



Improving healthcare decisions

<b>Chapter Name</b>	<b>Central America and Caribbean (CAC)</b>
<b>President</b>	Leonel Fonseca, Professor, Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica, leonelr@gmail.com
<b>President-Elect</b>	Luis Saenz recently resigned, next to be appointed in the following month
<b>Past President</b>	Manfred Lutz, Sanofi Pasteur, dr.manfred.lutz@gmail.com
<b>Secretary</b>	Mauricio Giron recently resigned, next to be appointed in the following month
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Director</b>	Rodolfo Lambour, Fedefarma, rodolfo.lambour@fedefarma.org
<b>Director</b>	Mario Calderon, independent consultant, mrcalderon@aol.com
<b>When are elections held for your Chapter's Board?</b>	July, 2015
<b>Regional Chapter Members - 2017</b>	175
<b>Regional Chapter Members - 2016</b>	250
<b>Notes re Chapter members</b>	
<b>Full ISPOR members (those paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters)</b>	75
<b>Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership?</b>	No
<b>Benefits Chapter offer to members</b>	Access to learning materials, newsletter, ISPOR information
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2017 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement.</b>	Set up of web page for chapter members, promotion of country delegates
<b>Academia%</b>	5
<b>Government/HTA Agency%</b>	35
<b>Industry - Pharmaceutical/Medical Device/Diagnostics/ Biotech%</b>	50
<b>Consulting%</b>	5
<b>Clinicians%</b>	5
<b>Student%</b>	
<b>Other%</b>	
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2017 with regard to education and training.</b>	Two Short (two days) courses in Economic Evaluation of Health Technologies for Social Security and Ministry of Health decision makers (Panamá). Pre-conference workshop of the 34th Central America Pharmacy Conference
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2017 with regard to research.</b>	
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2017 with regard to policy-related activities.</b>	Support to decision makers of the medicine comitee, Panama. Participation and support to the Excellence Comitee (cancer) of the Costa Rica College of Physicians

<b>Chapter's accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences in 2017.</b>	Chapter (regional) conferences are held every two years, next will be in 2018
<b>Articles published in ISPOR's publication in 2017 - <i>Value in Health</i>, <i>Value in Health Regional Issues</i>, <i>Value and Outcomes Spotlight</i>, and ISPOR Regional newsletters by members in your Chapter.</b>	N/a
<b>Contributions to ISPOR Conferences and Events by Chapter members in 2017. Include workshops, poster, and podium sessions.</b>	n/a
<b>Describe any regional patient engagement activities.</b>	Lectures of pharmacoeconomics to patient organizations in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panamá and Dominican Republic (with support of the industry)
<b>Activities organized for students or new professionals.</b>	none
<b>Chapter affiliations with any institutions, universities, government, or associations (other than ISPOR).</b>	No
<b>Does your Chapter have any agreements of sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities, or associations?</b>	Ad-hoc sponsorship arrangements for specific events (courses, workshops, conferences, etc.) mainly with for-profit companies, however, there is not a continuous or permanent agreements
<b>Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) formal comments or responses to any government or health authority.</b>	No
<b>Chapter Groups</b>	
<b>HTA in your Chapter's country or region.</b>	
	Our country/region requires HTA and the Chapter's individual members are involved as experts in the national/regional HTA organizations.
	Our Chapter provides training/education in HTA.
<b>Is your Chapter officially registered with regional authorities in your country?</b>	Yes, indicate what authority
	The chapter is officially registered as a non for-profit organization in the Registro Nacional of the Republic of Costa Rica with scope to Central America and the Caribbean
<b>Does your Chapter employ paid administrative or management staff (Association Management Company, contracted staff)?</b>	No
<b>Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?</b>	Yes
	www.ispor-cac.org (under construction)
<b>Does the Chapter have a bank account?</b>	Yes
<b>Official organizational email address?</b>	info@ispor-cac.org
<b>How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?</b>	By providing guidelines for chapter governance and special training for board members. By involving some more with the chapter activities and a improving the communication process. By giving support with dissemination of information about chapter membership and sharing "success or best practices" and learned lessons from other chapters. By trying to be more inclusive and promoting involvement of members in the direction of ISPOR, it seems to be the same faces all the time, just rotating positions.

<b>3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2018.</b>	To increase membership and improve involvement of members in the region
	To get more involved with policy makers, particularly in those countries with scarce resources to implement proper decision processes
	To make alliances with universities in order to influence health professionals training
<b>Current Chapter members.</b>	ISPOR-CAC memb.pdf
<b>CV for the Chapter President.</b>	CV-LFR-EngSht-I18.pdf
<b>Chapter's Annual Work Plan.</b>	2018 Regional Chapter Annual Work Plan_rCAC.pdf
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<b>FCPA Agreement</b>	x