BRIEF REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SESSION

The ISPOR Hungary Chapter organized a 2-day national congress focusing on health economics in the town of Pécs, with 150+ participants. The venue was selected to celebrate the 650th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Pécs (PTE). The conference included an international plenary session (23rd June, Friday 15:15 – 17:25) with invited speakers from other ISPOR regional chapters. The main topics of the conference were:

- Public health aspects and programs in Hungary
- Hungarian Brain Research Program and effective therapies for mental disorders
- Funding and efficiency issues of biological therapies in oncology
- Healthcare system modernization process: minimally invasive programs
- Health management in transition: changing roles and transparency
- Health economy and health industry in context
- Situation / importance of economic evaluation (HTA) in CEE countries
- Generic substitution and coverage of original drugs - promoting innovation in pharmaceutical reimbursement

The 2-day conference had 11 different sessions (listed below) covering a wide range of health economic and health policy issues:

- 2 plenary sessions (10 presentations)
- 3 health policy sessions (16 presentations)
- 1 health insurance session (6 presentations)
- 3 HTA sessions (13 presentations)
- 1 drug policy session (4 presentations)
- 2 poster sessions (with a total of 28 posters)
The International Session focused on the importance of international cooperation and the latest developments in the Central and Eastern European region (Finn Borlum Kristensen from Denmark, Tomáš Tesař from Slovakia, Dragana Atanasijevic from Serbia, Oresta Pinyazhko from Ukraine, Rok Hren from Slovenia)
The Benefits of International Cooperation in HTA

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