ISPOR Ghana Chapter Annual Report 2013

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Background:
The ISPOR Ghana Chapter was approved in November 2011. The Chapter has 50 members. The chapter is currently under the leadership of the following:

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<td><strong>Scientific / Educational Activities</strong></td>
<td>Three Chapter members Mrs. Martha Gyansa-Lutterodt, Emmanuel KwasiEghan and Dr. Emmanuel Odame Ankrah served as panellists in the National Health Insurance Scheme 10th Anniversary Conference, Accra, Ghana.</td>
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| **Policy-Related Activities** | 1. Dr. Emmanuel Odame has been designated to the Policy Unit of the Ghana Ministry of Health following a successful completion of fellowship on Health Policy at the Ghana College of Physicians. He has been appointed into a committee that will review the final report on Ghana Drug Policy for 2015 to 2020.  
2. Dr. J. KokuAwoonor-Williams, a Chapter member and a regional director of Ghana Health Service, made a recommendation towards training of nurses in Ghana. This has brought a new direction regarding policies in sustenance and training of nurses in Ghana. |
| **Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings** | **CONFERENCES: ISPOR 18TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEETING**  
Eight Members from the Chapter attended ISPOR 18th International Meeting in New Orleans, USA.  
Five posters were presented at the International Conference.  
ISPOR Africa Chapters Forum was held for the second time with other Chapters presenting; Egypt, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa. The topic was: “Economic Assessment in Africa: Development of Health Economic Evaluation Reporting.” |
Dr. Peter Agyei-Baffour who chaired the forum presented on behalf of ISPOR Ghana Chapter discussing: “Economic Evaluation in the Health System of Ghana: the Future Trajectories.”

The Chapter attended small group meetings, including a joint meeting with all ISPOR Chapters in Africa (ISPOR Uganda Chapter was under development). The main issue discussed included regional collaboration among the Chapters in terms of organizing conferences and workshops that will increase awareness on Pharmacoeconomics in the sub-region.

**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

The Chapter could not organize the annual general meeting for the year due to financial constraints. The Chapter currently has no source of finance. The Chapter is currently being supported financially by its Directors and Executives.

A workshop planned to take place at zonal levels was called off due to the unavailability of the resource person who was out of the country due to a national assignment.

Several Chapter executive meetings were held to plan for the various programs.

At one of the executive meetings, officers were nominated for approval by the board and elections.

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<th>Membership Development</th>
<th>The new Chapter president, Dr. Peter Agyei-Baffour is pursuing a postdoctoral degree in Global Health - occupational and environmental health and a visiting scholar to the University of Michigan from 2011-2016.</th>
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<td>Mr. Eric NsiahBoateng, an executive member has successfully completed a one year postgraduate study in Public Policy at the University of Maastricht, in the Netherlands.</td>
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<td>Mr. Saviour Yevutse, an executive member is pursuing a PhD fellowship program in Health Policy.</td>
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<td>Members are also being encouraged to undertake operational research in their institutions after which ISPOR Ghana Chapter will create a platform for the dissemination of findings.</td>
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<td>Two articles from our members were accepted and published in the ViHRI (CEEWAA) 2013 issue.</td>
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# Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Ghana Chapter 2014

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<td>To host an African Forum on Pharmacoeconomics in Ghana</td>
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<td>To undertake economic evaluation research on non-communicable diseases in Ghana</td>
<td>Dr. Peter Agyei-Baffour</td>
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<td>To be determined</td>
<td>To organize two zonal workshops on Pharmacoeconomics (Northern and Southern Zones)</td>
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<td>By mid-May</td>
<td>Annual General Meeting</td>
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<td>May/June</td>
<td>Participate in ISPOR 19th Annual International Meeting in Montreal, QC, Canada</td>
<td>ISPOR Africa Network Forum</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>Participate in ISPOR 17th Annual European Congress, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</td>
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