

**ISPOR 4<sup>th</sup> HTA Roundtable [Asia Pacific]**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

***ISPOR 3<sup>rd</sup> Biannual Asia-Pacific***

***Grand Hilton Seoul, Seoul, South Korea***

**MEETING DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

**INTRODUCTION**

The mission of ISPOR is to advance the science of pharmacoeconomics/health economics and health outcomes research (clinical, economic, and patient reported), and to foster and develop the use of this science in health care decisions. ISPOR holds annual roundtables to provide a forum for health care stakeholders to discuss, debate, and share information on health technology issues, as well as bridge the gap between health care decision makers and outcomes researchers to optimize health care decisions. The focus of the 4<sup>th</sup> HTA Roundtable was to discuss the key HTA issues identified by the Councils from North America/Europe and identified additional key issues from the Asia-Pacific perspective.

**PARTICIPANTS**

The list of participants for the HTA Roundtable that took place in Seoul is given in Appendix A (below).

**DISCUSSION SUMMARY**

- General Discussion:

**1. Role of HTA in Health Care Decision-Making in Asia-Pacific**

At the 4th HTA Council Roundtable [Asia-Pacific] held September 10, 2008, in Seoul, South Korea, after the ISPOR 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference, to enhance regional networking and identify the scope of HTA for each represented organization, participants introduced their role in HTA, and presented brief description of their organization's type, purpose, HTA related activities, and who is their audience. The role of their organizations in HTA, and hence the role of HTA in health care decision-making in their countries is summarized in Appendix C

**2. HTA Issues and Prioritizations in Asia-Pacific**

The goal of the 4th ISPOR HTA Council Roundtable [Asia-Pacific] was to identify HTA issues that are unique to the region, and to prioritize these issues. During the discussion, participants realized that the issues they face vary from country to country; The HTA issue identified by the HTA Council Roundtable Asia Pacific and prioritization of these issues by country is given in Appendix D

### **3. Recommendations for ISPOR**

- Strengthen the communication between regional Councils
- Provide information of/guide the Council members to access the existing databases/publications
- Provide administration for the Council to build up a database of publications by Asian professionals, especially those in non-English languages
- Provide administration for the Council to collect training materials, recommend training instructors, and develop training activities in Asian countries
- Encourage the involvement of WHO in ISPOR HTA initiatives
- Advance the role of ISPOR HTA Council to act a mediator in a dispute involved in a country-based HTA organization