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**Background:**

The Hungarian Health Economics Association was accepted as ISPOR Chapter Hungary in December 2006. The Hungarian Health Economics Association was established in 2003.

In 2008 ISPOR Hungary Chapter had 5 Board Members. In December 2008 a new Board was elected with 8 Board Members.

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In December 2008 the ISPOR Chapter had 89 members.

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Enclosure: ISPOR Chapter Hungary Annual Report 2008

## **Summary of 2008 activities of the Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) ISPOR Hungary Chapter**

### **Major achievements**

- 8 regular meetings
- II. National Congress of Health Economics
- International cooperation (Eastern European Forum on the Utilisation of Real World Data at the European ISPOR Meeting in Athens)
- New communication platform including branded email account and relaunch of the Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) website

### **National Conference**

- The Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) organised the II. National Congress of Health Economics in July 2008.
- The Main theme of the conference: Evidence based health care and health insurance reform
- The conference had 1 plenary session (6 presentations), 2 parallel sessions (12 and 9 presentations), a poster session (13 posters)
- Closing lecture was about the Hungarian healthcare reform from an international perspective by Prof Eva Orosz
- Number of attendees: 171
- Major congress presentations were published in full article format in a special edition of the IME journal ([http://biloba.hu/ime/index.php?2008\\_egtan/index](http://biloba.hu/ime/index.php?2008_egtan/index))

### **International meetings and collaboration**

- The Hungarian and Czech ISPOR Chapters initiated an ISPOR EASTERN EUROPEAN CHAPTERS FORUM in Athens on 9 November 2008. The theme of the forum was the “Real World Data for Pharmacoeconomic Evaluations”
- At the Slovakian and Polish ISPOR Chapter Congress an overview on the Hungarian Chapter activities were presented.

### **Regular meetings**

The Hungarian Health Economics Association (META) organized regular meetings in 2008. 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 2008*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 15, 2008	Health economics and health insurance aspects of orphan drug therapies
February 20, 2008	Hospital management – economic assessment of the matrix structure
March 3, 2008	Lectures of Guest Professors at the Health Economics and Technology Assessment Research, Corvinus University, Budapest, <a href="http://hecon.uni-corvinus.hu/corvinus.php?lng=en&amp;id=8&amp;subpage=9">http://hecon.uni-corvinus.hu/corvinus.php?lng=en&amp;id=8&amp;subpage=9</a>
April 10, 2008	Implementation of the morbidity specific quality of life data for cost-utility analysis
May 28, 2008	Therapeutic guidelines and financing protocols
October 7, 2008	Economic approach of colon screening to prevent colon cancer
November 5, 2008	Cost-benefit analysis of public hospital development
December 4, 2008	Interpretability of health economic models from the practical perspective

### **Others**

- 2 general assembly meetings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting: Approval of 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Annual Plan. Membership fees were increased and one Board member was replaced (Kinga Borsos → József Kósa).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> general assembly meeting: General election of Board members:
    - New President: Imre Boncz
    - Young Generation President: Kornélia Lovas
    - Board Members: Zoltán Kaló (Past President), Csaba Dózsa, László Nagy, József Kósa, Rita Kövi, Zsolt Pásztélyi Zsolt
    - Secretary: Szilvia Nagyistók
- The Hungarian Health Economics Association's website was upgraded and relaunched in February 2008 (see <http://www.metaweb.hu/>). The Hungarian part of the website is up to date. Presentations of all general meetings from 2004 are loaded to the website. The website provides an information centre on health economics for members and public too.
- The Hungarian Health Economics Association has 2 different email addresses. For circular letters the
  - [metaweb@metaweb.hu](mailto:metaweb@metaweb.hu) for circular letters
  - [office@metaweb.hu](mailto:office@metaweb.hu) for secretarial activities.

## **Members and membership**

- Membership fees from 2008.

The general assembly approved the following annual membership fees from 2008 (1 USD ~ 200 HUF)

- Members: 6000 HUF
  - Student / Pensioner members (discounted fee): 3000 HUF
  - Sponsor members: 15000 HUF
- As of January 5, 2009 ISPOR Chapter Hungary has 89 members.

The Annual Report has been approved by the Board of ISPOR Chapter Hungary.

✍ Zoltán Kaló  
Past President  
ISPOR Chapter Hungary