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When are elections held for your Chapter’s Board?  
Sep-17  
Regional Chapter Members - 2017  
75  
Regional Chapter Members - 2016  
75  
Notes re Chapter members  
Full ISPOR members (those paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters)  
10  
Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership?  
$92/standard; $52 Government/Academia; Student ; $38 Student  

Benefits Chapter offer to members  
Chapter’s accomplishments in 2017 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement.  
At the end of 2016, the ISPOR South Africa chapter had 75 members, which was a great improvement on the 40 members at the end of 2015. However, we have battled to increase this number during 2017 with a couple of “groups” electing not to renew their membership for the current year. Prior to the 2017 conference our membership stood at 75.

Academia%  
9  
Government/HTA Agency%  
2  
Industry - Pharmaceutical/Medical Device/Diagnostics/ Biotech%  
61
| Consulting | 22 |
| Clinicians | 3 |
| Student | 3 |
| Other |  |

**Chapter’s accomplishments in 2017 with regard to education and training.**

2 workshops held in May and August 2017, Short Courses and Conference held in September 2017

**Chapter’s accomplishments in 2017 with regard to research.**

No specific chapter research, however individual members conducted and presented research in their own capacities. Several posters were presented at the conference

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**Chapter’s accomplishments in 2017 with regard to policy-related activities.**

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**Chapter’s accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences in 2017.**


**Articles published in ISPOR’s publication in 2017 - Value in Health, Value in Health Regional Issues, Value and Outcomes Spotlight, and ISPOR Regional newsletters by members in your Chapter.**

Lovina Naidoo from Sanlam Health had a poster accepted for presentation. Her abstract has been published in the "Value in Health ISPOR" journal under PHS150

**Contributions to ISPOR Conferences and Events by Chapter members in 2017. Include workshops, poster, and podium sessions.**


**Describe any regional patient engagement activities.**

Activities organized for students or new professionals.

No specific student activities, however sessions at the 2017 conference were "Careers in Market Access and HEOR" as well as "Information on courses for HEAOR professionals"

**Chapter affiliations with any institutions, universities, government, or associations (other than ISPOR).**

No

**Does your Chapter have any agreements of sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities, or associations?**

Department of Health and Council for Medical Schemes - see above

**Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) formal comments or responses to any government or health authority.**

Chapter Groups

HTA in your Chapter's country or region.

Our country/region requires HTA, but the Chapter is not involved.

Our country/region requires HTA and the Chapter's individual members are involved as experts in the national/regional HTA organizations.
Our Chapter provides training/education in HTA.

Is your Chapter officially registered with regional authorities in your country?
Yes, indicate what authority
South African Revenue Services

Does your Chapter employ paid administrative or management staff (Association Management Company, contracted staff)?
Yes

Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?
No

Does the Chapter have a bank account?
Yes

Official organizational email address?
info@isporsa.co.za

How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?
1. Support with material for workshops and training - subsidized / sponsored to the chapter, 2. Educational grants for chapter members attending International meetings - the cost for South Africans to go to the USA and Europe as well as conference fees makes such attendance almost impossible, 3 Educational grants for ISPOR International staff / KOL’s to attend the annual chapter conference and present sessions, 4 Continued waiver of fees for ISPOR International for Chapter Board members

3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2018.

1. Lack of government engagement - there is deep-seated mistrust between the Department of Health officials and the pharmaceuticals and devices industries. This presents a challenge to engagement as well as to common platforms at meetings. However, authorities have indicated willingness to engage with ISPOR SA going forward, as we have an agenda for the year which supports their guidelines and policy direction.

2 Lack of funder engagement – despite the participation of both Discovery and MMI in the 2017 conference, there remains a similar mistrust between these organisations and the pharmaceutical and devices industries. Currently 50% of the ISPOR SA Chapter board members come from industry and are not seen as “neutral”. This adds to the need to include members from other industries to serve as board members

3 Virtually absent student involvement continues. This is for two reasons: very few students studying pharmacoeconomics and related studies, and historically through lack of targeted efforts on the part of ISPOR SA. Several directors now have partnerships with pharmacy schools in the country which we aim to leverage.

Current Chapter members.
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CV for the Chapter President.
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Chapter’s Annual Work Plan.
x
Who prepared this report.
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