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Background:

The ISPOR Croatia Chapter was approved in May 2008. The chapter has 35 members. The current leadership of the ISPOR Croatia Chapter is comprised of the following:

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### ISPOR Croatia Chapter Annual Report 2013

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| **Scientific / Educational Activities** | A. Monthly pharmacoepidemiological workshops (Themes and Discussion leaders) in collaboration with Reference Centre of Pharmacoepidemiology:  
1. Antibacterial agents in food and water (Adela Krivohlavek)  
2. Polymedication in the elderly - ethical issues (Zijad Durakovic)  
3. Antibiotics - abuse leads to resistance (Igor Francetic)  
4. Psychic aspects of bullying (Miro Jakovljevic)  
5. New guidelines for the application of pharmaco-genomics in clinical practice (Nada Bozina)  
6. Therapy in cardiovascular diseases (Bojan Jelakovic)  
7. Rational diagnosis and treatment of anemia (Damir Nemet)  
8. Palliative Medicine and Croatian Health - New Challenges (Zoran Loncar)  
9. Emergencies in nephrology - a diagnostic approach and treatment (Drasko Pavlovic)  
10. Treatment of osteoporosis in men (Ladislav Krapac)  
B. The basic principles and methodology of pharmacoeconomics were lectured at postgraduate workshops:  
1. School of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, Zagreb University, Zagreb  
2. School of Medicine, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University Osijek |
| **Policy-Related Activities** | The recent policy principles were developed with ISPOR Croatia Chapter involvement:  
1. Directives on the criteria for inclusion of drugs in essential and additional list of medicine Croatian Institute for Health Insurance  
2. Directive of the criteria to inclusion on the list of the particularly expensive drugs |
| **Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings** | Congresses in which members of ISPOR Croatia Chapter participated:  
2. ISPOR - 16th Annual European Congress, Dublin, Ireland, 2-6 November 2013. Prof. Josip Culig presented in ISPOR CEE Forum: “The use of risk-sharing in pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement decisions in Central & Eastern Europe.” This Forum discussed the legal background of risk-sharing schemes, implementation, and the impact on patient’s access to high cost medicines. The most frequently used schemes in Central & Eastern countries were described. |
Furthermore, speakers explained the advantages and disadvantages of
3. Third Croatian and Third Adriatic Congress on pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Brijuni, Croatia, 25-27 April 2013

**ISPOR Croatia Chapter Symposium**
- Bilusic M. ISPOR tools for health care decision makers
- Culig J. Patients’ adherence to medication rate and pharmacoeconomic analysis
- Leppee M. Estimates of reliability adherence self-reporting scales by the coefficient of internal consistency reliability (Cronbach's \( \alpha \))
- Draganic P. Utilization trends of antihypertensive drugs in Croatia during the period 2008-2011. Comparison between same other countries
- Culig J. The most common chronic diseases and adherence to drugs

**Membership Development**

Collaboration with other pharmacoeconomic groups was established: Pharmacoeconomic sector of the Croatian Clinical Pharmacology Association.

**Other**

Published articles:

Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Croatia Chapter 2014

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<td>Development of joint strategy within other local societies working on pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research.</td>
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<td>Educational lecturing on pharmacoeconomics at Andrija Stampar Institute of Public Health – regularly quarterly.</td>
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<td>Biannual Chapter meetings (spring and autumn)</td>
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<td>November</td>
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