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Background:

The Pakistan Chapter was approved in April 2009. The chapter presently has 16 members.

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

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**ISPOR Pakistan Chapter Annual Report 2013**

### Activities / Accomplishments

**Summary**
The ISPOR Pakistan chapter is slowly gaining national and international recognition. The chapter members published a book chapter on pharmaceutical industry in Pakistan. All the authors (except one) are the members of the ISPOR Pakistan Chapter. In addition chapter vice president was invited for an editorial on the role of health economics in Pakistan that was published by the journal of Pakistan Medical association (JPMA) in July 2013.

### Scientific / Educational Activities

The key scientific and educational activities on health economics and outcome research carried out by the chapter members in Pakistan context are summarized below:

**Ashar Malik,** vice president presented paper on:
- Economic Burden of Mental health in Pakistan at Workshop on cost and assessment in psychiatry of International centre for mental health and policy (ICMPE) on 22-24 March 2013, at Venice, Italy
- Invited guest lecture in oncology monthly research grand round in the department of Oncology, Aga Khan University, Karachi, By Ashar Malik, vice president of the Pakistan chapter, 12th June 2013

**Anwar Gilani,** Chapter President, presented invited/plenary lectures at the following meetings:
- Annual Research day of College of Health Sciences, Mekelle University, Ethiopia February 09, 2013 (Plenary lecture) Title: *Integration of traditional and modern medicine for better healthcare in developing countries*
  **Title:** Synergistic and/or side-effects neutralizing combinations in natural products
- Bi-National Symposium, Erumqi, jointly by the Chinese Academy of Science and Pakistan Academy of Science. China Sept 16-18, Invited lecture (member of Pak delegate) Title: *Recent Advancement in Drug Developments including herbal drugs*

**The President,** invited as a plenary speaker at the following international meetings
- 3rd ScienceOne Conference on Drug Discovery and Development, Jan 21-23, 2014, Dubai; Plenary lecture; Title: *New leads towards drug discovery from natural products*;
- 17th world congress of **Basic and Clinical pharmacology**, cape town 13-18 July 2014
  Title: Efficacy and safety of bioactive phytochemicals is influenced by their ability to interact with multiple target sites (program published as is evident at this website): [http://www.wcp2014.org/index.php/programme/scientific-programme/14-progra](http://www.wcp2014.org/index.php/programme/scientific-programme/14-progra)
Book chapters published by members:


Papers published by members:

- Ahmed T, Gilani AH. Therapeutic potential of Turmeric in Alzheimer’s disease: curcumin or curcuminoids? Phytotherapy Research DOI: 10.1002/ptr.5030
- Amin F, Gilani AH. Fiber-free white flour with fructose offers a better model of metabolic syndrome. Lipids in Health and Disease 2013, 12:44; doi:10.1186/1476-511X-12-44

Role in Capacity Building and higher education:

- The chapter vice president Ashar Malik directed graduate level courses titled 1) Health Economics 2) Cost effectiveness and cost analysis in M.Sc. health policy and management program.
- The Chapter President (Anwar Gilani) supervised research of 6 PhD students in the area of Pharmacology, two of them graduated during 2013.

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<td>Conferences and/or Chapter Meetings</td>
<td>The chapter could not conduct national level annual general meeting.</td>
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<td>Membership Development</td>
<td>Two new faculty members from the Aga Khan University have joined the local chapter that makes total membership to 16.</td>
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<td>Chapter will organize a parallel session on “poverty and non-communicable diseases” at the Aga Khan National Symposium on NCD on 26th February 2014</td>
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The Chapter President has been elected as the Fellow, TWAS-the World Academy of Science for the advancement of Science in developing countries.

**Upcoming Activities for ISPOR Pakistan Chapter 2013**