



In a 1962 address to the United States Congress, President John F. Kennedy said: *For one true measure of a nation is its success in fulfilling the promise of a better life for each of its members. Let this be the measure of our nation.*

On the eve of HTAi's 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting in Utrecht, these words, spoken 60 years ago, hang in the air like the grace notes of a rare bird, calling my attention not simply to what we do or how we do it, but rather, to why we do it. Why do we care so passionately about health technology assessment (HTA)? At a meta-level, I think we care about HTA because it can be a lever to move the broader health care system in ways that create "a better life" for patients. Looking a little more closely, I also think it is critically important not to draw the frame too narrowly around HTA and inadvertently confuse people into thinking that it is solely a technical exercise governed by rigorous standards. That's part of the picture, but only a part. To think about HTA in the manner that allows for the greatest opportunity of truly bettering lives is to think about the dynamic interplay of economics, biostatistics, epidemiology, patient engagement, clinical data versus real-world evidence, and a good deal more.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for HTAi to bring researchers, policymakers, health care practitioners, technology developers, patients, and others with an interest in HTA to gather as a community of peers and reflect on how we use HTA to improve the broader healthcare system. It is also an opportunity to showcase the differentiating features of HTAi – our openness, our neutrality, and perhaps most importantly, our willingness to hold and consider the many facets of HTA simultaneously and across the full lifecycle. It's no accident that the theme of Annual Meeting 2022 is "Lifecycle Approach: Coming Together to Make it Happen."

I see the discussions and networking at this year's Annual Meeting as a first step – and a next step – onto the frontier of HTA. I believe that we are poised to stake out bolder positions on the nuanced inter-relationships across many disciplines and ways of thinking that truly define HTA and to share those positions widely. From the complexity, and the ability to hold that complexity, comes the real value of HTA – it is, ultimately about so much more than a transactional analysis that helps set the right price for product reimbursement.

HTAi may be smaller today than some of the other players in the HTA landscape, but I believe we punch well above our weight and our influence is greater than we might sometime imagine. I look forward to working with all of you to keep growing that influence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2022 Annual General Meeting of Members

A formal notice of the Annual General Meeting of Members (AGM) has been circulated to all HTAi members in good standing. The AGM will be held virtually and in-person on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 17:00 UTC (19:00 local time) with the following business items brought forward:

- Approval of Draft Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
- President's Report;
- Executive Director's Report;
- Treasure's Report
 - Review of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on December 31, 2021
 - Appointment of Auditor

- Announcement of 2022 Board of Directors Election Results and Directors Recognition Ceremony; and,
- Announcement of the 2023 Annual Meeting Location.

[For more information and to review the AGM Meeting package, please visit our website.](#)

If you have not received your invitation, please email info@htai.org.

ANNUAL MEETING



2022 Annual Meeting Registration

It's your **LAST CHANCE** to register for the 2022 Annual Meeting! Registration closes **on June 21, midnight MDT**.

This year's HTAi Annual Meeting promises to be an enlivening one, our first "hybrid" meeting, combining in-person and virtual components. Further, and more importantly, it offers a neutral and open platform for all those engaged in health technology assessment to come together and discuss the entire lifecycle of HTA.

[Don't miss out on the top-notch content and conversation— register now!](#)

Keynote Address

We are honoured to welcome our keynote speaker, Prof Marcel Levi!

Prof Levi is an Internist and, since April 2021, the Chairman of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW) and Professor of Medicine at Amsterdam UMD and University College London. He has published over 750 scientific articles and is a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences and an honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

We look forward to hearing Prof. Levi set the tone of the conference during the official Opening Ceremony on June 27.

Plenaries

Our captivating plenary sessions on the main theme, “Lifecycle Approach: Coming Together to Make it Happen,” invite a panel of experts to dig deeper into specific themes of the day. This year’s plenary sessions are as follows:

- Plenary One, Monday, June 27: Adopting a Lifecycle Approach in HTA: Consequences for Priority-Setting and International Collaboration
- Plenary Two, Tuesday, June 28: Public Confidence in Healthcare Decision-Making
- Special Session: HTA in Challenging Times: Experience in Ukraine
- Plenary Three, Wednesday, June 29: Running Around in Circles; Time for Real Collaboration between Regulators, HTA Bodies and Clinicians.

To learn more about each plenary and speaker, visit <https://www.htai2022.org/plenaries>.

Workshops

The Annual Meeting hosts a series of workshops prior to the official start of the meeting. These workshops are a great chance to dig deeper into the theme and work through different ideas in a more intimate setting.

[Register here](#)

Annual Meeting Program

The complete program has been released! We are excited to provide the full overview of the meeting to our community! To review the program and register, please visit <https://www.htai2022.org/program-book>.

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



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 William Dorling has filled one of these vacancies. William is the Latin America Lead for Pfizer's Patient and Health Impact group, covering value demonstration and market access. He has previously held responsibility for value and access in Europe, and European and Worldwide health policy. We're extremely happy to have William on board and look forward to his contributions over the next three years.

Asia Policy Forum

2021 IJTAHC Article

The 2021 Asia Policy Forum (APF) article is now published! You can access "*What's Keeping Me Up at Night? Reflections on the COVID-19 Pandemic in Asia*" through our official journal, the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care (IJTAHC).

[Read the article](#)

Global Policy Forum

Call for members: Lifecycle Approaches in HTA Task Force

Background

The HTAi Global Policy Forum is an annual convening that brings HTA practitioners, manufacturers, policymakers, and other stakeholders together to discuss and debate a topic of shared interest.

Context

In March 2022, the HTAi Global Policy Forum members met to discuss how lifecycle approaches can promote efficiency and stakeholder engagement in HTA. During the 3 days of wide-ranging debate, it became clear that an HTAi position statement on the use and value of lifecycle approaches is needed.

How can you contribute?

We are currently seeking 19-12 volunteers to join a multistakeholder (HTA, Industry, Payer, Patient etc.) position statement task force to lead the development of this statement. You may also nominate another person. The commitment is expected to be approximately 1-2 hours per month over 9-12 months. Contact policyforum@htai.org.

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.



Call for Interest Group Technical Officers

Are you new to HTA? Are you interested in connecting with the global HTA community and in learning more about the activities and discussions of one of the HTAi Interest Groups?

The Disinvestment and Early Awareness Interest Group (DEA-IG) is looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic individual who is willing to provide one to two days a month to administratively support their Chair(s) and Steering Committee as a Technical Officer (TO), from **July 1, 2022 – to July 1, 2023**.

Examples of responsibilities include defining agendas, setting calls and taking minutes, writing reports, supporting project work and scientific papers, drafting press releases and other similar activities.

If this is something of interest to you, please complete and submit the HTAi Technical Officer [Application Form](#) and your CV to interestgroups@htai.org by **Friday, June 24, 2022**.

Please note that you must be an HTAi member in good standing to apply for this position. [If you have not renewed your membership, you can do so here.](#)

Please send your questions about Interest Groups or submit a webinar to interestgroups@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.

Date	Start	End	Name
	Room	Zoom Link	
Monday HTA	12:30pm	13:30pm	Hospital Based 417 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85816302777
Monday Intelligence	12:30pm 215	13:30pm	Real World Evidence and Artificial https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81078611652
Monday Devices	12:30pm	13:30pm	Medical 315 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87319433700
Tuesday	12:55pm 315	13:55pm	Ethics https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87319433700
Tuesday Involvement	12:55pm	13:55pm	Patient and Citizen 215 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81078611652
Tuesday Health	12:55pm	13:55pm	Public 417 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85816302777
Tuesday Awareness	6.15pm	7.15pm	Disinvestment & Early 417 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85816302777
Tuesday Countries	6.15pm	7.15pm	HTA in Developing 215 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81078611652
Tuesday Retrieval	6.15pm	7.15pm	Information 315 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87319433700

