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ISPOR South Africa Chapter News

ISPOR South Africa Chapter Board had a Strategic Meeting early in 2018 not only to define the strategic plan for 2018 but also establish what ISPOR South Africa Chapter stands for as a society and determine what the offering is to the market.

Purpose: *ISPOR South Africa Chapter cares about the quality and consistency of healthcare decisions and effective implementation of resource allocation and utilization in South Africa.*

The Brand Promise: *ISPOR South Africa Chapter provides localized global best practice ensuring quality decisions in healthcare resource allocation.*

The first Workshop presented by ISPOR South Africa Chapter this year was on *What is new in EBM? Current Controversies and Contingencies*. This workshop offered great interaction between delegates and Prof Paul Rheeder who was praised as an excellent presenter. Key learnings were: The latest and newest trends one need to be aware of in Evidence Based Medicine; How to integrate these new trends in day to day work and How these new trends impact on our engagement with various stakeholders.

The South African healthcare environment is currently in a preparatory phase for the implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI). This led the Chapter Board to host the ISPOR South Africa Chapter Annual Conference under the theme of *Universal Access to Health: The role of HTA and HEOR* in Johannesburg from 16 – 18 September that was once again the highlight of the Chapter's Calendar for the year.

The Pre-Conference workshops were well attended and offered delegate the opportunity to learn more on the Convergence of technology and health care registries for better outcomes as well as Health Technology Assessment with real-world South African data examples as reference.

The Conference covered Alternative Reimbursement Health Financing: Revenue, Strategic purchasing and the role of HTA, Challenges in NHI, Health Market Inquiry, The new Pharmacoeconomic Guidelines and PMB Review, New and noteworthy in HEOR as well as South African Research with 10 accepted Abstracts at the conference. This program



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that was presented by leaders in the industry from a vast array of stakeholders involved in the Healthcare System attracted nearly 90 delegates.