

## Message from the President

6/14

**Luigi Angrisani**

President of IFSO

Dear Colleagues,

I am glad to inform you briefly about the recent activities of our Federation over the last four months.

First of all we have four more national societies in our "big family": the Canadian Association of Bariatric and Physicians and Surgeons, the Azerbaijan Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Association, the Norwegian Society for the Surgery of Obesity and the Iranian society for the obesity and metabolic surgery. The Jordan society is in the process of joining us very soon.

As you know, our secretariat is working on the Survey on bariatric surgery 2013. Monitor and study the trend of Bariatric Surgery in the world is a fundamental goal of our Federation, but still few societies have provided us with the simple requested data. That's why I ask the Presidents of our societies a bigger participation. Only with the cooperation of all of us, this tool will be more and more precise and useful.

I am glad to inform you about the publication on the April issue of our official journal, *Obesity Surgery*, of the IFSO Position Statement on Bariatric Surgery in Class I Obesity (BMI 30-35), written by Luca Busetto, Maurizio De Luca, John Dixon, Walter Pories, Francesco Rubino, Scott Shikora and myself.

Our 10 Committees are all working on new projects and goals. An official report of their activities will be given in Montreal during the General Council meeting and the Committees will meet in Montreal to set up new strategies and projects.

The Position Statement Committee is now working with the cooperation of Prof. Alvarez Cordero, at another statement on Discrimination of Obese persons.

The Scientific Committee, which has become our "Program Committee" of the world congress, is working with Prof. Michel Gagner, to make the program of our next world congress more and more interesting.

This year, for the first time, 4 young members, from the 4 Chapters, will be awarded the 4 Scholarships to attend the world congress in Canada. I take this occasion to remind our young members to join the "Young IFSO" section to be involved in the activities of this young community.

The location for IFSO 2018 will be decided by the General Council in Montreal between the two competitors: Dubai and Cartagena.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in August in Montreal for the IXI World Congress and I invite you all to be more and more active in IFSO in order to make our Federation stronger and bigger.

See you soon in Montreal!

Luigi Angrisani, MD



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luigi Angrisani".

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## IFSO'S NUMBERS

- **58 NATIONAL SOCIETIES**
- **8.200 MEMBERS**
- **2.050 OBESITY SURGERY SUBSCRIBERS**

• European Chapter (EC)



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# European Chapter NEWS



**Alberic Fiennes**

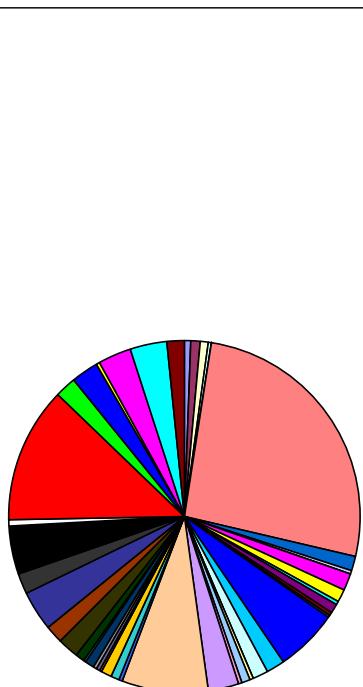
President of the  
European Chapter



**Luc Lemmens**  
President of the VI  
IFSO-EC Congress

## 6th Congress of IFSO-EC 2014 in Brussels

The 6<sup>th</sup> congress of the IFSO EC took place in Brussels from April 30th till May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. It was organized by Luc Lemmens, president of the congress, Bruno Dillemans and Jean Closset, vice-presidents, the entire board of the BeSOMS, the Belgian Section for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome and our congress organizer Semico.



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- AUSTRALIA
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- LEBANON
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- MEXICO
- NEW ZEALAND
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- POLAND
- PORTUGAL
- ROMANIA
- RUSSIA
- SAUDI ARABIA
- SLOVENIA
- SPAIN
- SWEDEN
- SWITZERLAND
- TAIWAN
- THE NETHERLANDS
- TURKEY
- U.S.A.
- UKRAINE
- UNITED ARABIC EMIRATES
- UNITED KINGDOM
- Unknown

The congress venue was the Square, the Brussels Meeting Center. This state of the Art Congress Centre is situated in the center of the City and on walking distance of most of the hotels and the "Grand Place" of Brussels.

We had a total of 813 people attending this congress from 48 countries. From these there were 615 active delegates, 543 surgeons and other specialists and 72 for the allied health session.

We are proud to receive a very positive response on the congress, the organization and the scientific level. Also the e-Poster with the selected e-Poster presentations and the Mobile App with the program and a lot of other information were highly appreciated.

## European Chapter NEWS



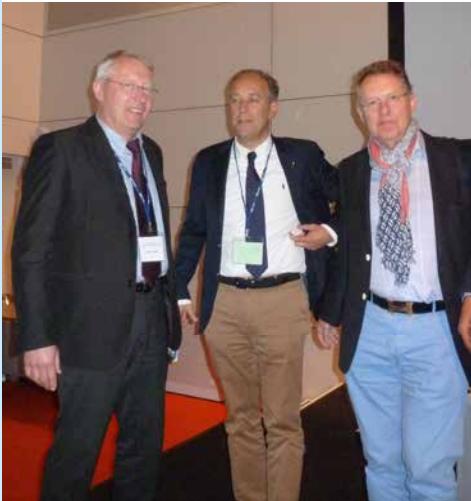
European Association for the Study of Obesity



### 3<sup>rd</sup> European Obesity Medico-Surgical Workshop

**Jointly organised by IFSO-EC and EASO**

**Physicians & Surgeons as the piece of the puzzle: Metabolic Surgery**



**30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 (Day 1)**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day we had the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Obesity Medico-Surgical Workshop as a formal satellite of the IFSO EC 2014 jointly organized by IFSO EC and EASO. In this one-day workshop surgeons and endocrinologists had the opportunity to discuss the metabolic problems of morbid obesity and especially diabetes mellitus. There was a high attendance of this workshop which was highly in favor of surgery.

The well attended 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the International Bariatric Club took place on this first day.

In the evening we had the Get-Together party at the Square in the exhibition hall. We served typical Belgian finger food with excellent Belgian Beers.

**1<sup>st</sup> May, 2014 (Day 2)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> day of the official scientific meeting started with the Opening Ceremony with Welcome addresses of Luc Lemmens, congress president, Yury Yashkov, president of IFSO-EC and Luigi Angrisani, president of IFSO.

This plenary opening session was very well attended. Henri Buchwald talked about "70 years of evolution in bariatric surgery, followed by the talk of Raul Rosenthal "From bariatric to metabolic surgery". The last presentation was from François Pattou about "Future of metabolic surgery".

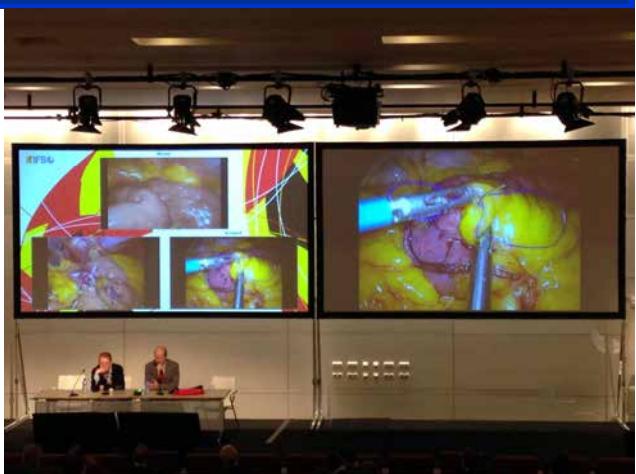
The rest of the day was packed with different sessions about restrictive and mal-absorptive surgery, functional problems and the well-attended allied health session. The session of the Dutch Society "Bariatric Surgery in Adolescents" was very interesting. There was a large session on gastric bypass that ended with the "Match of the Day: Bypass or Sleeve. Who will become the ultimate survivor?" There was no real winner of this battle.



## European Chapter NEWS

**2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 (Day 3)**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the congress was also packed with several parallel sessions about teaching, plastic surgery, new techniques, complications, anesthesiology, a large session on sleeve and metabolic surgery. Young IFSO organized his own session. There was the very interesting session "Nordic Experience" organized by the Scandinavian surgeons. The scientific program ended by another well-attended session: "It happened nearby: Disasters in bariatric Surgery".



The Farewell dinner took place in the marvelous "**Cercle Gaulois**", an old Belgium club, founded in 1847. During this evening Alberic Fiennes officially took over the presidency of IFSO EC from Yury Yashkov.



## European Chapter NEWS



**3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014 (Day 4)**

The final day was devoted to "deferred live surgery". There were 4 sessions of 1 hour. In each session 3 un-edited films of experts were shown simultaneously and moderated by other experts. It was an interactive session where questions could be asked to the surgeons. Thanks to these 12 films most of the bariatric procedures were covered. This session was well-attended and highly appreciated.



Luc Lemmens

President of the 6<sup>th</sup> IFSO-EC Congress

Past-President of IFSO-EC 2008-2010

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## Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



**Wej-Jei Lee**

President of the  
Asian Pacific Chapter

Surgeons and specialists from Asia and the Pacific Rim have gathered in Thailand April 24 to 26, 2014 for the 2014 APMBSS Conference. The meeting took place in the wonderful tropical resort town of Krabi by the blue waters of the Andaman Sea. Many of the leading specialists in the field from Asia and America discussed, and exchanged experiences on new metabolic surgery techniques and the management of failures and redo's.



The Royal Australian College of Surgeons held its Annual Scientific Congress in Singapore this year and the event featured the 1st Singapore-Australasian Live Laparoscopic Surgery Symposium and a pre-congress bariatric surgery workshop endorsed by OSSANZ and the Singapore societies

And at the end of June, the 7th edition of the Asian Consensus meeting on Metabolic Surgery (ACMOMS) was held in the Indian city of Udaipur. The meeting that took place June 21 and 22 focused on complications and revision surgery after sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass.



## Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



**IFSO-APC SEOUL 2015**

International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and metabolic disorders Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting



09-11 April, 2015  
Seoul, Korea  
Local Organising Committee Secretariat  
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Korean Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

1<sup>st</sup> Singapore - Australasian Live Laparoscopic Surgery Symposium  
1<sup>st</sup> Pre-RACS Congress  
Bariatric Surgery Workshop

4-5 May 2014 • 9am - 5pm  
TTSH Main Building, Level 1  
Theatre & Conference Room




International Excellence Federation (IEF) for Bariatric & Metabolic Integrated Surgery organizes

1<sup>st</sup> Asian BMI Consensus Summit

**METASURGASIA 2014**

In association with  
Obesity & Metabolic Surgery Society of India (OSSI)  
Defeat Obesity & Diabetes Foundation (DODF)  
Fortis Hospitals, Mumbai

19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014  
Hotel Hyatt Regency, Mumbai.

Endorsed by  
All India Association for Advancing Research In Obesity (AIAARO)  
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International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO)

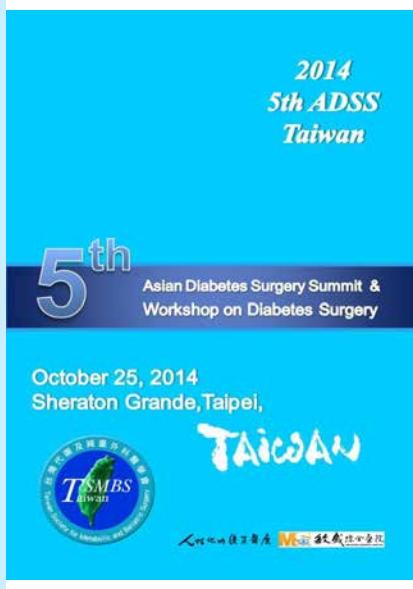


Hosted by Laparo Obeso Centre, Pune & Mumbai, India

The next IFSO-APC meeting will take place in Seoul, Korea, in April 2015. The main topic of the conference will be "Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery beyond the Continent", and Dr. Seung-Ho Choi, the President of the Korean Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Society (KSMBS), assures us that it will be a very informative, interactive conference which will keep us on edge. For more information go to the conference website at [2015ifsoapc.com](http://2015ifsoapc.com)

Those in the region who don't want to wait until 2015 to meet and exchange ideas, can attend two other events organized by local societies. First, September 19 to 21, the Indian Society (OSSI) will co-host METASURGASIA 2014 in Mumbai, India. The meeting will also feature the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian BMI Consensus Summit.

Finally, I invite everyone to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> ADSS (Asia Diabetes Surgery Summit) which will be hosted by the Taiwan Society (TSMBS) October 25, 2014 in Taipei.



Pr. Wei-Jei Lee

President IFSO-Asia-Pacific Chapter

## North American Chapter NEWS

**Jaime Ponce**

President of the  
North American  
Chapter

### IFSO North American Chapter



The ASMBS Spring Event in Miami was a thought-provoking educational event and a fun venue for the attendees. There was something for everyone. The program included Advanced Bariatric Life Support and Fundamentals, an Obesity Medicine Course hosted by the American Society for Bariatric Physicians, CBN certification, roundtables, videos, labs, hot topics, hot debates, a few heated (but friendly) discussions, over 25 table top exhibits and more.



The ASMBS State Chapter presidents from around the United States convened at the Spring Event for their annual meeting and workshop on improving access to care from both the national and state perspective as well as learning tips and trends for building better chapters. Dr. Morton presented the Essential Health Benefits Access Tool Kit, which is now posted on the newly redesigned ASMBS web site at [asmbs.org](http://asmbs.org).



## North American Chapter NEWS



What attendees always say they love about the Spring Event is the intimate, open learning environment. "There is time for real discussion and meeting with colleagues where many extra pearls are garnered." Mark your calendars; you will want to be at this meeting next June in Las Vegas! The second annual IFSO North American Chapter meeting will be held during this event. Watch the ASMBS web site for more details.

ObesityWeek (OW) 2014 (November 2 – 7 in Boston, Massachusetts) will be here before we know it. Boston is an amazing place to visit with its blend of modern sophistication and historic New England charm. It is a place where you find interesting contrasts - Hip alongside historic. Skyscrapers surround parks. Gourmet meets pizza. Cobblestone streets and glass enclosed shopping galleries.

If you attended last year, you know that this combined meeting of The Obesity Society and ASMBS more than doubles the educational experience, it opens the door to many collaborative learning experiences and new ways to piece together answers to the complex obesity puzzle. This year there will be an even larger IFSO/international presence. On Tuesday, November 4, the first day scientific sessions, there will be an IFSO/ASMBS collaborative symposium, Tuesday evening ASMBS and IFSO host a special reception for international attendees, Wednesday highlights an International Papers Session, and on Thursday IFSO presents an OW Level 2 Partner Symposium titled Sleeve Gastrectomy Around the World.

The Keynote Speakers for ObesityWeek 2014 have been announced. Visit [obesityweek.com](http://obesityweek.com) to learn more about the full program and presenters, who include:

C. Ronald Kahn, MD, Harvard Medical School Mary K. Iacocca Professor and Chief Academic Officer at Joslin Diabetes Center. Named one of the "most highly influential scientists and scholars" by The Scientist magazine, Dr. Kahn will present the basic scientific keynote presentation on the "Developmental Genes and miRNAs in Control of Body Fat," Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Jim Marks, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Marks directs the RWJF's Portfolio Group, which works to reduce health-related disparities among vulnerable populations. Prior to joining RWJF, Marks retired as assistant surgeon general after serving as director of the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion for almost a decade. Dr. Marks will present on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Rebecca Puhl, PhD, is Deputy Director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at Yale University, where she coordinates research and policy efforts aimed at reducing weight bias and improving the quality of life for children and adults affected by obesity. Dr. Puhl will present the Integrated Health Keynote Address on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Registration and Housing opens on July 14th 2014

## North American Chapter NEWS



### UPDATES

#### **American Medical Association (AMA)**

The ASMBS was granted a seat in the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates (HOD). The HOD, which includes more than 500 voting delegates, is the principal policy-making body of the AMA.

In what the AMSBS hopes will be a boon to our access to care efforts, the AMA recently passed the "Patient Access to Evidence-Based Obesity Services" resolution. The resolution stated, "Resolved that our AMA, consistent with H-440.842 Recognition of Obesity as a Disease, work in concert with national specialty and state medical societies to advocate for patient access to the full continuum of care of evidence-based obesity treatment modalities (such as behavioral, pharmaceutical, psychosocial, nutritional, and surgical interventions)." This resolution was passed approximately one year after the AMA officially designated obesity a disease.

#### **Obesity Summit**

The ASMBS is planning an Obesity Summit in Chicago this fall to improve communication, coordination of care, as well as access and referral for the patient with severe obesity. The goal is to invite different specialties (orthopedic, cardiac, family physicians, endocrinologists, etc.), payors and benefit managers to attend and discuss these issues. Through networking and the development cross-community relationships our mission is to aid in the provision and coordination of care for the obese population.

#### **Bariatric Surgery Textbook**

The ASMBS has developed a definitive and comprehensive textbook that will serve as a guide for information dealing with the ever-evolving field of bariatric surgery. The target readership are surgeons, residents and fellows, bariatric physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, and integrated health members (nutritionists, nurse practitioners...etc.) that manage the severely obese patient. The chapters have been written by experts in the field and include the most up to date scientific information. Volume I will cover the basic considerations for bariatric surgery, the currently accepted procedures, outcomes of bariatric surgery including long-term weight loss, improvement and resolution of co-morbidities, and improvement in quality of life. A section will focus on revisional bariatric surgery and new innovative endoscopic bariatric procedures. Other special emphasis will be given to the topics of metabolic surgery and surgery for patients with lower BMI (30-35). Volume II is divided into 3 sections: bariatric medicine, psychosocial, and nutritional aspects of bariatric surgery. The first section deal with the psychosocial issues associated with morbid obesity. The second section deals with the role of bariatric physicians in preoperative and postoperative support of the bariatric patients. The nutritional section discusses the preoperative and postoperative nutritional support for the bariatric patient. The book will continually updated as the field progresses. This textbook will go on sale during Obesity Week 2014 and there will be a special book signing in the exhibit hall.

## Latin American Chapter NEWS



**Natan Zundel**

President of the Latin American Chapter

On behalf of the Executive Direction of the Latin American Chapter of IFSO, it is my pleasure to report you what are the main achievements of our Chapter, in the last months:

1. We have had the **1<sup>st</sup> Intermedial Congress of IFSO LAC**, held in Mendoza, Argentina, from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup> 2014.
2. We have created the new website of the Chapter, please check it out: [www.ifsolac.com](http://www.ifsolac.com)

Please if you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me,

Sincerely yours,

Estuardo J. Behrens MD MACF FACS FASMBS

Executive Director IFSO LAC



**Estuardo J. Behrens**

Executive Director  
IFSO LAC



**LATIN AMERICA CHAPTER**  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
FOR THE SURGERY OF OBESITY  
AND METABOLIC DISORDERS

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**VIII Congreso Internacional de CIRUGÍA BARIÁTRICA Y METABÓLICA**  
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## 2014 IFSO World Annual Meeting



Michel Gagner

President of the XIX  
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MONTRÉAL, CANADA – AUGUST 26-30, 2014

**IFSO14**  
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### 19<sup>TH</sup> World Congress of the International Federations for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

**Montréal, Canada - The Palais des congrès de Montréal**  
**26 – 30, August 2014**



#### Welcome From the Congress President

We are delighted to be hosting the 19th World Congress of International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity & Metabolic Disorders (IFSO 2014). The IFSO 2014 Congress will be taking place at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal in Montréal, Québec, Canada from August 26-30, 2014.

We would like for you to join us for presentations on cutting-edge research, world-class plenary sessions and live surgery. IFSO 2014 will be an opportunity to highlight the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to the surgical treatment of obesity and metabolic disorders.

We look forward to welcoming you to cosmopolitan Montréal!

#### **Dr. Michel Gagner**

IFSO 2014 Congress President



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## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception** - Wednesday, 27 August 2014

**Farewell Dinner** - Friday, 29 August 2014

Held at Arsenal [www.arsenalmontreal.com](http://www.arsenalmontreal.com)

Tonight will be about delightful food, wonderful drinks and great company. What better way to wrap up the conference then within a magnificent venue close to your hotel with great entertainment and the beautiful city of Montreal as the backdrop.

Tickets are limited!

## CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

- 5th International Conference on Sleeve Gastrectomy
- Single Anastomosis Gastric Bypass
- Metabolic Surgery
- Robotic Bariatric Surgery
- Scientific and Medical Writing course
- Duodenal Switch
- Bariatric Endoscopy
- Gastric Plication
- Allied Health

### NAMED LECTURERS

- Mason Lecture: Severe Obesity is a Congenital Disease - epigenetic phenomenon  
Dr. Picard Marceau (Canada)
- Scopinaro Lecture: Why Obesity Is a Disease  
Dr. Arya Sharma (Canada)
- Presidential address:  
Dr. Luigi Angrisani (Italy)

### 10th INTERNATIONAL BARIATRIC CLUB SYMPOSIUM

#### Plenary Sessions

- 23 Sessions with nearly 1000 abstracts submitted
- Top papers
- 6 Video Sessions

#### Lunch with the Experts

- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

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## CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

### SYMPOSIA

- Symposium Latin American Chapter IFSO
- Metabolic Surgery Update- Ileal Interposition as an Option: Physiology, Pathophysiology, Technique, Clinical Trends
- ASMBS-IFSO Re-do Bariatric Surgery for Weight Loss Failure
- Emerging technologies session - The future of Obesity Surgery
- Lower BMIs: What Are The Best Options
- Petersen's defect
- ERABS (Enhanced Recovery after Bariatric Surgery)
- Metabolic Applied Research Strategy
- SIPSTM (Stomach, Intestine, Pylorus Preserving Surgery or Single Loop DS)
- Long-term results (> 20 years)
- GERD and Hiatal hernia management
- Strategies for Barrett's esophagus
- Surgery: Revisional Bariatric Complications and Considerations when converting bands to sleeves, and sleeves to duodenal switches
- Recurrence of T2DM after RYGB and de-novo T2DM after RYGB
- Long-term complications of BPD and DS, why is the most effective procedures done in only 2% of patients?
- Young Surgeons

### LIVE SURGERY TRANSMISSIONS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

- Canada
- USA
- Europe
- South America
- And More

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### USEFUL TIPS ABOUT MONTREAL

Marvellous Places to go; exciting people to see; wonderful things to do; such is the beauty of life... a la Montréal

Montréal is as romantically traditional as it is cutting-edge innovative, as cosmopolitan dynamic as it is small-town friendly.

#### Shopping in Montréal

Most shops are open Monday to Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to

6 p.m., Thursday to Friday from 9.00am to 9.00pm and Saturday and Sunday, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. They are usually closed on legal holidays (Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>) in the majority of cases – but some establishments (supermarkets, SAQ outlets, etc.) may still be open.

#### Dining Out

Montréal has the highest concentration of eateries on the continent with 92 restaurants per square kilometer, in touristic neighborhoods and representing various types of cuisine inspired by 120 countries and regions.

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## POSTGRADUATE COURSE DETAILS

### A. 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY

**Co-Directors:** Dr. Raul Rosenthal (USA), Camilo Boza (Chile), David Nocca (France), Michel Gagner (Canada)

### B. SINGLE ANASTOMOSIS GASTRIC BYPASS

The Single Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (also known as Mini-Gastric Bypass) has been increasing internationally. The simplicity, safety and results appear similar to other bariatric procedures, but the technique is of major importance.

**Course Directors:** Jean-Marc Chevallier (France), Pradeep Chowbey (India), Kuldeepak Singh Kular (India), Mervyn Deitel (Canada), & Wei-Jei Lee (Taiwan)

#### Objective of Study

- Learn the long-term result of MGB
- Comparison between MGB, RYGB and LSG

### C. METABOLIC SURGERY

Pathophysiology of Diabetes, Mechanisms of Surgery, Clinical Outcomes and Procedures of Choice

**Course Directors:** Marco Bueter (Switzerland), Ricardo Cohen (Brazil) & Francesco Rubino (Italy)

#### Course overview and objectives

This postgraduate course will cover all current aspects of this new discipline- surgery as an option for the treatment of T2DM. With a worldwide re-known faculty, the day will be divided in several sections that will approach physiological background of metabolic surgery, basic concepts on mechanisms of actions of the operations, including new aspects, as changes in intestinal microbiota.

### D. ROBOTIC BARIATRIC SURGERY

Robotic Bariatric Surgery is increasingly performed in gastric bypass, duodenal switch and complex revision Lectures & Live Surgery

**Course Directors:** Ramon Vilallonga (Spain) & Keith Kim (South Korea) & Erik Wilson (USA)

### E. SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL WRITING COURSE

A full-day course for physicians, scientific researchers, and healthcare professionals

**Course Director:** Jane N. Buchwald (USA)

### F. DUODENAL SWITCH: AN INTRODUCTION TO METABOLIC SURGERY

Lectures & Live Surgery

**Course Directors:** Simon Biron (Canada), Vivek Prachand (USA)

#### Objectives:

- Understand the anatomy and physiology of BPD\_DS with a sleeve gastrectomy.
- Understand the necessity to program a long term follow-up.
- Realize the need for para-medical team to ensure the cutting down of medication as co-morbidities diminish.
- Realize the feasibility of laparoscopic DS.

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## POSTGRADUATE COURSE DETAILS

### G. BARIATRIC ENDOSCOPY

Bariatric Endoscopy (BE) is a neologism meaning a new term created to define the interface of advanced therapeutic endoscopy with Bariatric Surgery (BS). Several live Procedures and Lectures.

**Course Directors:** Manoel Galvao Neto (Brazil),  
Christopher Thompson (USA)

### H. GASTRIC PLICATION

A new procedure initiated in Iran, increasing in popularity.  
Lectures & Live Surgery

**Course Directors:** Martin Fried (Czech Republic), Ariel Ortiz (Mexico),  
Catalin Copacescu (Romania)

The objective of the Course is to provide the attendees (predominantly bariatric surgeons) an overview of history and development of the gastric plication, followed by technical aspects of the procedure, and to teach the procedure step by step.

### I. ALLIED HEALTH

Principles of Obesity Management

**Course Directors:** Arya Sharma (Canada)

**CME CREDIT** The conference will be awarded with CME credits

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## 2015 IFSO World Annual Meeting



Karl Miller

President of the  
XX IFSO Congress

### XX World IFSO Congress

26-29 August, 2015 - Vienna, Austria

Dear Colleagues,

on behalf of the Austrian Society for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders it is my honour, privilege and pleasure to invite you to the 20<sup>th</sup> IFSO World Congress to be held at the Hofburg Imperial Palace in Vienna, Austria, from August 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

We will continue in the tradition of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders to focus on the newly growing discipline of metabolic surgery, endoluminal and mini invasive approaches as well as the concept of team management.

We will develop a scientific program of the highest standard covering global perspectives of this ever-evolving discipline that attends to our modern world epidemic that Obesity and Metabolic Disorders have come to represent.

The organizing Committee plan a green meeting which incorporates environmental considerations one aspect of sustainability, that seeks to balance the social, environmental and economic concerns against business needs.

**Save the date and we are looking forward to seeing you in Vienna 2015**

Karl Miller, MD, FACS

Congress President



**IFSO15**  
20<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS



<http://app.ifso2015.com>

**Vienna, Austria | August 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
Hofburg Imperial Palace in Vienna

[www.ifso2015.com](http://www.ifso2015.com)



International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)

## 2016 IFSO World Annual Meeting



Ricardo Cohen

President of the XXI  
IFSO Congress

### XXI World IFSO Congress

7-11 September, 2016 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



# 2014 Endorsed Meetings

**5th International Meeting. The truth of metabolic surgery**  
**3 July 2014**

Live Streaming Congress  
on [www.aischannel.com](http://www.aischannel.com)



## THE TRUTH ABOUT METABOLIC SURGERY

5<sup>TH</sup> ADVANCES IN SURGERY  
LIVE STREAMING INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

JULY 3, 2014 2PM - 7:50PM, GMT+2H

### CO-CHAIRS

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FRANCESCO RUBINO

PHILIP R. SCHAUER  
JOSEP VIDAL

NEXT JULY 3, 2014  
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WHEREVER YOU ARE ATTEND THIS  
CONGRESS LIVE STREAMING AT  
[WWW.AISCHANNEL.COM](http://WWW.AISCHANNEL.COM)



**METASURGASIA 2014**  
Mumbai, India  
September 19-21, 2014  
[http://obesityasia.com/metasurgasia/  
conferencepage.html](http://obesityasia.com/metasurgasia/conferencepage.html)

**International Workshop Globesity Challenge  
for Anesthesiologist & Surgeons**  
Latina, Italy  
26 September 2014  
[http://www.triumphgroupinternational.com/  
event/globesitychallenge2014/](http://www.triumphgroupinternational.com/event/globesitychallenge2014/)

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

## GLOBESITY CHALLENGE

for  
ANESTHESIOLOGISTS & SURGEONS

La sfida della globesità  
per anestesiologi e chirurghi



September, 26 2014

AUDITORIUM ICOT, LATINA

Course Directors:

Prof. Gianfranco Silecchia

Prof. Consalvo Mattia



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FARMACIA E MEDICINA



## 2014 Endorsed Congresses

**Prevention and Management of Complications in Bariatric Surgery**  
**Cleveland Clinic, Ohio (USA)**  
**17-18 October**



### INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM Prevention and Management of Complications in Bariatric Surgery

**OCTOBER 17-18, 2014**  
The Cleveland Clinic | Cleveland, Ohio

#### FEATURING: HANDS-ON SKILLS WORKSHOP

- Endoscopic Stent placement, Endoscopic Suturing
- Proper stapling, sealing , buttressing, and
- reinforcement techniques

#### Course Director

Tomasz Rogula, MD

#### Course

#### Co-Directors

Philip Schauer, MD  
Stacey Brethauer, MD  
Matthew Kroh, MD  
Haris Khwaja, MD

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**ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON**

**8th Frankfurter Meeting**  
**Frankfurt, Germany**  
**20-21 November 2014**  
[www.frankfurter-meeting.de](http://www.frankfurter-meeting.de)



**25th Annual Scientific Meeting of OSSANZ**  
**Wellington, New Zealand**  
**20-21 November 2014**  
<http://ossanzconference.com.au/>



# IFSO Endorsement



IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF IFSO ORGANIZING A CONGRESS/COURSE/WORKSHOP/SYMPORIUM ON BARIATRIC SURGERY YOU CAN APPLY FOR IFSO ENDORSEMENT AND GET THE GREAT ADVANTAGES OF BEING ADVERTISED THROUGH IFSO COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

## Benefits:

1. Endorsed Congresses will be:
  - listed on IFSO's Website on the Endorsed meetings page
  - included in IFSO's E-newsletters
  - mailed to more than 8.000 IFSO Members
  - posted on IFSO Facebook webpage
2. The Course Director may include IFSO's Endorsement statement and IFSO Logo on promotional brochures and course materials with the text "*Endorsed by*"

## Individual Endorsement

- Course must be directed or coordinated by an IFSO member, or have as its primary faculty, at least one IFSO member
- Endorsed Courses should offer CME credits (if not, an explanation must be provided)
- Course Director must ensure that disclosure of conflict of interest are enforced
- Reduced course fee must be granted to IFSO Members

The fee for individual course endorsement is **400,00 US\$**

## Institutional Endorsement

- More than two (2) courses must be held per year at the same physical institution
- Course must be directed or coordinated by an IFSO member, or have as its primary faculty, at least one IFSO member
- All brochures and faculty lists must be submitted to the IFSO-CC for annual review
- The centre must be equipped with adequate facilities
- Endorsed Courses should offer CME credits (if not, an explanation must be provided).
- Course Director must ensure that disclosure of conflict of interest are enforced
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The fee for institutional course endorsement is **1.200,00 US\$** per year

If you think your meeting fulfils the below mentioned requirements please send your endorsement requests to **info@ifso.com** together with a PDF file of the scientific program of the Congress.

IFSO-Communication Committee will carefully review the concepts and objectives of the course as well as the faculty, the structure and content of the course. Endorsement does not in any way offer credentialing or grant approval to the participant regarding future skills or outcomes.

After the approval of the Communication Committee, you will receive from our Secretariat further instructions about the payment of the endorsement fee.

## “YOUNG IFSO” NEWS



### NEWS FROM THE YOUNG-IFSO

In 2012, the Young IFSO Chapter was unofficially founded at the XVII IFSO World Congress in India.

**Karin  
Dolezalova**

Young IFSO  
Chapter President

Following several personal meetings of Young IFSO bariatric surgeons, and discussions with the IFSO Executive Council, and the IFSO European Chapter, the main goals and future activities of the Young IFSO Chapter were formulated at the IFSO World Congress in Istanbul in 2013.

The membership of young IFSO is open to anyone who agrees with IFSO Statues and Bylaws as well as with those of the Young IFSO, and is an IFSO member with age less than 45 years.

Young IFSO Chapter is an integral part of IFSO, acting in alignment with the bylaws and other official documents of IFSO.

The mission of Young IFSO is bringing together young bariatric/metabolic surgeons as well as other medical and non medical professionals working in the field of obesity and metabolic disorders, research, treatment and management. Distinct Young IFSO Session will be organized at word IFSO congresses as well as at the IFSO European Chapter meetings and at different occasions at other congresses.

Among the main tasks and strategies of Young IFSO Chapter are:

- A special focus and interest in young surgeons bariatric activities especially in Europe, and in Asia where most of the current Young IFSO Chapter members are based. Young IFSO Chapter activities and scientific potential can be used as an important leveraging activity in both, attracting new, young scientists to the field of obesity management, and for the development of bariatric surgery.
- Coordination of scientific collaboration among various national European (and other) bariatric organizations, gathering young scientists, at this time predominantly in the European and Asian level.

1st official Congress session of the Young IFSO Chapter was officially inaugurated and held under the auspices of the 2013 IFSO President, Prof. P. Chowbey, at the XVIII IFSO World Congress in Istanbul.

As many as 80 participants attended this scientific Session.

2nd Young IFSO Chapter scientific Session was held during the IFSO-European Chapter Congress in Brussels in May 2014.

This session was attended by more than 60 participant, including the IFSO-European Chapter President, and President – Elect, Prof. Y. Yashkov and A. Fiennes, as well as by most of the IFSO-EC Executive Board members. Nine young IFSO members presented results of their work in this Oral Session.

## “YOUNG IFSO” NEWS

During the IFSO-EC Congress in Brussels, the Young IFSO Chapter General Council met and approved the officers of the Young IFSO Chapter.

The approved Young IFSO Chapter officers for the period 2014 -2016 are:

- President - Karin Dolezalova (Czech Rep.)
- President -Elect – Sylvia Weiner (Germany)
- Secretary – Eren Taskin (Turkey)
- Young IFSO Chapter representative to the IFSO – Sylvia Weiner (Germany)
- Young IFSO Chapter representative to the IFSO- European Chapter – Alexander Neimark (Russia)

The 3rd Young IFSO Chapter scientific meeting/session is to be held during the IFSO World Congress in Montreal in August 2014.

Young IFSO showed so far its great viability and leveraged substantially close exchange of young, fresh ideas in obesity – bariatric – metabolic field, as well as has documented important role of the young medical and nonmedical generation in the endeavour of tackling obesity epidemic.

Young IFSO activity enables young IFSO members to participate more actively in IFSO day to day live and to possibility to influence IFSO future.

Similarly to the ongoing initiatives between Young IFSO within the IFSPO and IFSO-EC, Young IFSO is following the IFSO-European Chapter and EASO focus on closer cooperation on both, scientific and organizational levels.

The Young IFSO already initiated discussion about different possibilities of closer cooperation with the EASO Young Investigator group.

At this point, it has been already agreed that there will be a dedicated, mutual scientific Session held at the annual EASO 2015 Congress, the ECO 2015, organized in May 2015 in Prague, Czech Republic . Of course, there will be continuous talks between the two groups in regards of potentially advantageous cooperation focus areas for the future.

Karin Dolezalova

Young IFSO Chapter President



**Antonio Torres**

Chairman of the Bylaws Committee

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

In the way of the renovation and consolidation of IFSO's organization, the Executive Board has been working in updating the "Statutes and Bylaws" and the "Manual of Policies and Procedures" (MPP) of the Federation. In this way the Board met in Naples during the International Meeting organized by our President Luigi Angrisani last May 2014.

The most important proposed changes are:

- To reduce the number of Adhering Bodies' delegates belonging to the General Council Assembly of the Federation (from 2 to 1)
- To facilitate the electronic vote in some specific circumstances

On the other hand, the Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board are working in the design of having a Foundation that can manage the economic and educational aims of the Federation.

All these initiatives will be discussed during the next General Council Assembly to be held in Montreal next August.

## NEW TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

**Goals:** The New Tech IFSO Committee (NTIC) has set two main goals, in liaison with IFSO:

1. **Establishing an annual report of new technologies and upgrades, with a rating committee**, posted on the IFSO website + edited in *Obesity Surgery* if possible.
2. **Establishing a common web-platform in order to put together the industry and physicians when preparing a peer-reviewed trial, and/or when an external expertise is needed from the industry on a particular bariatric topic.**

**The web-platform should make use of the existing platforms and IFSO website** (to be discussed).

**The rating** of the technologies will take into account: Innovation, novelties compared with previous year, abstracts and oral presentations during international and national meetings (+), peer review trials -approved, implemented or ongoing- (++) , publications (+++), financial support of the company (e.g. assessment of the durability of a start-up company), etc.

**The upgrades** of current technologies should also be rated (e.g. a new stapler with a motorized device).

**Grading committee:** 10-15 members with known (but inevitable) conflicts of interest, those with a conflict of interest should sit out when voting for the device/company they are committed to.

**Rating system:** as in finance agencies, AAA, AA+, etc.

**Presentation of the annual report:** companies by alphabetic order. Each should be asked a relevant flow of information in due time. Companies should not have any financial involvement in this report, an issue dealt only with the secretariat of IFSO.

**Implementation:** first annual report is due in 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

**Contacts:** international representatives of each company.

**Preliminary list for the committee:** + two chairmen= 13 members. All are supposed to be IFSO-Members. Responses from IFSO-members who have been (or are going to be) contacted are awaited.

## INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

**Integrated Health online courses:** Online courses of Bariatric Psychology, Nutrition, Physical Training and Nursing. These will start on September 9th 2014.

Coming soon: Integrated Health Bariatric and Bariatric Surgery E-book



**Blanca Rios**

Chairman of the Integrated Health Committee

# How to join IFSO



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## 2014 FEES

IFSO Membership (included Obesity Surgery): **100,00\$**

IFSO Membership (included Obesity Surgery) + SOARD: **192,00\$**

IFSO reduced fee only for non surgeons: **20,00\$**

- **Individual Membership**

Only members who live in Countries where there is no National Society for the Surgery of Obesity can apply to become "Individual affiliated members", writing to the Secretariat and asking for the application form.

Payment can be made either by bank transfer or credit card/Paypal on [www.ifso.com](http://www.ifso.com)

- **Membership through the National Society**

All National Societies must send IFSO Secretariat the list of their members

For details on how your National Society for the Surgery of Obesity can become a member of IFSO, for Individual membership requests and for any other information feel free to contact our



*It's time to renew for 2014. Ask your national Society how to renew your IFSO membership!*

## WHY RENEW OR JOIN IFSO?

- Big discounts to all our Congresses or endorsed meetings all over the world
- Free subscription to our official journal: ***Obesity Surgery***
- E-blast with info about the endorsed meetings
- Regular E-Newsletters
- Reduced subscription rate to SOARD journal (Surgery for Obesity And Related Diseases)
- An official Certificate of Membership
- Use of IFSO website to advertise the activities of the national societies
- Eligibility to IFSO endorsement for meeting/workshop/course
- Membership in a professional global network
- Listing in the online registry on the IFSO website
- Eligibility to IFSO Scholarships

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*Even attending only one meeting a year, being an IFSO member, you will get a discount that writes off your annual membership fee!*

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