



Australasian Chapter Annual Report 2008

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Background:

The Australasian Chapter was established in May 2008. The Chapter has 4 Executive Committee members.

Office bearers (2008-09):

President:	Prof Paul Scuffham, BSc, PhD Professor of Health Economics, School of Medicine, Griffith University
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I. Activities of the Chapter can be summarized as follows:

1. Academic activities:

Presentation by Dr J Whitty on “Preferences for government funding of pharmaceuticals: A mixed logit discrete choice model (of severe illness)”. Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, 10 April 2008

2. Promotional activities:

Attendance and promotion of the Australasian Chapter at the:
ISPOR 13th Annual International Meeting, Toronto, May 2008
ISPOR 3rd Asia-Pacific conference, Seoul, 7-9 September 2008
ISPOR 11th Annual European Congress, Athens, 8-11 November 2008

3. Constitutional activities:

The inaugural meeting of the chapter was held in Brisbane, 10 April 2008. Election of executive committee and discussion of developing the constitution and inclusion of New Zealand members in an Australasian chapter

The legal issues surrounding development of the Constitution, indemnity, status of the organization, rules, intellectual property (e.g. the use of the ISPOR logo) has dominated most of our activity. We were instructed by the legal team not to undertake any activities until these matters were finalized and signed off. We are happy to report that these matters are almost complete and expected to be finalized in the early part of 2009.

II. Upcoming Activities of 2009:

1. Quarterly Management Committee meetings planned for the end of January, April, July, and October (dates to be confirmed).
2. Activities, including workshops, seminars and ISPOR-AC conference to be discussed at the January meeting.
3. Annual general meeting to occur before the end of June 2009.
4. Attendance at the ISPOR conferences in Orlando (May 2009) and Paris (October 2009) planned.