



Report to the Board

- **Committee/Council/SIG/Chapter:** Latin America Chapter
- **Period of report:** August 2017 to January 2018
- **Officers: Chair**___Rene Soria-Saucedo **Vice/Co-Chair:**_____
- **Committee Members (attach list):**
- **Actions**

a. Completed since last Board meeting

Surveys update (data about pharmacoepidemiology needs: The person in charge on this commission, Wendy, described the aim of the first survey: to determine the necessities regarding pharmacoepidemiology knowledge in the Latin America and Africa region. The second survey will be targeted at key personnel working at pharmacoepidemiology/pharmacovigilance.

Both surveys will be uploaded to "Qualtrics", and the pilot is underway (first survey). This will be finished in approximately 2 weeks. Once the pilot is finished, the survey will be shared with point contacts at each country for its distribution.

In parallel, the validation of the second survey will start in march. Hopefully, data about this work as a manuscript will be ready for publication at the ICPE August meeting. We still require to identify the persons that will be receiving the pilot version. Wendy is asking for recommendations on that.

Rene will receive the final version of the survey for comments from the chapter members, and also asked members to suggest names working at the public, private sector in our themes of interest.

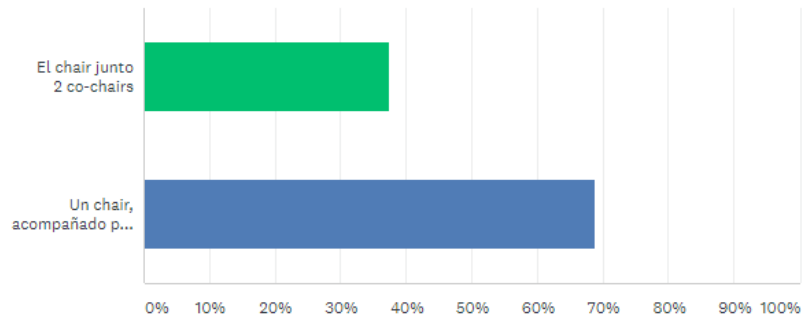
Definition of criteria to select future chairs: A total of 31 members were eligible to vote. 16 persons filled the survey (51,6%)

Results:

1. Which of the following mechanisms do you consider most adequate to coordinate the chapter activities?

Cual de los siguientes mecanismos considera el más adecuado para coordinar las actividades del capítulo?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 0



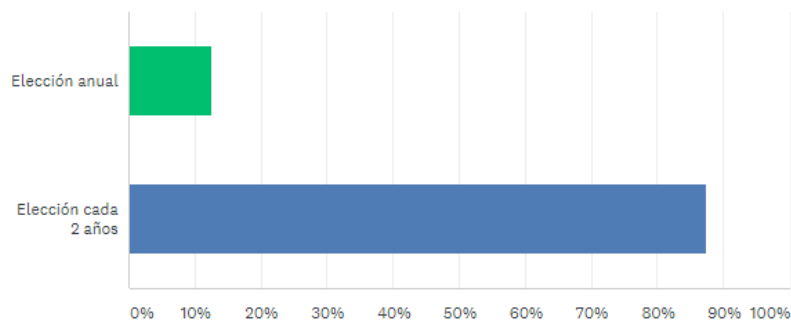
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ El chair junto 2 co-chairs	37.50%	6
▼ Un chair, acompañado por el anterior chair y el futuro chair	68.75%	11
Total Respondents: 16		

Decision: The chapter will pick a chair, who will work with the previous chair, and the future chair, to allow continuity of activities

2. The chair selection will be held:

La elección de los coordinadores debería realizarse:

Answered: 16 Skipped: 0



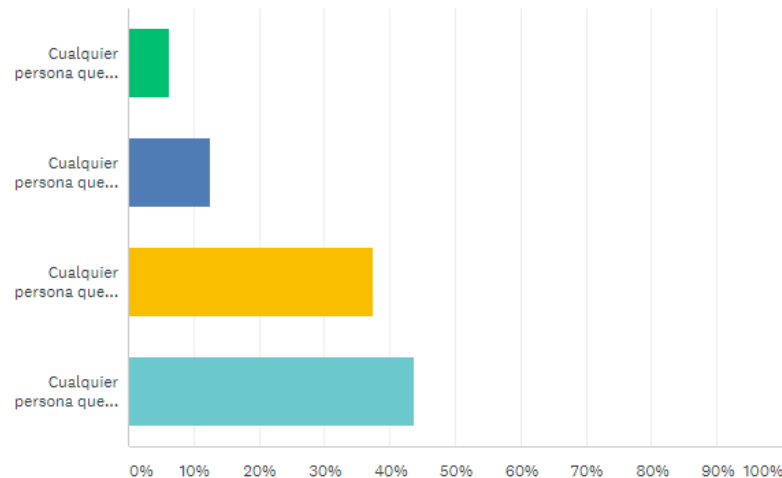
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Elección anual	12.50%	2
▼ Elección cada 2 años	87.50%	14
TOTAL		16

Decision: Chair elections will be held every two years

Which criteria is more adequate to give vote privileges to chapter members?

Cual de los siguientes criterios considera el más adecuado para que un miembro del capítulo obtenga el derecho a voto en todas las decisiones del capítulo:

Answered: 16 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Cualquier persona que asista a la reunión anual de ISPE (al menos una vez), e ingrese sus datos de correo electrónico	6.25% 1
▼ Cualquier persona que asista a la reunión anual de ISPE (al menos una vez), ingrese sus datos de correo electrónico y además cuente con historial de colaboración en alguna tarea específica del capítulo	12.50% 2
▼ Cualquier persona que asista a la reunión anual de ISPE (al menos una en los últimos 3 años) e ingrese sus datos de correo electrónico	37.50% 6
▼ Cualquier persona que asista a la reunión anual de ISPE (al menos una en los últimos 3 años), ingrese sus datos de correo electrónico, y además cuente con historial de colaboración en alguna tarea específica del capítulo	43.75% 7
TOTAL	16

Decision: Those persons that attend the annual meeting (at least one, the last three years), share their email information, and had a collaboration history with specific chapter activities, will be granted with voting rights

b. In progress/pending

- Three-day course: The new title “research and utilization of medicines” will be held in Peru. Yesenia Rodriguez is chosen as coordinator of the effort. Peru is selected because of the geographic location and travelling costs. This initiative will depend on the ICPE economic support. At least two key persons per country will be invited. The most urgent task will be to present a formal proposal to ICPE for approval. Veronika offered to help prepare this. Ariel suggest to inquire ICPE first, because based on his experience, they do not support this kind of enterprises. Marcela has already talked to Mark, and he suggested to present this proposal by writing.

c. Planned for future

- Identification of pharmacoepidemiology champions in Latin America: Rene has secured funding to prepare 1 or 2 encounters at universities to held conversations between professors, deans, and students, and talk about pharmacoepidemiology. We are seeking for potential universities interested in this symposia.

The University of Sao Paulo is currently interested in this kind of activities, and Marcela will reach out for potential interest.

Ariel suggest to share this information with all chapter members, and seek interest. Colombia is potentially very interested.

- **Questions/Issues/Recommendations for Board consideration**

None.

- **Date Submitted:** February 5th, 2018