



**Doing Qualitative
Research: Processes, Issues and
Challenges**

**4th International Qualitative
Research Convention
Malaysia**

**PJ Hilton Hotel
Petaling Jaya, Selangor
3-5, September, 2007**

Second call for papers



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Call for papers

Qualitative Research Association of Malaysia (QRAM)
4th International Qualitative Research Convention, Malaysia
3-5, September, 2007, PJ Hilton, Malaysia
Call for Participation / Papers

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

The Association of Qualitative Research Association of Malaysia is pleased to host the 4th International Qualitative Research Convention in 2007 (QRC2007). QRC2007 is held biannually and the theme for this 2007 convention is "**Doing Qualitative Research: Processes, Issues and Challenges**". The objective of the QRC2007 is to provide a better understanding of what really constitutes qualitative research and enhance researchers' knowledge on qualitative inquiry. The growing interest of researchers in using qualitative methods has resulted in many practitioners and academicians who equate using qualitative techniques, such as interviews and observations, to doing qualitative study. **We invite you and members of your institution to join us as participants as well as presenters.** For more information please go to: <http://qrc2007-qram.um.edu.my> or email to marohain@um.edu.my or qrc2007@gmail.com

QRC2007 invites proposals from a wide variety of international perspectives, including academics and practitioners from gender and women studies, psychology, sociology, education, evaluation, health sciences, geography, communication, management, family studies, marketing, social work, and other related disciplines across the social, behavioral, and human sciences. We welcome your work whether it is in progress or a completed piece. Hence, QRC2007 seeks:

- (1) original research in the social, behavioral, health, and human sciences that fits the definition of qualitative research methods. These studies need to include some aspects of their research that advance knowledge of qualitative inquiry in addition to making a contribution to a substantive area in the scholar's field of inquiry;
- (2) methodological issues that advance knowledge about qualitative research methods. Proposals may be on topics concerned with qualitative research methods and processes (which include all aspects and stages of qualitative research process), innovative theories and techniques, and qualitative reporting focusing on the report writing, researcher's role and experiences during fieldwork.

We hope you will also take the time to visit the many interesting places in Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding areas as well as enjoy our local cuisine. Briefly, Malaysia has a population of over 25 million people who reside in Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia, namely, the states of Sabah and Sarawak on Borneo island. The country prides itself with the harmonious existence of various races as a nation. While the majority consists of Malays, Chinese, Indians, other ethnic groups that include Ibans and Kandazandusuns make up the colourful and vibrant Malaysian society. Malaysia's official language is bahasa Malaysia (Malay Language), and English is widely spoken. The official religion of Malaysia is Islam, and the nation comprises Moslems, Buddhists, Hindus, Christians and followers of other religions. The various ethnic groups, cultures and languages make Malaysia, truly Asia. For more information about Kuala Lumpur, please visit <http://www.kualalumpur.gov.my/index.htm>.

We hope the convention will be an enjoyable and fruitful experience for all of you.

Best Wishes,

Professor Dr. Marohaini Yusoff
Convention Chair of the 4th QRC2007

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Convention Registration

Registration can be made here. The registration fees are as follows:

Registration for CONVENTION ONLY

Type of Registration	Before 30 th June 2007	After 30 th June 2007
QRAM Members*	RM480	RM550
Non-Members	RM550	RM650
Overseas Participants (Non-Students)	USD200	USD250
Overseas Participants (Students)	USD150	USD200
Student-Members#	RM350	RM450
Student s(Non-Members)	RM400	RM520

Registration for WORKSHOP ONLY

Type of Registration	Before 30 th June 2007	After 30 th June 2007
QRAM Members*	RM250	RM300
Non-Members	RM300	RM350
Overseas Participants (Non-Students)	USD100	USD150
Overseas Participants (Students)	USD70	USD100
Student-Members#	RM200	RM250
Student s(Non-Members)	RM250	RM300

Extra Information

- Please note that you will not be able to register at these rates unless you have the QRAM membership card. If you do not have them, please contact the Convention Secretariat, prior registration.
- #Please note that student discount is given to those who are currently enrolled as university/college students. Students are expected to submit certification letter to the Convention Secretariat prior registration.
- Walk-in participants will need to show their QRAM membership card (for members) and certification letter/student's ID.
- Walk-in participants may not be given the convention bag plus the relevant documents.
- The fee include session material, lunches and coffee only. Participants are recommended to make their own arrangement for accommodation.

Mode of Payment

All participants and speakers should fill in the registration form with accurate and current information. Registration will not be complete until payment is received. Payments (in local cheque or bank draft) should be made payable to **Bendahari QRAM** and send directly to the **secretariat at: c/o Centre for Industrial Training & Relations, Ground Floor, Block E, Perdanasiswa Complex, University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**. If you wish to pay through telegraphic transfer, please notify the secretariat before transferring via email. Transfer should be made to the account: **14400009211059 (Bumiputra Commerce Bank Berhad)**. All transfers will be acknowledged by the secretariat.

Further detail on electronic paper submission, registration and accommodation will be provided in the Second Call and on the Convention Web Site: <http://www.gram.org> in August, 2006.

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General Information

CONVENTION VENUE

All conference activities, including registration, will take place at the PJ HILTON, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

GENERAL REGULATIONS AND POLICIES

- You may not participate as a first author or presenter, in more than two sessions or as a chairperson or discussant in more than one session (maximum four appearances). You may participate as a non-presenting author as many times as you wish as long as you do not exceed the two-times-first-author limit.

- If you are unable to attend the convention/workshop, a substitute participant/presenter is allowed at no cost, provided written notice is given one month prior to the event. A 90% refund can be made for cancellation received in writing by mail or faxed four weeks before the event. Cancellation received in less than four weeks and via phonecalls will not be entertained.

Important Dates

- **Second call:** October 2006
- **Deadline for proposal submissions:** 30th April, 2007
- **Proposal reviews announced:** May, 2007
- **Third Call:** March, 2007
- **Deadline for early registration** 30th June, 2007
- **Deadline for submission of full papers:** July, 2007
- **Deadline for registration for inclusion in the programme:** 15th August, 2007
- **Final Programme** 30th August, 2007

*** Should you need more time, please call 603-79673374 or email marohaini@gmail.com**

Review Process

Depending on the format and type of research report the proposals will be reviewed by at least two referees according to the following criteria:

- 1. Overall quality and originality**
- 2. Description of the processes involved**
- 3. Significance for theory, practice, and policy**
- 4. Theoretical framework, conceptual rationale, pragmatic grounding**
- 5. Clarity of definition of research questions and objectives**
- 6. Research method and design (context, participants, data sources, selection of participants, procedures, ethical issues)**
- 7. Quality, validity and appropriateness of analysis**
- 8. Presentation and interpretation of results/ issues/ problems/ solutions**
- 9. Organisation, structure and language of submission**
- 10. Relevance to the QRAM Convention goals and themes.**

Session Formats

The following is the format for participation in the convention:

Collective proposal - Symposia

Collective proposal - Symposia provide an opportunity to examine one topic in depth preferably from different perspectives. Symposium sessions are directed by a chairperson, involving three presenters and one or two discussants.

Individual proposal - Paper sessions

Individual proposal - Paper sessions are oral presentations of three papers, followed by a discussion with the audience.

CIT sessions

CIT sessions provide the opportunity for interactive demonstration of technological tools for qualitative research purposes (e.g., qualitative research software, multimedia packages, e-learning and e-projects).

Thematic poster sessions

Thematic poster sessions involve a text and graphic display of materials that will be thematically grouped together. Poster sessions consist of presentations, providing the opportunity of a very short oral presentation of each poster. After the author's brief presentation, a discussion follows between them and the audience. For more information on poster presentation guidelines, please go to:
<http://www.qram.org>

- **Poster Presentation Guidelines**

One poster session shall be scheduled during the QRC2007 on the 5 September.

The poster session shall be organized and numbered according to thematic relevance. The number of the posters will be given in the Abstracts Program. You shall get them at the registration desk.

During the convention, display boards will be provided for the poster presentations in the main hall. The display boards shall be numbered. The size of your poster should be 155cm (xx inches) high and 93cm (xx inches) wide.

Each poster presenter will be responsible for the setting up as well as removing of the poster. Note that you shall need 30 minutes to set up the poster presentation. Assistance regarding the placement of your poster and materials for mounting the poster (tape, blue tag pins) will be available during the convention at the secretariat desk.

Suggestions for a good poster

<http://www.ncsu.edu/project/posters/NewSite/>

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Sub Theme Areas

Areas	
<u>Qualitative Methods/Design</u>	<u>Qualitative Data Collection Techniques</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study • Ethnography • Auto ethnography • Phenomenography • Phenomenology • Naturalistic Inquiry • Action Research • Grounded theory • Mixed-Methods • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation • Interview • Document Evidence • Others
<u>Technological Use in Qualitative Study</u>	<u>Ethical Issues of Qualitative Study</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video • Audio recording • Computer software packages • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility • Consent • Reliability • Validity
<u>Qualitative Data Analysis</u>	<u>Qualitative Reporting</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Analysis • Document Analysis • Discourse Analysis • Conversation Analysis • Framework Analysis • Content Analysis • Coding • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Qualitative Reports • Writing Forms & Styles • New Experimental Writing Forms • Alternative Writing Forms • Others

Committee Members

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