Background:

ISPOR Armenia Chapter was approved in January 2012. The Chapter has 14 members including 2 corresponding members of the executive committee. The current leadership of ISPOR Armenia Chapter is comprised of the following:

**President:** Anush Perikhanyan, MPharm, MPH, current PhD candidate in Yerevan State Medical University, Department of Pharmaceutical Management and Quality Assurance Manager at Darmantest Laboratories (Clinical Studies), Yerevan, Armenia

**Vice-President:** Ara Amirjanyan, MPharm, MPH, current PhD candidate and Associate Professor in Yerevan State Medical University, Department of Pharmaceutical Management, Yerevan, Armenia.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Garnik Karapetyan, PhD, Health Financing Advisor, HS-STAR Project (USAID)

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1. Scientific and Educational Activities.
1.1 April, 2012. Upon the receipt and distribution of 10 copies of the “Health Care Cost, Quality, and Outcomes: ISPOR Book of Terms”, and 10 copies of the new ISPOR Book “Therapeutic and Diagnostic Device Outcomes Research”, organized various discussions on table of contents of the books.

1.2 May, 2012. Preparing a conjoint research with the Serbian Chapter. Translation of a questionnaire into Armenian. The study conducted by Mihajlo B. Jacovljevic, MD, PhD from Serbian Chapter with Armenian investigators- Ara Amirjanyan and Anush Perikhanyan. The topic of the study is the following: SURVEY ON ECONOMIC JUDGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS REGARDING RECOMMENDATION OF VARIOUS MEDICAL PROCEDURES - preventive, diagnostic, and treatment (pharmacological, surgical, physical, and psychotherapeutic), rehabilitating.

1.3 June 2-6, 2012. Poster Presentation by Anush Perikhanyan at 17th Annual International Meeting, Washington, DC. The topic of the research was ADMISSION TO CORONARY ANGIOGRAPHIC CATHETERIZATION IN ARMENIA AT NORK MARASH MEDICAL CENTER: CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES.

1.4 November 23-24, 2012. Regional Chapter Educational Seminars on “Designing and Implementing Studies in Health Outcomes”. Invitation of the professor Vahram Ghushchyan from the University of Colorado. The following topics were discussed during the meeting: Outcomes and study designs, Quality of Life, Direct and Indirect Costs, Drug Benefits Design in Armenia. The opening of the meeting was done by the officials from Ministry of Health and the president of YSMU. Short presentation to ISPOR was done by Anush Perikhanyan in Armenian language. There were over 150 participants at the first day of the meeting. The second day was dedicated to the improvement of research skills among the ISPOR members who work in the Department of Pharmaceutical Management in Yerevan State Medical University.

2. Conferences and Chapter Meetings.
Active participation of the ISPOR Armenia Chapter members in the Conjoint Forum, organized by ISPOR Russia HTA Chapter, during the 14th Annual European Congress in Berlin.
ISPOR Armenia Chapter Annual Meeting on December 15, 2012 presenting the report and achievements during the first year since the formation.

2.1 November 24, 2012. ISPOR Armenia meeting was broadcasted through Arm News TV channel. The editor of “Pharma” medical journal interviewed Vahram Ghushchyan to make an article about his visit in Armenia.
2.2 Information about ISPOR activities, conferences and seminars was sent to the interested participants of the ISPOR Armenia meeting.

3. Upcoming Activities of 2013:
3.1 Admission of new members to ISPOR Armenia Chapter.
3.2 Active participation in the upcoming ISPOR 16th Annual European Congress in Dublin. Active participation in Conjoint Forum with ISPOR Russia HTA, Russia St. Petersburg, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Georgia Chapters’ representatives.
3.3 Collaboration with ISPOR members from other countries to conduct a research in pharmacoconomics and outcomes evaluation: Vahram Ghushchyan and others.
3.4 Meeting with Pharma representatives for introduction of ISPOR and possibilities of collaboration.
3.5 Organize a training seminar: Introduction of Pharmacoeconomics and Introduction of Health Technology Assessment at large scale in Armenia.

3.6 Prepare a meeting of ISPOR Armenia Chapter with ISPOR Kazakhstan Chapter.