



## 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 pharmacoconomics and outcomes research 2) To serve as a bridge in bringing together Thai researchers, healthcare practitioners, and decision-makers interested in pharmacoconomics 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 pharmacoconomics 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.

Considering developments the research in pharmacoconomics and outcomes have, it was a successful year for the chapter to fulfill our missions mentioned above. More or less of the development was related to the chapter. Our members have been involved in the development of national guideline for economic evaluation working group and advisory committee for economic evaluation of essential drug list development. National guideline for economic evaluation supported by Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP) has been introduced to various sectors, including academia, practitioners, and pharmaceutical industries. As mentioned in the 2007 report, our members actively worked as advisory committee for economic evaluation of essential drug list development. From those two major developments, the needs of pharmacoconomics and outcomes research have been widely realized.

In May 2008, the third annual meeting was held. This meeting was intended not only to serve our general missions but also to promote 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific ISPOR meeting in Korea. Since more sessions were included, the annual meeting was extended to two days instead of one day in previous meetings. The title of the meeting was “A Stepping Stone toward National Drug Policy” There were about 100 participants from both public and private sectors. The meeting included various topics e.g. National List of Essential Drugs :The Integration of Evidence Based and Economic Evaluation, How much do we pay for a QALY in Thailand: searching for a ceiling threshold, Making Pharmacoconomics to be Practical in Decision Making in Thailand, The Development of Thai Database, Health Technology Assessment: How HITAP pursues research-policy-practice integration. Also, sessions of research oral presentations were included. The meeting was a success. It allowed networking among government officials, independent researchers, academicians, industries, and practitioners.

Besides the third annual meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific ISPOR meeting, a couple of chapter member individuals were invited to provide seminars for both health care practitioners and industries. Recently, a new research center (The Center of Pharmaceutical Outcome Research, CPOR) had been also established by one of chapter members. These activities and initiatives in Thailand reflect advance and good-speed development for this field. More or less, they are related to ISPOR-Thailand Chapter or its members.

Even though the chapter has fulfilled the missions, there are still various limitations or problems. For instance, the chapter has limited number of members. In the country, the number of researchers in this area is still limited. However, the chapter is very fortunate to be able to hold the next Asia-Pacific ISPOR meeting. It will motivate all stakeholders and has major impacts to the country. The chapter still would like to be legalized or formalized the chapter itself. It will be more legitimate organization in the country.

### Summary of Activities:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Summary of Activities: Content</b>	<b>Participants</b>
January-May 2008	Chapter committee meetings: -prepared for annual meeting -discussed and updated issues regarding Pharmacoeconomics	Committee of ISPOR-Thailand Chapter
May 12-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	Annual meeting (hosted by ISPOR-Thailand Chapter, Thai FDA, and Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program): -National List of Essential Drugs :The Integration of Evidence Based and Economic Evaluation -How much do we pay for a QALY in Thailand: searching for a ceiling threshold -Making Pharmacoeconomics to be Practical in Decision Making in Thailand -The Development of Thai Database, Health Technology Assessment: How HITAP pursues research-policy-practice integration -Presenting research -Roadmap for Pharmacoeconomic evaluation	- Committee of ISPOR-Thailand Chapter - ~ 100 participants
September, 2008	Joined 3 <sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific ISPOR meeting in Korea	-Some committee members of ISPOR Thailand Chapter

Plan for Future Activities - 2009:

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting will be held in October 2009.
2. There will be another attempt to legalize ISPOR Thailand chapter.
3. Several meetings will be held for preparation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific ISPOR meeting.