

2006-2007 STUDENT INTEREST SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

This survey was administered to the chapter members of the various student chapter organizations to learn about their characteristics, participation, contributions, and needs.

METHODS

A 21-item questionnaire with both open and closed end questions was used for this survey. The student chapter presidents were sent an e-mail in the month of November 2006 with the questionnaire and were asked to distribute the survey to their members. Data was collected and tabulated in an excel spreadsheet by chapter presidents. Three reminders were sent to the non-responders at 2 weeks apart to minimize non-response bias.

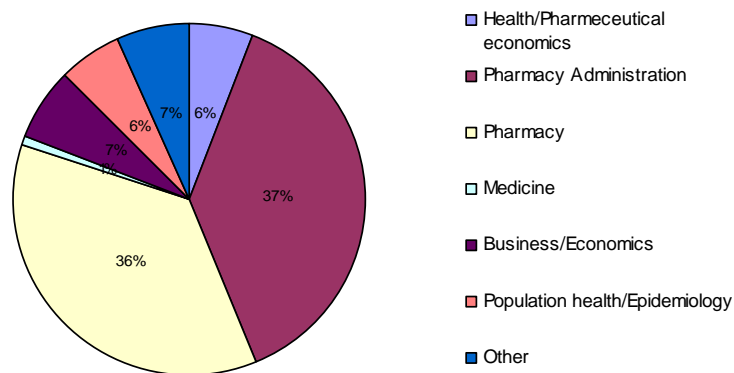
RESULTS

1. Response Rate

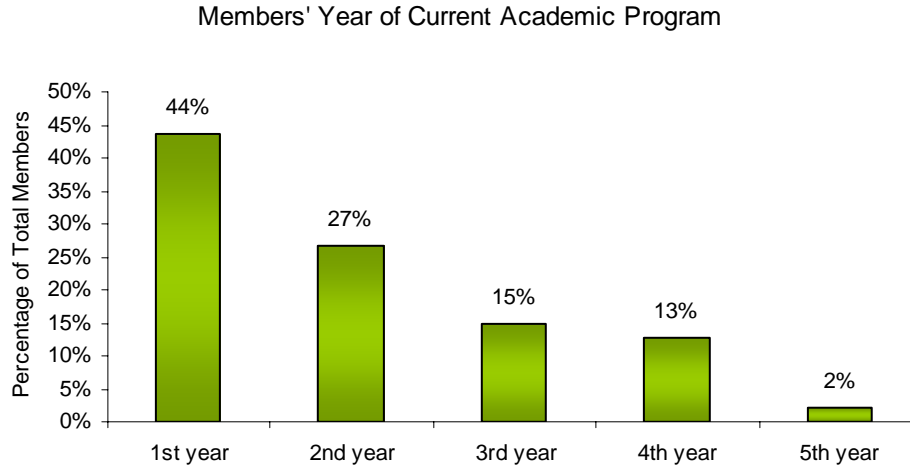
The questionnaire was sent to 23 student chapters, of which 13 responded, yielding a response rate of 56%. The results of the survey are as follows:

2. Characteristics of ISPOR Members

The majority of the student members had a Pharmacy Administration or a Pharmacy background (37% and 36%, respectively).



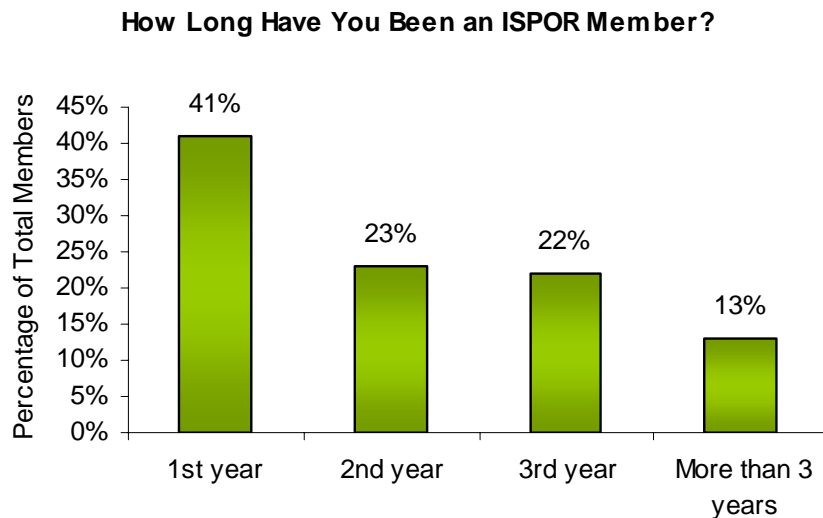
Moreover, approximately 98% of the members are currently pursuing an academic degree. The breakdown of members in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth year of their current program is shown below.



3.Participation and Contribution

Student members were asked about their participation within their chapters.

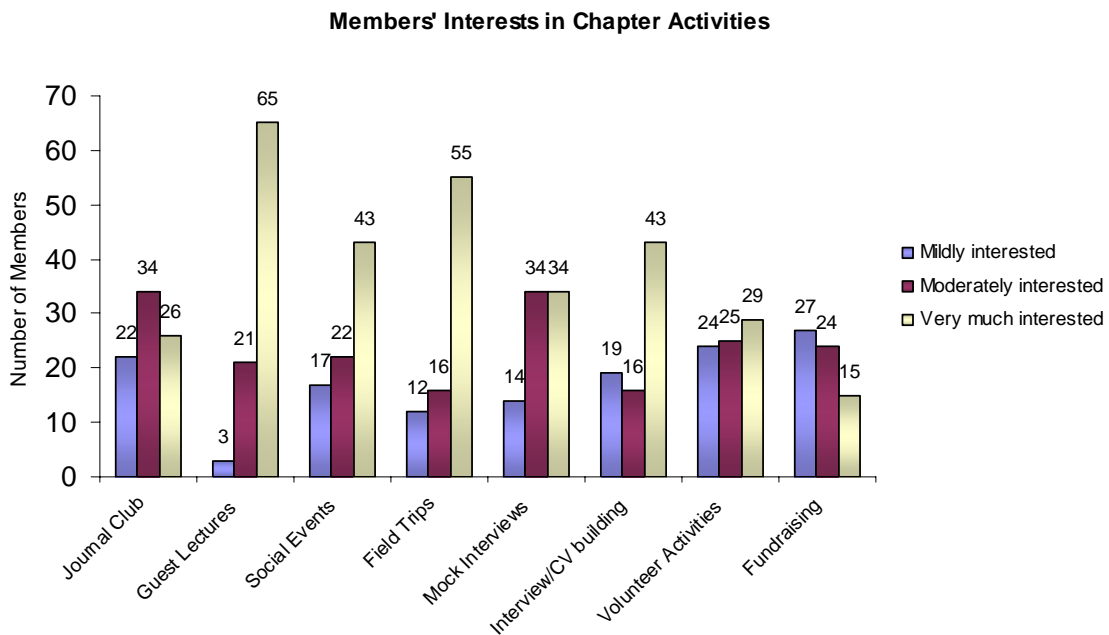
Approximately 36% of the members currently hold a leadership position in their respective ISPOR chapter and approximately 41% of the members were first-year ISPOR members, 23% were second-years, 22% were third-years, and 13% have been members for more than three years (see below).



The majority of members were regularly attending their ISPOR meetings in the previous year, with 53% of total members reportedly attending more than 75% of the chapter meetings in the 2005 academic year. The survey also asked the members about their interests in having certain activities at their respective ISPOR chapters. Results are shown below:

4. Chapter Activities

Student chapter presidents were asked to report activities that their chapters planned to organize. Overall guest lectures and social events were the top 2 preferences followed by journal clubs and internship/career opportunities related activities. Results are shown in the figure below.



5. ISPOR Educational Teleconference Series

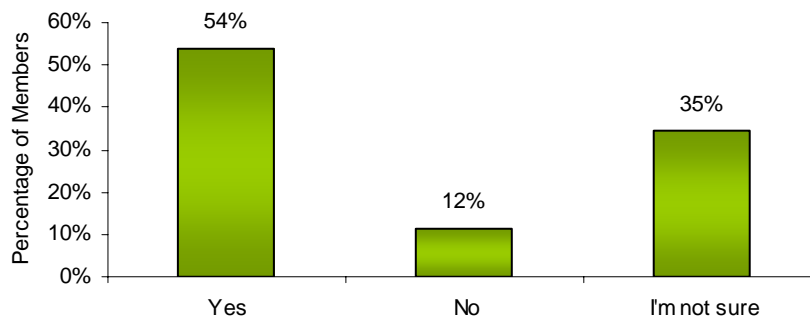
The survey also elicited information pertaining to the monthly ISPOR Educational Teleconference Series where guest speakers have given educational lectures on various topics. The guest speakers have been experts in their presentation topics. Only 53% of the student members reported to attend these teleconferences in the current or previous semesters. However, 93% of the members who have attended the teleconferences found them to be beneficial and 74% were interested/very interested in having educational teleconference workshops. When asked how often they would like to have such teleconferences, the majority of members responded either “once a month” or “six per year” (47% and 30%, respectively). Students were most interested in having speakers from industry, followed by consulting groups and decision-makers.

7. Research Competition

The ISPOR Student Council will be holding a “Knowledge-Bowl”(a student research competition) during the 12th Annual ISPOR Meeting, where teams will be quizzed on the different aspects of health economics and outcomes research. The questions will be based on the “ISPOR Book of Terms”, and the winning team will receive a plaque, be recognized in the awards session and on the website, and receive a monetary award of \$750.

Below are the breakdowns of responses for questions that asked members if they were planning on attending the 12th Annual International ISPOR Meeting, if they were interested in competing in the student research competition, and if they have access to the “ISPOR Book of Terms”, of which 75% of students stated they did not have access to this resource.

Do You Plan on Attending the 12th Annual ISPOR Meeting?



Are You Interested in Competing in Student Research Competition?

