

Welcome Note from the ISPOR Student Network Advisor and Network Chairs, 2016-2017

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On behalf of the ISPOR Student Network, it is a pleasure to welcome new and returning ISPOR student members to the 2016-2017 academic year! In collaboration with the current Student Network Chair, **Eman Biltaji** from the University of Utah, and the past Student Network Chair, **Elisabeth Oehrlein** from the University of Maryland, we will provide an introduction to the Student Network, highlight the accomplishments from last year, and introduce upcoming activities.

With more than 1,500 student members, the ISPOR Student Network has 88 active student chapters located on five continents. Individual chapters promote educational activities on the local level and are represented within the larger Student Network by their Chapter President. The Chapter President attends monthly Student Network teleconferences with other representatives and has the opportunity to participate in a Student Network Committee. These committees work on behalf of all ISPOR student members to provide educational resources and networking opportunities.

ISPOR students had a very successful Annual Meeting in May in Washington, DC. The annual **Student Research Showcase** highlighted student research focusing on “Outcomes Research Having a High Impact on Value, Affordability, and Patient-Centeredness: Can We Have It All?” Presenters included **Jeffrey Thompson**, PhD Candidate, University of Cincinnati; **Xinke Zhang**,

University of Southern California; **Mriganka Pal**, St. Peter’s Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Telangana, India; and **Robert B. Milenkovski**, University of Toronto.

The Student Network recognized three outstanding chapters for their achievements over the past year: 1) **West Virginia University**; 2) **University of Maryland**; and 3) **University of Utah**. We also recognized a number of students for their outstanding service to ISPOR (see Table 1).

Table 1. Outstanding Service Awards

NAME	ACADEMIC INSTITUTION
Andrew Brinkerhoff, MS	University of Toledo
Eman Biltaji, BPharm, MSc	University of Utah
Priyanka Gaitonde, BPharm, MS	University of Maryland
Shedrick Martin, BSc	Mercer University
Oresta Piniashko	Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University
Julie Patterson, BS	Virginia Commonwealth University
Daniel Simmons	Rutgers University
Doug Thornton, PharmD	West Virginia University
Mark Yang	University of Michigan

Table 2. ISPOR 21st Annual International Meeting Student Research Presentation Awards

PODIUM PRESENTATION AWARDEES

Jeromie Ballreich, MHS Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD, USA	Application of Cost Effectiveness Logic to US Managed Care Drug Formularies: Long-Term Outcomes of a Value-Based Formulary
Hui Shao Tulane University New Orleans, LA, USA	Estimating the Costs of Supporting Safety-Net Clinics’ Transformation into Patient-Centered Medical Homes in Post-Katrina New Orleans
Yifan Xu University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA, USA	Comparative Effectiveness of Panitumumab Versus Cetuximab in Patients with Chemorefractory Wild-Type KRAS Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDEES

Hui Yee Yeo Universiti Sains Malaysia Penang, Malaysia	Exploring the Cost-Effectiveness Threshold Price of Dengue Vaccination Programs in Malaysia: A Value-Based Pricing Assessment
Nikhil S Bhagvandas, MS University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA, USA	Cost Effectiveness of Lurasidone, Quetiapine and Olanzapine Monotherapy in the Treatment of Bipolar I Disorder Depression
Georges Adunlin, PhD Virginia Commonwealth University Richmond, VA, USA	Evaluation of Progression-Free Survival as a Surrogate Endpoint for Overall Survival in Metastatic Breast Cancer: Systematic Review and Trial Level Meta-Analysis

The Research Competition was the largest in the Student Network's history, with 18 schools participating. The winners of the highly attended competition were: 1st place **University of Houston**; 2nd place **University of Illinois, Chicago**; and 3rd place **Virginia Commonwealth University**.

ISPOR recognized six students for their outstanding podium and poster research presentations during the Annual International Meeting (see Table 2). Congratulations to all awardees!


With the support of the ISPOR organization, the Student Network was able to provide financial support, registration, and complimentary short courses to 10 individuals for both the European Congress in Milan, Italy and the Latin American Conference in Santiago, Chile, and for 30 individuals for the Annual International Meeting in Washington, DC, USA.

We would like to welcome our newest ISPOR Student Network Staff Liaison, **Jason Cohen**! Jason joined ISPOR in May and is already making a positive impact on ISPOR Student Activities. We would also like to thank the following ISPOR staff for their continued support: **Jennifer Casillas**, **Rebecca Corey**, **Nancy Garcia**, and **Stacey Mauriello**.

Congratulations to all student members for their achievements this past year! We look forward to a great academic year ahead and all the successes it will include!

To learn more about the ISPOR student webinars, please visit: https://www.ispor.org/student/student_webinars.asp.
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