



Thailand Chapter Annual Report

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Background:

Thailand Chapter was accepted in January, 2005. The Chapter has 51 individual members.

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Our missions are 1) To provide an environment for knowledge sharing among researchers, healthcare practitioners, and decision-makers interested in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research 2) To serve as a bridge in bringing together Thai researchers, healthcare practitioners, and decision-makers interested in pharmacoeconomics and members of the pharmaceutical industry, health-related organizations, and academia. 3) To act as a resource at a local level for individuals including students interested in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research 4) To provide an opportunity for Thailand chapter members to become more familiar with the activities of ISPOR as well as participate in its activities.

After the chapter was found for three years, we have worked together with both public and private sectors. Our members have been involved in various initiatives and activities e.g. national guideline for economic evaluation working group, advisory committee for economic evaluation of essential drug list development. National guideline for economic evaluation supported by Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP) was already done and has been available for public domains at the end of year 2007. Advisory committee for economic evaluation of essential drug list development supported by Thai Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) has helped other essential drug list committees for economic perspectives. Both groups called for several meetings during last year. We took advantage from those meetings to meet and discuss the chapter's business.

In October 2007, the second annual meeting was held. There were about 100 participants from both public and private sectors. The meeting included all updates of Pharmacoeconomics in Thailand, an introduction to national guideline for economic evaluation, research dissemination, and roadmap for Pharmacoeconomics. The meeting was fruitful. It allowed networking among government officials, independent researchers, academicians, industries, and practitioners. Most participants suggested the chapter to run workshops in Pharmacoeconomics and national guideline. This suggestion will be taken for next annual meeting.

Even though the chapter has fulfilled the missions, various limitations or problems are found. For instance, the chapter heavily relies on government bodies in terms of budget and workforce. The number of researchers in this area is still limited. However, the chapter plans to solve this problem by legalize or formalize the chapter itself. It will be more legitimate organization in the country. Also, more activities and trainings will be considered.

Summary of Activities:

Dates	Summary of Activities: Content	Participants
January-September 2007	Chapter committee meetings: -prepared for annual meeting in October -discussed and updated issues regarding Pharmacoeconomics	Committee of ISPOR- Thailand Chapter
October 11-12 th , 2007	Annual meeting (hosted by ISPOR-Thailand Chapter, Thai FDA, and Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health): -Updates of Pharmacoeconomic working groups e.g. ISPOR-Thailand, HITAP, etc. -Disseminate national guideline for economic evaluation -Presenting research -Roadmap for Pharmacoeconomic evaluation	- Committee of ISPOR- Thailand Chapter - ~ 100 participants
November-December, 2007	Chapter committee meetings -prepared for annual meeting in May 2008	Committee of ISPOR- Thailand Chapter

Plan for Future Activities - 2008:

1. The 3rd Annual meeting will be held in May 2008: This meeting is moved to early this year because it is intended to promote ISPOR 3rd Asia-Pacific conference in Seoul, Korea in September.
2. ISPOR Thailand chapter will be legalized
3. We will encourage more members to participate in ISPOR 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference