



Message from the President

10/13



Luigi Angrisani

President of IFSO

Dear Colleagues,

I had the opportunity to attend my first IFSO Executive Board in 1999 in my hometown, Naples, Italy where I organized, together with Nicola Scopinaro, under IFSO's endorsement, the First International Symposium on Laparoscopic Obesity Surgery (ISLOS): the first meeting in the world specifically addressing laparoscopic access in bariatric surgery, what is today a common practice, but, at that time, was very controversial. In 2007 I became Secretary Treasurer and now it is a great privilege for me to write to you as IFSO President.

This Federation is continuing to grow and is now the international point of reference of 53 bariatric and metabolic national societies throughout the world. With its 8.200 members is one of the largest international associations in the field of surgery.

What about the number of operations performed? There is a lack of data and those available are discordant. According to some, the volume is flat. Following Scopinaro and Buchwald's initiative, this year IFSO is officially starting its own worldwide survey based on a very simple questionnaire that will be sent to all the societies member. Hopefully in the near future we will be aware of this important piece of information for our specialty.

Another critical point we will address is the 35 BMI cut off. A tremendous effort was performed by a mixed group of internists and surgeons to write an IFSO Position Statement for bariatric and metabolic surgery < 35 BMI. We need to open this therapeutic modality to patients independently on BMI.

Still in many countries patients with stage 1 obesity and morbidly obese patients continue to suffer due to the lack of insurance coverage for Bariatric Surgery. IFSO community has to make every possible effort to try and expedite this transition so that the patients can freely access healthcare facilities for a long and healthy life. This and other activities will be the main tasks of the IFSO FOUNDATION that we will start with my predecessor Pradeep Chowbey and my successor Rudolf Weiner.

Finally, next August in Montreal, Michel Gagner will organize the IXX IFSO world congress where, in his usual style, we will celebrate the festival of laparoscopic and minimally invasive bariatric and metabolic surgery techniques and we will be able to exchange the recent developments in this fast growing field

Yours Sincerely

Luigi Angrisani

President – IFSO



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IFSO'S NUMBERS

- **53 NATIONAL SOCIETIES**
- **8.200 MEMBERS**
- **1.800 OBESITY SURGERY SUBSCRIBERS**

- **European Chapter (EC)**



- **Latin American Chapter (LAC)**



- **Asian Pacific Chapter (APC)**



- **North American Chapter (NAC)**





Yuri Yashkov

President of the
European Chapter

Interdisciplinary European Guidelines on Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

**on behalf of International Federation
for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic
Disorders—European Chapter (IFSO-
EC) and European Association for**

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I'd like to start this short report with the most recent and important new – publication of “Interdisciplinary European Guidelines on Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery” in Obesity Surgery journal and to congratulate with this event all members of IFSO-EC and EASO joint author's group (M.Fried, V.Yumuk, JM Oppert, N.Scopinaro, A.Torres, R.Weiner, Y.Yashkov, G.Frubech). The new Guidelines have replaced the first edition published in 2006 and is based on recent scientific-evident data in metabolic and bariatric surgery. M.Fried – initiator of the new edition of Guidelines - has presented new Document to General Council of IFSO-EU Chapter during IFSO meeting in Istanbul. These Guidelines then will be published in some national editions.

We also congratulate Prof. R.Weiner on his becoming of The President-elect of The IFSO. As a President – elect Prof. R.Weiner will coordinate work of IFSO Committees till his Presidency term in 2014-2015. New candidates of “Member at large” will be proposed by Chapter to The IFSO.

Three Chapter Committees: Scientific (M.Bueter), Communication/Development (M.Wyren), Bylaws (R.Weiner) have shared with their plans. Some amendments to the existing European Chapter Bylaws and European MOPP were accepted by General Council in Istanbul. One of the main task of Communication/Development Committee is to recognize new potential members of The IFSO and to co-operate with creation of new IFSO Societies in Europe and some regions of Asia, North Africa, Middle East : ALBANIA, ALGERIA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, BELARUS, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, DENMARK, ESTONIA, GEORGIA, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, LATVIA, LIBYA, LICHTENSTEIN, MALTA, MOLDOVA, MOROCCO, NORWAY, OMAR, QATAR, SLOVAKIA, TUNISIA. In some of these countries (Norway, Denmark etc) bariatric and metabolic surgery is well-developed and Societies from these and other countries are welcome to The IFSO.



During the last Executive Council meeting of the European Chapter



IFSO E-Newsletter October 2013 Chapters' Reports

European Chapter NEWS



Yuri Yashkov

President of the
European Chapter



On Friday, October 25, 2013 the Chapter's Executive Committee has its informal meeting in Roma, Italy during the international meeting "Decision making in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery". We'll discuss important question about further cooperation between IFSO-European Chapter and EASO (European Association for the Study of Obesity), work of Committees, further developing of Chapter. The next joint IFSO-EC-EASO Medico-Surgical meeting is planned in Brussels in 2014.

Presidents of European Societies are invited to propose their candidates to European Scholarship for young surgeons (aged <40), candidates for the next Chapter President-elect (2016-2018) and to send application for The IFSO-European Chapter meeting in 2018. Bylaw Committee of the Chapter asks propositions from the European Societies on further amendments in the Bylaws and MOPP. The deadline for all these applications is January 30, 2014

Last meetings in Europe:

October 24-25 Decision Making in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, in Rome, Italy
October 28-30 4th World Congress for the Advancement of Surgery, in Tel Aviv, Israel
December 9-10 10th International B.E.S.T. Congress 2013, in Bruges, Belgium

Yury Yashkov,

President of the IFSO-European Chapter



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European Association for the Study of Obesity



European Chapter NEWS



Luc Lemmens
President of the VI
IFSO-EC Congress

Invitation to the 6th Congress of IFSO-EC 2014 in Brussels



Dear friends and colleagues,

The BeSOMS (Belgian Section for Obesity and Metabolic Surgery) is proud to invite you to the 6th IFSO EC congress in Brussels from Wednesday 30th of April till Saturday 3th of May 2014.

Belgium has a long history of Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgery. From the earliest bariatric procedures in Belgium dating already from 1970 and the first 'laparoscopic' placement of a gastric band in 1992 towards now, Belgian general surgeons have endorsed emphatically bariatric and metabolic surgery. On a population of 11 million people, more than 100 surgeons are performing more than 8.000 bariatric procedures per year. Several colleagues are world leaders in the bariatric field and are at the cutting edge of new evolutions and developments. This will guarantee a high scientific level of the meeting.

Even if some of you could think that everything has been said, as well for the surgical techniques as for the metabolic approach, things are still evolving every day.

Standard and new surgical techniques and also metabolic surgery will be discussed with a special focus on long term results.

We are also proud to organize the 3rd European Obesity Medico-Surgical Workshop as a formal satellite of IFSO EC 2014 jointly organized by IFSO EC and EASO. It will be a 1 day workshop where surgeons and endocrinologist will have the opportunity to discuss items of common interest.

Brussels, the Capital of Europe, will take care of the hosting and your comfort. The meeting will take place in the brand new Congress Center, the "Square", which is situated in the center of Brussels on walking distance of the "Grand Market Place", one of Europe most beautiful historical places. All the hotels are also on walking distance of the Square.



European Chapter NEWS



Luc Lemmens
President of the VI
IFSO-EC Congress



Brussels is the center of Belgium. Beautiful cities as Bruges, Ghent, Antwerp and Liège can be reached in a less than 2 hours drive.

A part from the top restaurants, we have more than 600 different beers to taste.

Belgium is a nation of artistic giants such as our world famous painters Rubens, Breughel, Ensor, Delvaux and Magritte.

We are convinced you will have an unforgettable stay in Brussels.

Luc Lemmens

On behalf of the Belgian Section for Obesity and Metabolic Surgery (BeSOMS)

President of the 6th IFSO-EC Congress

Past-President of IFSO-EC 2008-2010

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Important Dates:

Call for Symposia

1 October 2013

Deadline for Symposium Submission

15 January 2014

Call for Abstracts

1 October 2013

Deadline for Abstract Submission

1 february 2014

Early Bird registration

1 March 2014

Regular Registration

1 April 2014

Late registration

24 April 2014





Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



Wej-Jei Lee

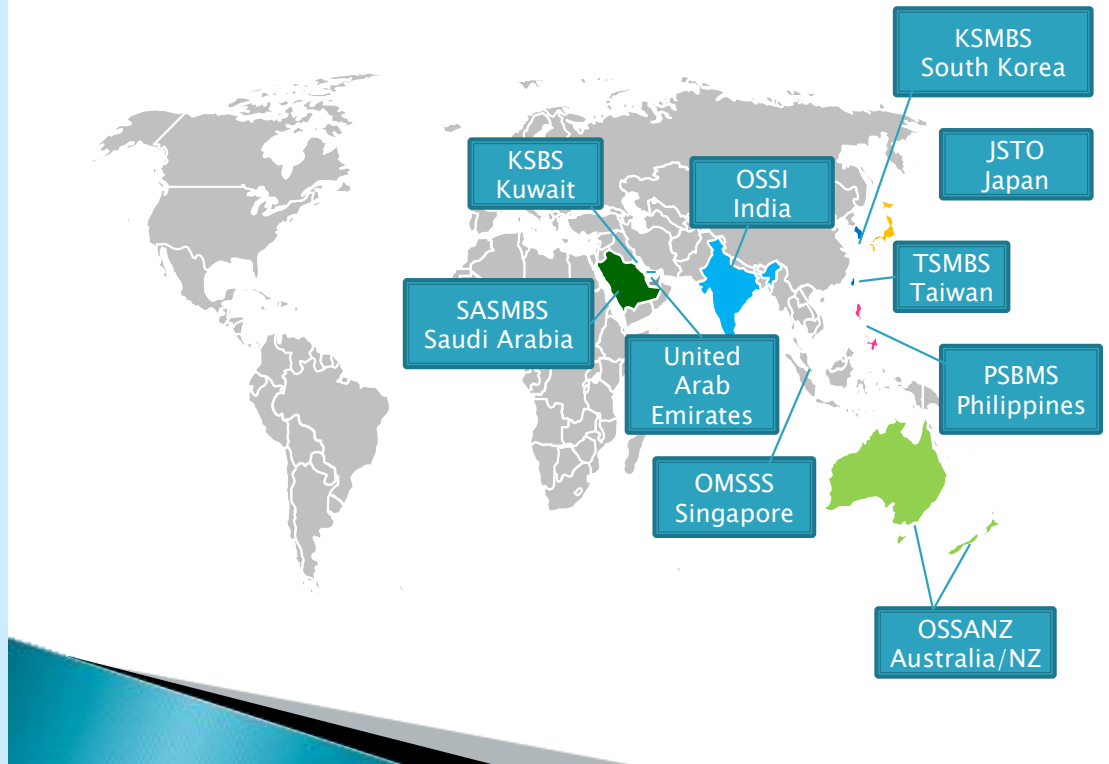
President of APC



Lilian Kow

Secretary-Treasure
and President-Elect
IFSO-APC

IFSO-APC continues to grow in numbers and in membership since its inception in 2009. The chapter now has 10 society members as shown:



The IFSO-APC had its 3rd biennial congress meeting in Taiwan Kaohsiung 10-13 April 2013. This meeting was attended by 208 participants from 26 countries including a strong contingent from China. Following on from this meeting we hope to have China join us as a society once they have established the requirements of setting up a National Surgical Society of Obesity.

The theme of the congress was "New Frontiers in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery" and the scientific program featured a surgical training workshop, and **215 presentations in 30 sessions.**

During this meeting the 3rd Board meeting was held during which we farewelled Professor Chowbey as the outgoing President and welcomed Professor WJ Lee as the new IFSO-APC President for 2013-2015. Dr Lilian Kow was elected as the President -elect. Dr Mufazal Lakdawala was appointed as the IFSO-APC representative. The next IFSO-APC congress meeting will be in April 9-11 in Seoul , Korea in 2015.

Dr Lilian Kow

Secretary-Treasure and President-Elect
IFSO-APC



North American Chapter NEWS



Robin Blackstone

President of the
North American
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OBESITYWEEK 2013

ObesityWeek brings together thousands of obesity health care professionals from around the world. Our program features over 100 sessions from both the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) and The Obesity Society (TOS). There are also plenty of social events and networking opportunities, all within the vibrant, lively city of Atlanta.

Many of our sessions are geared towards a global audience. You can view our entire schedule online, but here are a few highlights to consider:

Roundtable Luncheon: Diversity of Bariatric Procedures and Practice Worldwide

Monday, November 11, 2013, 12:00pm – 1:00pm
EST

ASMBS/IFSO Bariatric Surgery Around the World

Thursday, November 14, 8:00am – 10:00am EST

ASMBS International Reception

Thursday, November 14, 6:00pm – 8:00pm EST

New Challenges in Bariatric Surgery, an IFSO General Overview

Friday, November 15, 3:30 – 5:00pm

Registration is open now, and will continue to remain open until the event begins on November 11. Registration is also available on-site, including a registration booth at our Welcome Reception in the Georgia Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the country. There's also plenty of fun to be had at the AfterDark party.

ASMBS Integrated Health (IH) member sent as a delegate to the 18th IFSO World Congress

This year Laura Boyer, RN, CBN, attended the IFSO Congress as a representative of the ASMBS. Her mission was to connect with IH members of IFSO and look for ways to increase communication and collaboration. In her report to the ASMBS IH Executive Council Laura said that the IFSO meeting was "An eye opening experience to realize that most of the world's bariatric surgery practices are more surgeon based rather than multidisciplinary based." Laura reported that she was the only nurse attending the IFSO IH committee meeting. All other attendees were physicians.

During the meeting, Laura accepted an assignment to write a chapter for an IFSO e-textbook. The book will be like the fundamentals course for metabolic and bariatric surgery IH professionals. The aim is to help train nurses and other integrated health professionals around the world. The ASMBS IHEC would also like to contribute a create a chapter on sensitivity training and plans to do more brainstorming on ideas about how to help grow the IFSO Integrated Health participation.





North American Chapter NEWS



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ASMBS 30th Anniversary Celebration

It is our 30th birthday and we are having a grand celebration in honor of our 30 years of perseverance and progress. We have an interesting and fun web site: asmbs.30.org that includes a Presidential Gallery with stories from our past presidents, a timeline of the ASMBS history, a Candle lighting celebration and coming very soon will be the 30 Members Who Made a Difference (10 for each decade), 30 Landmark Articles, Growth of the Integrated Health and Video Anniversary Wishes. Check it out and the Anniversary Booth at ObesityWeek!



ASMBS Revision Task Force Established To Close Gaps In Care And Understanding (From ASMBS News Magazine *connect- connect.asmbs.org*)

In May 2013, ASMBS President Dr. Jaime Ponce, recognizing a need for the society to have a unified, consistent and scientific policy for revisional bariatric surgery, called for the establishment of a task force to review the topic and provide recommendations.

Dr. John Morton, ASMBS Secretary-Treasurer, was charged with forming the "Revision Task Force," which includes the following leaders in bariatric surgery:

Stacy Brethauer, MD (Writing Chair), Matthew Brengman, MD (Coding Chair), Wayne English, MD/Brandon Williams, MD (Access Chairs), Matt Hutter, MD/Ranjan Sudan, MD (Data Chairs), and Marina Kurian, MD, Lloyd Stegemann, MD and Shanu Kothari, MD.

The objectives of the Revision Task Force include:

- 1) Definition of Revisions
- 2) Nomenclature-types of revisions
- 3) Indications
- 4) Coding/lack of coding
- 5) Evidence in the literature
- 6) Addressing access: "insurance paying for one procedure only"

"As more bariatric surgeries are done, there will be more opportunities for revisions. We, like cardiac or orthopedic surgeons, need to have access to care for patients who require revisions. Obesity is a chronic disease and, as such, we need to have opportunities for beneficial intervention for our patients. The Revision Task Force will provide a blueprint for revisional bariatric surgery to help patients, surgeons and payors alike," said Dr. Morton.



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The Revision Task Force meets bi-weekly by phone and has met in person twice, most recently in Chicago this August. To date, Dr. Brengman has prepared a revision nomenclature and an insurance medical director's sample workflow for revisions.

In preparation for a Systematic Review and Societal Recommendation led by Dr. Brethauer, the Revision Task Force has already selected and reviewed over 400 articles on revisional bariatric surgery. The Access Group, chaired by Dr. English and Dr. Williams, has found profound gaps in care for revisional bariatric surgery based upon representative reviews of medical insurance policies from around the country. Finally, Dr. Sudan and Dr. Hutter have examined the BOLD and MBSAQIP databases and have found that revisions are growing annually and are currently about 5 percent of all bariatric surgeries.

The Revision Task Force will present its findings at the Revisional Surgery Course during ObesityWeek 2013.

The Revision Task Force has plans to publish articles on:

1. Systematic Review and ASMBS Position Statement for Revisional Bariatric Surgery
2. State of Access for Revisional Bariatric Surgery
3. Revisional Bariatric Surgery: Demographic, Practice Patterns and Outcomes from MBSAQIP and BOLD

CMS Decision not to require accreditation reflects advances in the field but may be premature - ASMBS and ACS feel patients may be harmed because of the decision

Despite strong opposition from ASMBS, ACS and other leading surgical and medical groups, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) ruled it will no longer require Medicare patients to undergo bariatric surgical procedures at accredited facilities. CMS ruled that eligible Medicare patients may have bariatric operations performed at any center they choose, even those facilities with little experience in handling high-risk patients.

In an ASMBS press release regarding the decision, Dr. Ponce, ASMBS president stated, "We are disappointed and in strong disagreement with a ruling that appears to disregard overwhelming scientific evidence and medical opinion that bariatric accreditation programs save lives, improve patient outcomes, and enhance the quality of care." Dr. David Hoyt, ACS Executive Director added, "The standards required for accreditation provide important lifesaving safeguards for patients, particularly for Medicare beneficiaries, who have a higher risk of morbidity and mortality than the general bariatric surgery population. We encourage Medicare patients to continue to select an accredited center for bariatric surgery. "

This decision did not make changes to the bariatric procedures covered by CMS nor is there change or decrease in the current accreditation requirements of the large national insurance carriers.

ASMBS and ACS remain committed to the collection of key data, quality improvement and better outcomes that result from a strong accreditation program. Clearly, major advances (laparoscopy and inclusion of safer procedures) along with programmed excellence have yielded improved outcomes, but almost all programs currently operating have been improved by the accreditation effort which has been shown to add an incremental value. We will continue to encourage accreditation in all metabolic and bariatric surgery arenas and advocate for patients to go to accredited centers in order to receive the best care.

All commercial carriers require accreditation as a baseline and discussion with these carriers after the decision indicate they will continue require accreditation.



North American Chapter NEWS



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Where Science and Treatment Meet

November 11-16, 2013 • Atlanta, GA

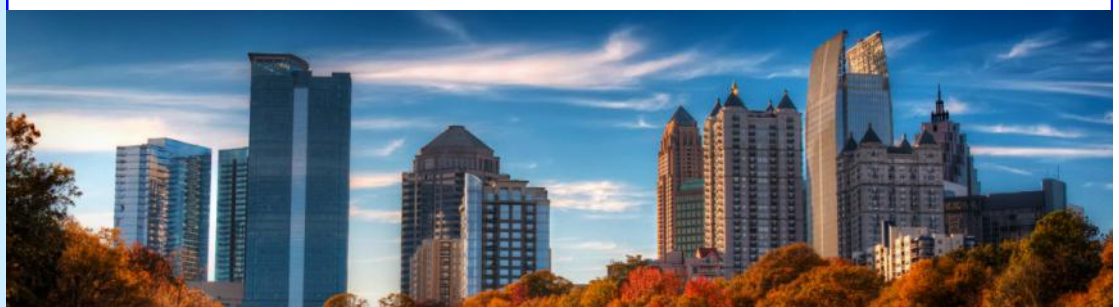
The World's Largest Meeting Dedicated to the Science and Treatment of Obesity is Happening Soon

The **ObesityWeek** conference in Atlanta, Georgia is less than two months away! In the first year of ObesityWeekSM, **The Obesity Society (TOS)** combines its resources with the **American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)** to co-locate both group's annual meetings under one roof. **ObesityWeek** is the preeminent annual scientific and educational conference covering the full scope of the obesity issue, from cutting-edge science and clinical research to intervention and public policy. Join physicians, surgeons, scientists, clinicians, integrated health professionals and policymakers for discussions that are sure to impact the quality of life for millions affected by obesity. You can find more information and register for the conference online.

Things are really taking shape for a successful ObesityWeek (OW) 2013 – The ASMBS received over 200 additional abstracts compared to 2012. The number of abstracts received has always been a strong marker of success for our annual meeting so we are on track for having not only the largest but most comprehensive annual meeting devoted to the science and treatment of obesity.

Dr. Bruce Spiegelman and Dr. Tom Farly are confirmed as OW keynote speakers. Dr. Spiegelman is the *Stanley J. Korsmeyer Professor of Cell Biology and Medicine* at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School and will speak on the topic of "Transcriptional Control of Brown and Beige Fat: Toward a New Generation of Therapeutics". Dr. Tom Farley, New York City Health

www.obesityweek.com





Latin American Chapter NEWS



Natan Zundel

President of the Latin American Chapter



Estuardo J. Behrens

Executive Director
IFSO LAC

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 two months.

1. We have the support and the vote of confidence of all of our 15 latinamerican societies, this was accomplished and confirmed in our last meeting in Cusco, Peru.
2. Our new website www.ifsolac.com is almost finished, after the second week of November it will be on the web, with a new design and name.



3. This is the flyer of our 1st. Inter-medial Congress of IFSO LAC, that will be held in Mendoza, Argentina, on May 2014.

4. We have had 4 communications with the Board of Governors of our Chapter, asking for candidates for future President and for the next Congress site, the elections are going to be held via internet the second week of November 2013, we have received several proposals.

5. The next meeting of the Board of Governors of the LAC will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on November 5th. 2013

This is all what have occurred in the last two months. 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



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AND METABOLIC DISORDERS



2013 IFSO World Annual Meeting

TURKEY



Mustafa Taskin

President of the XVIII IFSO Congress

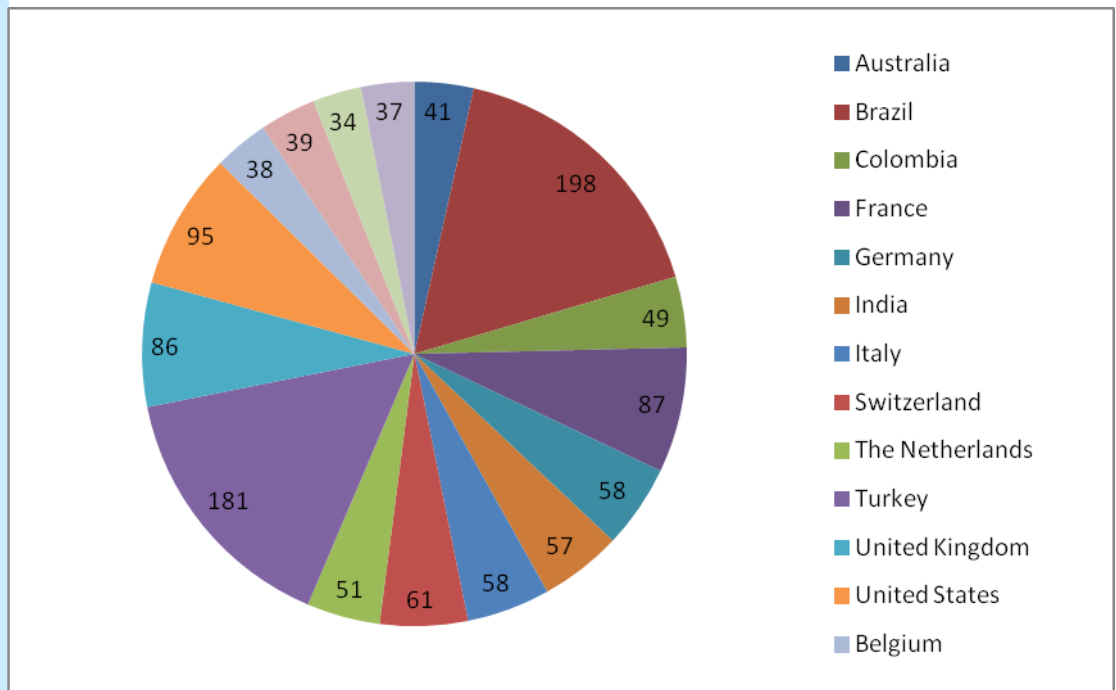


Dear Colleagues and friends,

The **18th World Congress of International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)** was held in Istanbul between August 27 – 31, **2013**. The Congress was supported by the Ministry of Health. It was organized by Turkish Obesity Surgery Society.

IFSO 2013 was attended by **1720 participants** from **72 countries**.

Most Represented Countries



There were 8 plenary sessions, 8 symposia and 8 postgraduate courses included Hands-on Course. In total, there were 20 scientific sessions including video sessions. There was 1 sponsored symposium during the Congress.

The total number of abstract submissions was 824. Out of these, 796 abstracts were accepted of which, 444 were accepted as poster presentations and 352 as oral/ video presentations.

The best poster prizes were awarded to: R. Weiner, M. Galvao Neto, N. Cassinello.



2013 IFSO World Annual Meeting



27th August 2013

On the first day, IFSO Board of Trustee meeting, IFSO Executive Board and the General Council Meeting were held through the day at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel.



In the evening, General Council dinner was organized at the Çırağan Palace Kempinski, the guests enjoyed the atmosphere of the palace and the Bosphorus view.

28th August 2013

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

- *Innovations in Gastric Bypass, Banded Gastric Bypass, Bpd/Ds and Omega Loop Bypass Surgery - Tips, Tricks and Management of Complications*
- *Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding and Laparoscopic Gastric Plication: Technique, Tips, Tricks, Pitfalls, Complications and Results*
- *New Techniques & New Technology in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery*
- *Sleeve Gastrectomy: Prevention and Management of Complications*
- *Metabolic Surgery Inside and Outside of the Abdomen*
- *Medical Writing and Basic Surgical Research*
- *The ipad / iphone for Bariatric Surgeons*
- *Hands-on Course*
- *Anesthesia of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Patient in Preoperative, Perioperative and Postoperative Setting*



2013 IFSO World Annual Meeting

The opening ceremony was held in Haliç Auditorium, after the welcome speeches guests watched a unique Fire of Anatolia performance.



The exhibition area opened after the opening ceremony and the welcome cocktail has been served in the exhibition area.

There were a total of 25 exhibitors with 201 people from the industries.





2013 IFSO World Annual Meeting

29th August 2013

The first day of the scientific programme was packed with the plenary and parallel sessions...



30th August 2013

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

The Mason lecture was delivered by Prof. Pories and the Scopinaro lecture was delivered by Prof. Busetto.

Prof. Luigi Angrisani took over as the President of IFSO from Prof. Pradeep Chowbey





2013 IFSO World Annual Meeting

The gala dinner of the congress was held at the Garden of the Istanbul University. There was contemporary décor; the delegates are enjoyed and danced through the night.

The Janissary Band welcomed guests at the entrance of the venue.



Live band performed well known international songs through the night.



31st August 2013

On the final day of the conference, live surgeries were telecast from the Istanbul Cerrapaşa Faculty of Medicine Department of General Surgery to the congress venue , Haliç Congress Center.

Including Robotic Surgery total 10 live surgery has been conducted in in the various Bariatric procedures.

The session was very well attended and moderated by faculty from around the globe.



President Elect



Rudolf Weiner

President Elect of
IFSO

Rudolf A. Weiner, MD, Professor of Surgery at University of Frankfurt, Head of the Surgical Department of Krankenhaus Sachsenhausen in Frankfurt am Main in Germany was elect during the General Council of IFSO in Istanbul as the president elect with 100 % votes.

Prof. Dr. Weiner is founder of the present German Society, of the Obesity Academy in Frankfurt and of other working groups in the field of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery in Germany. He introduced many surgeries like laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, BPD-DS and BPD for the first time in Germany. Since 1998 he is organizing the Frankfurt meeting for Obesity Surgery. Since 2012 Sylvia Weiner takes over the organization. During the 7th Meeting in 2012 more than 500 surgeons from 42 countries were attending the two-days-Live-Surgery meeting. R. Weiner was president of The European Chapter 2010-2012 and president of the IFSO World Congress 2011 in Hamburg. It was the most successful IFSO congress with more than 2650 attendees and a benefit of 400.000 € . It was the first world congress with live surgery, IBC-Meeting, special poster sessions and a unforgettable "Late Horror Video Show". In 2013 he became a member at large of the IFSO Executive Council. He is Associate Editor of OBESITY SURGERY, OBESITY FACTS and Editorial Board of SOARD, Langenbecks Arch Surgery, Adipositas, and 4 other journals. He published 6 books, more than 20 book chapters and 400 publications.

Prof. Weiner is active surgeon. In his department 3000 procedures were performed per year. The number of bariatric and postbariatric surgeries is with 1300 per year stable. Since more than 20 years he is training young surgeons. In more than 20 countries he had performed live-surgeries.

In Montreal 2014 he will take over the presidency from Luigi Angrisani.





2014 IFSO World Annual Meeting

CANADA



Michel Gagner

President of the IXX
IFSO Congress

IXX World IFSO Congress

26-30 August, 2014 - Montreal, Canada

We look forward to welcoming you to Montréal for the 19th International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO 2014) World Congress. IFSO 2014 will be taking place at the Palais des Congrès in Montreal, Canada from August 26th – 30th, 2014.

IFSO 2014 will feature a robust scientific program, with presentations on cutting-edge research, world-class plenary sessions, post-graduate courses and live surgery. IFSO 2014 will be an opportunity to highlight the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach to the surgical treatment of obesity and metabolic disorders.



Be a Part of IFSO 2014! The opportunity to be part of this program begins in December, when the Call for Abstracts opens. Details will be available online at www.ifso2014.com/abstracts.

The Organizers of IFSO 2014 look forward to wowing you with the sights and sounds of Montréal. Montréal combines Old World charm and New World hospitality and amenities into a one-of-a-kind culture. The largest bilingual city in North America, Montréal is a culturally-diverse metropolis that draws upon the combined strengths of its French and British roots to attract newcomers from around the world.

For more details, visit the conference website: www.ifso2014.com

Call for Abstracts Opens December 2013





2015 IFSO World Annual Meeting

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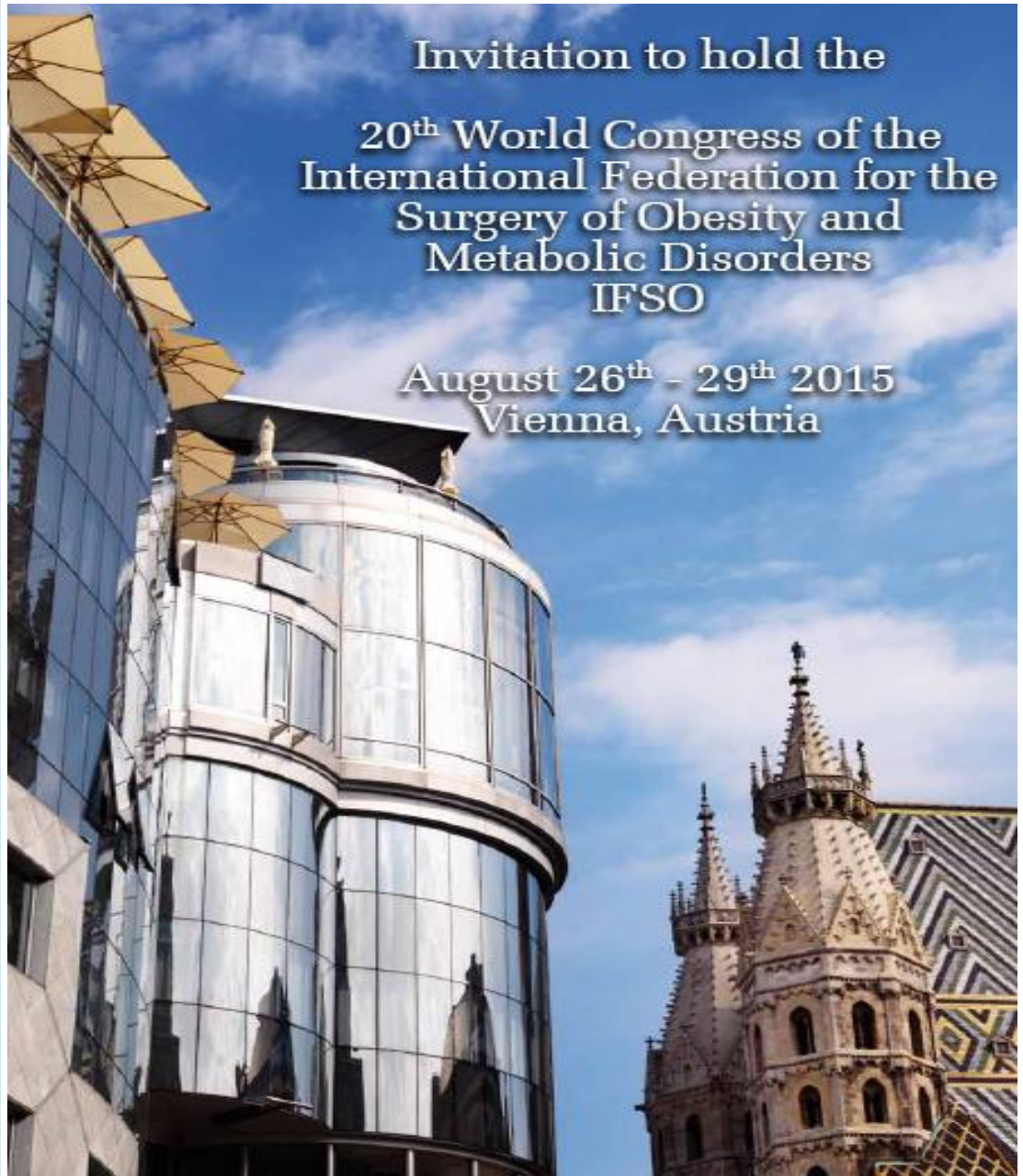
XX World IFSO Congress

26-29 August, 2015 - Vienna, Austria



Karl Miller

President of the
XX IFSO Congress





2016 IFSO World Annual Meeting

BRASIL

XXI World IFSO Congress

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



Ricardo Cohen

President of the XXI
IFSO Congress





2013 Endorsed Congresses

XV edition of the Conference of the Brazilian Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery
Brasilia, Brazil
1-5 October 2013
www.sbcm2013.com.br



25th Annual Conference OSSANZ
Intercontinental Sanctuary
Cove Resort
Gold Coast
2-4 October 2013
www.ossanzconference.com.au



Cleveland Clinic's 11th annual Medical Innovation Summit
Cleveland, OH (USA)
14-16 October 2013
www.ClevelandClinic.org/Summit/



2013 Medical Innovation Summit
 Finding Balance through Innovation



October 14-16, 2013
 Obesity, Diabetes & the Metabolic Crisis

www.ClevelandClinic.org/Summit



Walsall Manor Bariatric Symposium & Workshop
Walsall Hospital
October 16-17, 2013



Bariatric Symposium & Workshop

16 - 17 October 2013





2013 Endorsed Congresses

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- ✓ COMPLEX BARIATRIC CASES

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YOUNG IFSO NEWS



Sylvia Weiner

YOUNG IFSO – NEW CHAPTER FOUNDATION

In Istanbul at the IFSO World Congress this year a new chapter of the IFSO was founded. Young Surgeons worldwide would like to create their own community within IFSO in order to build up networking facilities and scientific exchange. Therefore the first own session of the YOUNG IFSO took place in Istanbul. Initiated by Karin Dolezelova (Czech Republic), Eren Taskin (Turkey) and Sylvia Weiner (Germany), which moderated the first session, the Association was founded by many young surgeons from worldwide.



Namely were involved: Karin Dolezelova (Czech Republic), Eren Taskin (Turkey), Sylvia Weiner (Germany), Jaya-shree Todkar (India), Olga Lavryk (Ukraine), Cynthia Borg (UK), Marco Bueter (Switzerland), Sophie Krueger (Germany), Tomasz Rogula (USA), Alexandr Neymark (Russia) and others.





The first session of YOUNG IFSO was inaugurated by the Congress President Mustafa Taskin (Turkey) and the Past President Pradeep Chowbey (India)



Aims and Goals of Young IFSO:

Association of IFSO Members age<45

Support to young surgeons

Organization of separate meetings within the IFSO Meetings

Organization of special courses for young surgeons (workshops)

Organization of separate scientific sessions

Communication among young surgeons in order to achieve networking and easier participation of young surgeons

Next Meetings and Own Sessions will take place at:

- **12th International Expert Meeting for the Surgery Obesity and Metabolic Disorders:**

Salzburg, AUSTRIA March 9 - 11, 2014

<http://www.obesity-online.com/expertmeeting/>

- **6th Congress of the IFSO European Chapter Meeting**

Brussels, BELGIUM May 1 - 3, 2014

www.ifsobrussels.com

- **19th World Congress of the IFSO**

Montreal, CANADA August 26-30, 2014

www.ifso2014.com

- **8th Frankfurter Meeting of Surgery in Obesity and Metabolic Surgery**

Frankfurt, GERMANY, November 21-22, 2014

www.frankfurter-meeting.de

A separate kick-off meeting will be held at the EC-IFSO Meeting in Brussels in May 2014.

We invite every IFSO member below the age of 45 to join our growing community, to follow us at Twitter, to join our Facebook group and to get updated on our website www.young-ifso.com

Kind regards,
Sylvia Weiner (Germany)



COMMITTEES NEWS



Abdelrahman Nimeri

Chairman of the Communication Committee

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The communication committee have agreed to work on three main projects for this calendar year:

1. Changing our current IFSO Facebook page from a profile to a group and include all the current IFSO members. This change will allow the Facebook group to be the main vessel for communication with our members. Our plan is to make the Facebook group useful to our members through several new features are planning to post on the Facebook group. These new features include highlights of the annual IFSO meeting as well as monthly interesting or important articles and expert led discussions. The Facebook group initially will be only open to IFSO members.
2. Updating the current IFSO website and adding more features to make it user friendly and include information for both IFSO members, non members and the public.
3. Prepare an IFSO press Kit.

We are open to suggestions, please let us know if you have any ideas, comments or suggestions.



Manuel Galvao Neto

Chairman of the Investigational Surgical and Endoscopic Procedures Committee

INVESTIGATIONAL SURGICAL AND ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Investigational Surgical and Endoscopic Procedures Committee has been established in 2012 by the IFSO Board, in the presence of an overwhelming number of new procedures and innovative techniques that characterize the peculiarly lively and ingenious world of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

Many new instruments and technologies have become available in recent years, mostly for endoluminal and transluminal approach, but also to minimize transabdominal wounds.

These positive innovations have stimulated the development of new procedures, creating a positive trend; nevertheless, standardization and scientific validation have consequently become one of the goals of IFSO to fully accomplish its leading role in World Surgery, as bariatric treatments have become widely diffused and represent a gold standard for most aspects of metabolic syndrome.

Thus, the Investigational Surgical and Endoscopic Procedures Committee will take the responsibility to support innovation and to lead the introduction of novel basic and advanced procedures in terms of validation, instruction for a better daily use, patient safety.

On 2012 the committee was formed and as first activities it supported and helped with the IFSO Istanbul meeting program of the postgraduate course "New techniques and new technologies in bariatric and metabolic surgery" chaired by Drs Alan Saber and Manoel Galvao Neto (committee members) and with the program of the symposium "Emergent techniques and Innovations in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery" chaired by Dr Natan Zundel (committee member).

During IFSO meeting in Istanbul the committee had its first face-to-face meeting on Friday, August 30th resulting in a very productive joint that decide to aim forces on direction of jump in systematic literature review to produce at least two papers in 2014 on the field of Bariatric Endoscopy and Gastric Plication to be submitted for the IFSO EB and Obesity Surgery for publication and to provide the Position Statements/Standards committee with support in our area of expertise. Dr Chih-Kun Huang will lead a team with Drs Alan Saber, Tomasz Rogula, Thomas Horbach and Carlos Casalnuovo studying the Gastric Plication and Dr. Josemberg Marins Campos will lead the Bariatric Endoscopy team with Drs Nicola Di Lorenzo, Alex Escalona, Natan Zundel and Manoel Galvao Neto. Also, Dr Carlos Casalnuovo as being part of Investigational and Scientific IFSO committees kindly offer himself to mediate our committee request for a space on next IFSO 2014 meeting in Montreal, Quebec - Canada to present the group efforts and findings.

As said, having IFSO become the referral point for a multitude of surgeons and other specialists from different environments, from research centers to private institutions, a balanced attitude is needed between cutting-edge innovation and daily clinical practice. This responsible approach is fully present in members' activities and will be mirrored by the yearly activity that will include both breakthrough presentations and survey activities, guidelines and validation activities.



COMMITTEES NEWS

For the best of IFSO, moreover, the committee will interact and cooperate with other committees and societies in fields of mutual interest.

Finally, a challenging but crucial part of our mission is to spread the new minimally invasive approaches in developing and low budget countries and hospitals. We strongly believe that technology and innovations are not a luxury reserved for the privileged only.



Blanca Rios

Chairman of the Integrated Health Committee

INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES 2013-2014

• We are elaborating a Multidisciplinary E-book with IH members of IFSO. The topics are:

- Mental Health
- Nutrition and Metabolism
- Administration of Bariatric Clinics
- Physical Training
- Nursing
- Genetics of the Obesity
- Anesthesiology

And maybe, we could present in Montreal, Canadá.

• We want to create a Multidisciplinary Postgraduate Course on line (English language), with the support of IFSO and the use of logo. And the participation of IFSO members.

FUTURES GOALS

- To increase the participation of IH members in all IFSO Congress in the world
- To incorporate an IH section in the Obesity Surgery Journal
- To elaborate a multicentric research program in the different areas of IH with IFSO members

NEW TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE

The New Technologies Committee is actually working on three different projects:

1. Statement of IFSO against sham trials in clinical studies.
2. Creation of a link to ClinicalTrials.gov to always keep IFSO members updated on ongoing studies in our field of interest.
3. Critical Incident Reporting System for IFSO members.



Thomas Horbach

Chairman of the New Technologies Committee

For the upcoming meeting I hope to organize some sessions of this committee regarding these topics:

1. Advances in intestinal stimulation for treatment of obesity and type 2 diabetes
2. New endoluminal techniques and devices for treatment of obesity and type 2 diabetes
3. New instruments and supportive technologies for treatment of obesity and type 2 diabetes



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