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Background:

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

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ISPOR Thailand chapter's 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.

Considering rapid growth of the research in pharmacoeconomics and outcomes in Thailand, the chapter has had a successful year of fulfilling its missions since more or less of this growth was related to the chapter. Our members have been involved in various activities e.g. evaluations of drug products, meeting, etc. Some of them are members of two major research bodies, Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP) and Center of Pharmaceutical Outcome Research (CPOR). These research bodies have been evolving at either national or regional levels.

In August 2009, the fourth annual meeting was held. This meeting was intended not only to serve our general missions but also to promote and prepare for 4th Asia-Pacific ISPOR meeting in Phuket, Thailand. It was two days meeting under the title "Public – Private Mixed for the Use of Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research to Inform Decision Making in Thailand" Similar to previous meeting, there were about 100 participants from both public and private sectors. The meeting included various topics e.g. "The use of Pharmacoeconomics for policy decisions in England and Wales : the current difficulties and future direction", "Pharmacoeconomics, national drug lists, and drug benefit scheme under Universal Coverage scheme", "Pharmacoeconomics: from research to policy and practice", "Clinical studies with economic dimension: public and private mix", "Economic viewpoint of innovative pharmacy services", and oral presentations. The meeting was another success of ISPOR Thailand chapter. It allowed networking among government officials, independent researchers, academicians, industries, and practitioners. This networking is not limited to only within the country but also with outside the country e.g. a speaker from the Centre for Health Technology Evaluation of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), UK, was also invited to share her experiences at a session of the meeting. The co-chair of ISPOR 4th Asia-Pacific meeting joined the Thailand chapter annual meeting, made an announcement, and provided meeting promotional material. Questions about the meeting were taken and participations were encouraged. During the fourth annual meeting, key chapter members held a small group meeting and agreed that the chapter should not hold an annual meeting in year 2010 since we need to prepare for the Asia-Pacific meeting. Instead, member meetings should be held.

It was another year that the chapter has fulfilled the missions and played important roles of the development of pharmacoeconomics in Thailand. However, there

are still various limitations or problems. For instance, the chapter has not been able to increase number of members. Also, the number of researchers in this area is still small. Hopefully, the ISPOR 4th Asia-Pacific meeting next year will have a high momentum in the country. It is expected to motivate all stakeholders and shed light on major consequences of pharmacoeconomics and outcome research to the country.

Summary of Activities:

Dates	Summary of Activities: Content	Participants
January-July 2009	Chapter committee meetings: -prepared for annual meeting -discussed and updated issues regarding Pharmacoeconomics	Committee of ISPOR- Thailand Chapter
August 13-14 th , 2009	Annual meeting (hosted by ISPOR-Thailand Chapter, with cordially help from Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program): Title: "Public – Private Mixed for the Use of Phamacoeconomics & Outcomes Research to Inform Decision Making in Thailand" Number of participants: 102 from both public and private sectors. Sessions: -The use of Pharmacoeconomics for policy decisions in England and Wales : the current difficulties and future direction -Pharmacoeconomics, national drug lists, and drug benefit scheme under Universal Coverage scheme -Pharmacoeconomics: from research to policy and practice -Clinical studies with economic dimension: public and private mix -Economic viewpoint of innovative pharmacy services -Oral presentations.	- Committee of ISPOR- Thailand Chapter - pharmacists -health care providers -industries

Plan for Future Activities - 2010:

1. Several face-to-face and teleconference meetings for ISPOR 4th Asia-Pacific meeting preparation will be held.
2. There will be another attempt to legalize ISPOR Thailand chapter.
3. To develop higher state of the art in Pharmacoeconomics and Outcome research in Thailand e.g. capacity building, networking, etc.