



Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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

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The ISPOR-CRC chapter focuses on offering monthly webinars that address a variety of scientific, health economics, and periodically policy topics

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.

The ISPOR-CRC chapter webinars included two that focused on policy related topics for members

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

ISPOR-CRC holds an annual chapter meeting at the ISPOR International meeting to discuss prior year accomplishments and to engage members in assisting to define its vision for the coming year. In addition, we held a half day conference in Chicago focusing on ex-US market access and pricing policies and practices

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

Webinars are an effective way of engaging members in addition to offering at least one conference per year focusing on scientific, economic, or policy related topics, and communicates through our ISPOR-CRC LinkedIn page

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

We have attempted over the last several years to create a loose relationship with the AMCP Midwest Regional chapter. To date we have attended one of their meetings (last year), but have not received a response since then to conduct complementary activities. We continue to try and communicate with the chapter president.

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.



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

No

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?

In the last 5 years.

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?

Yes

Educational Programming - the ISPOR-CRC Board has a member designated as Director of Programming to set up and organize educational webinars. The Director reaches out to membership soliciting topics of interest and speakers. From this a webinar series including one webinar per month is offered with invited expert speakers from chapter members or outside experts. Attendance can vary from as few as 7 to as many as 30+.

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.

Does your Chapter have any committees or special interest groups? Please indicate and briefly describe.

Academia %	20
Government/HTA Agency %	0
Industry %	35
Consulting %	35
Clinicians %	0
Student %	0
Other %	10

ISPOR-CRC members are canvassed to identify their needs and how they see the chapter can meet them. Overwhelmingly the response is to offer educational activities and at least once a year an opportunity to network with fellow members. The latter is typically done at the ISPOR International Meeting where new officers are also inducted.

What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?



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What are the most significant achievements of your Chapter in 2015?

One half day conference on ex-US market access and 8 educational webinars

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?

Member involvement beyond attending webinars due to individual member time commitments to work and the ability to easily travel to any location to conduct in person chapter activities. Members have indicated they are satisfied that the chapter focus on continuing to offer educational webinars focusing on scientific, economic, and health policy topics.

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.

The Chicago Regional Chapter promotes HEOR excellence through providing current and relevant webinars covering topics requested by members. We also provide counseling and support for our UIC student chapter on a regular basis whether that be including them in chapter activities or offering career guidance on an individual basis

How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?

Our support has been very good. If I were to make any suggestions it would be to offer learnings from other regional chapters that likely face the same challenges we do. For example, sharing what other types of activities regional chapters are able to conduct with members that have very demanding schedules.

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