**Uganda Regional Chapter Annual Report - 2016**

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When are elections held for your Chapter’s Board?
06/01/2013

Please indicate month and year of your last election.

# Regional Chapter members
72

# Full ISPOR members
20

Collect membership dues or fees from individuals?
No

Annual dues?

**Chapter benefits**
Information about ISPOR activities, conferences and opportunities. Information and travel advice to members attending ISPOR international meetings/conferences. Local guest lectures were organized. Opportunities for networking with other researchers. Training workshops circulation of job announcements relevant to health economics and related fields.

**Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to membership recruitment, retention, and engagement**
The chapter maintains a local mailing list and twitter feed for communication with members. Membership marginally increased to 72 from 68 in the previous year.

**Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to education and training**
Local capacity for health economic evaluation and research remains low in Uganda. Two local trainings were organized to improve capacity, two initiatives were pursued in 2016. The chapter entered into a collaboration with a private firm (Carapinha & Company) focused on research and capacity building. Through this arrangement, chapter members were provided free access to a 2-part online webinar on Decision Modelling for Pharmacoeconomic Evaluation on August 2 & 3, 2016. The chapter was co-applicant on an academic grant application to support health economics training and capacity building in Uganda. Feedback on the grant outcome is expected in early 2017.

**Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to research**
The chapter contributed to the review of the manuscript in preparation entitled: EBOLA: Health Economic Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Policy Recommendations.
Chapter’s accomplishments in 2016 with regard to policy-related activities
None

Chapter’s accomplishments with regard to Chapter meetings, workshops, or conferences
ISPOR Uganda Chapter Guest Lecture in collaboration with IDI Research Department. Two lectures were held at the Infectious Diseases Institute in Kampala. Date: May 26, 2016 Title/Subject: Newborn Screening and Prophylactic Interventions for Sickle Cell Disease in 47 Countries In Sub-Saharan Africa: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis. Speaker: Dr Andreas Kuznik, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, USA Format: Lecture
Date: 8 December 2016 Title/Subject: Access to Medicines in Uganda Speaker: Professor Christopher Orach, Makerere University School of Public Health, Kampala Format: Lecture.

Chapter member’s accomplishments, including articles of note or awards
The chapter president co-authored 3 manuscripts that were published during the year under review including an influential manuscript on scaling up access to antiretroviral therapy based on new WHO guidelines.
Rachel Musomba, ISPOR Uganda Chapter member received an international scholarship to attend the ISPOR 19th Annual European Congress in Vienna.

Describe any regional patient engagement activities
None.

Describe any activities organized for students or new professionals
None.

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

Sponsorship Agreements
Formal comments to governments or health authorities
Input to national or regional HTA activities
Committees or special interest groups
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Registered with regional authorities  Yes
Uganda Registration Services Bureau

Chapter’s main goals for 2017?
Develop membership to at least 80 active members.
Conduct 2 training workshops (June and November).
Participate as a chapter in 1 research project.

3 challenges the Chapter is facing at the start of 2017
1 The Chapter needs a formal secretariat to drive chapter activities on a day to day basis.
2 Inadequate funding to support chapter members to travel to ISPOR meetings.
3 Limited engagement with policy makers.

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