



ISPOR Africa Chapters Meeting

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Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, USA

Summary

Moderator: Peter Agyei-Baffour, PhD, Health Economics Lecturer, Community Health Department, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Attendees: Presidents & Representatives of ISPOR Africa Chapters

Egypt Chapter: Manal El-Hamamsy

Ghana Chapter: Eugene Addo, Emmanuel Ankrah Odame, Ernest Quaye

Nigeria Chapter: John Alfa, Ehijie Enat, Charles Ezenduka, Victor Kiri, Isaac Odeyemi, Azuka C. Oparah, Ali Umoru, Anthony Waka Udezi

South Africa Chapter: Jacques Snyman

Uganda Chapter (*in development*): Joseph B. Babigumira

ISPOR Staff: Nancy Sun, Zandra Z. Yin

Objective

The ISPOR Africa Chapters Meeting was held to discuss recent ISPOR initiatives and Regional Chapters activities. Particular attention was given towards discussing submission of articles focusing on Africa to the ISPOR *Value in Health Regional Issues (ViHRI)* CEEWAA. The experience of organizing local educational activities, such as training courses and video-conferences was shared.

Discussed Topics

Value in Health Regional Issues (ViHRI) CEEWAA:

- Submission status and editorial process of 2013 issue was discussed: participants agreed on the following:
 - The need for a representative from Africa in the *ViHRI* CEEWAA Editorial Board: promote this opportunity among Chapters members from Africa, emphasizing required qualifications;
 - The importance of increasing number of submitted papers focusing on Africa; promote abstract submission to the *ViHRI* CEEWAA 2014 issue.

Overview of ISPOR Africa Regional Chapters Activities:

- South Africa Chapter: organized 2 workshops and is making good progress towards HTA;
- Ghana Chapter: interested in organizing regional conference and inviting health care experts from within the country and outside. The need for capacity building is great;
- Nigeria Chapter: currently working on the development of PE Guidelines, this will be presented to the Nigerian government. Planning to invite faculty members to conduct training programs for students;
- Uganda (Chapter in development): currently consists of 13 members. Planning to organize training courses and a regional forum. The importance of involving local government and establishing fellowship programs for students.

ISPOR Africa Chapters Initiative on: “Improving Access to Quality Health Care Services”:

- The topic was accepted and discussed as a potential Forum presentation at ISPOR 19th International Meeting;
- Chapters agreed that whether in a form a presentation or an article submitted to the *ViHRI* CEEWAA, this topic should discuss differences in the region, it should promote discussion, and help address the challenges that some regions in Africa are facing;
- Potential topics were named: burden study, data collection, capacity building, affordability and cost-effectiveness; emphasis on problems and solutions.

Follow up Actions

- Communicate with Chapter Presidents when the new *ViHRI* CEEWAA Editorial Board is selected: explain qualifications and criteria. Each Chapter will recommend a candidate;
- Chapter Presidents to encourage members and colleagues from the region to submit articles to *ViHRI* CEEWAA
- President of South Africa Chapter suggested to come up with a list of topics for Chapters to discuss in preparation of ISPOR Forum, regional workshops etc.