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Background:
The Greece Chapter was accepted in October 2007. The Chapter has 35 members.

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Enclosure: Greece Chapter Annual Report 2007
1. HELSPOR publishes the quarterly scientific journal of “Pharmacoeconomia”, which includes health economics studies conducted in Greece, accompanied by the news of the association (4 issues were published in 2007).

2. HELSPOR organized a one-day seminar within the 3rd Panhellenic Congress on Health Management, Economics and Policies, Athens, 12-15 December 2007. The workshop consisted of 4 units and included an analysis of the principles of economic evaluation, a description of the methodology issues and costing techniques, empirical determination of therapeutic effectiveness and an introductory analysis of how health economics are used in decision making. Lecturers were the members of the HELSPOR Board of Directors.

3. HELSPOR participated in the 10th European ISPOR Conference, Dublin, 20-23 October 2007. 11 studies were presented by the HELSPOR members.

4. HELSPOR organized an open-to-public, scientific discussion on the occasion of Ms Brixner’s visit in Athens. The event included a keynote speech from Ms Brixner, ISPOR President, as well as the speeches of Professor Yfantopoulos and Mr Kontozamanis, the President of the National Organization for Medicines. The event was also attended by the President of the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies (SFEE), Mr Filiotis.

5. HELSPOR members participated in several national conferences, regarding pharmacoeconomics, health and pharmaceutical expenditure, the generic medicines market in Greece and the economics of mental health in Greece.


7. New Book publication: Methods of Health Economic Evaluation, J. Kyriopoulos (Prof, National School of Public Health) and M. Geitona (Ass Prof, University of Thessaly). This publication with the previous one concerned the “Health Technology Assessment” constitute scientific textbooks distributed to students both at the University of Thessaly, the National School of Public Health and the National School of Public Administration.
Upcoming Activities for 2008

1. HELSPOR will participate in the organization of the 11th European ISPOR Congress, 8-11 November 2008, Athens, Greece.

2. HELSPOR will participate in the 4th Panhellenic Congress on Health Management, Economics and Policies, organizing a pharmacoeconomics seminar.

3. HELSPOR will publish the quarterly scientific journal “Pharmacoeconomia”, which includes Greek health economics studies, as well as the news of the Society. The upcoming issue of Pharmacoeconomia is dedicated to the Greek participation at the 11th

4. HELSPOR holds quarterly meetings of its members, in which scientific issues are discussed, as well as regulatory issues concerning the pharmaceutical sector in Greece.

5. HELSPOR will organize two round tables in national conferences regarding pharmacoeconomics.

6. At the end of March 2008, Boehringer-Ingelheim organizes a workshop on pharmacoeconomics under the scientific supervision of the HELSPOR

7. On April 8, 2008, HELSPOR will participate in a one-day workshop under the title “Careers in Health Economics in Greece”, organized by the University of Thessaly

8. At the end of May, HELSPOR will participate in the organization of the syllabi of Health Economics in Greece, in cooperation with the respective departments of National Universities.