

## Student Network: A Year in Review

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In 2016, the ISPOR Student Network welcomed 14 new chapters globally, a 15% increase from last year. We currently have five new chapters in the Asia-Pacific region, five new chapters in North America, and three new chapters in Latin America. This is partly due to a new chapter formation and recruitment project combining the efforts of the Membership Outreach committee, Webmaster committee, and ISPOR staff. Because of individual and group efforts, as well as a chapter-member recruitment campaign, the ISPOR Student Network grew by more than 1,000 members during the year. The ISPOR Student Network continues its dedication to support students and their local chapters with the vision of “developing leaders in health economics and outcomes research (HEOR) and building the workforce across multiple disciplines of outcomes research through the engagement of students.”

To realize this vision, the Student Network committees collaborated with the ISPOR staff to launch many activities and initiatives that align perfectly with ISPOR organizational and strategic goals:

- **Scientific and Research Excellence:** Over 930 students attended the three conferences held in 2016. Of which, 895 students presented their research and 50 travel grants were awarded. Best student podium and poster research presentations were also recognized.
- **Member Engagement:** Twenty-two local student chapters received activity grants for a total of \$8,400 of financial support to increase student engagement in HEOR activities. ISPOR recognized the outstanding performance of our students and local chapters at the annual meeting. In addition, the Student Network launched a member-get-a-member student recruitment campaign and awarded the top three chapters with the largest percentage growth.
- **Education and Training:** Educational webinars were presented throughout the year on topics not routinely discussed in students’ training. Seven webinars were presented and archived on the Student Network website ([https://www.ispor.org/student/student\\_webinars.asp](https://www.ispor.org/student/student_webinars.asp)). Topics ranged from career development to using outcomes research in health care decisions.

- **Communication and Collaboration:** This year, the Student Network noted the exceptional collaborations between the committees. For example, the Educational committee collaborated with the Survey committee to create a list of topics that students are interested to learn more about in upcoming webinars. Additionally, the Communication committee continuously facilitated communication between the Student Network Committees, the Student Council, and ISPOR staff.
- **Organizational Values:** Our network has been working on professional standards and receiving input from members on ways to improve our performance. These values are preparing our student members for the next stage of their professional career.

As we begin 2017, the Student Network promises to continue to grow globally, to plan educational activities that will enrich the student membership, and to support successful initiatives that align with the organizational values and goals of the Society. It will be important to continuously evaluate our performance to identify potential ways to improve our efforts in order to provide our valuable student members with the most enriching experience at this foundational stage of their careers. ■



Former ISPOR President, Dan Malone, speaks to Student Network Chapter Presidents during the 21st Annual International Meeting – Student Leadership Retreat



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