Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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Prof. Ran Balicer, ISPOR-Israel Past President participated in the 3rd International Congress on Health Economics and Outcomes Research organized by ISPOR-Serbia Regional Chapter on September 25-26, 2015 in Belgrade, Serbia and delivered a presentation on: “Using Data for Decision Making: Lessons Learned from Real Data Analysis in Israel.” A one day workshop on “How can healthcare systems cope with effective and high cost drugs” was held in Tel-Aviv on September 6th, 2015. Attendance was by invitation only and included some 70 senior executives from the Ministry of Health, the Israeli four health plans, the pharmaceutical industry, and academia. We hosted Prof. Mondher Toumi from Aix-Marseille University and Creativ-Ceutical in France who delivered a presentation on: “Cost Containment Policies in Europe-Which Future?”

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Scientific and Educational activities.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.
The 8th Annual Conference of ISPOR-Israel Regional Chapter was held in Dan Accadia Hotel in Herzliya on April 29th -30th, 2015 and was attended by more than 200 participants. The conference main topics were: "Market Access and Pharmaceutical Policies in Europe", "Pharmaceutical Development and Challenges in Health Technology Assessment in Middle Income Countries" and "The impact of Medical Innovation on Patients, Healthcare Professionals and the Society". We hosted Prof. Zoltán Kaló, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary, Vlad Zah, Chair Elect of the ISPOR CEE Network, and John Yfantopoulos, University of Athens, Greece.

Describe your Chapter’s accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to membership engagement.

Is your Chapter affiliated with any institutions, universities, government or associations (other than ISPOR)? If yes, please list and describe the nature of these affiliations(s).

No

Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership? If yes, how much are the dues?

No

How many ISPOR International members (paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters) does your Chapter have? Provide an estimate if you do not have an exact count.

105

Does your Chapter have any agreements or sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities or associations? If yes, please describe.

Yes

The ISPOR-Israel Annual Conference is supported by unrestricted grants from pharmaceutical and medical device companies in Israel

Does your Chapter employ paid administrative or management staff (Association Management Company, contracted staff)?

No

Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?

No

When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?

We have never updated the ISPOR Chapter Constitution.

Has your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) submitted formal comments or responses to any government or health authority in 2014 or 2015? If yes, what was the topic or issue?

No
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Does your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) interact in some way with the HTA or other official guidelines in your country? If yes, please name guideline(s) and describe. No

Does your Chapter have any committees or special interest groups? Please indicate and briefly describe. No

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What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members? Chapter members are offered a discount in the annual conference registration fees.

What are the most significant achievements of your Chapter in 2015? ISPOR-Israel has joined the ISPOR CEE Network in November 2015. This will facilitate collaborations between our Chapter and other countries in the Region. We would like to involve more clinicians and students in our activities.

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter? The Chapter organizes annual interactive workshops on relevant pharmacoeconomics, outcomes research and health policy issues. During these workshops and our well-attended annual conferences, both methodological and health policy issues are discussed. Some of the discussions result in research such as cost of illness studies. We regularly invite scholars from the U.S. and Europe to attend these activities and share with us their knowledge and experience.

How does your Chapter fulfill ISPOR’s mission to promote health economics and outcomes research excellence to improve decision making for health globally? Describe how it supports the development and promotion of the discipline of health economics and outcomes research in your region. How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortiums, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter? We are now part of the ISPOR CEE Network. We plan to engage in the Network activities in the coming years.

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