



NEWSLETTER APRIL 06

Welcome to the first AQR Newsletter, the first of a series that you will receive regularly. The aim of this newsletter is to provide an opportunity for members to share news and to find out about AQR's upcoming events.

AQR EVENTS 2006

First AQR Workshop of the Year

AQR's first seminar for 2006, entitled 'Secrets, Lies or Data: The Research Interview Revisited', held on 14th March at Australian Council for Educational Research in Melbourne was a great success. Presented by Dr Jo Reidy of Australian Catholic University, the seminar reviewed several perspectives on interviewing, and drew from interview transcripts that Dr Reidy had collected as part of her PhD to discuss issues raised when researchers attempt to gather trustworthy data during face-to-face interviews. The seminar attracted over fifty attendees, and triggered many interested questions. The presentation and question time was followed by coffee and refreshments and the opportunity to mingle. Jo Reidy's book 'Learning to Work: Students Experiences During Work Placements', is to be published by Melbourne University Press. Slides from the presentation will be available on the AQR website shortly.

(<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aqr/>)

Upcoming AQR Events

Seminar and workshop program 2006: April to June

An exciting schedule of seminars and instructional workshops on issues related to qualitative research is being organised for 2006. The program for the first six months is shown below. The first seminar, on 14th March, was a great success and is reported in a separate section of this

newsletter. A separate flyer for each event containing further details will be emailed to members as each event approaches.

Seminar/workshop Topic	Date and time	Presenter(s)	Venue
Researchers who have “turned”: shifting research frameworks	Wednesday 26 th April, 3.30 pm	Graham O’Neill	Swinburne Uni, AR Bldg, Rm 103
Using Nvivo to handle your qualitative data(an introduction)	Late May: to be confirmed	Lyn Richards and Helen Marshall	To be advised
Running focus groups: workshop	Saturday 17 th June All day	Ros Hurworth	To be advised

More seminars are being planned for the second half of 2006 on topics such as: alternative ways of representing data; finding your voice as a researcher; and appreciative inquiry, along with intensive workshops on various data analysis approaches and more. We look forward to some lively debate and discussion at these events! An intensive workshop on NVivo 7 will be conducted in the second half of the year, building on the Seminar to be held in May. The date and location will be announced shortly. You will be able to learn NVivo 7, the latest qualitative research software, from Lyn Richards, QSR founder and a member of the software development team for this very new software. Launched at the beginning of March, its details are at <http://www.qsrinternational.com>.

Lyn returns in April from conducting QSR’s launch events, with co-founder Tom Richards. After 17 demonstrations and workshops in Australia, UK, USA and Canada, she can claim the global record for teaching NVivo 7 to date, but does not intend to seek this in future! In her new professional life independent of the day to day working of the QSR office, she will be teaching and working with researchers, and a high priority is AQR. A member of the founding group for the association, she will be contributing to the new “member benefit” workshops around Australia this year. More about Lyn’s writing and research work at lyn@lynrichards.org.

The workshop will cover in a day all of the processes for creating a project, bringing data and ideas into it, coding and querying, linking and modeling – and a lot of discussion about the methods behind these tools. Participants will work on sample data, and can bring their experience to their own data after the workshop, working on full functionality demonstration

software which lasts for 30 days. To help you teach yourself in your own data after the workshop, you'll be introduced to Lyn's ten detailed step by step tutorials available (free) at <http://www.sagepub.co.uk/richards/>

Upcoming Conferences

AQR 2007 Conference

Planning has begun for the 2007 Conference which will be held in Melbourne in July 2007. Details of the specific dates and themes will be included in the next newsletter and will be on the AQR website (<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aqr/>) in early May.

7th International Interdisciplinary Conference: Advances in Qualitative Methods

13 – 16 July, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

This conference will provide a unique and valuable opportunity to share information and ideas about qualitative methods with a highly diverse audience of national and international researchers from a range of disciplines. For more information go to:

<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/iiqm//pdfs/IIQMFullBrochure.pdf>

6th Qualitative Research Conference in Health and Social Care

Bournemouth University United Kingdom 4th - 6th September 2006 . Convenor: Dr Kip Jones
Centre for Qualitative Research Bournemouth University Please contact Dr Jones if you wish to discuss your presentation: kipworld@gmail.com

Abstracts of up to 170 words are invited. To submit an abstract, please use the online submission form. If you prefer you may submit your abstract by post. Further information about the conference: <http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/ihcs/qrc06.html>

Or contact: Claire Dikecoglu -cdikecoglu@bournemouth.ac.uk or tel: (UK) 01202 962179.

Submission deadline: 30 April 2006

Introducing the AQR Executive

Each edition of the newsletter will introduce you to a member of the Executive. In this edition we introduce your President, Dianne Goeman. Dianne is currently a Research Officer for the Co-operative Research Centre for Asthma and Airways (CRCAA), located in the Department of Respiratory Medicine at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. Her recent research has focused

on both the priorities of both people with asthma and health professionals. Prior to her employment at The Alfred, Dianne worked as a Research Consultant, and also taught a postgraduate course in quantitative and qualitative data management in the Department of Political and Social Inquiry, at Monash University.

Dianne was also the Founding Treasurer for the Association for Qualitative Research and is currently serving on the association's executive committee as President. She is also on the AQR journal's editorial board.

Dianne has a Masters in Applied Social Research, a Graduate Diploma in Sociology and is currently completing her Ph D. Her topic 'understanding asthma in the older person' has resulted in the design of an educational intervention for GPs which will improve the quality and content of consultations for older people with asthma.

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<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/aqr/>

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