

Preface

This book contains a selection of the articles accepted for presentation and discussion at the second International Symposium on Qualitative Research (ISQR2017) as part of the 6th Iberian-American Congress on Qualitative Research, which will be held in Salamanca, Spain, on July 12–14, 2017. CIAIQ/ISQR 2017 was organized by Ludomedia and University of Aveiro/CIDTFF. The conference organization had also the collaboration and/or sponsoring of several universities, research institutes, and companies, including University of Minho, University of Zagreb, University of Salamanca, Federal University of Goiás, University of Porto, Polytechnic Institute of Leiria, Polytechnic of Porto, Lusófona University of Porto, Tallinn University, Catholic University of Maule, University of Tiradentes, University of Extremadura, ISLA, LIACC, CiberDid@tic, webQDA, MicroIO, AISTI, among several others.

CIAIQ/ISQR2017 builds upon several successful events, including CIAIQ/ISQR2016 held at Porto, Portugal, CIAIQ2015 held at Aracaju, Brazil, CIAIQ2014 held at Badajoz, Spain, and CLBIQ2013 held at Aveiro, Portugal. The conference's focus was on Qualitative Research with emphasis on methodological aspects and their relationship with research questions, theories, and results. This book is mainly focused on the use of Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis Software (CAQDAS) for assisting researchers in using correct methodological approaches for Qualitative Research projects.

ISQR2017 featured four main application fields (Education, Health, Social Sciences, Engineering and Technology) and seven main subjects: Rationale and Paradigms of Qualitative Research (theoretical studies, critical reflection about epistemological, ontological, and axiological dimensions); Systematization of approaches with Qualitative Studies (literature review, integrating results, aggregation studies, meta-analysis, meta-analysis of qualitative meta-synthesis, meta-ethnography); Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (emphasis on research processes that build on mixed methodologies but with priority to qualitative approaches); Data Analysis Types (content analysis, discourse analysis, thematic analysis, narrative analysis, etc.); Innovative processes of Qualitative Data

Analysis (design analysis, articulation and triangulation of different sources of data—images, audio, video); Qualitative Research in Web Context (eResearch, virtual ethnography, interaction analysis, internet latent corpora, etc.); Qualitative Analysis with the Support of Specific Software (usability studies, user experience, the impact of software on the quality of research and analysis).

In total, after a careful review process with at least three independent reviews for each paper, a total of 32 high-quality papers from CIAIQ/ISQR were selected for publication, with a total number of authors over 105, from eight countries, including Australia, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and UK. The volume also features five invited papers from distinguished researchers, keynote speakers from previous ISQR/CIAIQ conferences.

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