Asia Delegation Roundtable Meeting
On Health Technology Assessment and its Application for Asia

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Speakers’ Biographical Profiles

Moderator & Speaker
Bong-min Yang
2010-2012 Chair, ISPOR Asia Consortium Executive Committee
Board of Directors, ISPOR, and
President, Korea Association of Health Technology Assessment, Seoul, South Korea

Bong-min Yang has a PhD in economics and was former Dean of the School of Public Health at the Seoul National University, South Korea. He has written many papers in health economics and the health care system in Korea and East Asia, such as the recent "The future of HTA in Healthcare Decision Making in Asia,” *PharmacoEconomics* (2009), “Growing Application of Pharmacoconomics and Outcomes Research in Asia-Pacific Region,” *Value in Health* (2009) and “International price comparisons of Alzheimer’s drugs: a way to close the affordability gap,” *International Psychogeriatrics* (2009).

Prof Yang also has worked as short-term consultant at WHO, ADB, UNDP, and the World Bank. For the Korean government, he served as Chairperson of Health Insurance Reform Committee, and Chairperson of the Drug Pricing and Reimbursement Committee. He currently is serving as President of KAHTA (Korea Association of Health Technology Assessment), Board of Directors of ISPOR, and Chair of ISPOR-Asia Consortium.
Speakers

Marilyn Dix Smith RPh, PhD
Founding Executive Director, ISPOR

Marilyn Smith received her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Science from Ohio State University and was Director of Managed Care Pharmacy, Lederle Laboratories. Being a prominent figure in the industry, Dr Smith was a Technical Review Consultant for the National Cancer Institute and served for 15 years on the Committee of Revision, United States Pharmacopoeia. She also was a co-founder of the American Association for Pharmaceutical Scientists.

Dr Smith has been responsible for implementing the key initiatives of ISPOR, such as ISPOR Research Digest, ISPOR Pharmacoeconomics Guidelines Around the World, ISPOR Managed Care Digest, ISPOR International Digest of Databases, ISPOR Good Research Practices and the ‘Health Care Cost, Quality, and Outcomes: ISPOR Book of Terms.’

Hongli Niu
Department of Health Policy and Regulation,
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Hongli Niu graduated from Tongji Medical School, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, majoring in social science and health management. She obtained her Masters in Management in 2006. She has worked in the Department of Health Policy and Regulation, Ministry of Health, China since then, mainly engaging in health policy study.

Her main research interests include health system reform and development, health financing and fairness, national drug policy, public hospital administration and reform, and health service quality.
Jinliang Hu
Health Policy and Information Technology Institute, Sichuan Medical Science Academy & People’s Hospital, China

Currently a research assistant at the Health Policy and Information Technology Institute, Sichuan Medical Science Academy & People’s Hospital, Mr Hu obtained a Bachelor’s in Public Health form the West China University of Medical Science. This was followed by a Masters in Epidemiology & Health Statistics. His main area of research includes health resource allocation and regional health planning, the application of health statistics in health management and health economics and social medicine.

Mr Hu is also a Project Official of Evidence-Informed Policy Network (Evipnet) Sichuan, part of a WHO social and collaborative network that promotes the systematic use of health research evidence in policy-making.

Iwan Dwiprahasto
Faculty of Medicine
Gadjah Mada University
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Iwan Dwiprahasto obtained his medical degree in 1987 from Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia, and later obtained his Masters in Pharmacoepidemiology from the University of Newcastle, Australia. He also has a PhD in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Currently the Chairman of the Indonesian Pharmacologist Association, Prof Dwiprahasto has also been on the Board of the International Clinical Epidemiology Network since 2000. He also sits on various national committees, such as on the committees on Drug Information, Traditional Medicine Evaluation, Patient Safety in Hospital, National Essential Drugs, National Health Insurance and Drug Evaluation. Prof Dwiprahasto has presented widely in the international scientific circuit. He has conducted research on patient safety and was Principal Investigator in several World Bank projects.
Kongsap Akkhavong
Deputy Director of the National Institute of Public Health
Laos

Kongsap Akkhavong has been Deputy Director of the National Institute of Public Health since 2000, after a stint as Vice Directeur de l’Institute de la Francophonie pour Medecine Tropicale (Laos). He was previously Deputy Director of Mahosot Hospital.

A/Prof Akkhavong is currently Secretary General of the Lao Medical Association. In addition, he is Team Leader of Evipnet Lao, Country coordinator of Poverty and Illness (POVILL) research project in Lao PDR and Team Leader of Quality Assurance/Quality improvement (QA/QI) of the Ministry of Health. His ongoing research projects not only involve POVILL, but also include a joint project with IHPP-Thailand on “Health Financing Reforms in SEA: Challenges in achieving universal coverage.”

Raoh-Fang (Jasmine) Pwu
Director,
Division of Health Technology Assessment,
Center for Drug Evaluation,
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Currently Director of the Division of Health Technology Assessment, Center for Drug Evaluation, Taipei, Taiwan, A/Prof Pwu is also Adjunct Assistant Professor at Taipei Medical University. Obtaining her PhD from the College of Public Health, National Taiwan University on “Costeffectiveness Analysis in Pertussis Vaccination and Treatment of Chronic Viral Hepatitis in Taiwan”, A/Prof Pwu’s expertise is in economic evaluation, epidemiology, data analysis and biostatistics. She has been a member of ISPOR and the Taiwan Medical Association since 2006 and is currently a Supervisory board member of the Taiwan Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes (TASPOR).
**Herng-Der Chern**  
Executive Director  
Center for Drug Evaluation  
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Dr. Chern received his MD from National Taiwan University in 1983 and his PhD in pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1994. Before he joined the Center for Drug Evaluation in 1998, Dr. Chern was the head of Division of Clinical Pharmacology of National Taiwan University Hospital and associate professor in National Taiwan University. Currently, Dr. Chern is Executive Director of Center for Drug Evaluation and in charge of technical review of IND/NDA/HTA for Taiwan’s government. Under his leadership, Center for Drug Evaluation is one of a few regulatory agencies in Asia that can perform in-house reviews based on good regulatory science.

In the last 12 years, Dr. Chern played a very active role in promoting ICH concept, GCP education, good review practice, bridging study, new drug development and Health Technology Assessment in Asia. She also served as the APEC representative for the ICH-GCG group in ICH 5 and ICH 6.

Dr. Chern was involved in many regional harmonization initiatives especially the APEC Network of Pharmaceutical Regulatory Science led by Taiwan since 2000. She was the winner of the 2006 Drug Information Association (DIA) Outstanding Service Award for her contribution to DIA.

**Netnapis Suchonwanich**  
Director  
Bureau of Fund Administration  
National Health Security Office, Thailand

Netnapis Suchonwanich is Director of the Bureau of Fund Administration, National Health Security Office, Thailand. Mrs Suchonwanich has held key appointments since the start of implementation of universal coverage in Thailand. She was Director of Information Technology Management, which was involved in establishing the health insurance information system. This will link up databases from other medical care schemes and personal databases from internal ministries. Her next project involves national ID integration into a single smart card.
Luong Chi Thanh
Executive Director
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Luong Chi Thanh obtained his Diploma in 1982 from the Medical College of Pirogov, Odessa, Ucraina. He subsequently obtained a PhD from Ha Noi Medical University in Neuropsychology.

Dr Luong has published scientific papers covering topics such as hypertension in the elderly, memory impairment in the elderly, depression among the elderly living in communities, and on surveys such as the sex life in the elderly, on care needs of the elderly in communities and on the actual situation of medical library services in Vietnam. He has also published in books on social gerontology, Alzheimer’s Disease and functional exploration in the elderly.

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Maria Kubin
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Currently Head of Therapeutic Area Cardiovascular at Bayer Schering Pharma, Maria Kubin completed her medical studies at the University of Cologne in 1988, where she subsequently obtained a doctoral degree in Electrophysiology. In 1998, she obtained a Master of Science in Analysis of Health Care Decisions (Health Economics, Decision Analysis, Outcomes Research) from the London School of Economics / London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Dr Kubin is well-known in the field of pharmacoconomics, with her work in established journals such as International Journal of Medicine, Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and International Journal of Clinical Practice. Working in Bayer since 1989, she was the Head of the Economic Decision Analysis Unit, where she built up an international team in Global Health Economics and Outcomes Research and

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