



## ISPOR Hungary Chapter Annual Report 2012

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### Background:

The Hungarian Health Economics Association (Magyar Egészség-gazdaságtani Társaság – META) was established in 2003. The founders aimed at establishing an independent organization to discuss major health economic and health policy issues at monthly meetings. Since 2003 META have been organizing 8-10 meetings annually. Each 2-hour monthly meeting is dedicated to a particular research, policy or methodological topic, with an advocate (or researcher), an opponent and a moderator. Pricing and reimbursement policy of new health technologies and methodological standards of HTA research have been discussed at several meetings over years. The Hungarian Health Economics Association was accepted as ISPOR Hungary Chapter in December 2006. The Chapter has 113 members.

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Chapter website at [http://www.ispor.org/regional\\_chapters/Hungary/index.asp](http://www.ispor.org/regional_chapters/Hungary/index.asp).

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Activities / Accomplishments	Summary
<b>Scientific / Educational Activities</b>	ISPOR Hungary Chapter and Eötvös Loránd University launched a 1-week summer university course on: “Implementation of HTA in CEE countries”, attended by participants from 10 countries. Faculty members included: Zoltán Kaló (ELTE), Ron Akehurst (ScHARR), Hans Severens (Erasmus University), Ken Redekop (Erasmus University)
<b>Policy-Related Activities</b>	ISPOR Hungary Chapter coordinates the revision of the methodological guidelines for conducting economic evaluation of healthcare interventions. The new guidelines may include explicit cost-effectiveness thresholds for Hungary (2 to 3 times of GDP per capita).
<b>Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings</b>	<p>I. ISPOR Hungary Chapter organized 8 regular (monthly) meetings. Meetings were open to the public and had 50-100 attendees. Discussed topics included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="457 900 1410 968">1. Burning health policy issues. <i>Presented by Miklós Szócska, State Secretary of Health</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 990 1410 1102">2. Development and sustainability of local outpatient care in the light of EU funded investment. <i>Presented by Árpád Tóth, General director of Hospital of Zirc</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 1125 1410 1282">3. Comparative analysis of structures and stakeholder involvement at NICE and SMC. <i>Presented by Alan Haycox (Reader in Health Economics at the University of Liverpool Management School, Member of the NICE Technology Appraisal Committee)</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 1304 1410 1372">4. Development of health care structure – current status. <i>Presented by Péter Cserháti, Deputy State Secretary of Health</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 1394 1410 1507">5. The application "Multicriteria decision analysis" in the reimbursement decisions of health technologies. <i>Presented by András Inotai, Áron Vincziczkzi, Júlia Nagy</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 1529 1410 1596">6. Burden of brain disorders in Hungary. <i>Presented by Imre Boncz, Professor of University of Pécs</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 1619 1410 1686">7. "Mind the Gap! Geographic transferability of economic evaluation in health". <i>Presented by Christian Boehler, Brunnel University</i></li> <li data-bbox="457 1709 1410 1776">8. The future of public health programmes in Hungary. <i>Presented by Zoltán Vokó, Director, National Institute for Health Development.</i></li> </ol> <p>II. The ISPOR Hungary Chapter organised 2-day national congress with over 200 participants and an international plenary session with invited speakers from other ISPOR Regional Chapters. The conference on: ‘Health Economics, growing importance in scarcity’ included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="462 2023 938 2068">○ Plenary session (6 presentations)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health Care Policy session (4 presentations)</li> <li>○ Reimbursement Policy International session (6 presentations)</li> <li>○ Pharmaceutical Reimbursement Policy session (4 presentations)</li> <li>○ Young Generation session (4 presentations)</li> <li>○ Student session (5 presentations)</li> <li>○ Institutional Health Policy session (4 presentations)</li> <li>○ Health Technology Assessment session (5 presentations)</li> <li>○ Poster session</li> <li>○ Round Table Discussion: Health Economic Impact of Generic Price Erosion</li> </ul> <p>III. An official Chapter meeting was held at the ISPOR 15<sup>th</sup> Annual European Congress in Berlin, Germany, November 2012. A total of 40 members attended.</p>
<b>Membership Development</b>	<p>ISPOR Hungary Chapter has been growing continuously. The society has a balanced membership structure from the academia, public and private sector. It has a Unit of Young Professionals with an age limit of 35. Young professionals are especially active in driving changes by establishing working groups in several policy and research areas.</p>
<b>Other</b>	<p><b>International Appointments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Zoltán Kaló was elected for the position of Director (2012-2014) of the ISPOR Board of Directors</li> <li>– Imre Boncz was elected for the position of Co-Editor (2012-2015) for the <i>Value in Health</i> Regional Issues CEEWAA</li> </ul> <p><b>Publication Awards</b></p> <p>In 2012, for the second time, the award for the best health economic publications both in Hungarian and in English for the members of ISPOR Hungary Chapter were announced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Best scientific paper in Hungarian journal: László Nagyjánosi et al. Socio-economic Burden of Elderly Blindness in Hungary, LAM, 2011. 21(10): 641-647</li> <li>– Best scientific paper in international journal: András Inotai et al. Health Related Quality of Life in Patients Receiving Biological and Non-biological Treatments in Rheumatoid Arthritis. <i>Rheumatol Int</i> 2012. 32(4): 963-9.</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Hungary Chapter 2013

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<b>Scientific / Educational Activities</b>	<p>I. In June ISPOR Hungary Chapter and Eötvös Loránd University will organize a one-week summer university course on: “HTA implementation in CEE countries”.</p> <p>II. The Unit of Young Professionals is about to launch 7 research topics with a total number of involved young researchers exceeding 40. Research topics are presented below:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comparative analysis of different approaches to predict future healthcare spending</li> <li>2. Elaboration of a patient-management model for patients with cardiac failure</li> <li>3. Review of international and Hungarian practices for the reimbursement of vaccines</li> <li>4. Validation of health-economic models</li> <li>5. International comparison of drug pricing techniques</li> <li>6. Assessment of options for the implementation of Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) in the Hungarian reimbursement system</li> <li>7. Hungarian update for the ISPOR Health-Care Systems Road Map</li> </ol> </div>
	Research projects are open to any ISPOR Hungary Chapter members.
<b>Policy-Related Activities</b>	See projects Nr. 3, 5, 7 initiated by the Unit of Young Professionals above.
<b>Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings</b>	ISPOR Hungary Chapter is about to organize 8 meetings (regular monthly meetings) and one 2 day-national health economic congress with an international plenary session with speakers from other ISPOR Regional Chapters.
<b>Membership Development</b>	From 2013 a new board structure has been introduced. A Vice President of Scientific Affairs, a Vice President of International Affairs and a Chief Secretary will support the President of the chapter. The chapter has also established a Student Unit for graduate, postgraduate and PhD students from January 2013 with a new position of Student President, elected directly by Chapter members.
<b>Other</b>	In 2013, for the third time, the award for the best health economic publications both in Hungarian and in English for the members of ISPOR Hungary Chapter will be announced.