



## South Africa Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016

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**When are elections held for your Chapter's Board?**

09/01/2016

**Please indicate month and year of your last election.**

**# Regional Chapter members**

75

**# Full ISPOR members**

11

**Collect membership dues or fees from individuals?**

Yes

**Annual dues?**

R1 100 for 2017

**Chapter benefits**

Educational workshops, annual conference

**Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement**

Membership now at 75. 10 new members joined in order to get the conference discount. Other members were added through the workshop series. Partnering with other local organizations such as SAHTAS (Southern African Health Technology Assessment Society). SAHTAS is affiliated with INAHTA and the first society of its kind in the region. They are more focused on HTA for equipment and devices and partner with ISPOR where inputs on medicines are needed. ISPOR SA Presented at the SAHTAS Conference in June 2016 on an expert panel (Shelley McGee presented on "The economic impact of Medicines in South Africa". Debjani Mueller of SAHTAS was a plenary presenter at the ISPOR SA Chapter Conference in September 2016. FUNDISA ACADEMY The FUNDISA Academy (affiliated to Stellenbosch University) held a 3-day Introduction to Pharmacoeconomics workshop in October 2016. Shelley McGee and Jacques Snyman of ISPOR SA Chapter both presented lectures as part of the academic program.



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### **Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training**

ISPOR SA Chapter Summer Workshop title: Finding, extracting and using cost data for health economic studies Format: 1 Day Workshop, 01 March 2016. ISPOR SA Chapter Winter Workshop title: Evidence Based Health care, Systematic reviews, and searching for studies Format: 1 Day Workshop, 10 June 2016. ISPOR SA Chapter Congress 2016 Format: 2 day Pre-Congress Workshops, 17 & 18 September 2016 Title: 1 Health Economic Modelling Introduction 2 Health Economic Modelling Intermediate 3 What's the Evidence? 4 Introduction to Outcomes Research 5 Budget Impact Analysis, 2-Day Congress, 19 & 20 September 2016.

### **Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research**

N/A

### **Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to policy-related activities**

Accomplishments in policy 2016. In July 2016 ISPOR SA Chapter held its first formal meeting with the South African Pricing Committee. The Pricing committee is a statutory committee established in terms of the Regulations of the Medicines and Related substances Act (101 of 1965). The Pricing Committee makes recommendations to the Department of Health on the regulation of medicines prices in the private health sector in South Africa. This includes implementation of the country's guidelines for pharmacoeconomic submissions, published in 2014. The July meeting between ISPOR SA and the Pricing Committee took place during the Committee's regular monthly meeting on 23rd July. ISPOR SA Presented its mission, vision, membership make-up and plans for its upcoming conference and requests for how the organization can work with the Department of Health and the pricing Committee to further pharmacoeconomics and the implementation of the guidelines. The Pricing Committee was receptive to further partnering and supportive of ISPOR SA's plans. The chair requested that ISPOR SA formally include the pricing committee in all planning for educational and policy activities going forward so that we can find ways to better work together for the betterment of pharmacoeconomic evaluations in the country.



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### Chapter's accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences

ISPOR SA Chapter Summer Workshop – 23 delegates attended the workshop title: Finding, extracting and using cost data for health economic studies. Format: 1 Day Workshop, 01 March 2016. ISPOR SA Chapter Winter Workshop – 19 delegates attended the workshop title: Evidence Based Health care, Systematic reviews, and searching for studies. Format: 1 Day Workshop, 10 June 2016. ISPOR SA Chapter Congress 2016 – 82 delegates attended. Format: 2 day Pre-Congress Workshops, 17 & 18 September 2016 title: 1 Health Economic Modelling Introduction 2 Health Economic Modelling Intermediate 3 What's the Evidence? 4 Introduction to outcomes Research 5 Budget Impact Analysis 2-Day Congress, 19 & 20 September 2016

### Chapter member's accomplishments, including articles of note or awards

The ISPOR SA Chapter has actively engaged in the ISPOR Africa Network, presenting at both the Africa Forums held in the United States and Europe this Year. In May 2016 in Washington DC Shelley McGee Presented at the Africa Forum on the current Policy and technical state of Health Technology Assessment in South Africa, as part of the ISPOR Africa network representation which included Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya. Ilse Truter and Laura Sawyer, attended the ISPOR 19th Annual European Congress in Vienna, Austria in November 2016 Ilse Truter attended the ISPOR Africa Network meeting on Sunday at 17:15-18:15. She also presented in the ISPOR Africa Network Forum in a session entitled "THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES IN AFRICA: SITUATION ANALYSIS AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS". The moderator for this session was Dr Mahmoud Diaa Elmahdawy, President, ISPOR Egypt Chapter. This session was held on Monday, 31 October at 18:15-19:15, and Ilse's paper was entitled, "Economic Burden of Counterfeit Medicine in South Africa: Situation Analysis and Proposed Solutions". She also presented on behalf of Dr Anthony Waka Udezi, the President of ISPOR Nigeria, on "Fake and substandard drugs: some practical solutions from Nigeria". Dr Elmahdawy presented on the situation regarding counterfeit medicines in Egypt and also in Ghana. In addition, Ilse was a poster judge on Monday morning and presented four posters during the conference.

### Describe any regional patient engagement activities

N/A



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### **Describe any activities organized for students or new professionals**

The SA Chapter actively encouraged participation of students at our workshops and conference during 2016 offering opportunities to present posters and attend at a reduced rate.

### **Chapter Affiliations**

### **Sponsorship Agreements**

Partnering with SAHTAS and Fundisa Academy.

### **Formal comments to governments or health authorities**

Pricing Committee engagement in July 2016.

### **Input to national or regional HTA activities**

### **Committees or special interest groups**

Academic Committee

### **Registered with regional authorities**

Yes, indicate what authority

Registered as a Non-Profit Company with the South African authorities

### **Chapter's main goals for 2017**

Workshop series - 3 during the year Conference - 2 days pre conference workshops and 2 day conference  
Further engagement with Pricing Committee and Department of Health.

### **3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2017**

Finances

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Changes in local legislation.

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Membership and part time board

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