



The 20th World Congress of International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) was successfully held in Vienna, Austria between August 26th – 29th, 2015. We are grateful for your participation and contribution to the congress' success.

Key highlights of this year congress:



19% increase in attendees. The registration numbers for IFSO 2015 increased significantly from 1988 (2014) to 2373.

This is the **first time** the congress has been held in **Vienna, Europe.**

The unique congress location at the **Hofburg Imperial Palace.** The conference was held in the same halls, where the Emperors of the Habsburg dynasty held their audiences, gala dinners or royal balls.

The congress has expended the educational program this year with a total of 56 sessions and is valid for **21 ECMEC credits.**

This is the first time the congress was certified as **"Green Meeting"** and complies with the criteria of the Austrian Eco-label for "Green Meetings".

The various social events as the Welcome Reception at the Hofburg Imperial Palace, and the Rock the Congress at the club Platzhirsch and the IFSO 20th Anniversary Dinner at the City Hall.





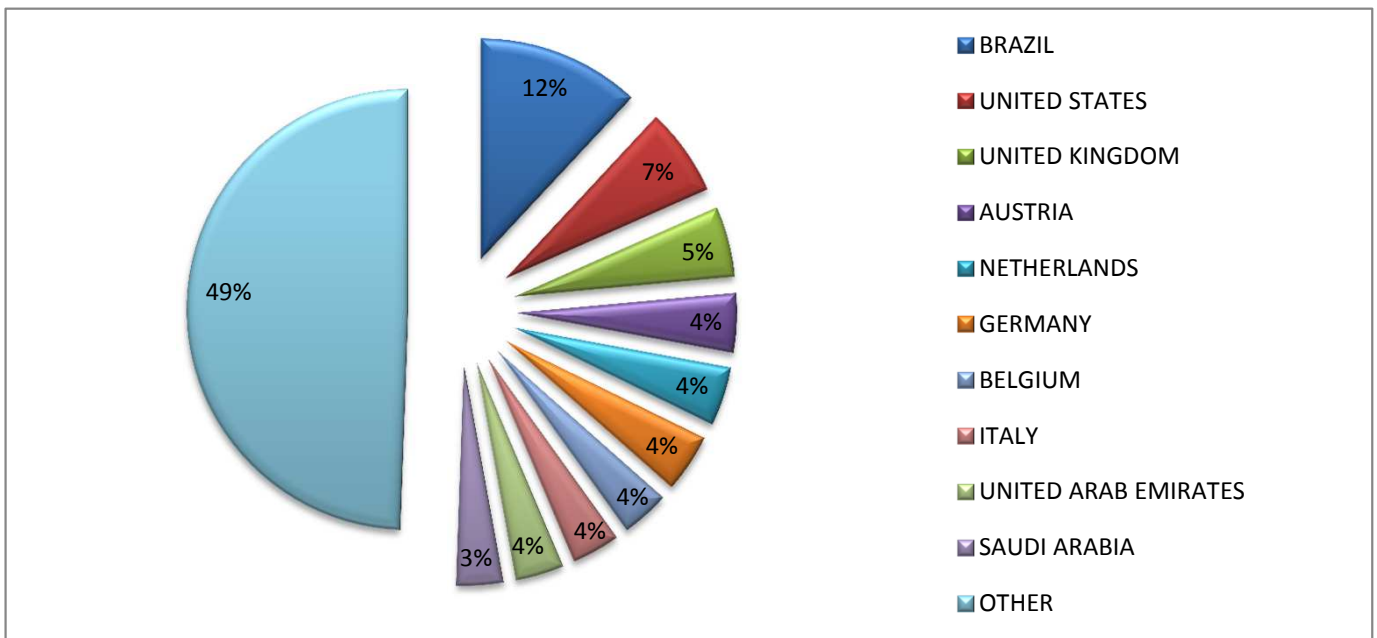
Registration Summary:

-) Total attendance: **2373**

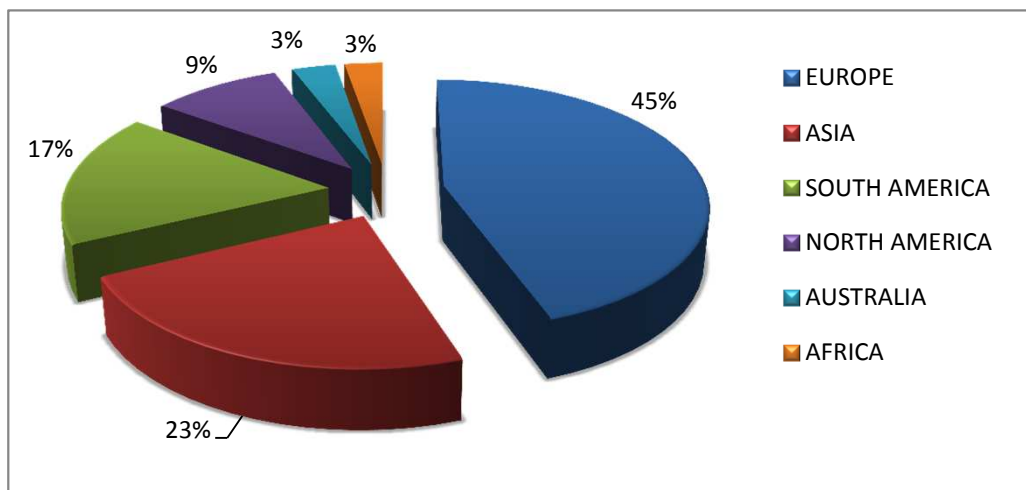
-) Countries represented by attendees: **88** countries

-) Number of Attendees at IFSO 2015 'Congress' (excluding Postgraduate only): **2373**

-) Number of Attendees by Country (see pie below):



-) Number of Attendees by Continent (see pie below):



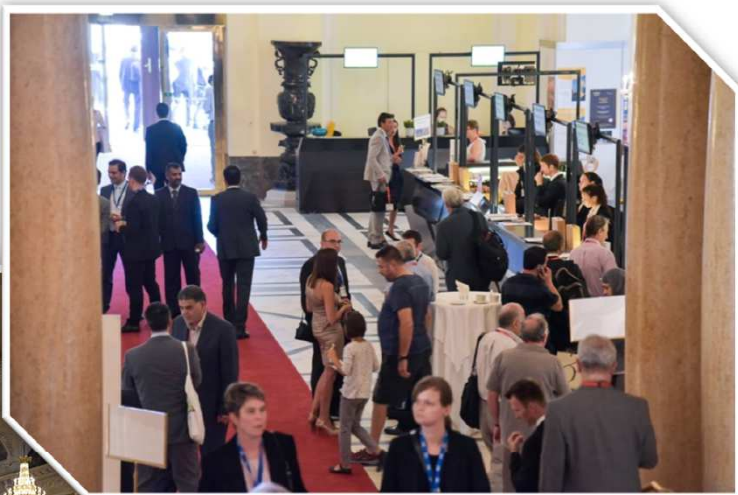


Educational Program Summary:

This year IFSO 2015 expanded the scientific program to provide better opportunities for all interested to share their experiences, knowledge, and to seek practical solutions.

The congress had **8 Postgraduate courses, 2 Satellite Symposia, 45 sessions with oral presentations, 4 video sessions, 7 sessions with short oral presentations** and displayed 508 posters in total.

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES PER POSTGRADUATE COURSE	
Course	Attendees
PG 1 – One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (OAGB)	131
PG 2 – Writing and Publishing a research-article of Excellence (AOE)	21
PG 3 – Metabolic Surgery Complication Management	110
PG 4 – Fast Track in Bariatric / Metabolic Surgery	3
PG 5 – Bariatric / Metabolic Gastric Plication	4
PG 6 – Bariatric Endoscopy	48
PG 7 – Animal Lab (Anastomosis; SILS, Hemostaseology)	4
PG 8 – Key Issues in Obesity Peri-Operative Care	48
PG 9 – Difficult Airway Hands-on Workshop	30





Oral & Poster PRESENTATION INFORMATION		
Submission Process:	On-line	
	Pres. type	No. of submitted Abstracts
Total Abstracts Submitted: 966	Concurrent Session	702
	Video Presentation	130
	Poster Presentation	134
Total Abstracts Accepted for Orals:	413	
Total Abstracts Accepted for Videos:	56	
Total Abstracts Accepted for Posters	311	
Total Abstracts Accepted for Poster & Short Oral Communication	141	
Total Abstracts Rejected / Withdrawn:	45	
The Best Posters were awarded to:	Andrea Lazzati, France Mohamed M. AbouZeid, Egypt Jens Homan, Netherlands	
The Scholarships were awarded to:	Bruno Duque, Brazil Gil Faria, Portugal Alexandr Kuzminov, Australia Diana Gabriela Maldonado Pintado, Mexico	
Winner Young Investigator Award:	Ragnhild Berber Wijma, Netherlands	
Call for Presentations Launch Date:	December, 2014	
Abstract Submission Closing Date:	March 31st, 2015	



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Key Sponsor & Exhibit Summary:

IFSO 2015 attracted a total of 10 sponsors and 46 exhibiting companies and organizations to support the congress.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION	
Level/Contribution	Company
Platinum	Covidien, Ethicon
Major	Apollo Endosurgery, Gore & Associates
Main	A.M.I. Agency for Medical Innovations, Bariatric Solutions, USGI Medical
Sponsors	Allurion Technologies, MID, MERCK
Supporting Organizations	American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) IFSO, IFSO EC, IFSO Congress 2016 Medmedia, Medwrite, Surgical Review Young IFSO

