



Qatar Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016

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When are elections held for your Chapter's Board? Please indicate month and year of your last election.	Every 3 years. The last was in June 2016
# Regional Chapter members	4
# Full ISPOR members	4
Collect membership dues or fees from individuals? Annual dues?	No
Chapter benefits	Contribute and collaborate into quality research, for self-development and building of portfolio. Contribute and collaborate into educational activities, for self-development and building of portfolio. Networking with practitioners and outcome researcher with similar interests, but from a variety of background settings; locally and internationally.
Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement	There was no change in membership in the last year. The membership was still including people from a variety of settings; the pharmaceutical industry, the government, academia and different hospitals based members. Relevant to the size of Qatar, it is believed that the Chapter had performed well in relation to activities. The Chapter members that were involved are appropriate. As per the updated ISPOR Chapter Agreement however, the total number of members will need to increase.



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Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training

1. Basic Research Methodology and Biostatistics Workshop for Hospital Pharmacists: Organizer and facilitator of a comprehensive 4-week interactive workshop on research methodology and biostatistics involving 25 hospital pharmacists from Al-Wakrah Hospital. The training program consisted of 26 hours split across 4-day sessions.
2. Advanced Research Methodology and Biostatistics Workshop for QU CPH Alumni: Facilitator of a 2-day training workshop on advanced research methodology and biostatistics for Qatar University College of Pharmacy (QU CPH) alumni. The program consisted of 12 hours of hands-on training on different aspects of research and statistical analysis.

Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research

1. Published '29' peer-reviewed articles in 2016 in reputable journals including Value in Health Regional Issue.
2. Appointment of a member as a Co-Editor of the ISPOR Value in Health Regional Issues (ViHRI) for Central & Eastern Europe, Western Asia, and Africa (CEEWAA).
3. Obtained 6 intramural and extramural research grants (from Qatar University and from Qatar National Research Fund).

Chapter's accomplishments in 2016 with regard to policy-related activities

A major initiative has recently started with the purpose of creating an evidence-based systematic approach for the revising of the drug formulary inclusion decisions in Qatar. This has been completed in relation to 3 drug classes, being statins, PPIs, and ACEIs. The results in relation to two of these have been published already in impact journals, and the third is being written. Follow up efforts are being conducted as well to revise the formulary inclusion of the classes 'anticoagulants' and 'antidiabetic medications'. The Chapter is a member of the following national level committees for policy making:

- Technical Committee on the Development of Qatar National Formulary (QNF), Drug and Control Department, Supreme Council of Health, Doha, Qatar.
- Research Sub-Committee, Academic Health System Initiative, Hamad Medical Corporation and its partners (Weill Cornell-Qatar, Qatar University, College of the North Atlantic-Qatar, University of Calgary-Qatar).



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Chapter's accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences

1. International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 19th Annual European Congress 2016. Vienna, Austria. October 29 -November 2, 2016: Attended, presented 3 posters, and attended Value in Health Regional Issues (CEEWAA) meeting. 2. 21st Annual International Meeting of International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) (May 2016). Washington, USA: Attended, gave a podium presentation, presented 3 research posters, and attended ISPOR Arabic Network meeting. 3. 2016 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Annual Meeting. Hollywood, Florida, USA. October 23 – 26, 2016: Attended and presented 2 posters. 4. Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) Collaborative Pharmacy Conference. Promoting Patient Safety through Pharmacy Practice, Technology and Research. Doha, Qatar. April 22 – 23, 2016: Attended, had one podium/oral presentation, presented 2 posters, and facilitated 1 workshop. 5. 4. 6th Annual Research Forum, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar. May 26th, 2016: Presented 5 posters.

Chapter member's accomplishments, including articles of note or awards

None to report.

Describe any regional patient engagement activities

Application of Trans-theoretical model – Stages of Change among diabetes melitus patients in primary healthcare centers in Qatar

Describe any activities organized for students or new professionals

1. A member as PhD Thesis Examiner: Appointed as an External Examiner for a PhD thesis by Institute of Postgraduate Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia. 2. Graduate Students Supervision: Members are supervising or co-supervising 14 MSc and PhD students including distance-based mentorship. 3. At the Pharmacy Postgraduate Society, Qatar University, Qatar: Gave 2 workshops to postgraduate students in relation to 'advanced research methods and statistics' and 'Ethics and research application in different institutions in Qatar'.

Chapter Affiliations

Sponsorship Agreements

Formal comments to governments or health authorities

Input to national or regional HTA activities

Committees or special interest groups

Research, Education

Registered with regional authorities

No



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Chapter's main goals for 2017

1. Meetings/Conferences: Attending ISPOR meetings anticipated 5 contributions to two meetings in 2017. One contribution at the 2017 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) Annual Meeting. One contribution at the 2017 International Pharmaceutical Federation meeting.
2. Workshops: Training hospital pharmacists in advanced level of research methods and biostatistics, Continuous Professional Development in Qatar University (Date not confirmed). Also, training postgraduate students in Qatar University in relation to conducting systematic reviews (March 2017).
3. Policy relevant work: Completing a project in relation to evaluating Qatar medication pricing policies. In addition, there is an initiation of two activities in relation to revising the Hamad Medical Corporation drug formulary in relation to two major drug classes.
4. Research: Several research projects, including collaborations with Australia and Asian countries in scholar activities. This is added to anticipate publications, including books, book chapters and journal articles.

3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2017

1

Replacing members who have left Qatar due to a widespread job cuts at the level of the country.

2

Limited funds available for activities due to local budget cuts.

3

In 2016, a local postgraduate society has started in the College of Pharmacy at Qatar University. So maybe it is time to look for opportunities to start an ISPOR Student Chapter in Qatar.

Prepared this report

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