



Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016

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When are elections held for your Chapter's Board? Please indicate month and year of your last election.	05/01/2015
# Regional Chapter members	250
# Full ISPOR members	50
Collect membership dues or fees from individuals? Annual dues?	No
Chapter benefits	Networking, training
Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement	We have used several educational activities and regional meetings as a mean to attract new members. We are also working on an option for recruitment via online, which will be available by Q2, 2017
Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training	We held two introductory training sessions for government personnel in Guatemala and Panama. Both were a two days short courses on Pharmacoeconomics and HTA
Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research	
Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to policy-related activities	We organized a discussion forum for payers and policy makers of Central America and Dominican Republic. During the forum participants examined their decision making processes and their implications.
Chapter's accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences	In October, we had the 2nd Central American Pharmacoeconomics Conference in Panama City, the attendance was around 110 people, among academia, industry, payers, government
Chapter member's accomplishments, including articles of note or awards	
Describe any regional patient engagement activities	
Describe any activities organized for students or new professionals	
Chapter Affiliations	
Sponsorship Agreements	
Formal comments to governments or health authorities	
Input to national or regional HTA activities	We have been invited by the National Medical Association as member of a national (Costa Rica) technology assessment initiative



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Committees or special interest groups

Since this is a multinational chapter, we are implementing national committees in each country, currently we have in Panama and soon in Dominican Republic. Other countries committees will be created in the near future

Registered with regional authorities

Yes, indicate what authority

Chapter's main goals for 2017

It is incorporated as an association in Costa Rica

To organize the 2nd Forum for Central America and Caribbean payers (August 2017). To organize at least one short course in each country that have not been covered in 2016 (during 2017) To have the web page running (June 2017) To have a newsletter for chapter members (August 2017)

3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2017

1

Engagement of as many members as possible in the chapter activities

2

Improvement of chapter procedures

3

Increase reach out in relevant stakeholder

Prepared this report

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