



Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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Region	LA
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# Members	250
Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Scientific and Educational activities.	Practical Applied Pharmacoeconomics Workshop, San Salvador, El Salvador, July 2015. Aimed to personnel of the Instituto Salvadoreño del Seguro Social. Introduction to Pharmacoeconomics (book), published by Manfred Lutz (past President)
Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.	Development of Internal administrative procedures and chapter policies
Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.	
Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to membership engagement.	Creation of local (country) committees that will engage in diverse activities directly related to country specific issues
Is your Chapter affiliated with any institutions, universities, government or associations (other than ISPOR)? If yes, please list and describe the nature of these affiliations(s).	No
Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership? If yes, how much are the dues?	No
How many ISPOR International members (paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters) does your Chapter have? Provide an estimate if you do not have an exact count.	
Does your Chapter have any agreements or sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities or associations? If yes, please describe.	No
Does your Chapter employ paid administrative or management staff (Association Management Company, contracted staff)?	No
Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?	Yes www.ispor-cac.org (recently opened, still under construction)



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When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?

In the last year.

Has your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) submitted formal comments or responses to any government or health authority in 2014 or 2015? If yes, what was the topic or issue?

No

Does your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) interact in some way with the HTA or other official guidelines in your country? If yes, please name guideline(s) and describe.

Yes

In 2016 we are preparing a forum with Central America authorities related to HTA and guidelines

Does your Chapter have any committees or special interest groups? Please indicate and briefly describe.

No

Academia %

70

Government/HTA Agency %

10

Industry %

10

Consulting %

5

Clinicians %

5

Student %

Other %

What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?

Networking

What are the most significant achievements of your Chapter in 2015?

Setting chapters policies and procedures, fundraising for web page and email accounts for chapter use.



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This a regional chapter, as you should know, formed by Central America and Caribbean, as a region, our countries are very small, all facing similar health conditions and health systems, on the other hand, this a relatively new chapter, so we are dealing with many things and trying to learn our lessons, basically because we haven't found "lessons learned" that ISPOR, as a global organization, could provide us. We are struggling to increase memberships from our countries, however, you don't seem quite eager helping to provide this kind of information that could help us to aim our initiatives better. As a regional chapter (which you knew it from the beginning), we believe that it is better to unite efforts regionally rather than having very small chapters in each country, so would love to learn when there are people trying to create country chapter, so we could contact them and try to show them our approach, once again, we believe that ISPOR could help much more, otherwise, we don't see the reason why you approved a regional chapter like ours. Related to our countries challenges, we have to deal a lot with decision makers that don't know the health economics tools, so we are aware that the we have to create more spaces of discussion about this, that's why we are organizing the forum for next year.

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?

How does your Chapter fulfill ISPOR's mission to promote health economics and outcomes research excellence to improve decision making for health globally? Describe how it supports the development and promotion of the discipline of health economics and outcomes research in your region.

How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?

Please indicate who prepared this report, include title, phone, email.

At this moment we have a clear pathway to follow, first step is to disseminate health economics as a tool to make better decisions in health sector, than support training of professionals and to provide meeting points for discussion, additionally, engage society in this discussion.

Please see answer to question 21

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