



## **Pakistan Chapter Annual Report 2012**

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### **Background:**

The Pakistan Chapter was approved in April 2009. The chapter presently has 14 members.

The current leadership of the Pakistan Chapter is comprised of the following:

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<b>Activities/ Accomplishments</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Scientific / Educational Activities</b>	<p>The Pakistan chapter of ISPOR has come out of infancy. The year 2012 has witnessed a national and international recognition to the HEOR in Pakistan. The chapter leadership attended first ever international ever, the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific conference at Taipei. We conducted first ever national level seminar on “economics of health and healthcare in Pakistan”.</p> <p>Developing expertise in health economics and outcomes research in Pakistan is the key strategic activity of the Pakistan chapter. Chapter vice president is directing three courses namely health economics (2 credits), healthcare financing (2 credits) and cost effectiveness analysis (3 credits) in the M.Sc. health policy and management, and epidemiology and biostatistics. He is also directing a short course on healthcare financing and equity.</p> <p>There are few research publications. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Malik A.M. and Azam S. I. Socio-economic determinants of Out-of-Pocket Payments on healthcare in Pakistan, International Journal of Equity in Health 2012, <b>11</b>:51 (4 September 2012)</li> <li>2. Babar Z.D., Jamshed S., Malik A.M. and Gilani A.H. Pharmaceutical Industry, innovation, access to medicines and intellectual Property rights: A case study from Pakistan in Lofgren H. and Williams O. The New Political Economy of Pharmaceuticals in the Global South (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming in 2013)</li> <li>3. Research on economic burden of mental health in Pakistan is in progress. It was presented in international conference on the emerging Issues of Social Sciences April 27-29 , 2012</li> </ol> <p>The chapter will now request publication list of all the chapter members along with their membership form. This will help us to document research activities of the</p>
<b>Policy-Related Activities</b>	<p>After the abolition of federal ministry of health the health policy related activities are now scattered to four provinces of Pakistan. The new drug regulatory authority of Pakistan (DRAP) is defining its role and responsibility in the emerging situation of health sector in Pakistan. The new plan of action to influence the pharmaceutical policy is through research and advocacy. Key issues of HEOR in Pakistan will be highlighted through research publication in local research journals.</p>
<b>Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings</b>	<p>Three quarterly meetings of the local membership of the chapter were held in 2012. National level meeting of Pakistan chapter was again postponed due to continued unrest and violence in Karachi. Most of the members of the chapter are residing outside Karachi and are reluctant to come to Karachi. The Pakistan chapter organized a national seminar on economics of health and healthcare in Pakistan on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. This was made possible due to the keen interest of the health sciences research committee of Aga Khan Medical college, Karachi. The dean of the medical college provided financial support.</p>

<b>Membership Development</b>	Our membership has dropped to 14 members. Most of these members are Pakistani nationals but residing outside Pakistan. Most the members outside Pakistan are actively involved in HEOR research
<b>Other</b>	

### **Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Pakistan Chapter 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>
August	Annual General meeting and election for the post of president and vice president
Each quarter	Quarterly local chapter meetings