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Dear colleagues,

I am writing to express my interest in the role of Chair-Elect of the EORTC Quality of Life Group (QLG). Having been part of the QLG for 15 years, I feel a strong connection to the group and its mission, and I would be honoured to contribute to its next phase of development.

I started working in quality of life research at the University of Southampton in 2010 before moving to Brighton and Sussex Medical School in 2021, where I am now Principal Research Fellow. I lead the Cancer-related Fatigue Group at the Sussex Cancer Research Centre and am Academic Lead for the Critical Care and Perioperative Medicine Joint Clinical and Academic Department.

I am a previous Executive Committee member and Co-Chair of the Project and Module Development Committee. I currently serve on the Grant Review Committee and have also contributed as faculty for the QLG Clinical Trials Conference. Alongside these roles, I have led and supported a wide range of QLG projects, working with colleagues across the QLG and the wider EORTC network.

Looking ahead, I see exciting opportunities for the QLG. I am particularly passionate about the implementation of electronic patient-reported outcomes (ePROMs) in routine clinical practice to both improve patient care and generate real-world evidence. I have been in discussion with NHS England about how to achieve this in England and I'm co-leading the QLG commissioned call on this topic. More broadly, I would like to see us continue our role as world leaders in clinical trials while deepening collaboration with Disease-Oriented Groups, expanding our global reach through training and education, and thinking about how we can work in more agile ways. It is also an exciting time in HRQOL research, with new opportunities - and risks - emerging through AI.

Having been part of the QLG for so long, I have seen the Group grow and evolve. One of the things I value most is the strong sense of collaboration and the opportunity to learn from colleagues. I have been particularly encouraged by the increasing involvement and voice of Early Career Researchers, which I see as vital to our future.

I would like to take on this role because I am deeply committed to patient-centred care and research. I believe the QLG plays a leading role in this space, and I would welcome the opportunity to help shape its future. I bring both experience and a strong set of connections within the QLG, along with genuine enthusiasm for supporting its members and activities. Thank you for considering my application.

Best wishes,
Sally Wheelwright