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EQ DCE Interim Progress Report



This progress report provides initial results for EQ DCE Competition supported by the EuroQol Research Foundation, which was approved on 22 January 2016. The Competition has 3 stages: **exploratory**, prediction and confirmatory. The exploratory stage involves (a) fielding of the exploratory study and (b) the invitation of teams to participate in the Competition.

Fielding of the exploratory study began on 21 March 2016. We thank Richard Norman for his assistance with pair selection for this Competition. As of 25 March 2016, over 1250 respondents have completed the survey instrument. The Competition is on target to achieve 4000 respondents by April 13 and to disseminate the full packet via the IAHPR website prior to 1 May 2016 (See EQ DCE Competition Description, Rules, and Procedures v1.1; iahpr.org).

The deadline for team registration is 13 April 2016. Thus far, 12 teams have registered:

	Team Name	Team Leader	Team Members
1	Ensemble (HB&LC) Sawtooth Software	Bryan Keith Orme	Keith Edward Chrzan
2	Occam's Barbershop Quartet	Kim Rand-Hendriksen	Mathias Barra, Liv Ariane Augestad, Fredrik Dahl
3	Pio Pio	Oliver Rivero-Arias	Juan-Manuel Ramos-Goni, Mark Oppe
4	Fedora	Benjamin Matthew Craig	
5	Twente/Maastricht	Catharina Gerarda Maria Groothuis-Oudshoorn	Mickael Hiligsmann
6	Basta!	Mathias Barra	Liv Ariane Augestad
7	Hartman	John Dovell Hartman	
8	Rio	Andréa Monteiro	Marisa Santos, Braulio Santos, Bernardo Tura
9	Discreetly Charming Econometricians	Michał Kosma Jakubczyk	Bogumił Kamiński, Dominik Golicki, Michał Lewandowski, Beata Koń, Paweł Ekk-Cierniakowski
10	Muehlbacher	Axel Christian Muehlbacher	Andrew Sadler, Christin Juhnke
11	Marcel	Marcel Jonker	
12	Choice Modelling Centre & Partners	Stephane Hess	Jordan Louviere, Emily Lanscar, Thijs Dekker, David Meads

The Competition has been promoted widely and received unanimous support. There is great interest in the results as this is the first of its kind in health preference research. However, it is disappointing that many persons vested in EQ DCE research have yet to register or stated that they plan to "sit this one out." Due to great interest in health preference research, researchers with skills in DCE modeling are very busy and we thank those who have registered. If you know someone who should register, please encourage them to do so (**No free riders**).

Over the coming month, we expect to: (1) Complete fielding the exploratory survey; (2) Register an additional 10 or more teams; (3) Select the final teams based EQ DCE modeling experience/skill; (4) Post the survey data, code, submission form, and example (Fedora entry); and (5) Submit an abstract for the EQ Plenary (Berlin) and IAHPR Meeting (Hamburg, Singapore). Competition results will be discussed at the IAHPR meetings in Hamburg and Singapore; however, the victor will be announced in Berlin. Thank you for your support.