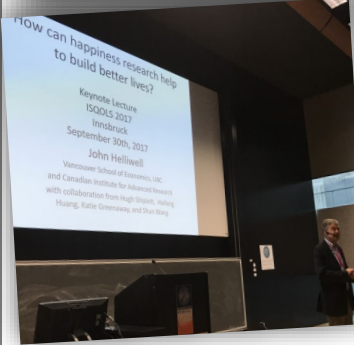
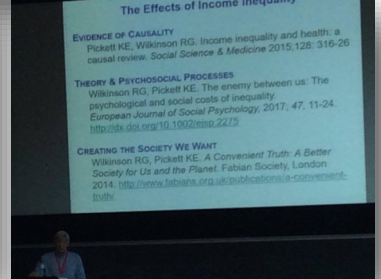
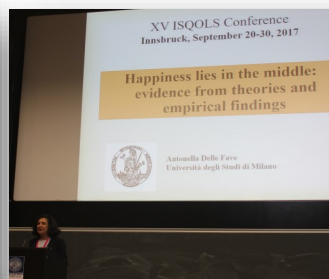
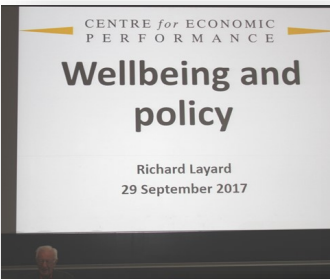




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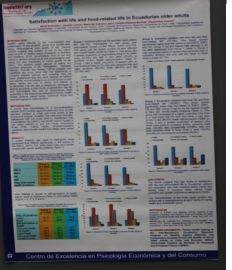
Over 400 individuals from all over the globe convened at the foot of the Austrian alps at University of Innsbruck to participate in the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies 2017 Annual Conference, celebrating the theme: **Quality of Life: Towards a Better Society**. After the pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, September 27th, guests were greeted with traditional Tyrolean music at the opening ceremony. The evening included greetings from Mariano Rojas (ISQOLS President), the University Dean, and the Austrian President of Psychological Association; refreshments and cocktails; and a special viewing of “The Happy Film”, along with a Q&A session with the with film director, Stefan Sagmeister.



This year’s conference schedule included three full days of over 300 research-based presentations and posters on quality-of-life, wellbeing, and happiness from various disciplines, methodological and theoretical perspectives and approaches. (For a full summary of abstracts, please visit <http://www.isqols2017.org/>).

Conference attendees were also treated to six special lectures. The OECD outlined a collaborative plan to link the academic with the political world. Christian Felber presented the “Economy for the Common Good”. Antonella Delle Fave, the Ed F. Diener Lecturer, presented “Happiness in the middle: Evidence from theories and empirical findings”.

Richard Wilkinson, the Alex C. Michalos Lecturer, presented, “Inequality and Sustainable Wellbeing”. Richard Layard, the Richard J. Estes Lecturer, presented, “Wellbeing and Public Policy”. John Helliwell, the keynote lecturer, presented, “How can happiness research help to build better lives?”. (For a full summary of each lecture, download the conference program at www.isqols2017.org/)





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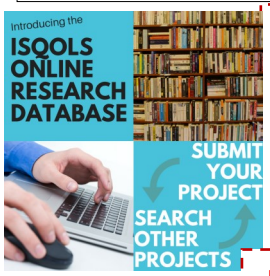
On Friday evening, guests boarded cable cars and climbed to reach an alpine mountain hut for the official conference dinner. Colleagues enjoyed traditional Tyrolean food and fantastic quality-of-life, happiness, and wellbeing discussions!



At the conference closing ceremony, ISQOLS was pleased to present several awards to distinguished QOL scholars and researchers. Congratulations again to the following award recipients: 2017 Research Fellow Award, Stefan Höfer; 2017 Research Fellow Award, Nick Powdthavee; Best 2016 ARQOL Paper to Enrique Delamonica; 2016 Distinguished QOL Researcher Award, Valerie Moller; 2017 Distinguished QOL Researcher Award, Daniel Shek; 2017 Betterment for the Human Condition Award, The Gallup Organization.

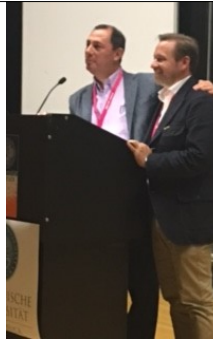


ISQOLS also acknowledged recently **Endowed Named Tracks** that will become permanent features of all future ISQOL's international conferences. Congratulations again to Ron Anderson: "The Ronald E. Anderson Endowed Track on the Alleviation of Human Suffering"; Liz Eckermann: "The Elizabeth Eckermann Endowed Track on Gender and Quality of Life"; Ken Land: "The Kenneth C. Land Endowed Track on the Advancement of Quality of Life and Well-Being of Children"; Mahar Mangahas: "The Mahar Mangahas Endowed Track for the Advancement of Quality of Life and Well-Being in Southeast Asia"; Rhonda Phillips: "The Rhonda G. Phillips Endowed Track for the Promotion of Community Development and Community Well-Being"; Daniel Shek: "The Daniel Shek-Wofoo Foundation Endowed Track for the Advancement of Adolescent Quality of Life Research"; and Joe Sirgy: "The M. Joseph Sirgy Endowed Track on Well-Being and Policy".



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