



REPORT

ISPOR Egypt Chapter

3rd Annual Conference

Intercontinental City Stars, Cairo

11th of October 2018

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Introduction

Under the current situation in Egypt, where every health care stakeholder is curious about the new social health insurance system, ISPOR Egypt Chapter Annual Conference was held on the 11th of October 2018 in Cairo.

The conference has been attended by experts in the field of health economics, health technology assessment, health insurance and pricing of healthcare technologies, and has been a great opportunity to discuss the current healthcare issues in Egypt, and the changes that will follow the implementation of the new social health insurance system.

According to the new health insurance law, Article 52 specifies that the bodies established under this law shall have an independent budget and shall begin their financial year at the beginning of the fiscal year of the state and shall end by the end of each year. This has created a great need for learning and implementing health technology assessment in different institutions.

The conference aimed to identify best practices, common problems and propose further directions to implement HTA in the region and to answer questions related to HTA capacity building, financing HTA research, process and organizational structure for HTA, standardization of HTA methodology, use of local data, and international collaboration in HTA.

The topics discussed in the conference were:

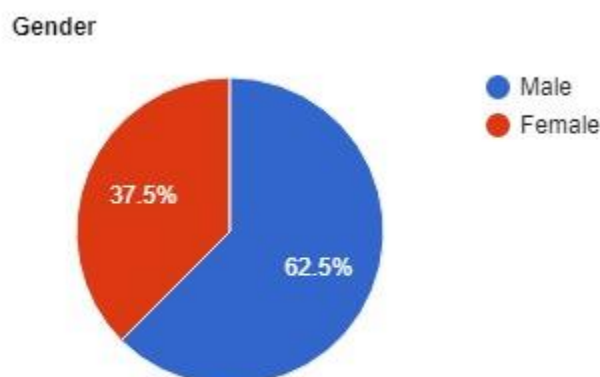
- Implementations of Social Health Insurance
- HTA Implementations to support decision making in Egypt
- Pricing Policy

This report presents a summary of the ISPOR Egypt Chapter 3rd annual conference held in Cairo on the 11th of October 2018.

Participants

About 195 participants attended the conference, representing different Health Care affiliations from the public and private sectors like the Ministry of Health, the Health Insurance Organization, pharmaceutical companies, academics, private health insurance companies and hospital heads.

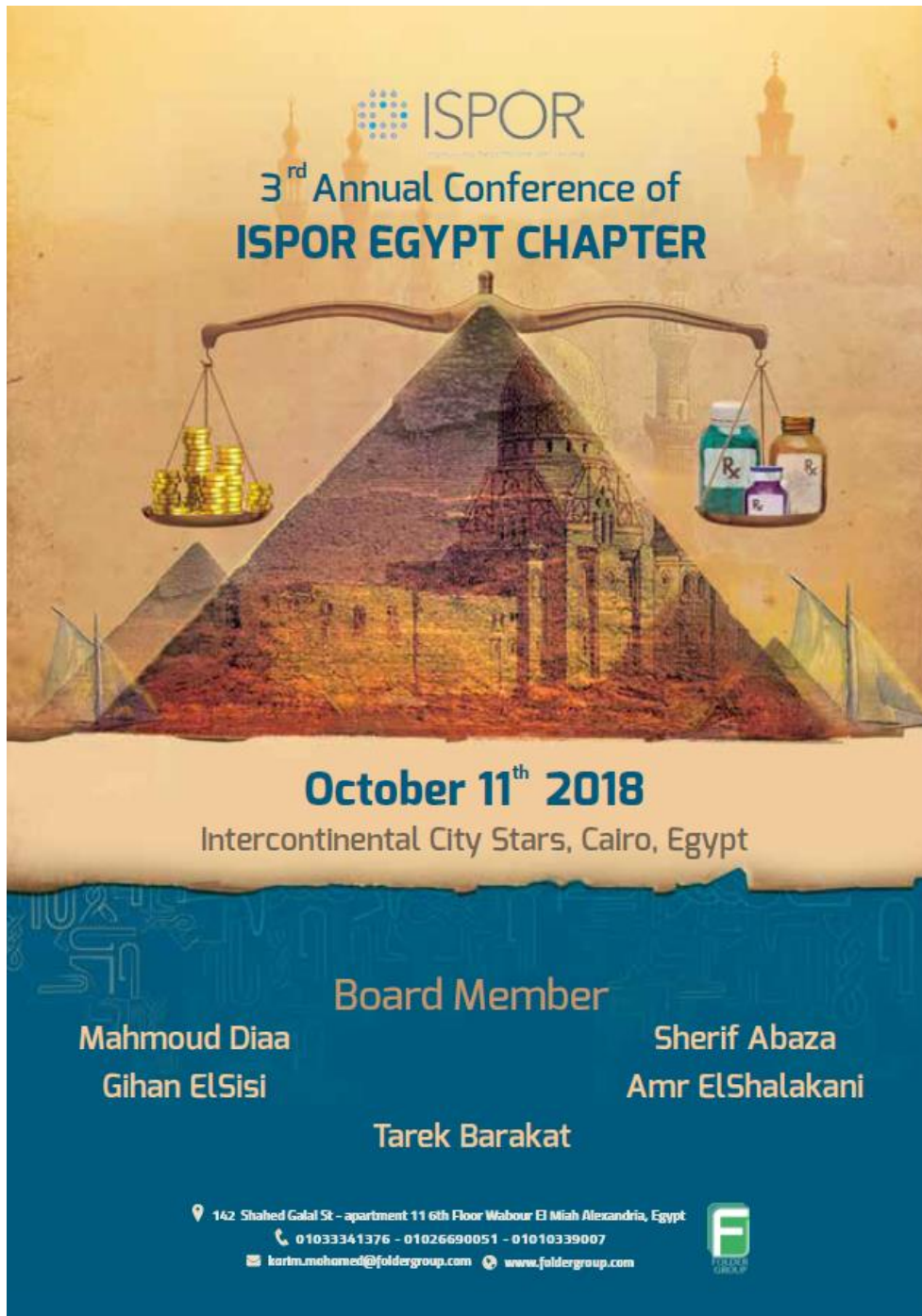
The male to female ratio for the participants is shown in the image below:



Venue

The workshop was held in Intercontinental City Stars Hotel, Cairo

Agenda



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Thursday 11 October 2018

Scientific Program - Intercontinental City Stars

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
Time	
09:30 – 10:00	<p>Opening Dr. Mahmoud Diaa (President of ISPOR Egypt Chapter)</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>1- Moderator: Dr. Sherif Abaza Policy Issue panel about Health Insurance HIO- Private Insurance and Public Private Partnership Dr. Mohsen George - Dr. Ehab Abouelmaged - Dr. Osama Elhady Dr. Hossam Abdelgafar - Dr. Ramez Mohsen</p>
	<p>Open discussions with attendees : Q & A</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p>2- Janssen Symposium Speakers: Talk about Valuing Innovation</p> 
11:30 – 12:00	<p>3- Novo nordisk Symposium Prof Samir Helmy (Professor of Internal Medicine, Diabetes, Lipidology & Metabolism , Faculty of Medicine - Alexandria University) (Burden of Diabetes)</p> 
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Break</p>

12:30 – 13:30	<p>4- Moderator: Dr. Gihan Elsisy</p> <p>Issue panel about HTA Implementations to support Decision making In Egypt</p> <p>Dr. Maha Rabbat - Dr. Mohsen George - Dr. Shima Foad Dr. Amr Elshalakany - Dr. Randa Eldesoky - Dr. Ahmed Seddik</p> <p>Open discussions with attendees : Q & A</p>
13:30 – 14:30	<p>5- Moderator: Dr. Mahmoud Diaa</p> <p>Issue panel about Pricing Policy</p> <p>Dr. Sherine Abbas Helmy - Dr. Mariam Eldebeiky - Dr. Basma Mohamed Dr. Eman Fathy - Dr. Yasser Omar - Dr. Islam Anan - Dr. Sherif Abaza</p> <p>Open discussions with attendees : Q & A</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Break</p>
15:00 – 16:00	<p>6- Moderator: Dr. Amany Dorgam</p> <p>Press Conference</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>1- Dr. Maha Rabbat - Dr. Mohsen George 2- Dr. Ehab Abouelmaged - Dr. Hossam Abdelgafar 3- Dr. Mohamed Swilam - Dr. Mahmoud Diaa 4- Dr. Gihan Elsisy - Dr. Sherif Abaza</p>
16:00 – 16:15	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Dr. Mahmoud Diaa (President of ISPOR Egypt Chapter)</p>
16:15 – 17:00	<p>LUNCH</p>

Summary

Dr Mahmoud Daa the president of ISPOR Egypt Chapter started the opening by welcoming the attendees, introducing ISPOR's aims and roles and introducing the main aim of the conference. He also emphasized the upcoming role of the science of health economics in the Egyptian healthcare system and the need that every decision maker should know at least the basics of health economics.

The first policy issue panel discussion was about health insurance. The speakers represented a great diversity of stakeholders in the healthcare markets. The speakers represented different organizations like the public health insurance, private health insurance, pharmaceutical companies, academics and HTA experts. The speakers discussed the methods of private and public health insurance systems partnership and how can this partnership create great opportunities and benefits for the patients, the insurance companies and the pharmaceutical companies. The attendees also participated in the discussion and presented some questions to have a better understanding of the proposed partnership.

After the first panel discussion Janssen presented about valuing innovation, and the long trip that an innovative drug has to pass through to reach the patients. The next presentation was about the great burden of diabetes, by Professor Samir Helmy the Professor of Internal Medicine, Diabetes, Lipidology & Metabolism, Faculty of Medicine - Alexandria University). Professor Samir emphasized the huge burden of diabetes especially in Egypt and indicated the figures and numbers that show how diabetes has a great clinical and economic burden on the whole society.

The second panel discussion was about implementing HTA in Egypt to support decision making. The panelists represented HTA experts, tutors, non-governmental organizations, health insurance organization and governmental officials in Egypt. The discussion was of great interest of all the attendees as it discussed the current status of HTA in Egypt and the future steps to implement HTA by all the healthcare decision makers. The panelists also discussed teaching HTA to the students and healthcare specialists and the potential role of non-governmental organizations and pharmaceutical companies in spreading the science of HTA and health economics.

The final panel discussion was about a very important topic in Egypt which is pricing policy. The speakers also represented different interested parties and decision makers in such a topic. The panelists discussed how the new health technologies should be priced, the methods of pricing of existing health technologies and how to choose the best pricing method to give a fair price for each health technology. Following each panel discussion, there was a great field for the attendees to present their individual opinions and discuss how the actual implementation of the conference recommendations should take place.

The last session in the conference included a press conference, where the press and media covered the event and created some questions and discussions for the speakers. Generally, the conference had a great media coverage and great interest of different stakeholders. Dr. Mahmoud Daa concluded the conference by presenting the closing remarks and presenting a quick overview of the discussions and lectures presented during the conference.

Pictures

The following are some pictures captured during the conference





