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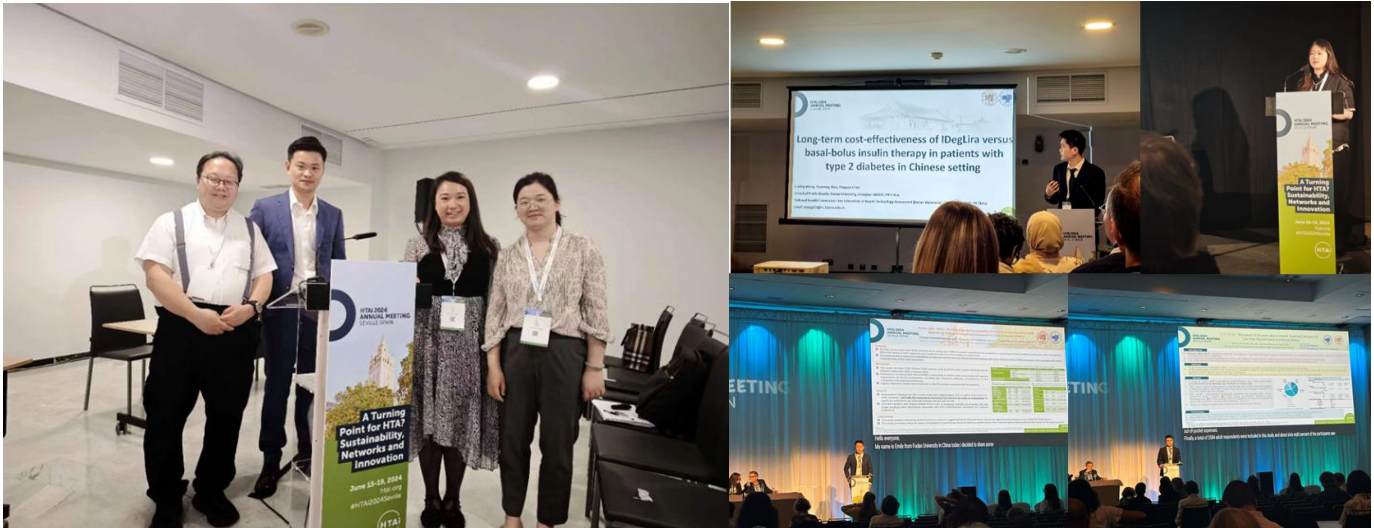
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ADVANCING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION: TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEMS—NATIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION KEY LABORATORY OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATES IN THE 2024 HTAI ANNUAL MEETING

June 15-19, 2024, the 21st Annual Meeting of the Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) was successfully held in Seville, Spain. Over 1,000 researchers, policymakers, industry representatives, patients, and healthcare providers from more than 70 countries worldwide attended the event. Centered on the theme "A Turning Point for HTA? Sustainability, Networks and Innovation." Three keynote presentations were featured: "Sustainable HTA for Sustainable Health Systems," "Global Collaboration for a Global Challenge: Do Meta-Networks Help?" and "Breaking Boundaries: Unleashing Innovation in Health." The conference also featured multiple specialized sessions, keynote speeches, oral presentations, and poster sessions. Participants from around the world engaged in in-depth and extensive exchanges on HTA research progress, development experiences, and future trends. Professor Yingyao Chen, Professor Xue Di, Associate Researcher Wei Yan, Lecturer Tu Shiyi, Postdoctoral Fellow Yang Yi, and Postdoctoral Fellow Liu Shimeng from the Key Laboratory of Health Technology Assessment (Fudan University), National Health Commission of China, led a team to participate in the conference.

During the conference, the Key Laboratory delegation successfully spearheaded one thematic session titled "How The Value Of Digital Health Technologies Can Be Scientifically Evaluated? HTA Perspective From Selected Countries"; chaired three panel discussions; and contributed to teaching sessions at the Hospital Health Technology Assessment Training Course. Additionally, other laboratory members and graduate students delivered two keynote presentations, three short oral presentations, and 11 online poster presentations. These covered diverse topics including cost-effectiveness analysis of diabetes, patient preferences, thyroid cancer disease labeling, ordinal scale methods, transfusion-dependent thalassemia, economic evaluation, and budget impact analysis. They engaged in discussions with international peers, exchanging insights on global and Chinese HTA advancements and future directions. The delegation's presentations and exhibits attracted significant attention and discussion from numerous domestic and international scholars and industry professionals, receiving widespread acclaim.





Through this conference, the laboratory team members gained insights into the latest research trends and advancements in the field of health technology assessment. They engaged in in-depth exchanges with domestic and international experts and scholars, showcased the laboratory's most recent research findings, and expanded opportunities for deeper collaboration with international peers. Representing Chinese researchers on the global health technology assessment stage, the laboratory team amplified the "Chinese voice," enhancing the international influence of the laboratory, Fudan University, and China's health technology assessment field. This initiative also laid a solid foundation for the laboratory to elevate its academic standards and strengthen its capacity for translating research into policy decisions in the future.

HTAi NEWS

HTAI BOARD ELECTION 2024 VOTING UNDERWAY

Voting for the 2024 HTAi Board of Directors election commenced at 08:00 UTC on April 2 and will close at 23:59 UTC on May 2. This election is administered by the third-party election service provider CES, with electronic ballots sent directly to all valid members. Per the bylaws, only members who have paid their 2024 annual dues are eligible to vote. Positions open for election include: (1) Treasurer (1 position), three-year term, requiring financial management experience; MBA or accounting qualifications preferred; (2) Secretary (1 position), three-year term, requiring fluency in English, familiarity with meeting procedures, and experience in corporate minute-taking. The HTAi Board seeks candidates with the following expertise and capabilities: (1) Understanding of HTA and alignment with HTAi's mission and vision; (2) Leadership, governance, and strategic planning/execution experience in both for-profit and non-profit organizations; (3) Ability to collaborate constructively with fellow directors; (4) Integrity, honesty, and high ethical standards; (5) Availability and capacity to participate in Board duties, including regular meetings and committee work.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in member/sponsor relations, business innovation, marketing, and communications.

For more candidate information and voting details, visit the election webpage: <https://htai.org/htai-2024-board-of-directors-election/>.

HTAI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2024 LAUNCHED

On April 5, 2024, the International Health Technology Assessment Association (HTAi) launched applications for its Mentorship Program. Jointly organized by HTAi's Early Career Network and Information Retrieval Interest Group, the 2024 Spring-Summer Mentorship Program aims to provide members with career growth and development guidance. By matching experienced mentors with mentees, the program assists participants in expanding their professional knowledge and networks for mutual advancement. Core program arrangements are as follows: (1) Monthly one-hour mentor-mentee meetings from June 24, 2024, to May 25, 2025; (2) A kickoff workshop on June 16, 2024, preceding the HTAi Annual Meeting in Seville; (3) Two masterclasses scheduled throughout the year for additional learning opportunities. For further details and applications, visit: <https://htai.org/ecn-ir-mentoring-program/>.

SDCB CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2024 ISSUED

On April 13, 2024, the Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Scientific Development and Capacity Building Committee (SDCB) launched a call for expressions of interest. The HTAi SDCB Committee is now seeking expressions of interest to fill one (1) vacancy. The submission deadline is April 24, 2024. The SDCB Committee is responsible for guiding the scientific development of the association and providing direction for global health technology assessment capacity building. Its primary responsibilities include: (1) Establishing priorities and strategic directions for scientific development and capacity building;

(2) Participating in peer review of HTAi applications; (3) Exploring development models for online materials, resources, and capacity-building toolkits; (4) Establishing potential collaborations within HTAi projects; (5) Reviewing applications for HTAi scholarship programs; (6) Reviewing nominations for the Egon Johansen Award and Sigrid Droste Ethics Award. The initial term is three years, renewable once for a maximum cumulative service period of six years. Prospective applicants should thoroughly review the Committee Charter before submitting to understand specific requirements regarding meeting frequency, scope of responsibilities, and time commitment. Final appointments will be determined by the HTAi Executive Committee. For further details and to submit expressions of interest, please visit:

<https://htai.org/sdcb-launches-call-for-eoi/>.

HTAI MOUS 2024 SIGNED

On April 25, 2024, HTAi announced the signing of Memoranda of Understanding with the International Network of Health Technology Assessment Agencies (INAHTA), the Health Technology Assessment Asia Network (HTAsiaLink), and the Pan American Health Organization/Latin American Network for Health Technology Assessment (PAHO/RedETSA). These collaborations aim to promote knowledge sharing and capacity building in HTA, enhance the quality and accessibility of global HTA exchange platforms, and pioneer new pathways for advancing localized HTA initiatives. The partnerships will focus on product development, accreditation, and capacity building, supporting the global HTA community through tailored workshops, webinars, and relevant resources. Current and future collaborative outcomes include: (1) Joint development of the Health Technology Assessment Glossary with INAHTA; (2) Co-hosting the webinar "Patient Involvement in Health Technology Assessment" with PAHO/RedETSA (April 26, 2024);

(3) Collaborating with HTAsiaLink to develop the "Health Technology Assessment Process Guide" resource. For further collaboration outcomes and details, please visit: <https://htai.org/htais-2024-mou-collaboration/>.

HTAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 SCHEDULED

The HTAi 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024, at 8:00 AM CEST via a hybrid online-offline format. The in-person venue is the Renaissance Hotel Barcelona Sevilla in Spain. Online access links were emailed to members on May 28. This meeting is open to all eligible members, with guests permitted to attend as observers. Per the Articles of Association, only full members possess voting rights (one vote per member; institutional members may designate one representative to vote). The agenda includes: (1) Review and approval of the 2023 Annual General Meeting minutes; (2) President's report and Treasurer's report; (3) Review of the audited 2023 financial statements; (4) Appointment of the 2024 fiscal year audit firm; (5) Bylaw amendments and four special resolutions; (6) Announcement of 2024 Board of Directors election results; (7) Announcement of 2025 Annual Meeting location. For further details, please refer to the meeting notice email sent on May 28, 2024, or visit: <https://htai.org/notice-of-2024-annual-general-meeting-of-members/>.



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