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## **Hungary Chapter Annual Report 2007**

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Background:

The Hungary Local Chapter was accepted in October 2007. The Chapter has 60 members.

The current Executive Board of the Hungary Local Chapter is:

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For more information on the Hungary Chapter, please visit the ISPOR Local Chapter website at [http://www.ispor.org/local\\_chapters/Hungary/exec.asp](http://www.ispor.org/local_chapters/Hungary/exec.asp), or [www.metaweb.hu](http://www.metaweb.hu).

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### (International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research – Hungary)

#### National Conference

**The Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) organized the first National Congress of Health Economics in July 2007.**

- Main theme of the conference: Evidence based reimbursement policy = sustainable health care?
- The conference had 1 plenary session, 2 parallel sessions (6 presentations in each session), 1 roundtable discussion and a poster presentation session with 12 posters
- Title of the roundtable discussion: the impact of strategic pricing on the reimbursement policy of health technologies
- Number of attendees: 150
- Some important congress presentations have been published in full article format in a special edition of the IME journal: [http://biloba.hu/ime/index.php?2007\\_VI\\_egt/index](http://biloba.hu/ime/index.php?2007_VI_egt/index)

#### Regular meetings

The Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) organized 8 regular meetings in 2007. Topics of the meetings are listed in the below table. The meetings were open to the public, usually with 50-80 attendees.

#### *Meetings of the Hungarian Health Economics Association in 2007*

Date	Topic
January 31, 2007	Lipid lowering treatment: compliance and persistence
March 6, 2007	Health care demand of aging population: nursing and financing. Hungarian challenges, European experiences
April 3, 2007	The benefits and limitations of competition in the regulated health care market
May 3, 2007	The impact of DRG volume limits on the performance of acute inpatient care, with special focus on university hospitals
June 6, 2007	Renewal of the Hungarian economic evaluation guidelines
September 22, 2007	Competitive pharmaceutical policy in Hungary: health and industrial policy aspects
October 24, 2007	Health care aspects of the II. National Development Plan
November 26, 2007	Reference pricing of pharmaceuticals - with special focus on biosimilars

#### Other News

- The Secretariat of the Health Economics Association has been established in 2007 and is currently functioning. The functioning of the Secretariat is the responsibility of the current President.
- The Hungarian Health Economics Association is in the process of re-launching its website; the new website will be prepared in both Hungarian and English.
- In 2007 we selected a permanent media partner, reports on our meetings are published in the IME journal (Informatika és Menedzsment az Egészségügyben, Information and Management in Health Care), see [www.imeonline.hu](http://www.imeonline.hu).

### **Membership fees from 2008**

The general assembly has approved the following annual membership fees from 2008  
(1 USD = 175 HUF)

- Members: 6000 HUF
- Student / Pensioner members (discounted fee): 3000 HUF
- Sponsor members: 15000 HUF

## **Hungary Chapter – Upcoming Activities 2008**

### **National Conference**

**The Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) will organize the second National Congress of Health Economics on July 9, 2008.**

- Main theme of the conference: Evidence based health care and health insurance reform?
- Subthemes:
  - The health insurance reform in Hungary
  - Health economic evaluation of the National Development Plan
  - Reimbursement policy of pharmaceuticals and medical devices
  - innovation and health industrial policy
- The conference consists of 1 plenary session, 2 parallel sessions (6 presentations in each session) and a poster presentation session
- Abstract submission deadline: April 18, 2008
- Abstract submission to [meta@metaweb.hu](mailto:meta@metaweb.hu)
- The most important presentations of the conference will be published in the supplement of the IME journal
- Chair of the Scientific Committee: Csaba Dózsa
- Chair of the Organising Committee: László Nagy

### **Regular meetings**

The Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) will organize 8-10 regular meetings in 2008. The meetings are open to the public, with 50-80 expected attendees.

First three topics:

- Health economic consequences of orphan drugs (by Imre Boncz) – January 15, 2008
- The economic impact of matrix organizations in hospital management (by Imre László) – February 20, 2008
- Health policy and health economics – hot issues, Conference of Visiting Professors at the Corvinus University of Budapest (by László Gulácsi) March 3, 2008

### **Other Commitments**

- neutral financial balance
- candidacy for the next vacant European ISPOR congress
- candidacy for MOTESZ membership (Association of Hungarian Medical Society)
- international collaboration with other Local ISPOR Chapters
- populate webpage with materials: [www.metaweb.hu](http://www.metaweb.hu)

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