



The 22nd World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO 2017) was successfully held in London, United Kingdom between 29th August and 2nd September 2017.



Key highlights of this year's congress:

Registration numbers for IFSO 2017 totalled 2,758 delegates, registering a significant increase from the 2,373 delegates who attended the previous congress held in Europe in Vienna, 2015.

This is the first time the Congress is held in London and in the United Kingdom.

The Congress was held at the QEII Conference Centre. The 2-day 6th International Conference on Sleeve Gastrectomy took place from 29th to 30th August, alongside 9 more postgraduate courses on 30th August. The main congress was held from 31st August to 2nd September with 10 parallel scientific sessions.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes, "the world's greatest living explorer" according to the Guinness Book of Records, delivered an inspirational speech at the Presidential Address. It was the first time that the Congress had a non-medical speaker.



The networking programme for delegates, faculties and partners started with a British-themed Welcome Reception in the exhibit hall at the QEII Centre, with iconic British acts entertaining the guests including the lookalike of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



The Congress Dinner was held at the National Maritime Museum in the heart of the UNESCO heritage site of the Royal Naval College in Greenwich. The attendees enjoyed a boat transfer down the river Thames past iconic London buildings, including the Houses of Parliament, London Eye and Tower Bridge, followed by a sit-down dinner and dance in the Neptune Court at the Museum





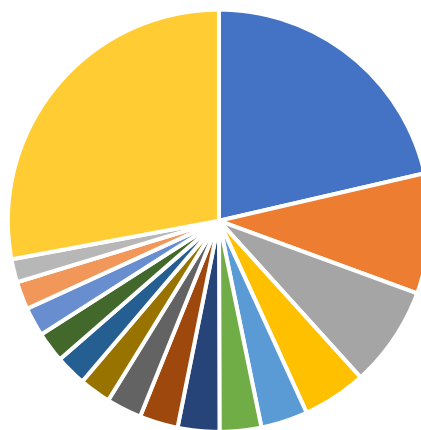
Registration Summary

- ▶ Total Attendance: 2,758
- ▶ Countries represented: 82
- ▶ Number of Attendees at the Main Congress (excluding 'Postgraduate Courses Only'): 2,213
- ▶ Number of Attendees by Country (including only the Top 15 Countries):

United kingdom	530
Brazil	228
United States of America	191
Netherlands	121
Belgium	89
Australia	79
Israel	79
Italy	73

France	67
United Arab Emirates	60
Germany	59
India	58
Switzerland	55
Mexico	53
Saudi Arabia	44

Attendees by Country (Top 15)



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| ■ Switzerland | ■ Mexico | ■ Saudi Arabia | ■ Other |



Educational Programme Summary

The 22nd World Congress of IFSO's scientific programme highlighted the multidisciplinary nature of obesity and its management with joint symposia with anaesthetic, plastic surgery, paediatric surgery and internal medicine colleagues. There were planned joint sessions with fertility, psychology and psychiatry experts and a special emphasis on Integrated Health and non-surgical, endoluminal and mini invasive treatment strategies. An exciting 'Dragon's Den in the Shark tank' session took place where participants pitched ideas for randomized controlled trials to a panel of experts.

With **10 postgraduate courses** including the **6th International Conference on Sleeve Gastrectomy**, **multiple symposia**, **217 oral abstracts**, **60 video presentations**, **807 abstracts accepted for posters**, **20 Top Posters**, and **21 live operating sessions**, the scientific programme provided a unique opportunity for all those interested in obesity and metabolic surgery to share their experiences, expertise and knowledge and seek practical solutions in their search to eradicate and manage this epidemic.

Postgraduate Course Attendance

Course Title	Attended
6th International Conference on Sleeve Gastrectomy (Tue 29th - Wed 30th)	376
Primary Care and Integrated Health Professionals Course	144
One Anastomosis/Mini Gastric Bypass Course and Consensus Meeting	148
Postgraduate Course for Metabolic Surgery	53
Bariatric Endoscopy Postgraduate Course	52
Key Issues in Obesity Peri-operative Care	36
Essentials in Bariatric Surgery Emergencies	56
Bariatric Surgery Research: From Concept to Publication and Presentation	33
Bariatric/ Metabolic Revisional Advanced Surgery Update	105
Enhancing weight loss and weight loss maintenance with Banded Gastric Bypass, Banded Sleeve Gastrectomy and Banded Gastric Plication	41



Oral and Poster Presentations Summary

Total Abstracts Accepted for Orals	217
Total Abstracts Accepted for Videos	60
Total Abstracts Accepted for Posters	807
Total Abstracts Rejected	23
Winner of the Young Investigator Award	Valerie Montpellier (Netherlands)
	David Parada (Spain)
The Best Posters were awarded to	Michael Courtney (UK)
	Alina Constantin (Romania)
	Ruth Blackham (Australia)
	Mykola Kryvopustov (Ukraine)
The Scholarships were awarded to	Lyz Bezerra Silva (Brazil)
	Wah Yang (USA)

Key Sponsor & Exhibitor Summary

IFSO 2017 secured partnerships with a total of 13 main sponsors (2 Platinum, 2 Silver, 9 Bronze), 22 exhibitors and 21 endorsing societies and organizations. 2 sponsors supported the Postgraduate courses.

Level/Contribution	Company/Organization
Platinum Partners	Ethicon, Medtronic
Silver Partners	Gore & Associates, MSD
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Exhibitors

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