Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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# Members: 74

March 5- 2015 Symposium: “PROGRESS IN PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY IN COLOMBIA”, Bogotá
July 23- 2015 EXPERIENCE IN EVALUATION OF MEDICAL DEVICES IN COLOMBIA”, Bogotá
August 20- 2015 Symposium: “BRAZIL’S EXPERIENCE IN THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM”, Bogotá
August 20- 2015 Book launch, "Therapeutic and Diagnostic Device Outcomes Research" (in Spanish)-Bogotá
November 18- 2015 Symposium: “UPDATE OF Compulsory Health Plan-2016”, Bogotá

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Scientific and Educational activities.

1-Chapter representatives attended different meetings organized by the Institute of Health Technology Assessment (IETS) and the Association of Health Insurance Companies (ACEMI)
2-ISPOR Colombia Chapter representatives attended different events: -The Pharmaceutical Forum by ANDI at Cartagena- Colombia.
June 10-12 -The Medical Devices Forum by ANDI -Bogotá - Colombia.
Sept 10-11 -International Symposium of Arthritis, Bogotá- Colombia October 16-17
- National Information Network- 4 meetings - Colombian Association of Scientific Societies ACSC- 3 meetings.
Also, meetings were held with the Ministry of Health covering topics such as drug prices, regulation and technology inclusion on an updated list.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.
Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.


-New member Increase during 2014: 28 Total: 74 The ISPOR Colombia Boards of Directors developed a communication strategy to keep in touch with associates. The strategy involves the use of social networks, website, e-mails, online newsletter, symposium invitations and calls.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to membership engagement.

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).

Yes
ACSC- Colombian Association of Scientific Societies

Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership? If yes, how much are the dues?

Yes
$50 USD

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.

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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)?

Yes

Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?

Yes
www.isporcolombia.org

When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?

In the last 5 years.

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
ISPOR Colombia has been invited by IETS to comment on preliminary drafts of HTA reports.
Does your Chapter have any committees or special interest groups? Please indicate and briefly describe.

Yes
We have an active Student Chapter, the first one in Latin America, which has been running for two years, with a dozen presentations in ISPOR meetings, and several published papers.

Academia %
20

Government/HTA Agency %
10

Industry %
50

Consulting %
10

Clinicians %
10

Student %

Other %

What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?
- Discounts on academic activities
- ISPOR-CO newsletter bimonthly
- Participate in activities such as: Symposium, forums, conference and meetings.

What are the most significant achievements of your Chapter in 2015?
ISPOR-CO has many significant achievements on this year such as the Book launch.

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?
ISPOR-CO has new members from various significant companies of the country and the activities have been increasing every year.

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.
The Colombian Chapter organizes a biennial congress to discuss the most important challenges in our health system, we also organize monthly academic conferences with representatives from government and other institutions; we have offered online courses on economic evaluation and participate actively in ISPOR International Congresses (panel sessions and oral and poster submissions).

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

-Promoting our activities and our newsletter in its web page and through different mediums

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