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OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM 2024

The Observership is meant to offer young members or in the early phase of their career the chance to go to a foreign hospital to OBSERVE (not to operate) the activity of the whole Metabolic Bariatric Department for 1 week.

If the applicant wishes, he/she could stay for one/two more weeks or go to another hospital for one/two more week (max 3 weeks in total).

At the end of the observership the applicant will receive a Certificate to testify that he/she has completed the Observership Program.

The applicants will have to provide a written report of their experience by one month after finishing it.

EDUCATIONAL GRANT SUPPORT



- IFSO will provide travel reimbursement, accommodation, local transportation and meals for a minimum of one week up to three weeks. The amount of the travel and accommodation will be checked on a case-by-case basis according to the city of origin and the hosting city and the length of the stay (max 2,500 USD\$).
- Any additional expense is at the observer's charge.
- For the year 2024 IFSO offers 20 observerships, divided in the 5 Chapters according to applications. 15 TO SURGEONS AND 5 TO IH

LIST OF HOSPITALS

- IFSO through its Chapters has identified a list of some of the most renowned hospitals in the different Chapters to offer the best experience to our young members.
- Each of these hospitals has the following requirements:
Routine protocols, Logistic support, >200 MBS cases/year,
Multidisciplinary team in place
- Willingness to accept Observers
- Provide a Program of activities and educational content that they can offer the observers



APPLICANTS' MINIMAL REQUIREMENT

- Applicants must be IFSO Members in good standing, graduates of schools of medicine.
- Applicants must be practicing in MBS
- Applicants must be in their training period in MBS (preferable in the final trimester), or, at the date of the application, be no more than 5 years out from finishing their training period in MBS
- Applicants may only be awarded this grant once
- Successful applicants must provide a written report to IFSO within a month of the completion of the Observership.



APPLICATION DOCUMENTS



1. Application form

2. One page CV

3. One page personal statement covering:

- Overall future career aim in MBS
- What is the next step in career development
- Why the observership will help the Applicant in his/her career
- How the observership will help contribute to the development of MBS in the applicant's home country

4. Letter of recommendation from the Head of Department or professional mentor or IFSO member who vouches for the applicant

- Type and Number of BMS cases
- Current level of training
- Proposed career development

97 applications from the various chapters:

- APC 20 applicants
- LAC 21 applicants
- MENAC 16 applicants
- NAC 2 applicants
- EC 38 applicants

- 15 WERE SELECTED FOR 2024
- 5 I.H. WILL BE SELECTED FOR 2024 ONCE THE CRITERIA WILL BE FINALIZED
- AMOUNT OF THE GRANT: MAX 2,500 USD\$ (but can be less according to the location of the observership)

- Criteria of evaluation:
 - 1) number of years of experience after the training - the ones with less years of experience got a higher score
 - 2) development of the country - less developed countries got a higher score
 - 3) CV and motivation letter

- Madani Saeed Iran APC PRAGER, VIENNA
- Nie Yuntao China APC KOW, ADELAIDE
- Ugale Akshan India APC ALY, MELBOURNE
- Rzepa Anna Poland EC RAFFAELLI, ROME
- Maxim Madalina Romania EC COPAESCU, BUCAREST
- Yelembayev Bakhtiyar KAZAKHSTAN EC KASAMA, TOKYO
- Belluzzi Amanda Italy EC OLBERS, STOCKHOLM
- Haider Muhammad Ijlal UK EC AL HADAD, ABU DHABI
- Charchalac Ana Paulina Guatemala LAC MARCHESINI, CURITIBA
- Montero Lourdes Bolivia LAC VALENCIA, BOGOTA'
- Fumero Edward VENEZUELA LAC LUTFI, CHICAGO
- Diaz Marisela Mexico LAC SEPULVEDA, SANTIAGO
- Arevalo Irene El Salvador LAC RODRIGUEZ, SAN JOSE COSTA RICA
- Amouzou Efoé-Ga Togo MENAC TORRES, MADRID
- Nagy Mostafa EGYPT MENAC AL HADAD, ABU DHABI
- Bashir Umar Pakistan MENAC PRAGER, VIENNA
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- Jad Ahmed Canada NAC GARNEAU, MONTREAL



IFSO SCOPINARO FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

MISSION

To help to develop Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery (MBS) in countries where there is a need.

To support and promote preferably but not only young surgeons and IH members (<45 years) and national societies.

Examples for supported activities include (but not limited to):

- travel-grants
- training courses
- help in establishing/developing national societies
- support in establishing national registries
- mentoring and tutoring

Structure:

The committee consists of **13 members**:

1 Chair

1 Vice-Chair

4 members of the board of trustees including the Chair

5 members nominated by the Chapters in accordance with the Chair of the Committee.

1 Young IFSO president

1 IH president

The Chair and the Vice Chair are appointed by the Executive Board of IFSO, not necessarily among the BOT.

The members are appointed respectively by BOT (4), Chapters (5), Young IFSO (1), IH President (1)

Term:

3 years with the possibility of one (2 year) extension (max 5 yrs).

The EB will decide whether to renew or not the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

The BOT, the Chapters, the YOUNG IFSO and the IH section will decide whether to renew or not the members.

Chair: Martin Fried

Vice-Chair: Luigi Angrisani

4 members of the BOT (Chair of the BOT + 3 members): Greve + Buchwald, Frydenberg, Torres, Manuela (ex officio)

5 members nominated by the Chapters:

EC: Nicola Di Lorenzo

APC: Wendy Brown

NAC: Carl Pesta

MENAC: TBD

LAC: Estuardo Behrens

Young IFSO president: Moritz Felsenreich

IH president: Silvia Leite

Financial provisions:

- The foundation is uniquely equipped with 100.000,00 Euros.
- The funds will remain on the IFSO bank account and will be used for the projects decided by the foundation committee. No additional funds will be provided by IFSO once the 100K will be all spent.
- Once this initial sum is utilized, additional funds will have to be donated by industries or individuals.
- It's part of the tasks of the foundation committee to do the fundraising from industries and individuals.
- The committee will contact the industries to collect funds to run the projects.

Accountability:

- A yearly report about the activities and financial conduct shall be given by the Chair to the IFSO EB, BOT and General Council.

The COO and the Treasurer monitor the support from the companies to the foundation, to our congresses and to IFSO overall, to make sure corporations don't decrease their sponsorships.

The Committee should establish guidelines on the spending to make sure the funds are spent in accordance to the IFSO vision and mission. Funds should not be used for committee meetings, travel, organizational costs.

After the first 3 years, the activity of the foundation committee will be evaluated as a whole, to check if it's reaching its goals, how many projects have been initiated, how many have been fulfilled, and how much funds have been spent.



YOUNG IFSO PRESIDENT VOTING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2 YEARS (NOT RE-ELECTABLE).

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ENCOURAGES ALL CHAPTERS TO INCLUDE A YOUNG IFSO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE IN THEIR EXECUTIVE COUNCILS.



- IFSO ENCOURAGES ALL CHAPTERS TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE AND TO INCLUDE IN THEIR EXECUTIVE COUNCILS THE CHAIR OF THEIR INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE.