



The transition from September into October, and the onset of Fall and Winter in the northern hemisphere, means that we are entering the last quarter of the calendar year – a good time for both reflection and check-in on progress against our 2022 objectives.

A year ago, I had the pleasure of facilitating a strategy session with the HTAi Board with a view to translating the Society’s *Strategic Plan 2020-2025* into more granular detail. This resulted in an *Operational Plan* that emphasized those things we would strive to accomplish over the next 12-18 months. Importantly, these operational objectives were intended to deliver real progress against the four pillars of the *Strategic Plan*, namely:

- Expand and grow the presence of HTAi globally through membership
- Expand HTA through knowledge-sharing and information dissemination through partnerships
- Advance scientific knowledge and support capacity development
- Ensure continued financial stability and good governance

And yes, as we all know, our work has continued to unfold against the backdrop of a slow recovery globally from the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, I am happy to report that progress has been achieved on several fronts. In particular, we have sustained (and worked to enhance) the core “tentpole” activities that are the defining features of HTAi – the policy forums and the annual meeting. I am especially happy that this year allowed us to return to in-person gatherings while simultaneously embarking on several new initiatives this year. These include, but are by no means limited to:

An expanded webinar offering that is intended to evolve further into a genuine series

A fruitful collaboration with DIA on uncertainty in HTA – extending the conversation from the 2021 Global Policy Forum on this topic

Completion of a pilot project for HTAi endorsement of university courses and related offerings in HTA

The co-hosting (with the Ministry of Health) of a regional HTA meeting and dialogue in Baku,

Azerbaijan to serve Central Asia

The design of a Middle East and North Africa (MENA) pre-policy forum meeting to be convened in Q1 of 2023

The design of a semi-annual scientific forum series that will launch in 2023 (Q2 or Q3) and draw key stakeholders together to explore emerging issues in science that will have policy implications for HTA in the future

We have also continued to work at aligning the work of the various Board committees to promote good governance, and to build out priority policies. Collectively, these efforts are establishing a strong foundation for the future growth of our Society.

As we move through this last quarter of 2022 and look ahead to the new year, I want to continue engaging with our members to ensure that we are anticipating your needs and meeting them.

As ever, I am so grateful for your continued support of HTAi. Together, we can do great things.

HTAi has a new look!

In August, we launched a sleek, new HTAi website. The site is designed with increased operability, refined navigation, and enhanced analytics to ensure an improved user experience all around.

Head over to htai.org and check it out.

2022 Board of Directors

HTAi is pleased to announce and welcome new and re-elected Board members: Jani Muller, Wim Goettsch, Dimitra Lingri and Marco Marchetti.

Congratulations! Thank you for standing for the election and volunteering to serve on the Board. Wishing you all the best in your role.

Thank you to the Outgoing Directors

HTAi would like to express its gratitude to Catherine Holliday and Leonor Varela-Lima as they completed their terms on the Board. On behalf of the Society, we thank them for their leadership, valuable contributions to the Board, and dedication to the Society over the past three years.

Board Committees' Leadership Update

Interest Group Steering Committee

Please welcome Rabia Kahveci as the new Interest Group Steering Committee Chair.

Annual Meeting Committee

Please welcome back Wim Goettsch as the Chair of this Committee.

Scientific Development and Capacity Building Committee

Please welcome back Jani Mueller as the Chair of this Committee.

Finance and Audit Committee welcomed two new members: Jo Carol Hiatt and Marco Marchetti.

We thank the new Chairs and the new Committee members for their leadership and willingness to serve and wish them the best of success in their roles.

HTAi Database of Educational Offers in HTA

HTAi is preparing to launch a database of educational and training programs that are being offered globally in the field of HTA. Such a tool will be useful for those who wish to search for specific courses or programs in the different countries and also for those academic institutions or education and training providers who aim to give more visibility to their HTA-related offer.

The Scientific Development and Capacity Building (SDCB) Committee has been working with the Secretariat to make the creation of such a resource possible. The Database is planned to be released during the last quarter of this year and will be accessible through the new HTAi web portal.

After the release, a promotional campaign will be targeted to interested parties (e.g., academic institutions, education and training providers) to invite them to populate the Database with all relevant information related to their specific offer which will be collected and shared with the final users.

HTA Regional Meeting

Calling all HTA Stakeholders: Only one week left to register for the HTAi Regional Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan!

Join the global HTA community to discuss locally-relevant topics & further promote the advancement of HTA in the region. Registration closes October 10!

For-profit: <https://bittylink.com/npb>

Not-for-profit: <https://bittylink.com/2ft>

This open session will feature internationally renowned experts in HTA, as well as experts from Azerbaijan.

[See the agenda](#)

In addition to the main meeting on October 19, we are delighted to invite members to support the delivery of intermediate-level HTA training on October 17 and 18 at the Azerbaijan Medical University.

[See the agenda](#)

Main meeting and training registration close on **Monday, October 10**.

If you have any questions about the Azerbaijan Regional Meeting, please email policyforum@htai.org

The Jill Sanders Memorial Scholarship is open for applications!

This scholarship's aim is to support individuals studying or working in the healthcare field in African countries to advance their knowledge and skills directly related to health technology assessment (HTA). By providing financial assistance to complete education programs or training in health technology assessment to apply their knowledge and skills in their country of origin.

Value: up to \$20,000 CAD each fiscal year.

Deadline: October 15, 2022

Eligibility: Registered in a qualifying educational or fellowship program in health technology assessment or a closely related field or accepted for an internship with a HTA body, other public sector body, or non-governmental organization. And will attend the HTAi Annual Meeting following completion of the educational/fellowship/internship program to present a short report of the research undertaken and/or the experience gained through the program. For eligibility criteria information and the application form, please refer to the following documents:

[Jill Sanders Memorial Scholarship Policy and Procedure](#)

[Jill Sanders Memorial Scholarship Application Form](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Antonio Migliore at amigliore@htai.org or info@htai.org



HTAi 2022 Utrecht

We enjoyed seeing everyone who attended the 2022 Annual Meeting in Utrecht, Netherlands in June! Thank you to all attendees for choosing HTAi’s Annual Meeting. Your thoughts, interaction, and participation are truly what makes the event so worthwhile.

A special thank you to the volunteers and speakers for the 2022 Annual Meeting, whose hard work contributes to the rich content that our attendees can expect from HTAi!

Annual Meeting 2023



Ready to start planning for the next Annual Meeting? Then you’ll want to save this date: the 2023 Annual Meeting will be held **June 24-28, 2023, in Adelaide, Australia!**

Big things are happening!

The HTAi 2023 has some exciting updates. Among the news: the Annual Meeting website is live, abstract submissions have opened, and [plenary themes](#) have been announced.

Abstract Submissions

HTAi is now accepting abstract submissions for all categories. Please keep the following deadlines in mind while completing your submission:

Panel and Workshop Deadline: October 26, 2022, at 23:59 MST (UTC -6)

Oral and Poster Deadline: December 8, 2022, at 23:59 MST (UTC -6)

Abstract submission guidelines are available on the [2023 Annual Meeting website](#). Please

ensure you have read the [guidelines](#) prior to submitting your abstract and watch our [top tips for writing a strong abstract video](#).

Please send your questions regarding the Annual Meeting to annualmeeting@htai.org



Global Policy Forum

Global Policy Forum Organizing Committee

The Global Policy Forum Organizing Committee recently opened a call for nominations to fill a not-for-profit vacancy as Andrew Mitchell announced his impending retirement from PBAC. We thank Andrew for his service to the committee as well as the GPF generally and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Asia Policy Forum

2023 Asia Policy Forum

We are delighted to announce that the dates and location have been set for the 2023 Asia Policy Forum. This pivotal meeting will take place Nov. 1 – 3 at the Renaissance Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. The topic for this Forum will be developed in the weeks following the 2022 Asia Policy Forum concludes. As in previous years, there will be a mix of formal presentations, breakout sessions and networking opportunities.

Latin America Policy Forum

2022 Latin America Policy Forum

Mission accomplished! The 2022 Latin America Policy Forum took place August 14 - 16 at the Royal Tulip Hotel in Brasilia, Brazil with approximately 50 members in the room discussing “Real world evidence: Experiences and challenges for decision making in Latin America.

A huge thank you to Manuel Espinoza for the hard work that was put into successfully chairing his first HTAi Forum and to Scientific Secretary, Andrés Pichón-Riviere for his tireless efforts in making this event a smashing success. We would also like to thank Gabriela Rodriguez Grimalt, Sebastian Garcia Marti and Frederico Augustovski for their many contributions.

The 2023 Latin America Policy Forum is scheduled to take place August 13 – 15 at the

Renaissance Hotel in Santiago, Chile.

Latin America Policy Forum Organizing Committee

The Latin America Policy Forum Organizing Committee recently opened a call for nominations to fill 2 for-profit vacancies.

We are pleased to announce that Fernanda Laranjeira has filled the final open vacancy. Fernanda was previously on the Organizing Committee while in her role at Janssen. She is rejoining after a short hiatus on behalf of Medtronic. We're very pleased to have Fernanda back onboard and look forward to her contributions over the next three years.

More Information

If you would like more information about the Policy Forums, please contact the Policy Forum team at policyforum@htai.org or Ali Powers, Manager, Policy Forums and Events, at apowers@htai.org.

Tell a friend, share a tweet, and spread the news about HTAi! Be sure to add us to your network for up-to-date news, networking, and the latest HTA information!