

Constitution of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter

Article 1: Name

1. The name of this organization is the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Russia St. Petersburg Chapter, herein referred to as ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter.

Article 2: Mission

The mission of the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter is to:

1. Build, develop, and ensure Regional Chapter membership representation from health care researchers, health care practitioners, and decision-makers interested in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research can share knowledge at a country level or regional level.
2. Serve as a bridge in bringing together country researchers, health care practitioners, and decision-makers interested in HTA and pharmacoeconomics, as well as members of the pharmaceutical medical device/ diagnostics industry, health-related organizations, and academia.
3. Act as a resource at a local level for individuals interested in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research, and its use in health care decisions, clinical and economic assessment, pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research and its use in health care decisions.
4. Provide an opportunity for country or region -specific chapter members to become more familiar with the activities of ISPOR area as well as participate in its activities.

Article 3: Affiliation

1. This ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter maintains affiliation as a component chapter of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR).

Article 4: Membership

1. Membership is open to any individual working with the country or region interested in the Society and supports the mission of the Society.

Article 5: Procedures

1. The ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg is governed by this constitution
2. ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter is a recognized organization in the country and complies with local government policies. ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter holds at least 1 general meeting during the year. Minutes of meetings must be taken. Minutes must be provided to the ISPOR Board of Directors upon request.
3. Any member of the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter may initiate a constitutional amendment. Procedures for amending this Constitution are outlined in Article 9.

Article 6: Chapter Leadership

1. Leadership of the ISPOR St. Petersburg Chapter is the Executive Committee.
2. The leadership must have their professional post within the region.
3. The Executive Committee consists of the following elected members: President, President-elect, Past President, Secretary/ Treasurer, and at least two Directors. Members of the Executive Committee should represent diverse geographic locations and work environments. President should be a health care decision –maker or an active researcher in the field of economics/ outcomes research, at least for the first 5 years of the Chapter. President-elect/ President/ Past President are limited to one term. ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter members elect the members of Executive Committees. Elections are to be held according to the rules and procedures outlined in the article 8.
4. At least three members of the Executive Committee are ISPOR members.
5. Members of the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter Executive Committee hold their respective positions for a term of up to three years, or for remainder of a term when filling a vacancy. The position of Director or Secretary / Treasurer can serve a second term if re-elected by members of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter.
6. The Executive Committee oversees and supports activities of the Chapter. The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committees should be as defined in Article 7.
7. The executive Committee’s responsibilities include upholding the mission of the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter as defined in Article 2.
8. Executive Committee meetings are held as needed. Minutes of meetings must be taken. Minutes must be provided to the ISPOR Board of Directors upon request.
9. The ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter Executive Committee has the right to make decisions according to ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter Constitution.

Article 7: Duties of Executive Committee

President

The President of the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter:

1. Takes office after a term as President-elect and holds this position for a term of up to three years;
2. Oversees ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter activities
3. Conducts and presides over all meetings of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter
4. Represents ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter when called upon to do so.
4. Provides an annual report of activities including a list of current ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter members to the ISPOR Board of Directors.

The office is open to any member of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter, in accordance with the requirements outlined in Article 6.

President-elect

The President-elect of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter:

1. Holds this position for a term of up to three years as President-elect, and at the end of the term as President-elect becomes President.
2. Conducts and presides all meetings of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter in the absence of the President.
3. Assists the President with the responsibilities and duties as necessary.

The office is open to any member of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter in accordance with the requirements outlined in Article 6.

Past President

The Past President of the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter:

1. Holds this position for a term up to three years after serving as a President.
2. Conducts and presides all the meetings of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter in the absence of President/President-elect.
3. Assists the President with the responsibilities and duties as necessary.

The office is open to any member of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter, in accordance with the requirements outlined in Article 6.

Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter:

1. Records the minutes of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter meetings. An official copy of the minutes should be kept in the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter records and a copy emailed to: RegionalChapter@ispor.org.
2. Handles ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter correspondence as necessary.
3. Is responsible for any financial transactions of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter.
4. Keeps and maintains ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter records.
5. Keeps and makes available to the members of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg and the ISPOR Board of Directors a record of all monies received and spent by ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter.
6. Reports the financial status of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter at meetings.
7. Oversees the financial activities of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter

The office is open to any member of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter.

Directors

A Director of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter:

1. Initiates activities of the Chapter
2. Performs duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

The office is open to any member of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter in accordance with the requirements outlined in Article 6.

Article 8: Election Procedures

1. The active members of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter elect the ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter executive officers. Each Chapter member has one vote.
2. The Executive Committee incumbent members select at least three Chapter members from diverse work environment and geographic location for submission to the Nomination Committee.
3. The Nomination Committee solicits candidates for the positions of President-elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Directors by notifying all chapters' members electronically or by postal mail, prior to the end of the term of the incumbent.
4. The Nominations Committee selects at least two candidates for each position ensuring that the selected slate complements the incumbent Executive Committee with respect to education, professional interest, work environment, geographical location and gender.
5. If selected for audit, the Nominations Committee will provide the ISPOR Board of Directors with evidence that the elections were conducted in a fair manner.
6. All elected positions must receive a majority vote (> 50% of votes received)
- 7 The incumbent ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter President informs the ISPOR Board of Directors of the newly elected Executive Committee members via: regionalchapter@ispor.org.
8. Unless initiated by a decision of the President or by any member of the Executive Committee regarding their election term, an Executive Committee member holds their position until the end of the defined term. Executive Committee members should not be required to step down by any member of the chapter. If there is a dispute that needs further resolution, a petition must be Unless initiated by a decision of the President, or by any member of the Board regarding their elected term, a Board member holds their position until the end of the defined term. Board members should not be required to step down by any member of the Chapter. If there is a dispute that needs further resolution, a petition must be formally submitted to the ISPOR Board of Directors via regionalchapter@ispor.org
9. If a change in leadership occurs outside the parameters outlined in this constitution, the Chapter and/or new leadership are subject to disbandment by ISPOR Board of Directors.

Article 9: Amendments

1. Any active member or officer of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter may propose constitutional amendments.
2. A proposed amendment to this or new Constitution should become binding after receiving a two-thirds majority of the total voting membership of ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter.

Article 10: Indemnification

1. ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter will indemnify ISPOR from liability for injury or damage, cost or expense resulting from or which arises out of or in connection with the use by ISPOR Russia St. Petersburg Chapter of the ISPOR name, logo, or arising from the relationship or affiliation between the parties.