Updating gendered language [Seminarraum 1]

Tom Bootsma, Amirun Rahmat, Monica Pinto, Olga Husson

2.2. Combined session: Measuring side effect burden - Q168 / Prospective MID / CATAPULT (cancer clinician trials meta-analysis) [Aquino-Lounge]

Corneel Coens, Tamara Jones, Luigi Lim, Andreia Moura, Jammbe Musoro, Sandra Nolte, Claire Piccinin

2.3. Establishing Thresholds for Clinical Importance for EORTC Modules [Seminarraum 2]

Johannes Giesinger, Micha Pilz, Patricia Blickle, Nathalie Egeter

2.4. EORTC MoBILE Device (EMBED) – Implementation of digital devices for the remote assessment of QoL, PROs and physical activity in EORTC clinical trials: A feasibility study [Seminarraum 3]

Hugo Vachon, Mia Tazi

2.5. Update of the EORTC QoL Reference Value Manual and Database [Wintergarten]

Monika Sztankay, Susanne Singer, Daniela Krepper, Matthias Büttner, Andrea Csipak

2.6. Combined Session: Urological Cancer Modules session (RCC-38 Phase III; Bladder & Prostate Cancer Modules update) [VIP Raum]

Lisa Wintner, Franziska Gross, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Marieke van Leeuwen, Piet Ost, Renée Bultijnck

2.7. Measurement strategies for assessment of HRQoL outcomes in cancer patients with progressive disease [Konferenzraum]

Johan Koekkoek, Florian Boele



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2.8. Electronic PROs in Research and Daily Clinical Practice (CTCAEplusPRO, ePRO in trials & routine, Implementation of PROs) [Auditorium gesamt]
Bernhard Holzner, Elke Rammant, Jens Lehmann, Claudia Seidl

13:30 – 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS (3)

3.1. Combined session: Creation of a curriculum in QOL in oncology / Development of an EORTC QOL e-Learning course: Phase II [Auditorium gesamt]

Sally Wheelwright, Michael Koller, Rachel Starkings, Sarah Klarner, Heike Schmidt, Monika Sztankay, Ines Rathgeber, Thomas Nordhausen

3.2 T-cell engaging therapies: CAR T-cell and bispecific antibodies EORTC QOL module development [Aquino-Lounge]

Charalampia Kyriakou, Simone Oerlemans, Kyra Michielsen

3.3. Financial Toxicity - Phase I and II [Seminarraum 2]

Matthias Büttner, Kathy Taylor

3.4. NAVIGATE [Wintergarten]

Bernhard Holzner and Lotte van der Weijst

3.5 ELFI [VIP Raum]

Sandra Nottle and Wee Kheng Soo

3.6. Linking patient responses to items from the EORTC Item Library to CTCAE grades reported by clinicians [Seminarraum 3]

Johannes Giesinger, Maïke Thumfart, Lucy Neumann

3.7. Advanced Melanoma [Konferenzraum]

Mees Egeler, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Marieke Van Leeuwen, Lonneke Van De Poll-Franse

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

15:30 – 17:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS (4)

4.1. Combined session: Phase I study to develop a HRQoL module for patients with malignant spinal cord compression (MSCC) / Development of HRQoL Issues in Patients with Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS) – Phase I & II / Development of a HRQOL Module for Keratinocyte Carcinoma – Phase I study / Phase I update of the EORTC QoL Bone Metastases Module: QLQ-BM22 [VIP Raum]

Edward Chow, Shing Fung Lee, Agata Rembielak, Henry Wong, NingNing Lu, Britney Zhang, Christina Yang, Shivani Verma, Shely Kagan, Paula Tur

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4.2. Combined session: Vulva (VU34) / Ovarian (OV28) / Cancer Questionnaire Module & Sexual Health Projects [Wintergarten]
Ligita Frøding, Anne Oberguggenberger, Vesna Bjelic-Radisic

4.3. Combined session: Children, Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer (CAYAC) Projects (Development of an EORTC QLG-led consensus regarding the patient-proxy dilemma in pediatric oncology; Young survivors of cancer: Phase I study to determine the item sets for child, adolescent and young adult cancer survivors; Children with Cancer (<8 years); Children 8-14; Adolescents and Young Adults) [Seminarraum 1]
Anne-Sophie Darlington, David Riedl, Samantha Sodergren, Chiara Vetrano, Kirsty Way

4.4. Combined session: Improving Compliance Rates in EORTC Cancer Clinical Trials / Reworking the QLG guidelines for assessing QoL in EORTC clinical trials – updating and rewriting by incorporating cutting-edge advice on PROs and input from relevant QLG projects (REQUALIFY) / Developing a strategy to ensure EORTC QLG measures fit changing standards for cancer clinical trials (kick-off) [Seminarraum 2]
Madeline Pe, Galina Velikova, Ahu Alanya, Anne Esser, Lotte van der Weijst, Maria Teixeira, Abigail Machingura

4.5. Combined session: Haematological EORTC QOL Modules: multiple myeloma (EORTC MY20 Module Update); Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia (EORTC QOL module development), Cutaneous Lymphoma (EORTC QLG and Task Force QOL module development) [Konferenzraum]
Charalampia Kyriakou, Sally Wheelwright, Kevin Molloy, Monika Sztankay

4.6. Activating cancer patients in research and care by effectively presenting PROs to patients using tailored narratives [Auditorium gesamt]
Anouk Teunissen, Kelly de Ligt

4.7. Combined session: EORTC QLG Patient Involvement Project / Patient organisation vs Hospital Recruitment for QLG studies [Aquino-Lounge]
Olga Husson, Winette van der Graaf, Iryna Shakhnenko, Emily Holthuis, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Saran Green

4.8. Combined Session: Item Library Guidelines and the EORTC PRO AE projects (The development of Item Library guidelines; Development of the Cancer Patient-reported Symptomatic Adverse Events Inventory (EORTC-PRO-AE) using the EORTC Item Library) [Seminarraum 3]
Christopher Bedding, Hayat Hamzeh, Shaista Meer, Bonnie Pacheco, Claire Piccinin, Alexandra Gilbert

17:00 – 18:00 - ECI SESSION [Seminarraum 3]
- QoL Liaison Session (open only to QoL Liaisons) [Aquino-Lounge]

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Day 2 – Friday, 17 April

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 10:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS (5)

5.1. Combined Session: Gastrointestinal modules (QLQ-PAN26; QLQ-STO22 update; QLQ-CR29 update; Metastatic anal cancer; QLQ-OES18 / QLQ-OG25 update) [Auditorium gesamt]

Deborah Fitzsimmons, Alexandra Gilbert, Samantha Sodergren, Mitsumi Terada, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Vasilis Vasilou

5.2. Combined Session: Thyroid Cancer Projects (Thyroid cancer module; LoQoT study) [Aquino-Lounge]

Susanne Singer, Kathy Taylor

5.3. Combined Session: Male Breast Cancer (Metastatic Breast Cancer and Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS) Module Development; Follow-up in Early and Locally Advanced Breast Cancer Patients Module Development)

[Seminarraum 3]

Vesna Bjelic-Radisic, Galina Velikova, Christopher Bedding, Henry Wong, Christina Yang, Nora Nevries

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee/ Tea Break

10:15 – 12:15 PMDC SESSION (OPEN TO ALL) [Auditorium gesamt]

Bernhard Holzner, Simone Oerlemans

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break

13:15 – 15:15 QLG BUSINESS MEETING (Closed session; active members only)

[Auditorium gesamt]

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

15:30 – 17:30 PLENARY SESSION [Auditorium gesamt]

17:30 CLOSING

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