



ISPOR South Africa Chapter Annual Report 2013

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Background:

The ISPOR South African Chapter was approved in 2007. The chapter has 62 members.

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

President	Prof. JR Snyman, MBChB, MPharmMed, MD Clinical Pharmacologist Pretoria, South Africa
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Activities / Accomplishments	Summary
Scientific / Educational Activities	<p>ISPOR SA - TreeAge Training Courses</p> <p>ISPOR SA Chapter organized an introductory/intermediate TreeAge training course in Centurion (Pretoria) on 8-9 October 2013. The course was recognized by the developers of TreeAge and attendees received a certificate of attendance. There are 12 delegates representing a number of industry sectors: academia, consulting and manufacturers. Paul la Cock, a consultant employed by inScisive consulting, presented the course and TreeAge provided the course materials.</p> <p>Another TreeAge course was scheduled in Cape Town for 9-10 April 2013. Interest was very limited and the event was converted into a one-day intensive course for a single student.</p>
Policy-Related Activities	<p>The Chapter commented on final SA Pharmacoeconomic Guidelines which did not change after initial draft. Major flaws were pointed out as this still is a punitive document where products will be labelled not-cost effective (not stating however which is) without having any benchmark or utility to state when a product will be considered cost effective. This is not a transparent or independent process from the third party payer.</p>
Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings	<p>The Chapter has embarked on a conference every second year as this is more affordable. Distance from Europe or North-America makes it rather costly for invited speakers. Travel within Africa is also expensive which again is prohibitive for inter Africa attendance. Quarterly activities are therefore arranged regionally in South Africa:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The first such activity in the first quarter (April) was a workshop on Epidemiology presented by Dr Anette Gerritsen. This was presented as a webinar to allow those from outside the workshop venue to dial in and follow the workshop and discussion. b. The next training on HTA is scheduled for 27 February 2014: HTA workshop c. ISPOR SA Chapter Conference is Scheduled for September/October 2014 d. Chapter Management meetings are scheduled every second month
Membership Development	<p>Membership development is mainly via webinars and conferences. Members from academia have been a few due to a paucity of pharmaco-economics training in tertiary education facilities. It started only the last few years ago and therefore faculty is not well developed yet.</p> <p>However, Prof I Truter from NMMU and Prof M Lubbe from NWU, heads of research succeeded onto the board and will be joining us from January 2014 i.e. This will allow more students to join the chapter and also encourage academic participation from other institutions and hopefully government as well.</p>

Upcoming Activities for ISPOR South Africa Chapter 2014

Date	Activities
January	Organization of annual kick off meeting to promote our activities among several sectors associated with our topics. Conference and webinar planning.
February	First workshop on HTA: already well subscribed from industry with numbers of participants from most stakeholders: industry, funding industry, regulatory authority.
April/May	Second webinar topic to be announced; conference call for abstracts.
January to September	Monthly conference planning meetings; Education Committee to meet and track progress of member development.
July/august	Third educational activities: Advanced Treeage Course
Sept/October	Chapter Bi-annual conference: Venue TBA end January 2014