



ISPOR Australia Chapter Annual Report 2013

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Background:

The ISPOR Australian Chapter was approved in May 2008. The chapter currently has 17 financial members (86 members as of 30 September 2013). The current leadership of the ISPOR Australia Chapter is comprised of the following:

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Activities / Accomplishments	Summary
Scientific / Educational Activities	<p>Two national workshops were held in 2013.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Brisbane, 16 July 2013 with special guest Prof Michael Drummond (Centre for Health Economics, The University of York). The workshop had two main sessions – the morning was focused on Benchmarking HTA organisations and the afternoon on the Transferability of HTA across jurisdictions. Additional guest speakers included Alex Rodgers (Pharmac, New Zealand), Prof Rosalie Viney (CHERE, Sydney), Dr Paul Fennessey, (Victoria Health, Australia) and Dr Dominic Tilden (THEMA Consulting). This workshop had a good attendance of 55 people, including a contingent from Queensland Health. 2) Sydney, 8 November 2013 on the pricing of generic medicines. This workshop focused on the history and legislative requirements for pricing generic/off-license medicines in Australia, and new models for pricing medicines. Guest speakers included Steffan Crausaz (CEO, Pharmac, New Zealand), Prof Philip Clarke (University of Melbourne), Stephen Duckett (Grattan Institute) and speakers from the medicines industry. This workshop attracted an audience of approximately 50. <p>During the iHEA conference in Sydney in July 2013– ISPOR-AC had an information booth manned throughout the conference. In addition, many current members of ISPOR-AC gave presentations throughout this conference.</p> <p>ISPOR Australian Chapter Inc was represented at the International Conference in New Orleans by George Papadopoulos. During the conference George attended the ISPOR Asia Consortium Business Meeting.</p> <p>ISPOR Australia Chapter Inc was represented at the European conference in Dublin by Bill Montgomery.</p>
Policy-Related Activities	<p>Support to Queensland Health on establishing their HTA process has continued throughout 2013, with Prof Scuffham becoming an official committee member (as an independent expert on HTA) on the Queensland Policy Advisory Committee of new Technology and on their Clinical Redesign and Innovation Board.</p> <p>Tracy Comans and Louisa Gordon led the preparation of ISPOR global</p>

	<p>health care systems road maps for pharmaceuticals and medical devices in Australia. These had been submitted to ISPOR for review in 2012 and in November 2013 we had comment back from ISPOR. These documents are now in the process of being revised.</p>
Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings	<p>Regular executive committee meetings have continued throughout 2013.</p>
Membership Development	<p>The previous membership cycle ended on 30 September 2013 in which existing members has been recruited from the Sydney workshop (2012). The total membership for this Chapter as at 30 September 2013 was 86.</p> <p>The current membership cycle is from 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014. Membership renewal was advertised with the Sydney workshop. Members are able to renew their membership online. We expect that there will be increasing membership throughout the year.</p>
Other	

Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Australia Chapter 2014

Date	Activities
14 Feb 2014	<i>Annual General Meeting with election of positions</i>
Feb 2014	<i>Australian update to the ISPOR Directory of Health Technology Assessment Organisations to be provided (http://www.ispor.org/HTADirectory/Index.aspx)</i>
7-9 April 2014	<i>3-day intensive computer based course in health economic evaluation (Melbourne)</i>
Mid 2014	<i>Introductory health economics workshop planned</i>
Sep 2014	<i>Attendance at the ISPOR Asia Pacific Conference to be held in Beijing</i>
Oct 2014	<i>Workshop on advanced use of Treeage</i>