



Biennial Conference 2007
Professionally Speaking:
Qualitative Research and the Professions
13 - 14 November 2007
Melbourne

CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission Deadline extended to: 31 July 2007

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW AND THEMES

The conference focuses on the broader community of qualitative researchers and aims to bring together academic qualitative researchers and those who now work in other professional roles. Today, qualitative research is used in a wide range of professions, including many where it was virtually unknown ten years ago. Its adoption away from academia has brought changes to the methods used, some quite controversial. At the same time, qualitative research within academia has undergone some significant shifts and reflects new and emerging theoretical positions that can be of value to the practitioner. What are the implications of these recent trends?

As qualitative research is now appearing in a myriad of professions and under a plethora of guises (methodologically, politically and academically) it is time for professionals and academic researchers to share knowledge, reflect and discuss some important questions together and to stimulate debate we have drawn up the following questions:

- What do academic and professional researchers offer each other?
- What could they learn from each other, given an open debate?
- How is qualitative research done by professionals, in and out of the academic context?
- What are examples of good research in professional practice in any field?
- How and why did professions come to use qualitative research?
- How has professional practice changed as the result of using qualitative research?
- What is being done to encourage the uptake of the findings of qualitative research by professionals?
- How has academic and other qualitative research diverged? For example, given issues such as timelines, different goals and designs, large and team projects, what emphases on rigor and robustness are maintained for credibility and validity?

Papers that address these or other issues of interest to qualitative researchers are welcomed and encouraged.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Conference is a multi-streamed, two-day event at which a mixture of refereed papers, working papers and posters will be presented on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th November 2007. The venue is Monash University, Faculty of Business and Economics, Caulfield Campus, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Training and workshop opportunities are available on the two days prior to the conference on Sunday 11th and Monday 12th November. A workshop programme will be available shortly and any queries should be directed to Anne Smyth by email a.smyth@bigpond.net.au

A Doctoral Colloquium will also be offered on Sunday 11th November 2007 and queries should be directed to Associate Professor Carlene Boucher carlene.boucher@rmit.edu.au
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ABOUT AQR

AQR is an international organisation which aims to further the practice and study of qualitative research.

The objectives of the Association are:

- To improve the theory, practice and use of qualitative research across the disciplines of the human sciences
- To provide a forum for the discussion of ideas via regional meetings, publications and annual international conferences
- To link people who have similar interests in qualitative research
- To provide education and training in the methodologies of qualitative research
- To establish and maintain ethics and standards in the practice of qualitative research
- To recognise in appropriate ways outstanding contributions to the theory and/or practice of qualitative research

AQR was formed to connect qualitative researchers so they could discuss and exchange ideas about qualitative research.

SUBMISSIONS OF PAPERS AND POSTERS

There are several formats to share your research – fully refereed papers submitted for publication in the AQR Journal, *Qualitative Research Journal*; working papers (which will have the same amount of presentation time but will be assessed by extended abstract) and; poster presentation. Diverse and interesting presentations are encouraged. Doctoral students are especially welcome and supported.

Submission Deadline has been extended - all abstracts: 31 July 2007.

All abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings which will be available on CD.

Refereed papers

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words. Papers should be up to 6,000 words and can be reviewed before or after the Conference. Those reviewed prior to the Conference will be published in the AQR Journal in early 2008. Authors may present a paper at the Conference and submit to *Qualitative Research Journal* afterwards. In this case, the usual review process for QRJ will apply.

The journal can be accessed at the following web address: www.latrobe.edu.au/aqr/

Papers that are to be reviewed prior to the Conference need to be received by **31 July 2007**. Notification of the outcome of the review will be received by **31 August 2007**. Final scripts due: **30 November 2007**

For further information about refereed papers please contact

Dr. Helen Marshall, helen.marshall@ems.rmit.edu.au

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Dr. Jan Brace-Govan, jan.brace-govan@buseco.monash.edu.au

Working Papers

Working papers will be assessed by the submission of an extended abstract (1000 words) in addition to the short abstract of 250 words that will be made available in the conference papers.

Poster presentations

Posters will be assessed by 250 word abstract, and some indication of poster layout. Posters will have a space of 1 square metre allocated and the presenter will need to be available at set times for conversation with interested delegates.

PRESENTATIONS

All paper presentations will be 20 minutes and all presentation rooms are equipped with full audio visual equipment.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We welcome participants from all disciplines. The conference will be of particular interest to people working in the areas of health, Nursing, Medicine, Education, Social Work, Business, the Arts, Sociology, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Technology, Human Communication Science, Criminology and Language Studies.

AWARDS & PRIZE FOR QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

There are three awards as follows:

- The **Caulley Award for Best Journal Article on Qualitative Research**
- The **Caulley Award for Best Refereed Paper presented at the Biennial Conference by a Doctoral Candidate**
- The **QSR Prize for Best Paper presented at the Biennial Conference that refers extensively to the use of QSR software in the research process**

Nominations for all these Awards should be emailed to by **31 August 2007** to Lynda Cunningham

Please refer to the Conference website for full details.

FEES

Early rate - prior to 7 September 07

AQR Member (including 1 year membership*)	\$600
Non member	\$580
Full time Student	\$450

Late rate - post 7 September 07

AQR Member (including 1 year membership*)	\$700
Non member	\$680
Full time Student	\$550

* AQR Membership fee is \$140 per annum.

Workshops: Full Day	\$300
Workshops: Half Day	\$180

Doctoral Seminar	\$100
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information will be posted on the Web when available at the **Conference website:**

www.latrobe.edu.au/aqr

As we move closer to the conference check the AQR website on a regular basis for information and updates on the conference, workshops, accommodation, maps, parking etc.

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