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Other, non-Board positions (please list if applicable)	Director Chapter Board Member: Péter Rózsa, PhD, CEO, MediConcept Ltd., Budapest, Hungary peter.rozsa@mediconcept.hu
When are elections held for the Chapter Board? (Please describe how the election process is organized and indicate the term length for the Board members.)	Elections are held every two years. Any Chapter member can be nominated. The last election was held in November 2017. The current board members were officially elected in 2018 January.
Full ISPOR members as of December 2018 (those paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters)	Around 100 active members and about 50 paying ISPOR membership
Regional Chapter Members - 2017	About 100 active members
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In terms of membership composition, approximately what percentage of your Chapter members primarily work in:	
Academia%	10%
Government/HTA Agency%	15%
Industry - Pharmaceutical/Medical Device/Diagnostics/ Biotech%	20%
Consulting%	20%
Clinicians%	15%
Students%	20%
Other%	N/A
Did the Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership?	Yes
Did the Chapter hold regular meetings (e.g., Annual Chapter meetings) with members?	Bi-annual meeting are held for election. Scientific chapter meetings are held every month from September to May. Annual conference is held every April or May.

What channels of communication did the Chapter use to stay in contact with members: email blast, newsletter, social media, website? Please provide examples where applicable.	The major types of communication are: email, Facebook and website. Emails are sent to all members about meetings held. Facebook is used to promote events. All information about the Chapter can be found on the website.
Does the Chapter have a strategy for increasing membership?	The Chapter leaders would like to have better communication with patient organizations and increase the members from these organizations. Leaders are also engaged to involve university students in the Chapters activities and collaborate with other scientific communities from the field of healthcare.
What steps did the Chapter take to retain and recruit new members in the past year?	Since most members are based in Budapest, the Chapter leadership was engaged to include members from organizations based in regions of the country (e.g. University of Pécs).
What benefits did the Chapter offer to the members?	Members can register for our annual 2 day-national health economic congress and similar events organized by our chapter for a reduced fee, they get notifications about the chapter meetings and other related events, and they can elect chapter board members, or they can be elected (after at least 2 years of membership).
Did the Chapter have any groups formed within the Chapter? If yes, please indicate the name of these groups, its focus/purpose and if it is a new group (formed in the past year) or an established group:	No
Did the Chapter discontinue any groups in the past year?	No
How did your Chapter engage members in its activities in the past year?	
Presentations in Chapter meetings (when was it held, topic)	2018 February: Development in in-vitro fertilization 2018 February: Evaluating smoking cessation strategies 2018 April: 25 years of performance-based financing in Hungary 2018 April: Home care and hospice care in Hungary 2018 September: European joint HTA 2018 October: Evaluating number of amputations in Hungary from a public health perspective 2018 December: Evaluating the transparency of drug reimbursement procedure in Hungary
Seminars (please describe the topic and time it was held)	No such activity was held
Webinars (topic and time)	No such activity was held
Articles in Chapter newsletter	No such activity was held
Articles/contributions to Chapter website (if available)	Joint declarations on HTA, and summaries of monthly meetings
Chapter meetings/gatherings at ISPOR events	Chapter meeting in ISPOR Europe 2018, Barcelona. Presentation of Chapter activities and discussion on regional healthcare issues with invited speaker from ISPOR Serbia Chapter (Vlad Zah)
Other (please describe the activity and when it was held)	Joint meeting organized with other relevant scientific organizations about the performance-based financing of hospitals in 2018 April.
Did your Chapter offer education and training opportunities to its members?	Yes
In-person Workshops on HTA (time and topic)	Monthly meeting in 2018 September about European joint HTA
In-person Workshop on HEOR (time and topic)	N/A
In-person Workshops on other topics (please describe)	Monthly meetings: 2018 February: Development in in-vitro fertilization 2018 February: Evaluating smoking cessation strategies 2018 April: Home care and hospice care in Hungary 2018 October: Evaluating number of amputations in Hungary from a public

	health perspective 2018 December: Evaluating the transparency of drug reimbursement procedure in Hungary
In-person Lectures on HTA (time and topic)	N/a
In-person Lectures on HEOR (time and topic)	N/A
In-person Lectures on other topics (please describe)	N/A
Webinars on HTA (time and topic)	N/A
Webinars on HEOR (time and topic)	N/A
Webinar on other topics (please describe)	N/A
Other training/education opportunities (please describe)	N/A
Did your Chapter members participate in research activities?	Yes
If yes, which of the following did your members participate in:	
ISPOR Task Forces (name of the Task Force)	Former president, Prof. Zoltán Kaló is participating in different ISPOR Task Forces
ISPOR SIGs (name of the SIG)	Biosimilars, Medication Adherence & Persistence Special Interest Group, Nutrition Economics Special Interest Group, Rare Disease Special Interest Group
National/Regional research projects (please indicate which ones)	Joint investigation with other relevant scientific organizations about the performance-based financing of hospitals
Other research activities (please describe)	Publication in a local journal on the state of HTA
Did your Chapter contribute to any health policy-related activities on national/regional level?	Joint declaration with other relevant scientific organizations about the performance-based financing of hospitals
Did your Chapter organize/contribute to the organization of the regional/international events in the past year? If yes, please indicate event title, date, location, attendance number (if available), and type of contribution.	President, Bertalan Németh contributed as Warsaw Regional Conference Advisors Former President, Prof. Zoltán Kaló was a co-chair of the ISPOR 2018 Barcelona Program committee
List articles published in ISPOR's publications in 2018 - Value in Health, Value in Health Regional Issues, Value and Outcomes Spotlight, and ISPOR Regional newsletters by Chapter members. Please indicate article title, author's name, issue number.	Nestler-Parr S, Korchagina D, Toumi M, Pashos CL, Blanchette C, Molsen E, Morel T, Simoens S, Kaló Z, Gatermann R, Redekop W. Challenges in Research and Health Technology Assessment of Rare Disease Technologies: Report of the ISPOR Rare Disease Special Interest Group. Value Health. 2018 May;21(5):493-500. Brixner D, Maniadakis N, Kaló Z, Hu S, Shen J, Wijaya K. Applying Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) Simple Scoring as an Evidence-based HTA Methodology for Evaluating Off-Patent Pharmaceuticals (OPPs) in Emerging Markets. Value Health Reg Issues. 2017 Sep;13:1-6.

List Chapter contributions to ISPOR events by Chapter members in 2018. For example: presented posters, Forums, Chapter meetings.	Chapter members from different universities and research institutes submitted and presented more than 50 posters at the European Congress. Several oral presentations were also given by Chapter members. Chapter members also participated with posters and/or presentations at the ISPOR Dubai, and ISPOR Baltimore conferences.
Have your chapter participated in the "ISPOR Chapter Leadership Workshop"?	Chapter board members participated in the ISPOR Leadership Workshop in Barcelona.
Other than the page for the Chapter on the ISPOR website, does the Chapter maintain a website as of December 2018?	www.meatweb.hu
Describe Chapter regional patient engagement activities in the past year (if applicable). For example: collaboration with patient engagement organizations (rare disease, EUPATI), events or conferences with patient engagement focus.	Representatives of patient organizations were invited for the annual Conference of the ISPOR Chapter Hungary. One of the plenary speakers was representing a patient organization. Two roundtable meetings were held with patient representatives
Describe Chapter HTA-focused activities in the past year if applicable. For example: collaboration with regional and national HTA bodies, events or conferences with HTA focus, development of PE guidelines.	One monthly meeting about the European joint HTA was co-organized with the Hungarian HTA body.
Does the Chapter have any research or health policy-focused groups formed within the Chapter? For example: local SIG groups, Medical Devices, Clinicians.	No
Did the Chapter engage with students in your region in the past year?	Yes, the ISPOR Student Chapter Hungary is active and has a full support from the ISPOR Chapter Hungary.
Did the Chapter engage with new professionals in your region in the past year?	Yes, there is a New Professionals Unit (under age 36) is active and has a full support from the ISPOR Chapter Hungary.
Does your Chapter have links to ISPOR Student Chapters in your country/region as of December 2018?	Yes, the ISPOR Student Chapter Hungary is active and has a full support from the ISPOR Chapter Hungary
Please indicate Chapter affiliations with any institutions, universities, government, or associations (other than ISPOR) in the past year.	The Hungarian Health Economics Association also functions as the ISPOR Chapter Hungary since 2007 October. Members of the Hungarian Health Economics Association regularly participate in ISPOR conferences and take part in various scientific projects by ISPOR.

<p>Did the Chapter have any agreements of sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities, or associations in the past year? Chapters are required to obtain written approval from ISPOR prior to developing contractual ongoing relationship with government entities, or other organizations.</p>	<p>The Chapter had no agreements of sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities, or associations in the past year.</p>
<p>Did the Chapter as a group (not as individual members) submit any formal comments or responses to any review processes organized by a regional/national government or health authority? Chapters are required to obtain written approval from ISPOR prior to making recommendations concerning HEOR practices or policies to official government entities. ISPOR will respond within 30 days, or sooner if it's a time sensitive issue.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Is the Chapter officially registered with regional authorities in your country, i.e., is a Chapter a stand-alone legal entity as of December 2018?</p>	<p>No, but the Hungarian Health Economics Association is a registered, stand-alone legal entity in Hungary</p>
<p>Did the Chapter employ paid administrative or management staff (Association Management Company, contracted staff) in the past year?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Did the Chapter have a bank account in the past year?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What is the Chapter's official email address?</p>	<p>office@metaweb.hu</p>
<p>To advance HEOR in lower- and middle-income countries (LMICs), as defined by the World Bank, ISPOR offers benefits to members and Chapters in these countries. If your Chapter is located in an LMIC, do you value and use the current benefits? Are there additional benefits that you would like ISPOR to provide at the Chapter or individual member level? (click on links for further information)</p>	<p>We acknowledge the great service ISPOR has provided, and is still providing for the development of HEOR to LMICs. We do wish to support ISPOR in the future as well to reach these goals. Regarding our situation in particular, Hungary was listed among the high income countries starting from last year. However, we believe that unfortunately many of the challenges we faced while we were in the LMIC category, still remain. For example, I wish to quote the following article on the wages: "Every day, for six years, three doctors and two nurses have left Hungary," János Bélteczki, head of the Hungarian Doctors' Association, says of the uphill struggle all the EU's central and eastern European countries face in trying to keep hold of their highly trained health workers. "We have always spoken about this problem: the salaries are 10 times higher in Sweden, Norway, Germany, the UK, wherever, than in Hungary," said Bélteczki, who has called for a strengthening in regional solidarity on the issue and tripling the average Hungarian doctor's monthly wage, to around €1,500 (£1,120)." https://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jan/28/-sp-hungary-india-doctors-nhs-recruitment-drive-effect I am afraid that with this situation remaining, it may affect participation rates at ISPOR events as well. We understand that not all countries grouped together are exactly the same, however here we see a difference in magnitude, especially regarding the disposable income of young professionals and students. Having us in the same group as e.g. the UK, Switzerland or the USA, with wages several times higher than ours may not give an accurate picture of the situation.</p>

What are the 3 major challenges the Chapter is facing at the end of 2018? How do you think ISPOR can help you in addressing these challenges? Please provide specific examples.	
1	To recruit new members
2	To expand collaboration with other organizations
3	To ensure financial stability
Please attach the CV for the Chapter President.	
Please complete and attach the Chapter's 2019 Annual Work Plan.	
Who prepared this report? Please provide name and email address. ISPOR will reach out to this contact if there are questions regarding the report.	
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How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?	With all due respect, we believe that rationalizing the administrative burden, could be seen as an improvement. We would also wish to highlight the need to explore potential ways to support students or young professionals in the country.
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