

QLG autumn meeting 2026

24-25 September 2026 | Zagreb, Croatia

MEETING PROGRAMME

Wednesday 23 September 2026

14:00 – 18:00 EC Meeting (incl. lunch)

16:30 – 18:00 Registration

Thursday 24 September 2026

08:30 – 18:00 QLG Meeting (Day 1)

Friday 25 September 2026

08:30 – 17:30 QLG Meeting (Day 2)

MEETING VENUE

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday 24 September 2026

19:00 Dinner at The Westin (Panorama room), Krsnjavoga 1, 10000 Zagreb

Friday 25 September 2026

19:00 Dinner at Pivnica Medvedgrad Ilica, 49 Ilica St., 10000 Zagreb

<https://pivovara-medvedgrad.hr/en/pubs/>

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Monika Turek, EORTC QLG Executive Assistant

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Day 1 – Thursday, 24 September

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 9:30 WELCOME SESSION [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

Jaap Reijnenveld (EORTC QLQ Chair), Madeline Pe and Dagmara Kuliś (QoL Department), Local organisers

9:30 – 11:00 PMDC SESSION (OPEN TO ALL) [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

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 [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

Monika Sztankay, Daniela Krepper

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

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 [Gradec]

Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Charlotte Moss

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

Morten Aa. Petersen, Mogens Grønvold, Johannes Giesinger

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

Anne Oberguggenberger, Veronika Engele, Emma Lidington

1.6. Combined session: Development of recommendations for the use of the EORTC QLQC30 Summary Score in cancer clinical trials and clinical practice / Measurement strategies for assessment of HRQoL outcomes in cancer patients with progressive disease / Cognitive impairment following systemic anticancer treatment: Development of an EORTC IADL questionnaire for patients with a non-central nervous system cancer [Maksimir]

Johan Koekkoek, Mogens Grønvold, Josien Scheepens, Florian Boele, Anika Senneker, Sanne Schagen

1.7. Activating cancer patients in research and care by effectively presenting PROs to patients using tailored narratives [Crystal Ballroom 1/3]

Anouk Teunissen, Kelly de Ligt

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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 QoL Measures: Updating gendered language [Tuškanac]

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) [Zrinjevac]

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

2.3. Establishing Thresholds for Clinical Importance for EORTC Modules

[Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

Johannes Giesinger, Micha Pilz, 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 [Maksimir]

Hugo Vachon, Louis Fox

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

[Jelenovac]

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; new RLT project) [Grdec]

Lisa Wintner, Franziska Gross, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Marieke van Leeuwen, Elke Rammant, Piet Ost, Renée Bultijnck, Anna Haire

2.7. Electronic PROs in Research and Daily Clinical Practice [Crystal Ballroom 1/3]

Bernhard Holzner, Elke Rammant, Lisa Wintner

13:30 – 14:15 Lunch Break

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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 [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

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 [Jelenovac]

Simone Oerlemans, Charalampia Kyriakou

3.3. Financial Toxicity - Phase I and II [Crystal Ballroom 1/3]

Matthias Büttner, Kathy Taylor

3.4. Navigating Acceptability: Evaluating patients' perceived assessment burden of PROMs in oncology (NAVIGATE)[Zrinjevac]

Bernhard Holzner, Lotte van der Weijst, Niclas Hubel

3.5. Linking patient responses to items from the EORTC Item Library to CTCAE grades reported by clinicians [Maksimir]

Johannes Giesinger, Maike Thumfart, Lucy Neumann, Anna Thurner

3.6. Advanced Melanoma [Zelengaj]

Lonneke Van De Poll-Franse, Alexander van Akkooi, Mees Egeler

3.7. Combined Session: Integrating the WISP into QLG mission, Qualitative Working Group [Tuškanac]

Leslye Rojas-Concha, Mogens Grønvold, Samantha Sodergren, Andreia Moura

3.8. Time frame flexibility for Item Library items [Gradec]

Leonor Carlos, Martijn Oude Voshaar, Olga Husson, Alexandra Gilbert, Emma Nicklin

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

15:30 – 17:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS (4)

4.1. Combined session: Phase I/2 study to develop: 1) a HRQoL module for patients with malignant spinal cord compression (MSCC); 2) HRQoL Issues in Patients with Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (DCIS); 3) a HRQOL Module for Keratinocyte Carcinoma (KC); and 4) update of the EORTC QoL Bone Metastases (BM) Module [Jelenovac]

Edward Chow, Agata Rembielak, Henry Wong, Amari Randhawa, Ronald Chow, Briana Mascan

4.2. Combined session: Vulva (VU34) / Ovarian (OV28) / Cancer Questionnaire Module & Sexual Health Projects [Tuškanac]

Anne Oberguggenberger, Vesna Bjelic-Radicic

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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) [Maksimir]

Anne-Sophie Darlington, David Riedl, Samantha Sodergren, Chiara Vetrano, Leanne Smith

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 (FRAME) [Zrinjevac]

Madeline Pe, Galina Velikova, Ahu Alanya, Anne Esser, Lotte van der Weijst, Maria Teixeira, Abigail Machingura, Seren Ucak

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) [Gradec]

Charalampia Kyriakou, Sally Wheelwright, Susanne Singer, Kevin Molloy, Monika Sztankay, Patricia Burke, Paul Reichel

4.6. Combined session: EORTC QLG Patient Involvement Project / Patient organisation vs Hospital Recruitment for QLG studies [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

Olga Husson, Winette van der Graaf, Iryna Shakhnenko, Emily Holthuis, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Saran Green

4.7. 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) [Crystal Ballroom 1/3]

Christopher Bedding, Hayat Hamzeh, Shaista Meer, Bonnie Pacheco, Claire Piccinin, Alexandra Gilbert

17:00 – 18:00 - ECI SESSION [Crystal Ballroom 1/3]

- **QoL Liaison Session (open only to QoL Liaisons)** [Maksimir]

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Day 2 – Friday, 25 September

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 11:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS (5)

5.1. Introductory Session for New Members [Crystal Ballroom 1/3]

Martin Eichler

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

Deborah Fitzsimmons, Alexandra Gilbert, Samantha Sodergren, Mitsumi Terada, Mieke Van Hemelrijck, Vasilis Vasiliou, Amy Din, Rahul Krishnatry

5.3. Combined Session: Thyroid Cancer Projects (Thyroid cancer module; LoQoT study) [Jelenovac]

Susanne Singer, Kathy Taylor

5.4. 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)

[Tuškanac]

Vesna Bjelic-Radisic, Galina Velikova, Christopher Bedding, Henry Wong, Amari Randhawa, Ronald Chow, Edward Chow, Nora Nevries

5.5. The multi-national validation of the Elderly Functional Index (ELFI)

Maksimir]

Sandra Nolte, Wee Kheng Soo, Claire Samanna, Jonathon Little

5.6. Satisfaction with cancer care questionnaires [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

Anne Brédart, Amélie Anot, Mathurine Basset, Emilie Charton

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/ Tea Break

11:15 – 12:15 PMDC SESSION (OPEN TO ALL) [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

Bernhard Holzner, Simone Oerlemans

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break

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

[Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

15:30 – 17:30 PLENARY SESSION (OPEN TO ALL) [Crystal Ballroom 2/3]

17:30 CLOSING

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