



Message from the President



**Pradeep Chowbey**

President of IFSO,  
President of the APC

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to address you as IFSO President. IFSO is a truly international body with a presence in all continents of the World. IFSO continues to grow and expand even as obesity is now an established global pandemic.

I believe that the first step to address the obesity pandemic is to raise awareness on obesity throughout the World. We are indeed fortunate to have had the blessings and support of His Holiness The Dalai Lama, in the campaign against obesity. His Holiness was the first to sign a pledge to fight against obesity at the recently conducted IFSO annual congress at New Delhi in September 2012. I think this action from His Holiness was very symbolic and significant for IFSO. We need to follow up on this initiative to raise levels of awareness and spread more information amongst governments, organizations and societies in the campaign against obesity. I believe we need to acknowledge the rising menace of obesity as the first step to devise solutions to face this pandemic. We live in a period of a great flux and change as exciting developments continue to occur in the field of obesity and metabolic diseases. Laboratory and clinical research are presenting new frontiers of innovation and therapy to treat obesity and type II diabetes mellitus. We need to pool our resources, exchange information and data and set our minds together to address the growing need for effective strategies to combat obesity. The annual congresses of IFSO are a great time to meet, interact, exchange information and brainstorm on new strategies.

We have attempted to continue this tradition of IFSO at the annual congress held in New Delhi in September 2012. This was the first time that such a major event was held in the heart of the Asian subcontinent.

I shall seek your help and support to carry forward the mission and the vision of IFSO into the next year. I seek your help in strengthening bonds and forging new alliances to make IFSO even stronger and more purposeful.

With warm regards

**Pradeep Chowbey**

President – IFSO





## Message from the President Elect



**Luigi Angrisani**

President elect,  
Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Colleagues,

as President Elect for the upcoming year I will certainly try to help and support my beloved President and friend Prof. Pradeep Chowbey to finalize his projects in our international community.

A few intriguing initiatives are running through my mind and there are particular areas where I would like very much IFSO to increase its political influence and practical activities. Time is short

but before starting to work on it I will be very pleased to receive from all of You new ideas and proposals in the field of the Surgery for obesity and Diabetes that are our main fields of action.

I look very much forward to receiving your vigorous input directly to me or through Manuela.

I promise I won't be too aggressive as I have recently learnt by our extraordinary meeting with

His Holiness Dalai Lama.

My Best Wishes

*Luigi Angrisani*

President Elect of IFSO





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- Lebanese Group for Bariatric Surgery

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• **7.770 MEMBERS**

• **1.570 OBESITY SURGERY SUBSCRIBERS**

- **European Chapter (EC)**



- **Latin American Chapter (LAC)**



- **Asian Pacific Chapter (APC)**



- **North American Chapter (NAC)**





## European Chapter NEWS



**Yuri Yashkov**

President of the  
European Chapter

The 5<sup>th</sup> IFSO-EU chapter Congress has taken place in the Mediterranean city of Barcelona from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2012. It's been a delicious, interesting and intensive congress where the main world experts met and discussed all the main topics in Bariatric and Metabolic surgery in up to five parallel rooms.



The Welcome reception on the pool of the Hotel Rey Juan Carlos I



The Exhibition Area

Some spectacular data: participants from more than 50 different countries, more than 900 registrations, more than 150 speakers, highly interesting post-graduate courses and for the first time in such kind of meetings, 3D retransmission of live surgery. Besides, the Catalan Capital demonstrated once again that, despite being a big city, it is also full of charming surroundings where one can easily get lost through narrow streets of the old town where it's still possible to feel immerse in a lovely Mediterranean feeling, full of art, culture and friendly atmosphere.



Professor Weiner, former President of the European Chapter 2010-2012, at the General Council meeting



From left: C. Masdevall, F. De la Cruz Vigo, N.Scopinaro, A. Baltasar, A. Torres

During the Gala Dinner, at the beautiful Gran Teatre de Liceu, Professor Nicola Scopinaro, Honorary President of IFSO and of the European Chapter of IFSO was nominated Honorary member of the Spanish Society for Metabolic and Bariatric surgery.



IFSO Members at the Gala Dinner



## European Chapter NEWS

During the General Council Professor **Yuri Yashkov**, President of the Society of Bariatric Surgeons of Russia, became officially the new President of the European Chapter for the period 2012-2014.



Professor Alberic Fiennes, President of the British Obesity Surgery Society (BOMSS), was elected as new President Elect of the European Chapter.

**Alberic Fiennes**  
President Elect of  
the European  
Chapter

The **Executive Council** is now formed by:

Honorary President: Nicola Scopinaro

President: Yuri Yashkov

President elect: Alberic Fiennes

Past President: Rudolf Weiner

Treasurer: Karl Miller

Executive Director: Martin Fried

Upcoming President of the EC meeting: Luc Lemmens

Upcoming President of IFSO Congress: Mustafa Taskin

EC representative in IFSO: Mariusz Wylezol

The General Council has chosen Moscow as location for the 7th Meeting of the European Chapter which will be held in 2016, under the Presidency of Prof. Yuri Yashkov.



The 6th Congress of the European Chapter will be held in Bruxelles on 24-26 April 2014, under the Presidency of Dr. Luc Lemmens and Bruno Dillemans, and you are all invited to attend.



## European Chapter NEWS

Almost 1.000 members attended the meeting and Dr. Joan Pujol received in New Delhi, during the Gala Dinner of the XVII World IFSO Congress, the IFSO Award for this successful meeting.



Joan Pujol receives the IFSO Award for the Barcelona Meeting during the Gala Dinner at the beautiful Hotel Kempinski, New Delhi



On 27-28<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012 in Sudak (Crimea) the Ukrainian association of bariatric surgery held **5<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian Conference "Surgical treatment of obesity and related metabolic disorders"**.

More than 150 participants from Ukraine, Russia, Latvia and Romania attended the conference. And also at conference took part the President of IFSO-EC Prof. Yuri Yashkov.





## Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



**Lilian Kow**

APC Representative

I am pleased to bring you an update on what has been happening within IFSO-APC however, advise that there has been little activity since the last Newsletter as members have been preparing for the 2012 IFSO Meeting which has just been held in New Delhi.

Our focus is now on the **2013 IFSO-APC Congress** which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, **Kaohsiung E-D World, Kaohsiung, Taiwan** from **10 to 13 April 2013**.

This meeting will champion the advancement in metabolic and bariatric surgery research by uniting the world's leading clinicians and vision researchers. This is an exclusive opportunity for experts to share their latest findings, technical expertise and experiences in the field of obesity, metabolic syndrome and bariatric surgery.

On Line Registration was launched on 1 October 2012 with **Early Bird Registration** closing on **31 January 2013**. Put these dates in your diary to ensure you take advantage of the Early Bird rates! Abstract Submissions also open / close on the same dates. Deadline for both is **7 April 2013**.

There is also going to be a **Bariatric Animal Workshop** and a **Bariatric Cadaver Workshop** during the Congress. Lock your registrations in now as there are limited spaces for both. Attendees can expect to experience the rich and lively culture and lifestyles of the distinctive tribes and cultural heritage of Taiwan. Coupled with its diverse relics, theme parks, golf courses and beaches, we hope that members will take advantage of all Taiwan has to offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

For further information on the 2013 IFSO-APC Congress please go to [www.2013ifsoapc.com](http://www.2013ifsoapc.com)

On a more sombre note, it saddens me to advise you of the passing of Professor Isao Kawamura in May this year. At the recent IFSO-APC Council meeting, members dedicated a minute's silence to respect his contribution to surgery and his dedication to the field of bariatrics. IFSO-APC sent their condolences to Professor Kawamura's family.

Lilian Kow

Secretary / Treasurer

IFSO-APC



# Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



**Pradeep Chowbey**

President of the APC



We are delighted to announce that the **IFSO-APC 3rd Congress** will be held in **Kaohsiung, Taiwan** from **10 to 13 April 2013**.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Program Committee of 2013 IFSO-APC Meeting invites all interested individuals to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations. The abstract submission starts on 1 October 2012. Please submit your abstracts at [www.2013ifsoapc.com](http://www.2013ifsoapc.com).

### CALL FOR ABSTRACT TOPICS

- 1) Integrated Health
- 2) Anesthesiological Aspects of Bariatric Surgery
- 3) Bariatric Surgery
- 4) Complications and Their Management
- 5) Revisional Baraitric Surgery
- 6) Metabolic Surgery
- 7) Nutritional Consideration after Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery
- 8) Endoluminal Techniques
- 9) Reduced Port Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery
- 10) Novel Technique

### Registration

On-line registration is available from 1 October 2012. Please visit: [www.2013ifsoapc.com](http://www.2013ifsoapc.com) for more registration information.

Important Dates for Registration	
<b>1 October 2012</b>	<b>On-line Registration Launch</b>
<b>31 January 2013</b>	<b>Early Bird Registration Deadline</b>
<b>7 April 2013</b>	<b>On-line Registration Deadline</b>
Important Dates for Program	
<b>1 October 2012</b>	<b>Abstract Submission Open</b>
<b>31 January 2013</b>	<b>Abstract Submission Deadline</b>
<b>28 February 2013</b>	<b>Abstract Acceptance Notification</b>



# Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



**Wej-Jei Lee**

President of the TSMBS

## General Information

### ABOUT TAIWAN

Taiwan, a natural gateway for travelers to Asia, was christened "Ilha Formosa" by Portuguese mariners in the 16th century. Although Taiwan is a small island, the surface geology takes on a variety of formations, cultivating an abundance of peculiar landscapes and ecosystems. The rich and lively culture and lifestyles of the distinctive tribes are precious cultural heritage of Taiwan, imparting exotic fascinations of a multicultural combination. Coupled with its diverse relics, theme parks, golf courses, and beaches, Taiwan is overflowing with attractions for the tourists. To know more about Taiwan, please visit the website of Tourism Bureau of Taiwan (<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>).

### ABOUT KAOHSIUNG

Kaohsiung, situated on the southwest coast, is the biggest commercial harbor and the second biggest city in Taiwan with a population of 1.5 million.

Kaohsiung is a city with culture. More than 1,000 activities of arts are held in the Chiang Kai-shek cultural Center. The Museum of Fine Arts arranges displays of both domestic and international high-standard art articles for the visitors. There are green mountains, blue rivers, and historical sites.

The climate is delightful, the citizens are passionate, and the roads are wide and smooth. It suits both the youth and the elders.

Kaohsiung has been transformed from an undeveloped fishing village into a thriving industrial city, with the future intention of continuing to develop the natural aspects of the city, especially the rivers. S.H.E. (safe, healthy, ecological) is the concept behind the development plans for the future of the city.



**Chih-Kun Huang**

Congress President



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# Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS

2013 IFSO Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting

## Registration Fee

Category	Early Registration (Before 31 January 2013)	Standard Rates (From 1 February - 7 April 2013)	On-site (After 10 April 2013)
IFSO, TMASO Member	NTD 12,000 (=USD 400)	NTD 15,000 (=USD 500)	NTD 16,500 (=USD 550)
	NTD 13,500 (=USD 450)	NTD 16,500 (=USD 550)	NTD 18,000 (=USD 600)
Co-Medical: Trainees, Resident, Allied Health Professional	NTD 7,500 (=USD 250)	NTD 9,000 (=USD 300)	NTD 9,000 (=USD 300)
Accompanying Person		NTD 6,000 (=USD 200)	

### Gala Dinner on 12 April 2013

Accompanying Person	NTD 2,700 (=USD 90)
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Only the delegate who completes the registration for the congress can purchase the ticket of Gala Dinner for their accompanying person.

2013 IFSO Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting

## Tours-

Complimentary Half-day Tour for Accompanying Persons

**Date:** 11 April 2013 (Thursday)

**Time:** 13:00-17:30

**Expected to visit:**  
Buddha Memorial







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## North American Chapter NEWS



**Robin Blackstone**

President of the  
North American  
Chapter



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**Where Science and Treatment Meet**  
November 11-16, 2013 • Atlanta, GA

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

**Annual Meeting of ASMBS transitions to OBESITY WEEK in November 11-16, 2013 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA.**

The ASMBS Annual Meeting has been held in June for the history of the society. This years meeting under the program leadership of Dr. Ninh Nguyen, President Elect of ASMBS, had the highest attendance of both surgeons and integrated health members. The international community was very well represented and key new elements of the meeting that feature forums for our international colleagues were very well attended.

The ASMBS has joined the Obesity Society in combining our two annual meetings into one venue. Each society will retain its own identify but having the meetings together will allow for joint sessions and symposia. In addition, societies like IFSO have been asked to participate in special sessions designed to attract our international colleagues. Please make plans to attend this first historic collaborative meeting in the US.

To support the educational needs of its members the North American Chapter will hold to additional meetings. **October 26-28, 2012 the ASMBS Fall Event will be held in Las Vegas, NV.**



### **Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP)**

The ASMBS and American College of Surgeons have unified their respective accreditation programs in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and now have over 758 programs integrated onto the MBSAQIP data registry which is based on the NSQIP platform. The MBSAQIP has four standing committees: Advisory, Standards, Verification and Data Registry each led by two co-chairs, one each appointed by the ASMBS and ACS. The Advisory Committee contains all the chairs of the standing committees and acts to oversee the entire program.

The Chairs of the committees are:

Advisory: Robin Blackstone, MD and Ninh Nguyen, MD,

Standards: Wayne English, MD and Ronnie Clements, MD,

Verification: David Provost, MD and Dan Jones, MD,

Data Registry: Matt Hutter, MD and Bruce Wolfe, MD

The committees are working very hard to define the new accreditation standards for the unified program. In particular we have been examining closely the volume/outcome relationship in metabolic and bariatric surgery in order to document the basis of the standards. The new standards will be coming out for public comment through an announcement to all members allowing a chance for comment prior to being completed.



## North American Chapter NEWS

### Center for Medicaid and Medicare allows Coverage of Sleeve Gastrectomy

CMS in a rare reversal of the initial public statement on coverage has made it possible for patients to receive the Sleeve Gastrectomy based on the decisions of the regional third party administrators. Widely seen as a victory for the patient affected by obesity in gaining access to critical treatment, the North American Chapter through ASMBS members mounted a vigorous campaign to achieve coverage. CMS removed the "N" for non-coverage on October 2, 2012 and conversations with regional payors are ongoing. Dr. John Morton has led this successful effort along with regional and state access to care representatives.

### Access to care heating up through the Essential Health Benefit Fight

The election of the President of the United States is in its final weeks and the future of American Healthcare will be affected in a different direction depending on the result. One key feature of the current Affordable Care Act in the United States is to require that all Americans have health insurance. Since many Americans work for small employers (less than 500 employees) a way to provide affordable health insurance was devised by providing coverage through state insurance exchanges, The choice of each states "essential" health benefit will define the minimum medical care offered in each state.

Small employers in the United States are particularly hard hit with insurance premiums because they lack the ability to combine their risk pool to achieve affordable premiums and broad coverage. These exchanges are one way to achieve that goal by allowing many small employers to buy their coverage

This represents a unique opportunity for the society to make its case for coverage of obesity treatment on a state-by-state basis. Achieving a state health insurance plan with a bariatric surgery benefit would change the entire landscape of coverage. For instance in Arizona, which has selected the State Employees Health Plan as the model plan for the essential benefit, would increase coverage from 300,000 people to over 1.2Million eligible patients. In most states around the United States, state chapters have stepped up to this battle and we are making headway in getting obesity treatment covered. If enacted fully, this provision of the Affordable Care Act will be enforced on January 1, 2014.

### ASMBS Members

327 international members which reside outside the U.S. - International Members and Regular Members - 178 International member category (I, IA's), 149 Regular, Senior, Honorary, Candidate members outside the U.S.

### ASMBS Meeting - San Diego, June 2012

2.558 total attendees, 385 International attendees, of those 143 are members of ASMBS



S. Shah, M. Galvao Neto, R. Cohen, J. Todkar, A. Torres at the International Reception. Ricardo Cohen was awarded the IFSO-sponsored International Award



The San Diego Convention Center



## Latin American Chapter NEWS



**Carlos Casalnuovo**

President of the Latin American Chapter

At the Latin American Chapter we are working hard on our objectives, on the following topics:

- A detailed **“Latin American Registry for the Surgery of Obesity” (RELACO)** formed by the region’s countries.

Therefore we have invited all Bariatric Surgeons of Latin America together with their multidisciplinary teams to be part of this registry. In order to do it is necessary to have all the information we have requested in a form that has been incorporated into the Latin American Chapter website, [www.ifsolatinoamericano.com](http://www.ifsolatinoamericano.com)

The information that will be included in the Latin American database is important not only for IFSO but also for all Bariatric Colleagues; for an active participation in upcoming National Courses and Congresses in Latin American and Worldwide; to participate in Cooperative Studies; internships in different credited Bariatric Surgery services specially in Latin America and the rest of the world; to improve communications and make them more fluid. Our “Inclusive System” proposal for all Bariatric Surgery teams in each country, will allow them to be represented in the Latin American Chapter and in IFSO, and also to foster the growth of the LAC inside IFSO.

- **Inclusion of Bariatric Psychologists and Bariatric Nutritionists from local Bariatric Societies of IFSO’s dependent countries.**

These specialties teams should belong to their local Bariatric Societies and therefore to IFSO.

In order to follow the bariatric team multidisciplinary work criteria, and being IFSO a multidisciplinary society with its Allied Health Professionals’ committee, we believe that integrating the psychologists and nutritionists is a priority. If they are enlisted in each of IFSO’s local societies in each country and consequently in IFSO itself they would be under this International Federation umbrella with the objective of supporting their members in all aspects related directly to their profession, therefore giving greater scope to the team work involved in the improvement of severe obese patient’s treatment.

This item has been discussed in the General Assembly of the Latin American Chapter of IFSO in Cartagena, Colombia, and was approved unanimously.

Lic. Blanca Rios from Mexico has been elected as Coordinator of Associated Specialties (Integrated Health Multidisciplinary Teams). She integrates the Executive Board of LAC. Also she is actually the Integrated Health IFSO Chairperson.

We designed 5 Multidisciplinary teams: a) Psychology and Mental Health, b) Nutrition and Metabolism, c) Physical Fitness and Rehabilitation, d) Management of Bariatric Clinics and Teams, e) Others specialties

Each multidisciplinary team has a Coordinator, a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Members. (see website)

- **Encourage all Latin American countries to become IFSO members**, whether they do not have national Bariatric Societies or if they have their own societies but are not yet IFSO members.

Up to date 1 Bariatric Society from North America (Mexico), 4 Bariatric Societies from Central America and Caribe (Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic) and 9 Societies from South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela) are IFSO members. Total **14 Societies**. Approximately **1800 members**.

- Structure of the Executive Board of LAC, similar to IFSO to have similar parameters without losing the autonomy.

- **Executive Board**

a) Officers

President 2@

President Elect 2@

Secretary - Treasurer 4@



## Latin American Chapter NEWS

Senior Past President 2@

Integrated Health Coordinator

b) **Administrative Professional Advisory Council** (Consejo Asesor Administrativo Profesional) (CAAP)

Coordinator: Ex-President (rotation)

Members: Ex-Presidents

Advisors: Every professional that its conditions would be useful for the development of LAC

- **General Council**

Presidents of each Societies of LAC

- **Committees a) Scientific and Education**

- b) Communication and Editorial**

- c) Integrated Health and Multidisciplinary Team**

There shall be such committees as it deems necessary the Executive Board with Members of the Societies belonging to the LAC

**Administrative Secretary**

- **Upcoming Meetings**

Possibility of increasing the number of our Congresses LAC allowing when desired be annual. The exception is when the Congress World takes place in one of our Latin American countries. The evolution of bariatric surgery and advances in technology applied to surgery requires us to make these meetings more often than before, as well is an important contribution to the surgeons who are getting started with multidisciplinary teams. Our Bylaws permit it. In this way we can begin work in advance, and LAC has to be very active in helping those countries, and not as spectator.

Peru, Cuzco 2013

Argentina, Buenos Aires 2014

Guatemala, Guatemala 2015

Has been selected Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, as place for the World IFSO Congress 2016.

Soon, there will be **one more member** in the Executive Board of IFSO for each Chapter. In this way we will increase the Latin America presence and will further grow the region.

- **Website update** to include information on the Latin American Bariatric Societies, Scientific Meetings and future Congresses, news, etc.

The full list of member of all the societies is desirable.

In this way we have the data of our members, and this is the first step before a more detailed as the RELACO (described above), we know the difficulties that exist at the intersection of information and in making the proposal, but the idea continues.

Our desire is to inform all through our website, redesigning the site with more news. The project was started performing, we did a contract with a Web-Master, but we have financial difficulties that we are discussing with the Presidents of the 14 IFSO Societies to financially support the LAC. In this way we can develop and grow with the Societies as it deserves.

- We start with the **Handbook of "Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and Integrated Health"**.

The presidents of each LAC Societies will receive notice about this, for the participation of each Society in the book chapters.

It will be in Spanish language and we hope to be ready in 2013.



## Latin American Chapter NEWS

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Coordinators: Carlos Casalnuovo and Blanca Rios.

- **Project Database Registry Operations**

The Societies of LAC countries should collect data on the operations of its members based on forms that we will send through the web. The LAC will process them and we could obtain valuable data by country. It is an arduous and very ambitious task, but with effort of all we can begin.

**LAC is open for suggestions of work from all members of the Societies of Latin America Chapter !!!**

**If we continue with these points, we will develop our projects to grow the LAC and the member Societies.**

**We need the cooperation and help of all !!!**

Prof. Carlos Casalnuovo, MD, FACS

Presidente IFSO LAC



### V IFSO Latin American Congress of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Cusco 2013

Cusco Convention Center | May 21 - 24, 2013

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# Latin American Chapter NEWS



**Ramiro Carbajal Nicho**  
President of the Congress



**Dick Manrique Mansilla**  
Vice-President of the Congress

## INVITATION

Scientific knowledge constantly nourishes from new findings; and this makes it essential for those who use it on a daily basis to keep themselves permanently up to date.

This will be the chief objective of the Peruvian Association of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, as it organizes the Fifth IFSO Latin American Congress of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, to be held in majestic Cusco, Peru, on May 21 to 24, 2013.

The Congress' Organizing Committee has invited distinguished professionals from the country and from abroad, with a well-recognized track record in the field of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, to pass on their knowledge and experience in research, with the view to having an excellent exchange with the participants.

No doubt, this Congress also represents an ideal opportunity to get together with former colleagues from the region, to share the hard work and to enjoy the many tourist-related attractions featured in Cusco, the Archaeological Capital of America and the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, one of the seven wonders of modern age.

See you in Cusco, in May 2013!

Cordially yours,

Ramiro Carbajal Nicho, M.D.  
Chairman

Dick Manrique Mansilla, M.D.  
Vice Chairman

## Program

1. Complications and Management in Bariatric Surgery
2. Metabolic Surgery
3. Revisional Bariatric Surgery
4. Symposium on Gastric Bypass, Sleeve Gastrectomy, Gastric Band, Duodenal Switch and Intra-gastric Balloon
5. New Technologies in Bariatric Surgery, Robotics, NOTES, SILS
6. Experimental Procedures: Gastric Plication, Endoluminal Surgery, Gastric Pacemaker
7. Adolescent Bariatric Surgery
8. Therapeutic Endoscopy in Bariatric Surgery
9. Nutrition in Bariatric Surgery
10. Psychological Assessment and Management in the Bariatric Patient
11. Medical-legal aspects in Bariatric Surgery
12. Multidisciplinary Management in Bariatric Surgery

## Guest Speakers

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Rafael Alvarez Cordero (Mexico)   | • Manoel Galvao (Brazil)         |
| • Aniceto Baltazar (Spain)          | • Arthur Garrido (Brazil)        |
| • Luiz Vicente Berti (Brazil)       | • Salvador Morales Conde (Spain) |
| • Camilo Boza (Chile)               | • Almino Ramos (Brazil)          |
| • Miguel Angel Carbajo (Spain)      | • José Resa Bienzobas (Spain)    |
| • Carlos Cassualnovo (Argentina)    | • Blanca Ríos (Mexico)           |
| • Ricardo Cohen (Brazil)            | • Raul Rosenthal (USA)           |
| • Juan Eduardo Contreras (Chile)    | • Philip Schauer (USA)           |
| • Alvaro Larrad Jiménez (Spain)     | • Scott Shikora (USA)            |
| • Aureo Ludovico de Paula (Brazil)* | • Josep Vidal Cortada (Spain)    |
| • Alex Escalona (Chile)             | • Natan Zundel (USA)             |
| • Michel Gagner (Canada)            |                                  |

\* To be confirmed

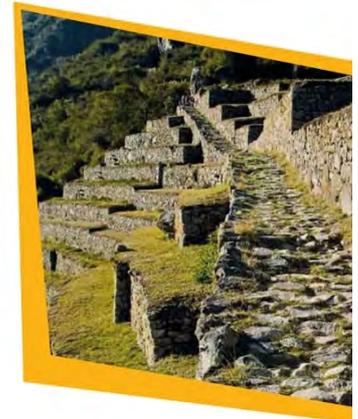
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# Latin American Chapter NEWS

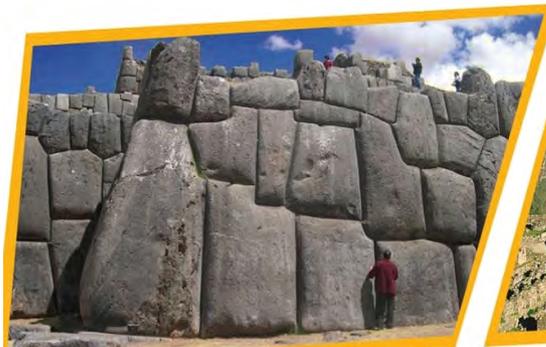
## Sessions

- Pre Congress Courses
- Symposia
- Plenary Sessions
- Latin American Consensus
- Top Papers
- Video Forum
- Posters
- Industry Symposia



## Registration fees

CATEGORY	UNTIL NOV 30 2012	UNTIL APR 30 2013	FROM MAY 1 2013
<b>IFSO MEMBERS</b>			
Surgeons*	US\$ 350	US\$ 400	US\$ 450
Clinical Physicians	US\$ 300	US\$ 350	US\$ 400
Psychologists – Nutritionists	US\$ 200	US\$ 250	US\$ 300
<b>NON MEMBERS</b>			
Surgeons*	US\$ 400	US\$ 450	US\$ 500
Clinical Physicians	US\$ 350	US\$ 400	US\$ 450
Psychologists – Nutritionists	US\$ 220	US\$ 280	US\$ 320
Trainees	US\$ 150	US\$ 180	US\$ 220
Accompanying guests	US\$ 100	US\$ 130	US\$ 150
* Registration for 1 course included.			
<b>COURSES: May 21, 2013</b>			
Update in Bariatric Endoscopy	US\$ 100	US\$ 130	US\$ 150
Update in Metabolic Surgery	US\$ 100	US\$ 130	US\$ 150
Psychology in Bariatric Surgery	US\$ 80	US\$ 100	US\$ 120
Nutrition in Bariatric Surgery	US\$ 80	US\$ 100	US\$ 120



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# 2012\_IFSO World Annual Meeting



**Pradeep Chowbey**

President of the Congress  
President of the APC

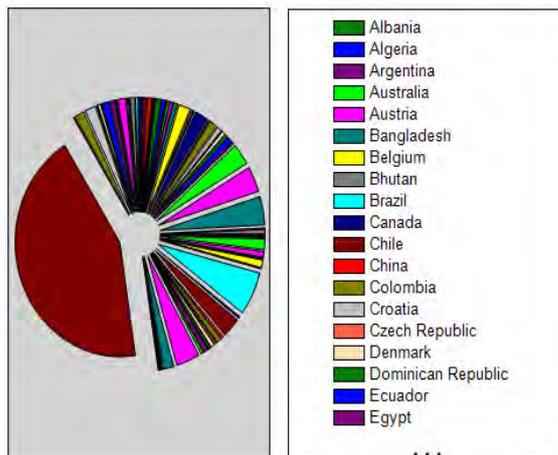
The **XVII World Congress of International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)** was held in New Delhi from **September 11-15, 2012**. The Congress was supported by IFSO – Asia Pacific Chapter (IFSO – APC), the Asia Pacific Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Society (APMBSS) and the Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of India (OSSI). It was organized by Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Max Super Specialty Hospital, Saket, New Delhi, India.

IFSO 2012 was attended by **1400 participants** from **72 countries** and was registered for six pre congress courses organized on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. The on site registrations were 176.

There were 7 plenary sessions, 8 symposia and 2 keynote lectures. In total, there were 31 scientific sessions including video sessions. There was 1 sponsored plenary session and 1 sponsored symposium during the Congress.

The total number of abstract submissions was 947. Out of these, 556 abstracts were accepted of which, 219 were accepted as poster presentations and 337 as oral/ video presentations.

A hot topic of the Congress was Surgery for Type II Diabetes Mellitus and Diabetes epidemic. A rapidly growing economy in the Asian subcontinent has led to growing affluence and major life-style changes. Rapid advances being made in metabolic surgery to treat the associated co-morbidities like Type II Diabetes mellitus that commonly co-exist with morbid obesity were discussed. The importance of this topic was reflected right from the Pre Congress course on "Surgical Management of Metabolic Syndrome" on 12<sup>th</sup> September and all through the scientific sessions on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September



## 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (Day 1)

On the first day, IFSO Board of Trustee meeting, IFSO executive board and the General Council Meeting were held through the day at the conference venue, Taj Palace.

In the evening, General Council dinner was organized at the Imperial Hotel, New Delhi. The guests were welcomed with the traditional 'Turban tying' and 'Chandan tikka' ceremony. The highlights were the beautifully tuned piano and drums performance that set the mood of the evening. The guests were seen in a relaxed mood, enjoying the Indian cuisine and looking forward to the pre congress courses and scientific sessions next day onwards.





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## 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (Day 2)

The Pre Congress Courses attracted a large number of participants and on site registrations. The six Pre Congress Courses organized were

Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity

Surgical Management of Metabolic Syndrome

Reduced Port Surgery

Revisional Surgery

Nutrition in Bariatrics

Basic Medical Writing.

These courses and workshops were attended by more than 600 participants.

The Industrial exhibition was inaugurated later in the evening. All the participants were invited over cocktails and finger food. There were a total of 20 exhibitors with 115 people from the industries.

Small innovative companies with limited budget were able to present their products.

## 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (Day 3)

This was the first day of the scientific programme and was inaugurated by His Holiness The Dalai Lama.

Dalai Lama spoke of the need to fight against obesity and to bring about major life style changes.

*"It is indeed a pleasure to be associated with such a noble cause which Dr Pradeep Chowbey and his team is trying to promote through this conference- Fight against obesity. Common man sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future, he lives as if he is never going to die, and then he dies having never really lived healthy. From today every individual should pledge to take care of their body and lead a healthy life. I would urge everyone in support of this initiative to increase awareness by signing the pledge against obesity."* H.H The Dalai Lama

The inaugural session was attended by over 1200 people who were awestruck by the presence of His Holiness The Dalai Lama and had an opportunity to ask him questions that he responded to with great enthusiasm and humility.

The rest of the day was packed with four parallel scientific sessions that were well attended.

Another major highlight of the day was the Video session based on

'Surgical Mishaps and Risk Reduction Strategies.' About 8 bariatric experts presented their case studies of surgical mishaps and discussed their prevention strategies in this session.

One of the best attended sessions was the Plenary session: Diabesity Epidemic and Symposium on Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy





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His Holiness The Dalai Lama was the first to sign the Pledge against Obesity



Hall packed with 1200 delegates to attend the inaugural session by His Holiness The Dalai Lama



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### 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (Day 4)

The main highlights of the scientific sessions were the two keynote lectures and the Presidential address by Antonio Torres.

The Mason lecture was delivered by Prof Mal Fobi and the Scopinaro lecture was delivered by Prof Carl le Roux.

Dr Pradeep Chowbey took over as the President of IFSO from Dr. Antonio Torres.



A Competitive oral paper session was organized and the best oral presentation winner was Dr. Ramya Kalaiselvani (India)

The **best poster prizes were** awarded to: Asim Shabbir (Singapore), Ashok Menon (United Kingdom), Marco Adamo (Italy).

At Max Hospital Saket, during the day, **Bariatric Anesthesia Workshop** was organized on **“Current concepts in the Anaesthetic Management of the morbidly obese”**. It was attended by 231 participants from all over the world and was a great success.

Towards the end of yet another busy day at the scientific sessions, the delegates were seen in a very festive mood at the **Gala Dinner** organized at **The Leela, Kempenski Hotel, Gurgaon**.

The Congress banquet lived up to its promise to be a gala affair The guests had a wide range of cuisines to choose from. There was a beautiful display of flavours from all around the country. The contemporary Indian décor added to this festive extravaganza. To add to this, was a bustling Indian Bazaar set up, proving international delegates a glimpse of Indian culture. The delegates were seen dancing the night away to the tunes of a night band belting retro pop music.

### 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (Day 5)

On the final day of the conference, live surgeries were telecast from Max Hospital, Saket, New Delhi to the conference venue, Taj Palace. Emphasis was laid on the recent advances in the various Bariatric procedures and upcoming innovations. The workshop was very well attended and moderated by faculty from around the globe. The workshop turned out to be a huge success. It was attended by over 800 surgeons from all over the world.





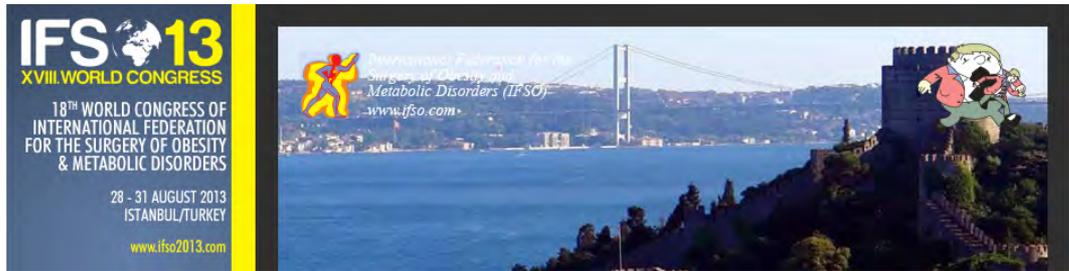
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## TURKEY



**Mustafa Taskin**

President of the XVIII  
IFSO Congress



Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is an honor and great pleasure for me to invite you to **18th World Congress of IFSO** which will be held in Istanbul between **28 - 31st of August 2013**. As you know Istanbul is the only and oldest city in the world built on two continents and has two bridges binding Europe and Asia and formed a new continent called as Eurasia. Also in medical community there is an urgent need for unity to fight for the growing pandemic of obesity.

This idea become our main inspiration for organizing a tremendous event, a congress, a consensus platform bridging bariatric and metabolic surgeons with physicians, integrated health professionals, researchers, and pharmaceutical, surgical innovation companies. It would be a unique meeting underscoring the importance of multidisciplinary approach to surgical treatment of obesity and metabolic metabolic surgery for the Mellitus, Metabolic prevention of also be discussed in contribution of



disorders. The role of treatment of Type 2 Diabetics Syndrome and its role in cardiovascular diseases will detail with the valuable researchers.

We will also have opportunity to evaluate and discuss the emerging technologies, such as robotic surgery, NOTES, LESS and intraluminal techniques and their safety, feasibility over the conventional laparoscopic bariatric surgical approaches. Our distinguished keynote speakers and panelists will share their experiences and exchange ideas via postgraduate courses, lectures and round table discussions on bariatric and metabolic surgical techniques with the participants. We will also have courses and sessions encompassing basis of scientific research, medical writing and basic sciences for young bariatric surgery fellows and surgery residents. Live surgery sessions on the last day of the congress will provide us to compare or technical knowledge with the experts around the world and adopt new techniques in our practice and also evaluate alternative procedures as mini gastric bypass and ileal transposition.

**Istanbul** being the financial center of modern Turkey, former capital of Byzantine and Ottoman Empires and European Capital of Culture in 2010 provides enchanting historical sites of UNESCO world heritage and modern attractions and sceneries to her visitors. We will also find plenty of time besides the congress program to discover the city and replenish our souls within the mysterious silhouettes of the old byzantine churches, ottoman palaces, minarets, old geneo tower and ancient walls of this mystical city. I am sure that you will feel at home with globally known Turkish hospitality and find a part of yourself in this magnificent city.

On behalf of IFSO and Turkish Obesity Surgery Society, I welcome you to your home, Istanbul.

With warm regards,

Mustafa Taşkın

Congress President



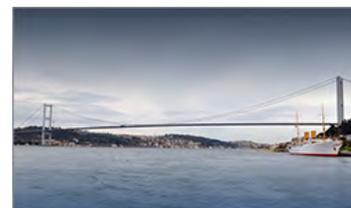
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### LET'S MEET WHERE THE TWO CONTINENTS MEET...

Istanbul standing on the shores of the Bosphorus, has an impressive setting straddling Europe & Asia. The only city in the world to stand on two continents, it is criss-crossed by water offering dramatic views. The city is a fascinating mixture of East & West, past & present, cosmopolitan & traditional.

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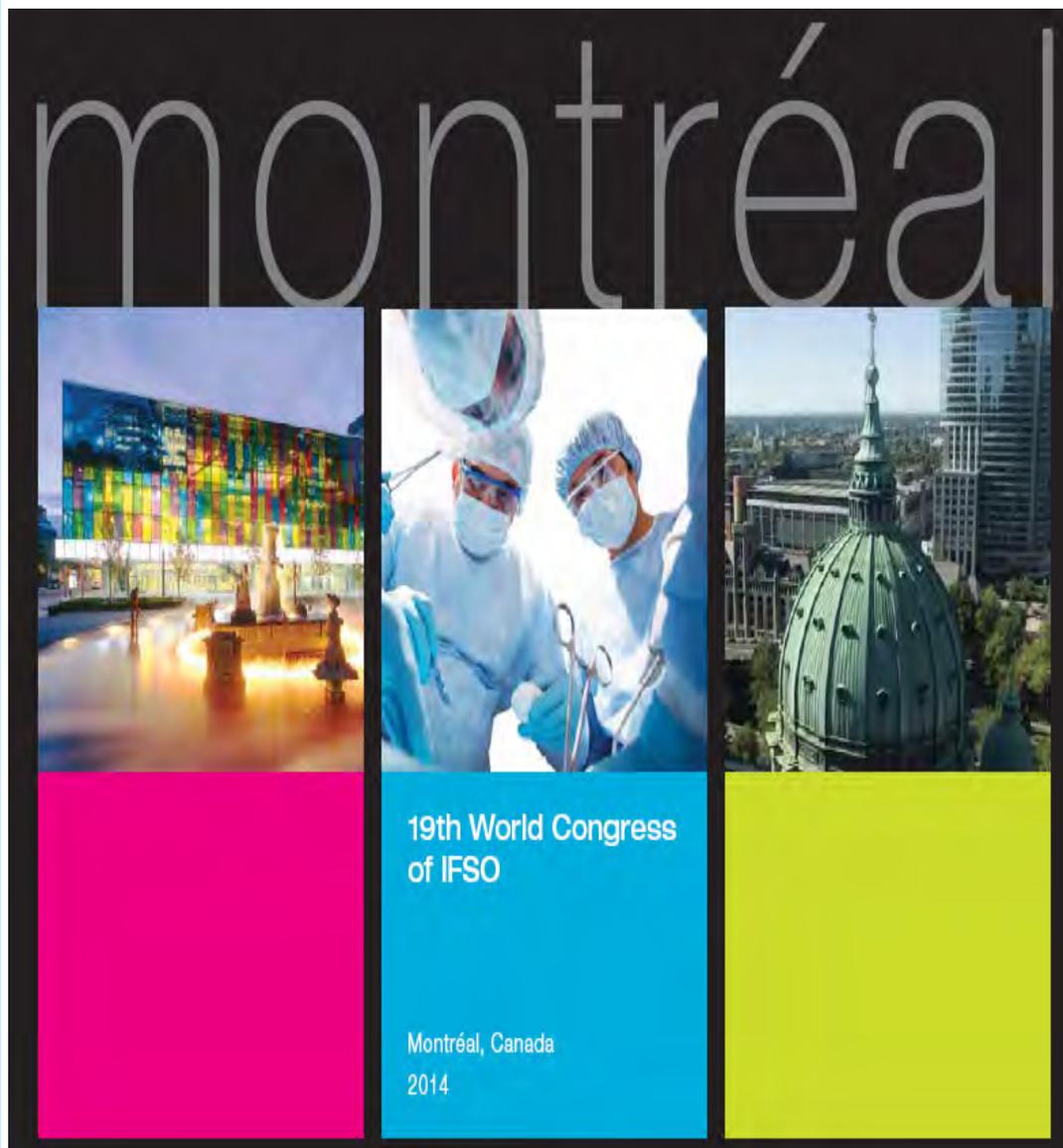
Michel Gagner

President of the IXX IFSO Congress

IXX World IFSO Congress

26\_30 August, 2014 - Montreal, Canada

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# 2015\_IFSO World Annual Meeting

## AUSTRIA



Karl Miller

President of the  
XX IFSO Congress

## XX World IFSO Congress

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## 2012-2013 Endorsed Congresses

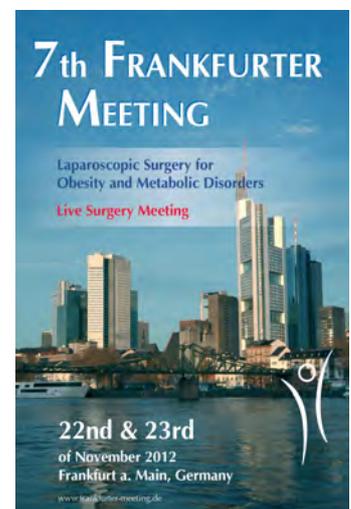
The Fourth SKMC/Cleveland Clinic Obesity & Digestive Disease Symposium, 10-16 October 2012 Abu Dhabi, UAE  
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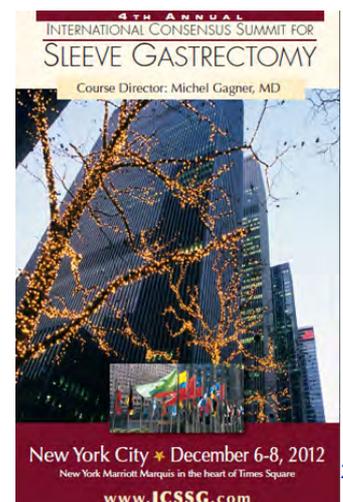
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7th FRANKFURT MEETING "Laparoscopic Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic disorders" 22-23 November 2012, Frankfurt, Germany  
[www.frankfurter-meeting.de](http://www.frankfurter-meeting.de)



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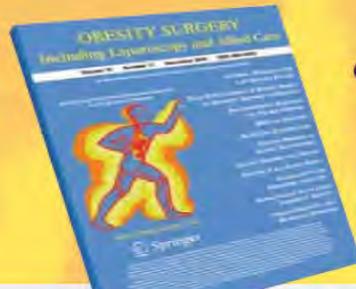
# Obesity Surgery



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Executive Secretariat

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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)

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All National Societies must send IFSO Secretariat the list of their members **by December 15, 2012**

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