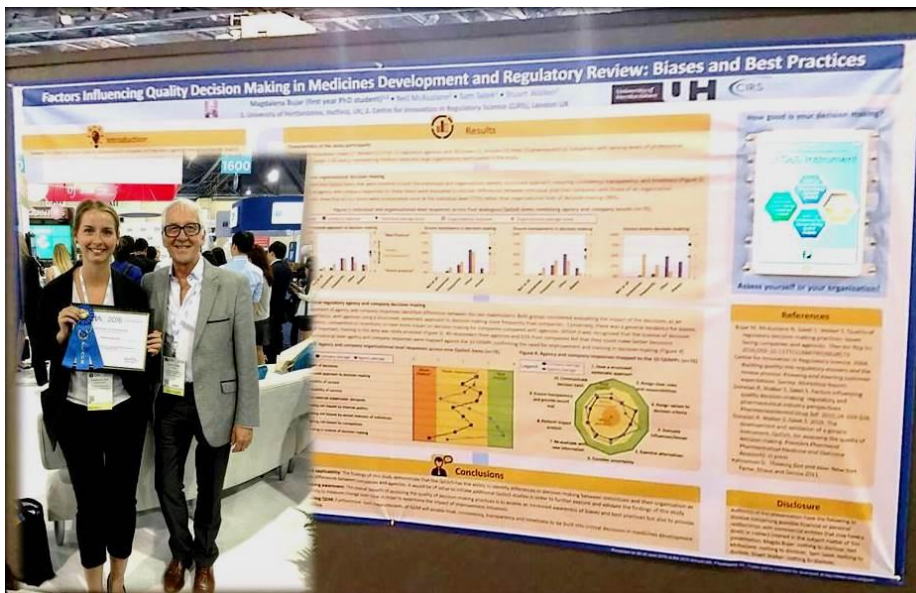


CIRS Senior Research Analyst and first-year doctoral student Magda Bujar awarded first prize, student poster at the annual meeting of the Drug Information Association in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, US, 28 June 2016 – The poster, *Factors influencing quality decision making in medicines development and regulatory review: Biases and best practices* was developed by Ms Bujar and her co-authors and doctoral advisors, Dr Neil McAuslane and Professors Sam Salek and Stuart Walker. The prize-winning poster included an interactive component through which DIA participants could assess their own or their organisation's decision making.



Doctoral student and CIRS senior research analyst, Magda Bujar and CIRS Founder and doctoral advisor Prof Stuart Walker

of 47 items that measure individual and organisational decision-making approach and influences (Donelan et al. 2015, 2013) was completed by 76 participants from regulatory agencies and pharmaceutical companies. The findings of this study demonstrate that the QoDoS has the ability to identify differences in decision making between individuals and their organisation as well as differences between companies and agencies. It would be of value to initiate additional QoDoS studies in order to further explore and validate the findings of this study. The overall benefit of assessing the quality of decision-making practices is to enable an increased awareness of biases and best practices but also to provide the ability to measure change over time in order to determine the impact of improvement initiatives. Furthermore, such measurements of QDM will enable trust, consistency, transparency and timeliness to be built into critical decisions in medicines development and review.

The Quality of Decision-Making Orientation Scheme (QoDoS), consisting

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