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## [Welcome from the President](#)

*Written by Hansoo Kim*

*President, ISPOR Australian Chapter*



Here just after the midpoint of the year we are pleased to see all the activities that are happening in the ISPOR world. The year kicked off in with a workshop by Dr Nick Latimer and Dr Tom Sullivan on Estimating benefits of new treatments followed by annual general meeting in March. In early August we had the pleasure of hosting Professor Madeleine King, Brendan Mulhern, Dr Richard De Abreu Lourenco, Associate Professor Tracy Comans and Dr Greg Cook.

The remaining part of the year is likely to be equally as exciting with numerous Australian panel sessions at the upcoming ISPOR AP conference in Tokyo, a pre-conference ISPOR workshop at the COSA (Clinical Oncology Society of Australia's annual meeting) and a seminar on Evaluation of PBAC submissions in December.

## ISPOR Asia Pacific 2018

8-11 September 2018 | Tokyo, Japan

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The 8th bi-annual ISPOR Asia Pacific meeting is due to be held in Japan in a couple of weeks.

### **Australia/New Zealand Chapter Meeting**

You are invited to attend this meeting to network with others. You do not have to be a local chapter member to attend - all welcome.

**Date:** Monday 10 September 2018

**Time:** 5.00pm - 6.00pm

**Room:** Fuji (42nd Floor)

Tea & coffee will be available

### **Come and support the ISPOR-AC Team**

## **Sunday 9 September**

### **5:00PM-6:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION**

**IP5: Better the Devil You Know? QALYs and Their Alternatives in Drug Reimbursement Decision-Making** *Concord Ballroom C (5th fl)*

*Moderator:* **Hansoo Kim, MSc**, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia *Panelists:* **Mark Sculpher, PhD**, University of York, York, UK; **J. Jaime Caro, MDCM**, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada; **Danny Liew, PhD, MBBS**, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

## **Tuesday 11 September**

### **10:45AM-11:45AM BREAKOUT SESSION**

**IP14: Managed Entry Schemes: Hype vs Reality** *Concord Ballroom B (5th fl)*

*Moderator:* **Joshua Byrnes, PhD**, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia *Panelists:* **Jonathan Karnon, PhD**, The University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia; **Jeonghoon Ahn, PhD**, Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Republic of South Korea; **Greg Cook, PhD**, Bristol Myers Squibb, Mulgrave, Australia

**W13: Modeling Disease Progression and Economic Outcomes of Dementia Interventions:**

**Exploring Options for a Complex Health Problem** *Nishiki Room (4th fl)*

*Discussion Leaders:* **Kim-Huong Nguyen, PhD**, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia; **Brendan Mulhern, MRes**, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia; **Tracy Comans, PhD**, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia; **Jasmine Pwu, PhD**, MOHW, Taipei, Taiwan

### **4:00PM-5:00PM BREAKOUT SESSION**

**IP20: Discrete Choice Experiments as a Measure of Social Value and Preferences: Application to Policy Making in Asia Pacific** *Concord Ballroom B (5th fl)*

*Moderator:* **Brendan Mulhern, MRes**, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia *Panelists:* **Stephen Goodall, BSc, MSc, PhD**, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia; **Timothy Bolt, PhD**, Saitama University, Saitama, Japan; **Ruoyan Gai, PhD**, National Center for Child Health and Development of Japan, Tokyo, Japan

**W18: Value of Information Analysis: Principles, Applications, and Good Practice****Recommendations** *Ohgi Room (4th fl)**Discussion Leaders:* **Haitham Tuffaha, BPharm, MBA, MSc, PhD**, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia;**Lotte Steuten, PhD, MSc**, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA, USA

## ISPOR-AC Workshops

*By Sopany Saing & Brendan Mulhern***Sydney, 2018**

We had our first workshop of the year on 19 Monday March 2018 in Sydney titled 'Estimating the Benefits of New Treatments – How to adjust for treatment switching in clinical trials'. The workshop was hosted by Dr Nick Latimer from the University of Sheffield and Dr Tom Sullivan from the University of Adelaide. Attendees experienced a series of lectures on simple adjustment methods to more complex methods including inverse probability of censoring weights (IPCW) and rank preserving structural failure time models (RPSFTM). Dr Nick Latimer presented Practical Sessions using examples submitted to the UK NICE. Overall, there were almost 40 attendees including PBAC evaluators and biostatisticians.

**Brisbane, 2018**

The ISPOR Australia Chapter recently held a one day workshop about Quality of Life at Griffith University in Brisbane. This was the third running of the workshop, having previously being held in Sydney and Melbourne. Attendees from academia, the public sector and the pharmaceutical industry were introduced to the measurement and valuation of Quality of Life for use in trials, clinical settings and health technology assessment by Prof. Madeleine King (University of Sydney) and Brendan Mulhern (University of Technology Sydney). They also heard from Prof. King about the development of cancer specific measure (EORTC QLU C-10D), and A/Prof Tracy Comans (University of Queensland) about the development of a dementia specific questionnaire. A/Prof Richard DeAbreu Lourenco (University of Technology Sydney) chaired the day and led a practical session about scoring Quality of Life questionnaires, and Greg Cook (Bristol Myers Squibb) gave an industry perspective on the use of Quality of Life data. For more information please contact Brendan Mulhern ([Brendan.mulhern@chere.uts.edu.au](mailto:Brendan.mulhern@chere.uts.edu.au))



### Baltimore, 2018

The ISPOR International conference was recently held in Baltimore, Maryland, and was attended by a number of ISPOR-AC members. The conference attracted thousands of attendees working in all aspects of pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research. The plenary sessions were well attended, and focused on the use of digital health methods, and the role of patient preferences in informing regulatory decisions. Amongst the many issues panels and workshops there were debates on innovative topics such as the usefulness of machine learning and artificial intelligence in healthcare decision making. The conference also includes special interest groups, career development sessions, and networking opportunities. For more information visit <https://www.ispor.org/Event/Index/2018Baltimore>



## ISPOR-AC Events List

### **PBAC Submissions: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**

**Date:** Monday, 3 December 2018

**Location:** Aerial Function Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

Registrations will open soon

### **COSA Workshop**

**Date:** Monday, 12 November 2018

**Location:** Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth

See the newsletter note for more information

## COSA Workshop

*By Haitham Tuffaha*



## The Clinical Oncology of Australia (COSA) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) - Preconference Workshop 2018

The COSA Epidemiology Group and ISPOR-AC are organising an educational pre-conference workshop titled "Health Technology Assessment in Oncology, Challenges and Opportunities" at the 2018 COSA ASM. The workshop will be 10am to 3pm on November 12 2018, at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

An excellent line-up of speakers will give an overview about the principles and role of health technology assessment and economic evaluation in assessing value for money of new technologies in oncology. The speakers will highlight the challenges associated with these assessments from the perspective of various stakeholders including patients, clinicians, decision makers and industry. Opportunities to improve current processes will be discussed, including the value of real-world evidence. The workshop will be of interest to clinicians, policy makers, epidemiologists, health economists, analysts and researchers.

Please visit the following webpage for more information

<http://cosa2018.org/pre-conference-workshops/>

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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

### **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

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## [Change of the Guard](#)

Unfortunately, **Associate Professor Anthony Newell** have had to step down from the executive committee of our chapter. We really appreciate his input the past few years and hope that he will have time to do chapter work again in the future. The executive committee has appointed **Alena Strizek** to replace A/Prof Newell on the committee. She is currently Regional Senior Research Scientist for Emerging Markets at Eli Lilly and brings a wealth of experience working in the pharma industry for +10 years with companies like Covance, Janssen and Eli Lilly.

## ISPOR Australia Chapter acknowledges its corporate members

- Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation, University of Technology Sydney
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