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Welcome from the President

*Written by Stephen Goodall
President, ISPOR Australian Chapter*

2016 is proving to be a very busy year for ISPOR-Australia Chapter. Our first workshop of the year “Contemporary Economic Modelling” was an overwhelming success with over 90 attendees. This workshop provided an opportunity for researchers to present their economic models and receive expert feedback. We have two further workshops planned for 2016. In August we will host a quality of life workshop in Sydney and then later in the year we will host a discussion session on the new PBAC guidelines.

At the recent AGM, we welcomed a number of new committee members; A/Prof Anthony Newall, Adam Gordois, Peter Moore and Lili Bullfone. We also had some farewells including A/Prof Tracy Comans and Dr Mary Lou Chatterton. I would like to thank them for their outstanding contributions to ISPOR-AU. I would also like to thank Bill Montgomery for his outstanding leadership; Bill remains on the committee as the past president.

Finally, ISPOR AU has submitted a bid to host the 2020 ISPOR Asia-Pacific conference. The bid has been well received by the parent body (ISPOR) and we are expecting an announcement during the Singapore meeting in October.

I would like to thank you for your support as we continue to develop the chapter. See you at one of the many events this year!

Stephen Goodall



ISPOR-AC Expression of Interest to host 9th ISPOR Asia-Pacific Conference (2020) in Australia

Written by George Papadopoulos

ISPOR is recognised globally as the leading educational and scientific organisation for outcomes research and its use in health care decisions. The Asia-Pacific Conference is the premier event to attend and share new research as a podium or poster presentation, interact with attendees during a workshop on innovative experiences in outcomes research, or debate views on a controversial topic in an issue panel session.

The ISPOR Asia-Pacific Conference is currently held every 2 years and the next two venues for 2016 and 2018 have been set for Singapore and Tokyo, respectively. The ISPOR Australia Chapter (ISPOR-AC) is actively campaigning to bring the next conference scheduled for 2020 to Australia. The ISPOR-AC Committee's rationale is outlined in detail below and we hope the Australian Health Technology Community gets behind and supports this endeavour until a final decision is made.

Health Technology Assessment and Health Economics in Australia

- Australia has a long and established history of health technology assessment and health economics. Australia was the first country in the world to formally include economic evaluations as a mandatory requirement for public subsidy of pharmaceuticals;

- The Australian Chapter of ISPOR (ISPOR-AC) has a registry of over 300 people and regularly achieves attendances of over 100 local members to ISPOR-AC events;
- ISPOR-AC has a strong reputation amongst academic, government and industry stakeholders in Australia. Events hosted by ISPOR-AC include keynote addresses and plenary sessions involving world renowned academics as well as leading Government and industry dignitaries. These events attract commercial sponsorship which enables the chapter to provide discounted registration fees;
- Those involved in HTA and health economics in Australia are very active in international collaboration, dissemination and learning. Australians have strongly attended and presented at past international, European and Asian Pacific ISPOR conferences and workshops.

Australia is the ideal location

- Australia boasts a strong reputation as a leading tourist attraction renowned for its climate, natural beauty and hospitality;
- Many international conferences are hosted in Australia each year. In 2013, the conference of the International Health Economics Association was hosted in Australia with over 1,000 attendees;
- A number of large international sporting events have previously been hosted in Australia including the summer Olympics, the Asian Football (soccer) cup and Australia will again be hosting the Commonwealth games in 2018;
- There are frequent direct (often daily) and inexpensive flights from most countries/cities in Asia: e.g. Seoul-Sydney is US\$600 return; Osaka-Gold Coast is US\$450 return;
- Sydney, in particular, has 491 direct flights per week from Asia, 76 direct flights per week from Americas and 2,489 indirect flights per week from Europe;
- Australia has a large range of accommodation options available and because of its diverse multicultural population, has many restaurants from numerous nationalities.



Gold Coast



Sydney

ISPOR-AP Conference in Australia

- Australia is home to a number of leading international experts in health technology assessment and health economics, many of whom have attended and/or presented at ISPOR-AC events in the past. As such, the ISPOR-AP conference, if held in Australia, would be able to provide experts of outstanding reputation to present or be part of co-ordinated plenary sessions;

- The Australian ISPOR-AP conference is likely to attract over 1,300 attendees. ISPOR-AC has a strong membership who are very likely to attend ISPOR-AP if hosted in Australia. Previous international health economics conferences held in Australia have achieved over 1,000 attendees with over half coming from international locations;
- The Australian ISPOR-AP conference will be financially well supported by local healthcare industry partner and Federal and State Governments.
- Keen interest has already been shown by our local healthcare industry members to provide sponsorship as well as strong federal and state government support to host the ISPOR-AP conference;
- The Australian ISPOR-AP conference will provide generous scholarships for those in the early stages of their career to attend the conference as well as to those from low-income countries in the region;
- The executive committee of ISPOR-AC will provide their full support to ensure the event runs smoothly and will appoint a local organising committee to assist the organising committee from ISPOR.

Outcomes from the ISPOR-AC conference in Australia

- Increased collaboration, networking and sharing HTA experiences between Asian countries;
- Continue the activities of ISPOR in the Asian Pacific region;
- Increased ISPOR membership and collaboration between the healthcare industry, government and academia to improve patient outcomes.

ISPOR Asia-Pacific Conference opportunities

Written by Joshua Byrnes

Opportunities are available for institutions to support the upcoming ISPOR 7th Asia-Pacific Conference to be held in Singapore in September this year. Institutions may be listed as a supporting institution on the ISPOR 7th Asia-Pacific website and within the conference program. All that is required of the supporting institution is to inform colleagues about ISPOR 7th Asia-Pacific Conference and incorporate the conference program link <http://www.ispor.org/Event/Index/2016Singapore> to their website and encourage colleagues to attend.

In addition, opportunities to sponsor events at the Singapore conference are also available. More information on the benefits of providing sponsorship can be found at the conference website

<http://www.ispor.org/Event/EventInformation/2016Singapore?p=398>.

If your institution is interested in being a supporting institution or providing sponsorship to the conference please contact Nancy Sun, Associate Director of Business Development at ISPOR (nsun@ispor.org).



Contemporary Economic Modelling Workshop

The 2016 educational program for the ISPOR-Australian Chapter kicked off in March with a well-attended 'Contemporary Modelling Workshop' held at UTS, Sydney. The day began with a number of informative presentations on advanced modelling techniques, including Microsimulation, Discrete Event Simulation and an overview of Anylogic® Multimethod Simulation Software.

The program also included a five-minute research snapshot which provided new investigators with a platform to give a brief presentation of a modelled cost-effective analysis of a healthcare intervention. While the day concluded with a series of presentations from authors and discussants on the topic of Economic Modelling of Health Outcomes.

The presentations will be available from the ISPOR-AC website from mid-June 2016

Please go to www.isporac.org/events/contemporary-economic-modelling/



Quality of life and utility measures in cancer research workshop

24 August 2016

Aerial Function Center, UTS, Sydney

This workshop will be co-presented by Cancer Australia's Quality of Life Office and Cancer Research Economics Support Team. The focus of the workshop is on providing participants with hands-on experience of the use of new cancer-specific instruments for the valuation of quality of life for use in economic evaluations.

The workshop will:

- Explain the rationale for assessing HRQoL/PROs in clinical studies and for economic evaluation
- Introduce QALYs and utilities
- Explain methods of measuring and valuing HRQoL, and how these differ
- Introduce the new cancer-specific utility instrument – the QLU-C10D (derived from the QLQ-C30)

This workshop is for researchers, analysts and managers involved in PBAC and/or MSAC processes.

Fees for this workshop

- Academic / Government ISPOR-AC Member \$200
- Industry ISPOR-AC Member \$300
- Corporate ISPOR-AC Member \$200
- Academic / Government Non-Member \$300
- Industry Non-Member \$400

To register please head to www.isporac.org/events/qolwks/

Working with the new PBAC guidelines

29 November 2016

Deakin University, Burwood, Melbourne

ISPOR-AC will be hosting a workshop in Melbourne in late November covering key topics relevant to the new PBAC guidelines. The workshop will take the form of a panel discussion with representatives from government, industry and academia discussing alternative approaches.

Topics may include:

- Choice of comparator(s)
- Modelling approaches appropriate for Vaccines
- Methods for dealing with extrapolation
- Handling surrogate outcomes
- Minimum Clinically Important Difference

Keep an eye on the website for updates and when registrations open -

www.isporac.org

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Origins of ISPOR-AC

The Australian Chapter established in May 2008, embraces health care researchers from all disciplines conducting health care research in Australia. These disciplines include all those with a focus on health economics, epidemiology, decision analysis, modelling, risk assessment, patient-reported outcomes (quality of life), use of 'real world' data such as health care database analyses, observational studies, patient registries. Health care includes use of pharmaceuticals, biologics, genetically-derived products, medical devices, delivery systems, priority-setting, resource allocation and health services. ISPOR-AC is a not-for-profit organisation, which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its members. ISPOR-AC maintains affiliation as a component chapter of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR).

Where we are going

The future of ISPOR-AC is bright, with an increase in membership annually, and more workshops in various locations around Australia. There is also a push to get ISPOR-AC more active in the ISPOR Asia Consortium.

Packages

We have a package to suit your company.

- Corporate 1 year Memberships is \$500.00
- Corporate 3 year Membership is \$1,350.00
- Corporate 5 year Membership is \$2,000.00

Workshop Fees

Registration fees to all ISPOR-AC workshops are made available to all employees of the corporate membership company at a significantly reduced rate. See the specific workshop for the rate available.

Advertising

Corporate Members will have access to advertising opportunities in the following areas:

- Logo placement, brand description and hyperlink on the ISPOR-AC Website;
- Brand Recognition on all ISPOR-AC Social Media platforms;
- Logo placement, brand description on ISPOR-AC newsletter
- Access to mailing list (done by ISPOR-AC Administration) for job postings and notifications

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is my corporate membership tax deductible?

A. Your corporate membership may be tax deductible. However, we recommend you seek your own financial advice from your business accountant.

Q. Is the membership renewed annually?

A. Yes, it is. However, we do have 3 and 5 year corporate memberships available.

To join head to the [Memberships](#) page on the ISPOR-AC website

[Conference Calendar](#)

[ISPOR AP, 7th Asia-Pacific Conference, 3-6 September, Singapore](#)

[PHAA, 44th Annual Public Health Association of Australia Conference, 18-21 September, Alice Springs](#)

[AHES, 38th Annual Australian Health Economics Society Conference, 26-27 September, Perth](#)

[ISPOR EU, 19th Annual European Congress, 29 October – 2 November, Vienna, Austria](#)

ISPOR Australia Chapter acknowledges its corporate members

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- Bristol-Myers Squibb





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