



Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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A. 1st ISPOR Cyprus Chapter Scientific Meeting on Pharmacoeconomics On the 28th of November 2015 the 1st ISPOR Cyprus Chapter Scientific Meeting on Pharmacoeconomics has taken place in Cyprus at Neapolis University Pafos. At this, innovative for Cyprus, Scientific Meeting the following had taken place:

I. A wide spectrum of Information about ISPOR and ISPOR Cyprus Chapter was presented to a multidisciplinary audience including representatives of patients. Constructive comments for improvement were gathered as well as requests to repeat this ISPOR Cyprus Chapter scientific meeting. II. An excellent lecture was given by the past president of ISPOR Greece Chapter, Professor in Health Economics Mary Geitona on "The importance and contribution of ISPOR emerging out of an international experience in HTA" III. His Excellency, The President of Cyprus Parliament Mr. Yiannakis Omirou, in his speech pointed out the significance of Policy making in Health care based on outcomes data. IV. Research done in Cyprus with data on Patient Reported outcomes, Job Satisfaction, rational antibiotic prescribing was also presented. V. The distinguished Cypriot scientist Panayiotis Petrou presented researchers' point of view on HEOR and use in health care policies. VI. Representing Cypriot patients Mrs. Chloe Neofitou, identified the significance of providing their position in health care policy making.

B. Participation with Posters at ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress 7-11 November 2015, in Milan Italy Two research posters were presented. One on Patient reported outcomes and another one on Antibiotic Prescribing in Pediatrics. C. Participation in the ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress 7-11 November 2015, in Milan Italy The President of the ISPOR Cyprus Chapter, Dr. Nicos Panayides, was awarded an ISPOR Travel Grant and participated in the ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress 7-11 November 2015, in Milan Italy. Knowledge gained as well as skills on HEOR and use in health care decision making. This improves prospective for a sustainable and a sound contribution in the ISPOR Cyprus regional chapter. D. Individual members participate in the committee for Clinical Guidelines. This participation is important as giving the opportunity to draw attention to the viewpoint of HEOR and use in decision making in health care.

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

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

Members of the ISPOR Cyprus Chapter approached and conducted key persons involved in health care policies in Cyprus. The importance of HEOR and use in health care decision making has been highlighted to the following officials: A. Officers at the Ministry of Health B. Officers Health Insurance Organization C. The Scientific Association of Family Doctors D. The Scientific Association of Pharmacists.



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Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.

A. Regular and Extra ordinal Meetings During 2015 the ISPOR Cyprus Chapter had several meetings related to the annual program. During these meetings various tasks were undertaken by different members in order to carry out the planned activities. Extra ordinal meetings were called in cases of emerging unforeseen problems.
B. Conference The strong characteristics of a conference were also present at the 1st ISPOR Cyprus Chapter Scientific Meeting on the 28th of November. Indeed, during this meeting, information about ISPOR and in Cyprus Chapter was clearly and effectively presented.

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

A. Direct Personal Conducts Promotion of membership with personal conducts was successful as general members increased in number as well as in contribution in the ISPOR Cyprus Chapter activities.
B. Membership Engagement using Electronic Media informational invitations brought together persons who enhanced the development of the ISPOR Cyprus Chapter.

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

The ISPOR Cyprus Chapter is affiliated with Neapolis University Pafos in Cyprus. Affiliation support both academic and assistance to practical issues as the use of the premises for meetings and presentations.

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.

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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)?

No

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

No

When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?

In the last 3 years.



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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.

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

Yes

A. Clinical Guidelines Special Interest Group Members of the ISPOR Cyprus Chapter started and work on developing the Special Interest Group for Clinical Guidelines in General Practice. This topic is of paramount importance in providing quality health care outcomes. At present, the Group works as a team on a research project to reveal the “perceptions, adherence and barriers to the use Clinical Guidelines by General Practitioners”. B. Patients Special Interest Group A group of patients, members of ISPOR Cyprus Chapter, with special interest in HEOR and decision making in health care, is on early stages to develop the “Patients Special Interest Group”.

Academia %	10
Government/HTA Agency %	2
Industry %	20
Consulting %	1
Clinicians %	60
Student %	2
Other %	5

The ISPOR Cyprus Chapter, established in August 2014, is offering to its members the following: A. Support to have an active role in HEOR and use in health care decision making, which is an Innovative scientific area in Cyprus. B. The possibility to know about ISPOR, the leading international society in HEOR and use in health care decision making. Since ISPOR Cyprus Chapter is on its very early stages of development it is vital for scientists well versed in this branch of science to share the experience of ISPOR.

What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?



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

A. Successfully prepared and carried out the innovative for Cyprus 1st ISPOR Cyprus Chapter Scientific Meeting on HEOR and use in decision making in health care. B. The increase in number as well as in contribution of the members in ISPOR Cyprus Chapter activities. C. Participation in the ISPOR 18th Annual European Congress 7-11 November 2015, in Milan Italy. Being awarded an ISPOR Travel Grant for the 18th European Congress 2015 in Milan the president of ISPOR Cyprus Chapter took part in this distinguished meeting. Knowledge and skills gained as well as participation to the Central and Eastern Europe Network meetings improves prospective for a sustainable and sound contribution.

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?

A. Improve our regional chapter, aligned with ISPOR organization as a whole. Thus, we can realize our full potential with a sound presence in the area HEOR and health care decision making activities. B. Intensify efforts to upgrade our contribution in Central and Eastern Europe Network activities. C. Support to establish the two Special Interest Groups (1) Clinical Guidelines Special Interest Group and (2) Patients Special Interest Groups D. Work in teamwork to meet the challenge of translating in Greek one of ISPOR books. E. Continue our interactions with official health authorities, not only as individual members, but advance our role as ISPOR Cyprus Chapter.



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We consider development and promotion of HEOR and use in health care decision making as a challenging opportunity. As a matter of fact, in our region, this is a new scientific area with rapid advances. We take advantage of this great opportunity to create a firm basis and build on activities tied in with ISPOR's mission and responding to the local needs as well. A. ISPOR Cyprus Chapter was established in August 2014 as a component regional chapter of ISPOR. For members, is a golden rule well defined in the constitution, to work with particular care promoting ISPOR's mission. Mindful this principle, we give emphasis to the effective communication and collaboration with ISPOR as a whole. We consider valuable, appreciate and accept with pleasure support from all staff, particularly from ISPOR's Senior Manager Mrs. Gosia Juszcak-Punwaney. B. We highlight the need for strong research health care outcomes data, on these early stages, in order to identify priorities and respond to contemporary local needs. In addition, we support research on HEOR and use in decision making to elucidate their significance. C. Members are committed in teamwork to carry out the various tasks of ISPOR Cyprus Chapter. Plans and activities are based on "member engagement" and shared out according our members' knowledge, skills and experience. D. Education and Training in HEOR and use in policy making started with General Practitioners in our regional chapter. We recognize the need for improvement in this area. In fact, in ISPOR Cyprus regional chapter ISPOR's mission is strongly supported with activities promoting research, education, member engagement, communication and collaboration in HEOR and policy making. We focus on efforts aligned with ISPOR's mission as we believe that we must run with the baton of change since developments in this field are rapid and have wider implications on the future of health care in our region.

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?

We would like to suggest if you can kindly consider the possibility and provide to ISPOR Cyprus Chapter assistance and practical ways to improve our involvement and contribution in the ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network.

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