Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2015

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Africa

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Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and Health Economics in Uganda. A collaboration between ISPOR Uganda Chapter and Departments of Pharmacy, Global Health and Health Services, University of Washington. An "HTA & Health Economics in Uganda" workshop was held on August 4-5, 2015 at the Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University in Kampala with 30 chapter members in attendance. The workshop was organized in conjunction with the University of Washington, Seattle and included Professor Lou Garrison (ISPOR President Elect) as a member of the faculty. In 2015, chapter members continued to participate in ISPOR Conferences. In total, 6 abstracts were presented by ISPOR Uganda Chapter members at the ISPOR Annual European Congress in Milan, 2015.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Scientific and Educational activities.

The Chapter continues to engage at the level of the ISPOR Africa Network. The chapter is participating in the development of a policy paper on the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The members of the chapter are also involved in activities of ISPOR special interest groups.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Policy-related activities.

Annual General Meeting was held on 21 December 2015 at the Infectious Diseases Institute, Kampala. A special executive meeting was held on the 5th August with ISPOR President Elect and ISPOR Uganda Chapter members interested in pursuing careers in Health Economics and with accepted abstracts to the ISPOR Annual European Congress. This was an inspirational meeting for the young researchers.

Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to Chapter meetings or conferences.
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Describe your Chapter's accomplishments for 2015 with regard to membership engagement.

Membership development was supported throughout the year through the ISPOR Uganda Chapter mailing lists and social media (twitter).

Is your Chapter affiliated with any institutions, universities, government or associations (other than ISPOR)? If yes, please list and describe the nature of these affiliations(s).

Yes
Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI), Makerere University. The institute provides logistics support to the chapter in the form of administrative time, meeting space, and accounting.

Does your Chapter collect membership dues or fees from individuals for local Chapter membership? If yes, how much are the dues?

No

How many ISPOR International members (paying dues to ISPOR Headquarters) does your Chapter have? Provide an estimate if you do not have an exact count.

Does your Chapter have any agreements or sponsorship arrangements with any for-profit companies, governments, health authorities or associations? If yes, please describe.

No

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

No

Other than the page for your Chapter on the ISPOR website, does your Chapter maintain a website?

No

When did your Chapter last update the ISPOR Chapter Constitution?

We have never updated the ISPOR Chapter Constitution.

Has your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) submitted formal comments or responses to any government or health authority in 2014 or 2015? If yes, what was the topic or issue?

No

Does your Chapter (as a group, not as individual members) interact in some way with the HTA or other official guidelines in your country? If yes, please name guideline(s) and describe.

No

Does your Chapter have any committees or special interest groups? Please indicate and briefly describe.

No

Academia %
40

Government/HTA Agency %
0
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Industry %  
Consulting %  
Clinicians %  
Student %  
Other %  

1  
2  
30  
20  
7  

What benefits does your Chapter offers to its members?  
Opportunities for networking with other researchers. Access to state of the art training. Information about conferences and opportunities.

What are the most significant achievements of your Chapter in 2015?  
Increasing visibility of the chapter. Working on a framework for HTA in Uganda and hosting the ISPOR President Elect.

What are the greatest challenges facing your Chapter?  
Sustaining a high level of engagement with members. Face to face participation in ISPOR organization activities is often limited by funding constraints.

How does your Chapter fulfill ISPOR’s mission to promote health economics and outcomes research excellence to improve decision making for health globally?  
Describe how it supports the development and promotion of the discipline of health economics and outcomes research in your region.

From inception, the chapter has focused on advocacy and capacity development. By raising awareness of the role of health economics and outcomes research and educating particularly the younger generation interested in the field, we are investing in a future where these approaches are no longer seen as alien to the decision making process in developing countries.

How can the ISPOR organization as a whole (Staff, Board, Consortia, Networks, etc.) better support your Chapter?  
Identify trainers with relevant expertise that are willing to travel to Uganda and support their visits.

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