Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016

Chapter Name: Brazil

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When are elections held for your Chapter’s Board?
Please indicate month and year of your last election.

According to ISPOR Brazil Statute duly registered in a notary’s office, elections take place every three years. Disclosure of the election and opportunity to form a plaque to contest occurs 30 (thirty) days in advance. Our last election took place in 2015

# Regional Chapter members
# Full ISPOR members
Collect membership dues or fees from individuals?
Chapter benefits

- 450
- 180
- No

To members: • Participation in Linkedin discussion channel • Small sponsored seminars • Discount on the acquisition of publications Corporate member companies: • Use of the “ISPOR Brazil support seal” in all initiatives and events related exclusively to the development of health technology assessments in Brazil (with prior approval of the ISPOR Brazil Deliberative Council) • 10 vacancies for participants in the 6th ISPOR Brazilian Chapter Meeting • Insertion of logo in all exclusive events of ISPOR BRAZIL as “EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTER and in the ISPOR website - Brazil - www.isporbrasil.com.br • Discount of 30% (thirty) on the purchase of ISPOR Brazil publications • Right to have the participation of three representatives in the plenary sessions and two in the courses of the exclusive events of ISPOR BRASIL, including meetings of the Brazilian delegation in international congresses. • Priority offer to be the sponsor of extra actions that can be exclusive. They will be communicated first and will have a deadline to decide before we offer other. • Proposals for study projects, themes for congresses and actions related to the development of Health Technology Assessments in Brazil • Access to exclusive content of ISPOR Brazil events
The year 2016 was atypical. Brazil is experiencing a huge political and economic crisis. With the existing instability there were too many changes in management of the Ministry of Health, culminating with the resignation of the director of our HTA agency, CONITEC and, also we faced extreme difficulty in obtaining sponsorship to our activities. Therefore, ISPOR Brazil’s board of directors unanimously decided to hold only a post-ISPOR International meeting and transferred its largest event to the first half of 2017.

Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training

Post ISPOR international 21th meeting held in São Paulo at Sindusfarma. Active participation in the III Forum of Health Products in Brazil held in Brasilia-DF. Two CONITEC members were fully sponsored to the ISPOR international 21th meeting. They actively participated in the courses and in several round tables.

Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research

As we transferred our Chapter’s meeting to 2017, our research activities were also postponed to next year.

Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to policy-related activities

Internal: The ethical and exemption principles of ISPOR Brazil, based on international conduct, were strengthened in relation to its activities mainly during the Board meeting. The action is reported in the minutes of 08/29/2016 meeting. We also defined the processes of participation in events, interviews and approach to the market that directly or indirectly involve the name of ISPOR. External: Approach of the NGO “Ação Responsável”, a group organized by members of the Lower Chamber (congressmen) and Senate and help us to strengthen the presence of ISPOR as a collaborator in the discussions about healthcare in Brazil. The president and vice-president of the chapter were formally invited to participate in CONITEC’s 5-year celebration. The president and vice-president of the chapter were asked to comment technically on a senate bill that aims to modify the Brazilian Healthcare Act (8080 Law).

Chapter’s accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences

We performed the Brazilian Post ISPOR International 21th meeting held in São Paulo in partnership with Sindusfarma in São Paulo. It updated the Brazilian ISPOR members who could not attend the Washington meeting, about what happened in this congress. Participation as speakers at the III Forum of Health Products in Brazil in Brasilia. Dr Marcelo Fonseca lectured. Full sponsorship for two members of the government for the 21st Meeting USA Invited to participate in the CONITEC / SCTIE / MS 5 Year Celebrations - Event closed to special guests.
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Chapter member’s accomplishments, including articles of note or awards

Describe any regional patient engagement activities

ISPOR Brazil maintains support to several patient groups, collaborating with them clarifying technical doubts and supporting discussions regarding healthcare access in Brazil. Our main partners are: ADJ (Diabetes); Oncoguia (Cancer); AMAVI (Rare diseases); Otimismo (Hepatitis C) and Lado a Lado (General). These entities have regularly participated in the ISPOR Brazil congresses, including as speakers.

Describe any activities organized for students or new professionals

Chapter Affiliations

Pharmaceutical industries that are corporate members or sponsors of our events. (Janssen, MSD, Roche, Astellas, Sanofi, BMS). Please refer to question 7.

Sponsorship Agreements

Formal comments to governments or health authorities

Input to national or regional HTA activities

Committees or special interest groups

Registered with regional authorities

Yes, indicate what authority

Duly registered as a professional association in all the bodies required by Brazilian legislation since 2006.

Chapter’s main goals for 2017

Approach and enhance participation in the political sector. Participation in the discussions on disinvestment and ceiling of financial resources for health in Brazil. Discussion on the establishment of a local threshold of cost effectiveness (There is in the Senate a law in discussion on this subject) please refer to question 12. Participate in the new process of evaluation of medical devices. Participate in the process for the evaluation of rare diseases. Expand the discussion about the use of MCDA (this criterion has been used by MoH and caused many doubts). To hold the 6th ISPOR Brazil 22 to 24/06/2017 - Brasília - DF. There will be new activities: New short courses fitted to the Brazilian needs. Launch of satellite symposium format. Exposition of scientific works. Award the 3 best scientific works. Inclusion of exhibition area in the event. Effective participation in ISPOR Latam - São Paulo - SP.

3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2017

1. Severe economic crisis in Brazil. Get financial support for your activities.

2. Severe political instability. Approach the main Brazilian healthcare policies.
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Maintain, and if possible increase, the participation of ISPOR Brazil members.

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