

Connect. Collaborate. Cultivate: Student Activities at the ISPOR 22nd Annual International Meeting

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The ISPOR 22nd Annual International Meeting was held in Boston, Massachusetts, May 20-24, 2017. As in previous years, the ISPOR Student Network’s North American Meeting Planning Committee worked to plan student events to enhance students’ educational experience and facilitate networking at this conference. The student network kicked off the conference with a Student Council Dinner and Student Leadership Retreat for incoming and outgoing student chapter presidents. These events proved to be a perfect ending to a successful year for the outgoing chapter presidents. The outgoing presidents have spent the past 12 months working together closely on various committees to further the ISPOR Student Network mission to increase awareness, provide educational opportunities, and develop professional advancement to promote excellence in health economics and outcomes research globally.

The Student Leadership Retreat held on Sunday afternoon provided an opportunity

for the Student Network’s future leaders to learn about accomplishments during the previous year. The incoming student chapter presidents will strategically build upon these achievements to grow the Student Network and will work to improve the educational, social, and networking opportunities that ISPOR provides for student members.

After the Student Leadership Retreat, student chapter presidents gathered with their schools to participate in the most exciting event of the meeting, the Student Research Competition! The annual Student Research Competition was held on Sunday May 21 to promote friendly rivalry between student chapters. Student chapters were encouraged to enter a team to compete and all students and faculty were invited to attend and cheer on their schools. As in previous years, this was the top event. Twenty schools participated in this lively competition, with the University of Houston taking home first place for the second year in a row! West Virginia University and the University of Arkansas won second and third place, respectively.

After the excitement of the research competition, students and faculty gathered for the Student and Faculty Icebreaker Reception. During this event, the 2017 ISPOR student tee-shirt, which was designed by the University of Arizona Student Chapter and sponsored by Boston Health Economics, was distributed along with a variety of prizes.

The Student Research Showcase was held on Monday, May 22. The theme of the research was “Outcomes Research Having an Impact on Evidence and Value in a Time of Social and Policy Change,” and featured four unique outcomes research studies conducted by ISPOR student

members. Many students also attended the Student Forum, where they learned about securing competitive fellowships and internships in a session entitled, “Fellowships & Internships: Career Opportunities for the Future.”

In order to *enhance students’ educational experience and facilitate networking*—the North America Meeting Planning committee planned a new event for student members. This event, “Current Trends and Methods in HEOR,” facilitated learning among students working on research projects or theses by connecting them with subject matter experts and students with overlapping experiences or knowledge. The committee surveyed student members to gather timely topics that would be of interest to our members, and then sought out experts who would be able to speak to the most popular issues.

Topics included:

- Adherence and persistence measurements using secondary databases



Elisabeth Oehrlein and Eman Biltaji, Student Network Past Chairs, enjoying the Student Icebreaker Reception.

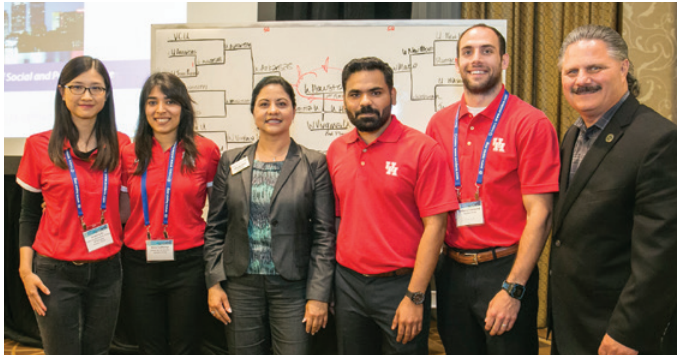
- Selecting patient-centered endpoints in mainstream clinical trials
- Grant Funding
- Conjoint Analysis
- Adaptive designs in clinical trials—what is feasible and currently in practice?
- Transitioning to a career in the industry >

- Behavioral economics
- Preparing to defend your dissertation

This event was successful in promoting problem solving, interpersonal learning, and collaboration. Students were able to consult experts within the eight topic areas to gain additional

insight and learn from their peers. These conversations and connections provided will lead to a collaborative work environment and could lead to joint publications and educational initiatives across the student network.

Overall, the ISPOR 22nd Annual International Meeting was a great success! ISPOR is one of few organizations that provide extensive activities and programming targeted to graduate students. This opportunity for networking and



University of Houston competes in the 12th Annual Research Competition and takes home 1st place for the second year in a row! Zeba Khan (3rd from left) and Steve Marx (right).

collaboration creates strong friendships with potential future colleagues that will be beneficial throughout our careers, wherever life takes us. Thank you to our ISPOR Student Network Chapter Presidents, our Student Network Advisory Dr. Zeba Kahn, ISPOR Student Network Chair Eman Biltaji, and the ISPOR Staff for making this year a memorable one! ■

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