



## Uganda Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016

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<b>When are elections held for your Chapter's Board? Please indicate month and year of your last election.</b>	06/01/2013
<b># Regional Chapter members</b>	72
<b># Full ISPOR members</b>	20
<b>Collect membership dues or fees from individuals? Annual dues?</b>	No
<b>Chapter benefits</b>	Information about ISPOR activities, conferences and opportunities. Information and travel advice to members attending ISPOR international meetings/conferences. Local guest lectures were organized. Opportunities for networking with other researchers. Training workshops circulation of job announcements relevant to health economics and related fields.
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement</b>	The chapter maintains a local mailing list and twitter feed for communication with members. Membership marginally increased to 72 from 68 in the previous year.
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training</b>	Local capacity for health economic evaluation and research remains low in Uganda. Two local trainings were organized to improve capacity, two initiatives were pursued in 2016. The chapter entered into a collaboration with a private firm (Carapinha & Company) focused on research and capacity building. Through this arrangement, chapter members were provided free access to a 2-part online webinar on Decision Modelling for Pharmacoeconomic Evaluation on August 2 & 3, 2016. The chapter was co-applicant on an academic grant application to support health economics training and capacity building in Uganda. Feedback on the grant outcome is expected in early 2017.
<b>Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research</b>	The chapter contributed to the review of the manuscript in preparation entitled: EBOLA: Health Economic Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Policy Recommendations.



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

None

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

ISPOR Uganda Chapter Guest Lecture in collaboration with IDI Research Department. Two lectures were held at the Infectious Diseases Institute in Kampala. Date: May 26, 2016 Title/Subject: Newborn Screening and Prophylactic Interventions for Sickle Cell Disease in 47 Countries In Sub-Saharan Africa: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. Speaker: Dr Andreas Kuznik, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, USA Format: Lecture Date: 8 December 2016 Title/Subject: Access to Medicines in Uganda Speaker: Professor Christopher Orach, Makerere University School of Public Health, Kampala Format: Lecture.

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

The chapter president co-authored 3 manuscripts that were published during the year under review including an influential manuscript on scaling up access to antiretroviral therapy based on new WHO guidelines. 1: Kuznik A, Iliyasu G, Habib AG, Musa BM, Kambugu A, Lamorde M. Initiation of antiretroviral therapy based on the 2015 WHO guidelines. AIDS. 2016 Nov. 28;30(18):2865-2873. 2: Kuznik A, Habib AG, Munube D, Lamorde M. Newborn screening and prophylactic interventions for sickle cell disease in 47 countries in sub-Saharan Africa: a cost-effectiveness analysis. BMC Health Serv Res. 2016 Jul 26;16:304. 3: Hamza M, Idris MA, Maiyaki MB, Lamorde M, Chippaux JP, Warrell DA, Kuznik A, Habib AG. Cost-Effectiveness of Antivenoms for Snakebite Envenoming in 16 Countries in West Africa. PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2016 Mar 30;10(3):e0004568. Rachel Musomba, ISPOR Uganda Chapter member received an international scholarship to attend the ISPOR 19th Annual European Congress in Vienna.

**Describe any regional patient engagement activities**

None.

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

None.

**Chapter Affiliations**

Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI), Makerere University. The institute provides logistics support to the chapter in the form of administrative time, meeting space, and accounting.

**Sponsorship Agreements**

**Formal comments to governments or health authorities**

**Input to national or regional HTA activities**

**Committees or special interest groups**



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**Registered with regional authorities**

Yes

Uganda Registration Services Bureau

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

Develop membership to at least 80 active members.

Conduct 2 training workshops (June and November).

Participate as a chapter in 1 research project.

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

The Chapter needs a formal secretariat to drive chapter activities on a day to day basis.

**1**

Inadequate funding to support chapter members to travel to ISPOR meetings.

**2**

Limited engagement with policy makers.

**3**

**Prepared this report**

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