



ISPOR Australia Chapter Annual Report 2012

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Background:

The ISPOR Australian Chapter was approved in May 2008. The chapter has 86 members.

The current leadership of the ISPOR Australia Chapter is comprised of the following:

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Activities / Accomplishments	Summary
Scientific / Educational Activities	<p>Workshop in Sydney, 13th August, on Quality of Life (use of Multi-attribute Utility Instruments with the development of Australian preference weights). Attended by 80+ delegates from Industry, academia and governments. Some delegates from the New Zealand ISPOR chapter also attended. This was a successful and highly informative workshop with presenters discussing the nuances and pitfalls of various MAUI instruments and preference scoring algorithms that are not reported in publications.</p> <p>Development of the ISPOR Distance Learning Program Module - Patient-Preference Methods “An Introduction to Conjoint Analysis” (J. Whitty)</p> <p>The 5th Asia-Pacific Conference was well-attended by Australian chapter members. Several oral presentations were given by members and members participated on 4 workshop panels: T. Comans: One size fits all? Adapting global models for local needs D. Tilden, G. Papadopoulos: Factors associated with pharmaceutical reimbursement outcomes in Australia: Review of appraisals of manufacturers' submissions since 2005 M. Ortiz: Tricks and traps in assessing patient compliance using prescription claims databases G. Papadopoulos: Challenges and lessons for establishing pricing regulations in Asia-Pacific countries</p>
Policy-Related Activities	<p>Support to Queensland Health on establishing their HTA process has continued throughout 2012, plus regular committee attendance (Scuffham & Whitty).</p>

	<p>Attendance at the Australian “Health Policy Advisory Committee on new Technology (HealthPACT)” workshop (Scuffham)</p> <p>Tracy Comans and Louisa Gordon led the preparation of ISPOR global health care systems road maps for pharmaceuticals and medical devices in Australia. These have been submitted to ISPOR for review.</p>
<p>Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings</p>	<p>Regular executive committee meetings have continued throughout 2012.</p>
<p>Membership Development</p>	<p>All those who attended the Sydney workshop were recruited.</p> <p>Communication with the Biostatistics group of the Statistical Society of Australia established with view to running occasional joint workshops.</p> <p>Collaborations established with Medicines Australia (the representative body for the pharmaceutical industry in Australia) with the purpose of advertising forthcoming workshops and educational sessions to their health economics group.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>The ISPOR-AC is now a legal entity and was registered with the Queensland Office of Fair Trading (QLD IA39934), Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ARBN 158 873 422) and with the Australian Taxation Office. This has been a major delay to undertaking activities in the past and now the chapter is able to actively develop and undertake business as a not-for-profit entity. Special thanks to Dr. Tracy Comans for successfully pursuing this.</p>

Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Australia Chapter 2013

Date	Activities
5 Feb 2013	Annual General Meeting with election of positions
Feb 2013	Australian update to the ISPOR Directory of Health Technology Assessment Organisations to be provided (http://www.ispor.org/HTADirectory/Index.aspx)
12 June 2013	Seminar / meeting with Milton Weinstein
13-14 June 2013	Two-day workshop on co-dependent technologies – with Milton Weinstein
7-10 July 2013	iHEA conference in Sydney – ISPOR-AC information booth “purchased” and will be manned throughout the conference
July 2013	Evening seminar/dinner with Prof Michael Drummond
July 2013	One-day workshop on transferability of economic evaluations across jurisdictions