Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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Region: Africa

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# Members: 74

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Scientific and Educational activities.
Pharmacoeconomics is now in the Pharmacy curriculum of the University of Port Harcourt
Successfully worked with key staff of the Federal Ministry of Health to develop plans for the development of Health Technology Assessment Policy for Nigeria within the framework of universal healthcare financing.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.
Due to lack of funds workshop/conference slated for December 4, 2015 in collaboration with the MOH was postponed. Three executive meetings were held. One in Abuja with an MOH representative in attendance.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.
Created a facebook page in November. Communication is still by emails and telephone. Plans are being developed to improve engagement under the supervision of Frank Muonemeh and Emmanuel Chiazor

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?
Yes
US$50 is the annual dues required but is hardly paid after the first payment on the point of just joining.

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?

Yes

www.isporng.org. The site was hacked and we are yet to resolve the problem but that should be fixed soon.

When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?

In the last 3 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?

No

However, ISPOR Nigeria Chapter assisted in drafting concept notes for HTA.

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.

Yes

Working with the MOH in developing an HTA Policy. Events/processes are stalled at the moment due to lack of funding

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

No

Academia % 6
Government/HTA Agency % 10
Industry % 3
Consulting % 1
Clinicians % 1
Student % 5
Other %

What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?

Training in Pharmacoeconomics, discount at workshops organized by ISPOR Nigeria

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

Establishment of a firm contact with health planning unit in the Federal Ministry of Health to plan and work together towards HTA Policy development. Agreement with EUROQOL in principle to conduct research on health status in three Nigerian languages using EQ5D-5L

Security concerns discourage members from group meetings in Abuja. Lack of regular source of funds to finance planned activities.

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?

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, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?

Please indicate who prepared this report, include title, phone, email.

ISPOR Nigeria encouraged teaching of pharmacoconomics in pharmacy schools. Seven universities now have it in their curriculum including West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacy.

Training for executive members on how best to manage a nonprofit organization. Donations of training materials and direct financial support.

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