



## **ISPOR South Africa Regional Chapter Annual Report 2011**

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### **Background:**

The ISPOR South Africa Regional Chapter was established in May 2007. The chapter has 99 members.

The current leadership of the ISPOR South Africa Regional Chapter is comprised of the following:

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<b>Activities/ Accomplishments</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Scientific/ Educational Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul LaCock presented on behalf of the Chapter at the local Board of Health Care Funders Annual Conference and Chapter President chaired several sessions on new Prescribed Minimum Benefit Regulations (on behalf of ISPOR) during the Council of Medical Schemes’ review process of the current regulations pertaining cost effectiveness and affordability.</li> <li>• At the present there is still a lack of manpower within in the South African regulatory environment when it comes to outcomes research, HTA and Pharmacoeconomics. Health economics is still viewed from a macro level with limited appreciation for true HTA.</li> <li>• Hosted a very successful Treeage Course for beginners and a more advance course for students during the first half of 2011.</li> </ul>
<b>Policy-Related Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged with government on policy issues and contributed to the draft pricing policy document on new medicines.</li> </ul>
<b>Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the ISPOR 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA, May 2011.</li> <li>• Attended the ISPOR Africa Chapters small meeting in Baltimore and discussed how to engage Regional Chapters’ in ISPOR activities.</li> <li>• Organized 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the Chapter in October: 60 delegates represented local pharmaceutical, devices and funding industries. The support from academic centres is still lacking, which is very much in line with the remarks sited above. Professor L. Garrison from Washington delivered the plenary lectures and chaired one of the workshops on the 2 day of the conference.</li> </ul>
<b>Membership Development</b>	The membership is steady with 99 members.

### Upcoming Activities for ISPOR South Africa Regional Chapter 2012

Date	Activities
Throughout the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To hold Chapter meetings and address challenges related to time constraints of the Chapter leadership.</li> <li>● To appoint permanent Chapter representative who will liaise with ISPOR and oversee administration, fundraising, and member recruitment responsibilities.</li> <li>● To create more permanent administration office.</li> <li>● To organize 4 webinars in a year with the 1st webinar scheduled for April 2012. (Each webinar will be hosted locally with international speaker. Programmes will have learning and information activities hosted centrally with the opportunity for members to attend, dial or log in. Topics will be followed by optional assignments for members who require certificates of competence.)</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To organize Chapter meeting and discuss new initiatives including the provision to the ISPOR Health Care Systems Roadmap</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To attend ISPOR 17<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting, Washington, DC, USA</li> <li>● To participate and present in ISPOR Africa Chapters Forum during the ISPOR 17<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meeting, Washington, DC, USA</li> </ul>

