On December 14–16, 2004, Moscow, Russia, the Conference “Health Care Quality Management: Licensing, Standardization, and Pharmacoeconomics” was held. The organizers of this event were the Ministry of Health Care and Social Development of the Russian Federation, Federal Service for Surveillance in Health Care and Social Development, Federal Fund of Obligatory Insurance, Centre for Licensing of Medical Activities, Russian Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (the ISPOR Russia Chapter), and the Russian Society for Standardization in Health Care.

Over 536 attendees from more than 30 regions of Russia took part in the Conference. Key regions represented were Astrakhan, Barnaul, Volgograd, Ekaterinburg, Ivanovo, Irkutsk, Kazan, Kemerovo, Кизляр, Kirov, Krasnoyarsk, Moscow and the Moscow area, Nizhni Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Perm, Samara, Saint Petersburg, Saratov, Stavropol, Tver, Tula, Khanty-Mansiysk, Yaroslavl. Also, representatives from Canada, the World Health Organization, World Bank of Reconstruction and Development took part in the Conference. The audience included managers of public health services, employees of scientific research institutes and medical high schools, the clinical pharmacologists, doctors, representatives of the pharmaceutical companies.

The Conference included a plenary session (which discussed the problems of modernization of health care services, “waiting lists” system and accreditation in Canada, the role and the place of Federal Service for Surveillance in Health Care and Social Development in the medical care quality control system, the health care quality management, standardization of clinical research); 2 round tables discussions (“Accreditation In The Health Care”, “State Guarantees Of Medical Care And The System Of Obligatory Insurance”); 2 symposiums (“Standardization, Clinical Use, Pharmacoeconomics Analysis Of Anti-Anemic Therapy”, “Clinical Reports And Standards: Creation And Introduction”); 2 lectures (“Preventive Medical Programs” and “Pharmacoeconomic Results Assessment”); and 10 sessions on the following topics: licensing of pharmaceutical activity, licensing of medical activity, system of the drug state benefits, quality management in clinical and laboratory medicine: standardization and licensing, quality management in blood service, nomenclature of works and services in quality management in public health, quality of the rehabilitation services, pharmacoeconomics in cardiology, pharmacoeconomics in psychiatry and neurology, pharmacoeconomics and standardization in rheumatology.

During the Conference, there were 78 oral presentations and 13 poster presentations. Sessions included pharmacoeconomics in cardiology, rheumatology, psychiatry and neurology. During the cardiology session, the results of some pharmacoeconomics research by ISPOR Russia Chapter members were presented - pharmacoeconomics analysis of Nebilet (RSPOR), Plavix and aspirin (RSPOR), rilmenidin, metoprolol, enalapril. During psychiatry and neurology session, the economic methods of management by the psychiatric care were presented by Chapter members as well as the pharmacoeconomics analysis of antiepileptic drugs, ABC/VEN analysis of depressive frustration therapy, cost analysis of epilepsy. During the Conference the annual general meeting of Russian Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (the ISPOR Russia Chapter) was held.