



History & Milestone

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Asian Society for Quality in Health Care (ASQua) History and Milestone

Introduction

The Asian Society for Quality in Health Care (ASQua) is a network of National Societies from the Asian region dedicated to the improvement of quality in healthcare at national and international levels. It was founded by a group of National Societies for quality in healthcare from Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, India, Taiwan and the Philippines, under the auspices of ISQua. It is committed to the achievement of its aims through collaborative action within the network and in association with other health and quality related individuals and professional organisations in Asia.

On October 2006, during the 24th ISQua International Conference, a special session for regional and national quality healthcare societies was held in Boston, USA. The session was chaired by the then President of ISQua, **Dr John Helfrick** and attended **Prof Dr Bruce Barraclough**, Current ISQua President, **Ms Lee Tregleon**, ISQua Chief Executive Officer, **Dr Kulaveerasingam**, Board Member and Councilor of Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH), **Assoc Prof Dr M.A.Kadar Marikar**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of



National and regional societies meeting with ISQua

Accreditation Committee of MSQH, **Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Rana**, Deputy Director, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) for India, **Mr Santawat Asavaroengchai**, Institute of Hospital Accreditation Thailand and **Dr Cathy Wung**, Chief Executive Officer, Taiwan Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation. Dr Kulaveerasingam made a brief presentation on the formation of ASQua which was well received by Dr John Helfrick and Prof Dr Bruce Barraclough.

On 18th June 2007, a group of National Societies for quality in healthcare from Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, India, Taiwan and the Philippines held its inaugural Pro-Tem Committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. As a result of the meeting, the committee members have agreed to nominate Malaysia as the pioneer country to be registered for ASQua. The members have decided to nominate Dr Kulaveerasingam as President, Dr Ravindran Jegasothy as Secretary and Mrs Jasimah Hassan as the Treasurer. The meeting also discussed in great length the formation of ASQua's Constitution.



Launch of ASQua



ASQua was successfully launched on 13th July 2008 in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia, by the representative of the Honorable Dato' Seri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Health Malaysia, Y.B.Datuk Dr Hj Abdul Latif Hj Ahmad, Deputy Minister of Health Malaysia at Banquet 3, Level 3, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with the

participation of National Members from Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mongolia with approximately 300 delegates attended the launch. Professor Dr Bruce Barraclough, President of International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) was invited as the VIP speaker at the launch.

Meeting of Great Minds

ASQua is registered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 28th June 2016. ASQua meetings were held in conjunction with the ISQua & BMJ annual conference and exhibitions



Presidency Summary for Terms 2008 to 2018

| No | President Name | Country | Term | Presidency |
|----|----------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Professor Yuichi Imanaka | Japan | 2017-2019 | President |
| 2 | Dr Wui-Chiang Lee | Taiwan | 2015-2016 | Immediate Past President |
| | | | 2013-2014 | President |
| 3 | Dr B.K. Rana | India | 2011-2012 | President |
| 4 | Dato' Dr K.Kulaveerasingam | Malaysia | 2008-2010 | President |

Current ASQua Executive Board for term 2017/2019 comprises of :-

| National Members | |
|---|--|
|  <p>Taiwan Joint Commission Taiwan (JCT)</p> |  <p>India National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH)</p> |
|  <p>Malaysia Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH)</p> |  <p>Japan Japan Council for Quality Health Care (JQ)</p> |
|  <p>Thailand (The Healthcare Accreditation Institute (Public Organisation) (THAI)</p> |  <p>Philippines Philippine Council on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organisation (PCAHO)</p> |
|  <p>Mongolia Mongolian Society of Healthcare Quality (MSHQ)</p> |  <p>Indonesia Indonesian Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (ICAHO)</p> |
|  <p>Korea Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation (KOIHA)</p> |  <p>Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Bangladesh</p> |
| Institutional Members | |
|  <p>Malaysia Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM)</p> | |
| Individual Members | |
|  <p>Malaysia Professor Dato' Dr Ravindran Jegasothy</p> |  <p>Bhutan Mr Deshen Choiphel</p> |

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Malaysia



Japan



Taiwan ROC



India



Philippines



Thailand



Korea



Mongolia



Royal Govt of Bhutan



Bangladesh

- 2018
 - ISQua **conference partnership** with Malaysia - MSQH (1st partnership for ASQua with BMJ)
 - **New National Member** from Australia
- 2017
 - **BMJ conference partnership** with Malaysia - MSQH
 - **Handover** secretariat from Taiwan to Japan
- 2016
 - **Registration ASQua** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - **New board member** from Bangladesh
 - ISQua **conference partnership** with Japan - JQ (1st partnership for ASQua with ISQua)
- 2015
 - **New board member** from Korea
- 2014
 - **New board member** from Royal Govt of Bhutan
 - **Launched** of ISQua/ASQua/TJCHA Fellowship Program
- 2013
 - **3rd ASQua conference** in collaboration with Joint Commission Taiwan (JCT)
 - **Website** asqua.org developed.
 - ASQua **Asian Supplementary Abstract** published
 - **Handover** secretariat India to Taiwan
- 2012
 - Three (3) ASQua countries achieved **ISQua accreditation certification** on organization and standards
- 2010
 - **2nd ASQua conference** in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Quality Council of India (QCI)
- 2009
 - **ASQua Constitution** developed and adopted
- 2008
 - **Launched of ASQua** by Minister of Health Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia
 - **1st ASQua conference** in collaboration with the Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia (APHM)

**Other Significant Achievements by ASQua
September 2018**

| No | Achievements |
|----|---|
| 1 | ISQua Accreditation Program for Organisation represents 17% of total award recipients |
| 2 | ISQua Accreditation Program for Standards represents 10% of total award recipients |
| 3 | ISQua Accreditation Program for Surveyor Training represents 22% of total award recipients |
| 4 | Represents 15% of the total ISQua Fellowship candidates worldwide |
| 5 | 15% of ISQua surveyors are from ASQua member countries |
| 6 | 1 st in Asia and 2 nd in the world to host the ISQua Global Series Lecture under the Fellowship Program |
| 7 | 9% of ISQua Experts are from ASQua member countries |
| 8 | ISQua Board Member for terms 2014-2016 and 2017-2019. Japan and India are in ISQua Board for term 2017-2019. |
| 9 | Chairman for ISQua Education and Professional Development Advisory Group 2014-2016 and 2017-2019 |
| 10 | Chairman for ISQua Regions Asia and Japan 2014-2016 and 2017-2019 |
| 11 | Japan and India are members of the ISQua Board for Accreditation Committee (BAC) . Malaysia, Japan and India are members of the ISQua Accreditation Council (IAC) |
| 12 | Honorary Advisor to the ISQua Board on ISQua's International Journal for Quality in Health Care since 2014 |
| 13 | 30% of ASQua members are ISQua Individual Members and 23% are ISQua Institutional Members |
| 14 | 1 st candidate from ASQua and in Asia to be awarded the ISQua Fellowship Participant for July and August 2014 |