



ISPOR Bulgaria Chapter Annual Report 2013

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Background:

The ISPOR Bulgaria Chapter was approved in November 2011. The chapter has 40 members.

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

President	Guenka Ivanova Petrova, MPharm, M Econ, PhD, DSc Professor Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University of Sofia Sofia, Bulgaria
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Activities / Accomplishments	Summary
Scientific / Educational Activities	During 3-7 June 2013 in Sofia the Chapter and the Bulgarian Scientific Pharmaceutical Society organized education on basic pharmacoeconomic methods, health care statistics, and epidemiology. It was attended by: Chapter members, representatives from various institutions, industry and health care professionals.
Policy-Related Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New Regulation for Pricing and Reimbursement for Medicinal Products came into force in the beginning of May 2013. It continues the line of amendments in the national legal framework started at the end of 2012. The amendments came as a result of the heavy pressure to lower the prices of the medicinal products. A new body that is responsible for medicines prices and reimbursement is the National Council for Pricing and Reimbursement of the Medicinal Products (Council) established by the Council of Ministers. 2) Two ISPOR members were appointed in the NCPR – Assoc. Prof. Alexandra Savova and Assoc. Prof. Assena Stoimenova. 3) The Chapter was included in the process of establishing the rules for some of the obligations in the NCPR, and in the analyses and evaluation of medicinal products for the purposes of pricing and reimbursement.
Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In February the Chapter organized a conference on "Pricing and Reimbursement of the Medicines in EU" for regulatory institutions - Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance Fund and Chapter under the patronage of the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Health. Two international speakers were invited - prof. Jaime Espin and prof. David Danko. Topic: "Pricing and Reimbursement of Medicines in Spain, Portugal, and Hungary" was presented and discussed. 2) On 28 - 29 November 2013 Health Technology Assessment (HTA) meeting was held by the Chapter in Sofia and Pravetz, under the patronage of Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Health to the 42th National Assembly, Bulgarian Parliament with the participation of: health authorities, the Association of Research-based Pharmaceutical Manufacturers in Bulgaria, the Association of Bulgarian Generic Manufacturers, the associations of the patients and representatives of professional organizations. Two international speakers were invited - Prof. Dominik Tomek and Prof. David Danko.
Membership Development	In 2013 10 new members were accepted to the Chapter.
Other	Chapter members participated in ISPOR 16 th Annual European Congress in Dublin with 8 posters, 1 oral presentation and discussions during ISPOR CEE Network and Chapters meetings.

Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Bulgaria Chapter 2014

Date	Activities
March 7	Elections meeting will be organized during which a new Chapter President and treasurer will be elected.
TBD	Plan to start translating IDLP modules.
TBD	Monthly Chapter meetings.
June	Preparation for Chapter participation in ISPOR 17 th Annual European Congress in Amsterdam.
TBD	Plan to start translating ISPOR GPOR reports (at least one per year).