



## Message from the President



Lilian Kow  
President of IFSO

Dear Friends and colleagues,

As we reach the end of another year, it is appropriate and timely to reflect on the resilience, the changes in our lives and the patience we had to draw upon over the past two years of an unexpected global pandemic. During the last 2 years, we have learnt so much about the power of the various IFSO members in keeping each other focussed and strong. And even more about what it means to be fearless—to have the courage to persevere and continue looking after our patients in the face of overwhelming challenges.

As we all head towards our Christmas holiday season, there is little doubt that “Omicron” will be the most read and talked about topic as it becomes the dominant variant globally. Early indications are that Omicron remains a dangerous virus causing serious disease but this time round we are better equipped with various vaccination regimes around the world to protect us against this variant and the COVID-19 viruses. The true nature of the Omicron threat should be clearer in the next few weeks, and I urge everyone to keep safe and vigilant against this new strain during the holidays.

Despite all these challenges IFSO is approaching the end of 2021 on a remarkably strong and positive position.

IFSO’s financial performance has continued to perform well. Despite the unprecedented world crisis, the overall return on the IFSO investment portfolio has been positive. This positive growth is encouraging especially during a challenging global economic performance.

Our IFSO membership has also continue to increase to over **10, 000 members** and **72 national societies**.

Our five chapters have also continued to progress despite all the challenges:

The **ASMBS annual meeting** was virtual in June 2021.



## Message from the President

IFSO-LAC hosted an hybrid session in October 2021 in Miami despite the challenging cancellation of the IFSO World congress. IFSO-EC had a successful annual hybrid meeting in November 2021 in Prague, Czech Republic. IFSO APC did a virtual meeting in November and IFSO-MENAC will meet in February 2022 in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

The **6th IFSO Global Registry** report was released in October 2021. There were 507,298 operations submitted by 50 contributor countries in comparison to the fifth report 2019 with 833,687 operations from 61 countries. The reduction in the no of contributions reflects the effect of changes to privacy laws that govern the sharing of potentially re-identifiable data, and the process that IFSO has undertaken to ensure compliance with these laws.

There is also possibly an effect from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The effect of restrictions on elective surgery are well demonstrated in these graphs, with a marked reduction in the number of operations recorded in registries in all of these countries. I would like to thank the IFSO Registry Committee under the leadership of Professor Wendy Brown for all their hard work and continuing diligence.

The 6th IFSO Global Registry Report can be access at <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/ifso-6th-registry-report-2021.pdf>

The Scientific Committee has also been busy with various matters and this year has released the following **Position Statements**:

Jun-2020 How are We Going to Restart Elective Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery after the Peak of Covid-19 Pandemic

Jun-2020 IFSO Position Statement on the Role of Esophago-Gastro-Duodenal Endoscopy Prior to and after Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Procedures



## Message from the President

Feb-2021 IFSO Recommendations for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Feb-2021 Single Anastomosis Duodenal-Ileal Bypass with Sleeve Gastrectomy/One Anastomosis Duodenal Switch (SADI-S/OADS) IFSO Position Statement—Update 2020

Mar-2021 Barrett's Oesophagus and Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery—IFSO 2020 Position Statement

I would like to thank the IFSO Scientific Committee under the leadership of Professor Miguel Herrera for all their hard work and continuing support.

Our **IFSO world congress** was again postponed to 23-27 August 2022. Whilst we were not able to meet in person, we managed to have two hybrid IFSO sessions and one IFSO-LAC session from Miami in the same dates when we were supposed to be there for IFSO 2021.

Please keep in your diaries to come to Miami for the XXV Silver Anniversary of the IFSO World Congress in August 2022 for the Congress that we have all waited so long to attend!!! Bring your families, bariatric team and friends to celebrate and enjoy the hospitality of Miami.

The **coronavirus** COVID-19 has affected **222 countries and territories** around the world. To date, nearly 280 million affected, and more than 5.4 million deaths and our way of living has indeed changed.

Who would have thought how readily we have adopted wearing facial masks, practice social distancing and reaching out to our patient via tele/video links to help stop the spread of COVID-19. My heartfelt condolences to all members who have personally suffered losses during this pandemic.



## Message from the President

As vaccines and booster vaccines are being rolled out, we hope to see the impact of the vaccine stopping the spread of the virus and hopefully we can get back to some normality that we were accustomed to. On behalf of IFSO, I would like to reach out to all our member societies and individual members to take all possible measures to provide the safest possible environment for themselves and their loved ones whilst we wait for this pandemic to pass us by.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the various IFSO Committees, our Chief Operating Officer, Manuela Mazzarella and her staff for their hard work and continuing support despite the chaos and uncertainty in their personal lives during the pandemic. I would like to thank the support of the IFSO Board of Trustees and the Executive Board who have helped me through my two years as President and their confidence in allowing me to extend my term to serve the IFSO community for a further year. It is indeed a privilege for me to be allowed to do so.

As we come to the end of what has been another eventful year, I am writing to thank each and every member for your support and for your work during this year and wish you all the very best for a well-deserved holiday season. As 2021 comes to an end, I would like to wish all members Happy and Safe Holidays and a Joyful Christmas with families and friends for the festive season.

May 2022 bring Hope, Joy, Happiness and Good Health and everything one can wish for.

Please continue to take care of yourselves, your families, your colleagues, and those around you.

I look forward to the day when we meet soon.

Lilian Kow, IFSO President



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27 May 2022 Early Bird Registration Closes	19 August 2022 Pre-Conference Registration Closes
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**Dr. Natan Zundel, USA**  
Congress President

**Dr. Raul Rosenthal, USA**  
Congress Co-President





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## Networking Opportunities

**Opening Ceremony + Welcome Reception:**

Wednesday, 24 August 2022. Opening Ceremony is from 5:30 - 6:30pm on Wednesday evening in the Main Plenary Hall and features welcome speech by the president of IFSO as well as the President of LAC. Welcome Reception follows in the Exhibit Hall from 6:30 - 8:00pm and is an exciting event for all meeting attendees, attracting the highest attendance of all of the evening receptions. Cash bar available and hors d'oeuvres provided. Will consider shared sponsorship. Opening reception is open to all attendees.

**Networking Reception:**

Friday, 26 August 2022 from 4:30 - 5:30pm. The final official event for IFSO 2022! Enjoy final memories of 2022 before adjourning until 2023. Cash bar available and hors d'oeuvres provided. Networking reception open to all attendees.

**Farewell Dinner:**

Friday, 26 August 2022 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm. Join fellow attendees for a fantastic dinner. Fontainebleau's premiere chefs have planned a world class dinner that will cap off a great week.







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CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD FEE (UNTIL MAY 27, 2022)	REGULAR FEE (MAY 28, 2022 - AUGUST 19, 2022)	ON-SITE FEE AUGUST 22, 2022 - AUGUST 27, 2022)
Delegate - IFSO / ASMBS Members	\$500	\$600	\$650
Delegate - Non Member	\$600	\$700	\$750
Integrated Health	\$275	\$325	\$350
Residents and Students	\$275	\$325	\$350

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2 Day Courses	Delegate - IFSO / ASMBS Members	\$325	\$375	\$450
	Delegate - Non Member	\$375	\$425	\$475
	Integrated Health	\$200	\$240	\$300
	Residents and Students	\$225	\$275	\$350
1 Day Courses	Delegate - IFSO / ASMBS Members	\$250	\$300	\$350
	Delegate - Non Member	\$300	\$400	\$500
	Integrated Health	\$175	\$225	\$300
	Residents and Students	\$200	\$250	\$350

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## IFSO 2022

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**Submission Deadline: March 25, 2022**

**Abstract Topics**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjustable gastric banding</li> <li>Anaesthesia and bariatric surgery</li> <li>Banded procedures</li> <li>Bariatric surgery in children, adolescents, and young adults</li> <li>Bariatric surgery in the over 65's</li> <li>Bariatric surgery tourism</li> <li>Basic science and research in bariatric surgery</li> <li>Cardiovascular risk and bariatric surgery</li> <li>Emergent technology, New Non-standard, and bariatric surgery</li> <li>Gastric Plication</li> <li>GERD and bariatric surgery</li> <li>Hernia surgery in the bariatric patient</li> <li>Integrated Health</li> <li>Investigational procedures</li> <li>Long term results (&gt; 10 years)</li> <li>Hypo-absorptive procedures</li> <li>Management of weight regain after surgery</li> <li>Multidisciplinary care (Primary care, Medical Management)</li> <li>NASH and bariatric surgery</li> <li>Nutrition, eating behaviors before and after bariatric surgery</li> <li>Revisonal surgery</li> <li>Robotic bariatric surgery</li> <li>Sleeve gastrectomy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgery and strategies for low BMI</li> <li>Type 2 diabetes and metabolic surgery</li> <li>Young IFSO session</li> <li>Surgical tourism</li> <li>Duodenal switch procedures, including Single-anastomosis DS</li> <li>Bariatric Surgery and cancer</li> <li>Impact of bariatric surgery on other surgical outcomes- transplant ortho and hernia</li> <li>Should we offer surgery to patients who smoke or drink excessive alcohol?</li> <li>A critical review of the need, or lack thereof, of preoperative weight loss</li> <li>Bariatric Surgery in Patients with Severe Heart failure, Pre-heart Transplant and those with LVADs</li> <li>Bariatric Surgery in the pediatric age group, how young should we go?</li> <li>Behavioral, psychosocial, and environmental predictors of bariatric surgery outcomes</li> <li>Adjunctive interventions to enhance weight loss and prevent weight regain</li> <li>Transplants (liver, kidney)</li> <li>SADs</li> <li>Artificial intelligence</li> <li>Pre and post nutritional deficiencies</li> </ul> |
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## IFSO European Chapter Report



Jean Marc Chevallier

President of IFSO  
European Chapter



In these days Europe is once more tied by COVID, resulting in Lock-Downs in several Central-European Countries and new restrictions in nearly all others...

Just before this 4th COVID wave broke over Europe we were able to hold our annual congress physically...

From the **4th to the 6th of November 2021 the 9th IFSO-EC European Chapter Congress took place in Prague**. Congress president and IFSO-EC Executive Director Martin Fried welcomed almost 250 participants at the congress venue. The scientific program was outstanding made up of 144 lectures in 25 sessions and lively discussions. The "Best-Abstract prize" was awarded to Magdalena Mairinger (Vienna), for "Liver fibrosis after one-anastomosis gastric bypass in a rat model of NAFLD". Also the social part was not forgotten at all: After many months of virtual meetings and webinars, the participants enjoyed it so much to come together and meet friends again not only at the congress but also at a fantastic Gala Dinner...

**Jean Marc Chevallier** (Paris/France) took over as IFSO-EC president from Gerhard Prager (Vienna/Austria) and **Nicola di Lorenzo** (Rome/Italy) was assigned as President-Elect of IFSO-EC. New member at Large of IFSO-EC is **Paulina Salminen** (Turku/Finland).



## IFSO European Chapter Report



**Ralph Peterli (Chair IFSO EC Scientific Committee)**

**Magdalena Mairinger**

**Jean-Marc Chevallier (President IFSO-EC)**



Paulina Salminen (MAL); Juan Pujol (Communication&Development Committee); Ralph Peterli (Scientific Committee); Martin Fried (Congress President & Executive Director); Gerhard Prager (Past-President); Michel Suter (Past-Past President); Jean-Marc Chevallier (President) Nicola Di Lorenzo (President-Elect); Moritz Felsenreich (Young IFSO)



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The Congress Dinner was held in the charming Gothic church of St. Ann in Prague Old Town that was built between 1313 and 1330 and it belonged to a Dominican convent.







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## IFSO European Chapter Report

An unexpected classical music concert entertained all guests.





## IFSO European Chapter Report

### **After the congress is before the congress:**

Our local congress president Ronald Liem is finalizing the program of [Zoom Forward 22 \(4-7 May 2022 in Maastricht, Netherlands\)](#), the joint “Congress on Obesity” of the European Association of the Study of Obesity (EASO) and IFSO-EC.

With an appealing and fully integrated scientific program with lectures by key opinion leaders, teaching workshops, ample room for (new) investigators to present their research findings, and opportunities for site visits to metabolic research facilities at Maastricht University Medical Centre+, we hope to see many of you in Maastricht, the Netherlands! Innovations and state-of-the-art science will be highlighted, as well as the challenges that lie ahead of us.

For those who are not yet allowed to travel due to COVID-19, this hybrid conference can be followed remotely. In addition, Maastricht lends itself perfectly to strengthen existing ties and make new contacts during one of the first major live events in Europe after the various lockdowns that we have necessarily experienced over the past two years. Furthermore, as the oldest city of the Netherlands, Maastricht has a rich historical past and a vibrant nightlife.

**Don't miss this most important congress on obesity in Europe in 2022!**





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[See you in Maastricht 2022!](#)

Jean-Marc Chevallier

IFSO-EC President

Gerhard Prager

IFSO-EC Past President



## IFSO Asia Pacific Chapter Report



**CunChuan Wang,**  
President of Asia  
Pacific Chapter

### IFSO-APC MEMBER SOCIETIES

#14 COUNTRIES and REGIONS: Australia/New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, Philippines, Japan, Korea, India, Iran, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia

# MEMBERS: 834





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**NEW SOCIETIES****➤ New Society: Thailand**

- Thai Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery



Dr. Sutdhachit Linananda  
President



Dr. Suthep Udomswangsup  
Vice President

**➤ New Society: Indonesia  
Indonesia Metabolic Bariatric Society**

- **Founding presidents**
- Dr. Errawan Wadisuria
- Dr. Barlian Sutedja
- **Current president**
- Dr. Reno Rudiman



23 members



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## IFSO North American Chapter Report



**Jaime Ponce**  
President of North  
American Chapter



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## IFSO North American Chapter

### Updates



#### ASMBS Published Position Statements 2020/2021

- ASMBS Position Statement on Preoperative Patient Optimization before Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- ASMBS Pre-operative Care Pathway for Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass (In Press May 2021)
- ASMBS Endorsement of AAP Pediatric Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Statement - March 2020
- ASMBS Position Statement on the Relationship Between Obesity and Cancer, and the Role of Bariatric Surgery - May 2020
- ASMBS Updated Position Statement on Single-Anastomosis Duodenal Switch - May 2020
- ASMBS Updated Position Statement on Metabolic Bone Changes after Bariatric Surgery - November 2020
- ASMBS Position Statement on the Rationale for Performance of Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Before and After Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery - April 2021

#### ABS Focused Practice Designation in Metabolic Bariatric Surgery

First course January 2022

First test April 2022

#### Foregut Fellowship Certification Program with SAGES & SSAT

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Rank amongst the surgery journals adjusted to 28/212 (previously 30/212)



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Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines for the management of Obesity in Adults, CMAJ 2020

Most cited CMAJ article for 2020

Canadian Standards in Bariatric Surgery and Medicine, Can J Surg 2021

To define standards of care in bariatric medicine and surgery in Canada

To offer credentialing to Canadian Centers of Excellence

New Canadian bariatric Morbidity & Mortality rounds

Canadian Bariatric Research network

To promote research collaboration between bariatric Centers



## IFSO Latin American Chapter Report



**Estuardo Behrens**  
President of Latin American Chapter



These were the activities of our Chapter, from October 2021 to December 2021.

- 1) Our General Council WhatsApp Chat is up to date.
- 2) Our Website (<http://www.ifsolac.net/>) with no changes
- 3) For the time being, our ZOOM webinars are in a standby period, because the last scientific activity that took place in Miami transmitted live via ZOOM to the IFSO community, demanded all our attention. Beginning in January 2022 we are planning to re start them again.



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**HOT TOPICS IN BARIATRIC SURGERY**

**CHAIRS:**

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## IFSO Latin American Chapter Report

4) IFSO LAC sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS OF SODOCIMEB (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SOCIETY OF METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY) that took place in Punta Cana during the second week of November, in a hybrid way (face to face and via ZOOM).



We are planning an intermediate meeting in **Tucuman, Argentina on March 16-18, 2022**, and then the IX IFSO LAC CONGRESS will be in Miami, USA, in August 2022, in conjunction with the XXV IFSO World Congress

That will be the last scientific activity in charge of this EXECUTIVE BOARD.

And last but not least, we are so proud announcing that in January 2022 will start our first 8 IFSO LAC Fellows training in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery in Tijuana, Mexico. This has been developed thanks to the collaboration of Natan Zundel MD FACS FASMBS, Juan Antonio López Corvalá MD FACS and our Executive Council.

Blessings to all the IFSO LAC family.



## IFSO Middle East—North African Chapter Report



**Khalid Mirza Gari**  
President of Middle  
-East North African  
Chapter



**IFSO MENAC WEBINAR**  
MAY 19, 2021






**MOHAMED ABOUZEID, Egypt**  
"Standardized BP limb in OAGB without measuring the small bowel length is the way to go."

**VS**



**EMAD ABDALLAH, Egypt**  
"Total small bowel measurement and bypassing a fixed ratio is a must in OAGB."



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Jordan



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## IFSO Middle East—North African Chapter Report

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## IFSO Middle East—North African Chapter Report

### CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

*Wednesday*

- Live Surgery Day
- Wet Lab Workshop

*Thursday-Saturday*

- Alternative Bariatric Procedures Debate Session
- Young IFSO-MENAC Session
- GOSS Session
- PASMBS Session
- SASMBS Session
- 5 Top Published Papers from the MENAC Region
- Basic GI Nutrition for Bariatric Surgeons
- Integrated Health Session
- Endoscopic Bariatric Procedures
- Revisional Surgery

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TOPICS

- Endoscopic Gastric Plication for Obesity
- Basic GI nutrition: what every bariatric surgeon should know
- One anastomosis gastric bypass: where do we stand
- GERD after Sleeve Gastrectomy: MENA perspective
- ERAS in Bariatric Surgery
- Complications of Bariatric Surgery
- Technical tips and Tricks in Bariatric Surgery: tutorials from experts
- Intra-op disasters: How to avoid and manage
- Revisional Surgery
- Metabolic Surgery
- Weight regain - causes and solutions

### KEY DATES

- Abstract submission opens: **8 November, 2021**  
deadline: **5 January, 2022**
- Notification of abstracts acceptance: **20 January, 2022**
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## IFSO Committee's Report



Scott A. Shikora

Editor-in-Chief *Obesity Surgery*  
Journal

### What is the status of our beloved journal?

Last week, we held our yearly *Obesity Surgery's* editorial board meeting. This meeting of the board gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the previous year's success in selecting the best manuscripts for publication in the journal. We review each of the steps involved and discuss ways to improve upon them. The process of receiving raw manuscripts, peer-reviewing them and then selecting the best ones for publication sounds easier than it is in reality. It requires hard work and the coordination of the reviewers, editors, associate editors, the Editor-in-Chief, and the managing editor, Deana Rodriguez. To succeed, all of these components, and others on the production end, such as the people involved with the printing, marketing, and distribution of the journal, must all run smoothly together like a fine clock. The goal is to select and prepare in a timely fashion, the best manuscripts from the over 1500 that will be submitted.

Over the past 10 years, based on what we learned from the previous years, we have achieved dramatic improvements of the process. In doing so, we have shortened the time it takes for manuscripts to go from submission to a final decision, while still providing the reader with quality articles.

Here are some of the highlights from 2020:

**1. Manuscript submission volume.** The journal has seen a yearly increase in the number of submitted manuscripts. In fact, the increase was so great that we had to increase the number of editors to accommodate the increased workload. Submission volume has tripled from 504 manuscripts submitted in 2012 to 1567 submitted manuscripts in 2020. This growth is very beneficial to the journal for two main reasons: Firstly, it demonstrates to potential authors that we are a popular journal for authors to submit their work. Secondly it enables us to be more selective and be more discriminating in deciding which papers to accept.



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The mediocre papers that used to be published, are now rejected. This improves the overall quality of the journal and attracts authors with even better papers. Last year, we rejected 51% of the submissions.

### Original Submitted Manuscripts

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
504	573	759	883	920	995	1118	1269	1567	1211

2020 – 49% accepted - 51% rejected

**2. Shortest time necessary to process a submitted manuscript.** One of the main factors of author satisfaction is the rapid turnover of submitted manuscripts. Authors are not pleased when it takes several months for a final decision to be made on a submission. Processing a manuscript however, is a complicated endeavor and consists of several steps. The submitted manuscripts are first sent to the managing editor, Deana Rodriguez who goes over each paper to assure that all of the necessary elements are included such as the manuscript, the abstract, a cover letter, key words, leaning objectives, and the appropriate paperwork filled out and signed. The papers are then sent to me. I review the papers for appropriateness for our journal. In addition, I look to see that the submissions are organized and written with proper English grammar. I then send the paper to the appropriate associate editor who reviews the paper and if deemed appropriate, sends it out to the reviewers. The paper is peer-reviewed and then is sent from the reviewers back to the associate editor. At that point, we start to consider the final status of the paper. The quality papers will get accepted. Those with potential will be sent back to the authors for revision and resubmission and those that don't make the cut are rejected. The usual bottleneck is the time it takes the reviewer to review the paper and send it back to the associate editor. As you can see in the table below, despite an increase in the number of submitted papers, we reduced the number of days it took to complete each step.

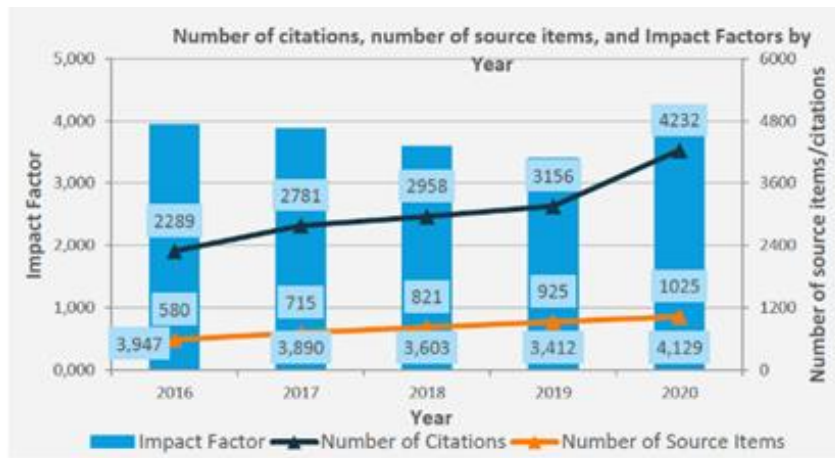
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Submission to first Decision	35	37	27	28	22	23
Submission to final Decision	79	70	74	72	47	54
Submission to Acceptance	107	99	97	93	85	75



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**3. Increase in the journal's Impact Factor.** The impact factor (IF) is a calculation that is used to reflect the quality of a journal. It can be used to judge how a journal compares with other journals or whether the performance of a journal is improving or not. The IF is calculated based on the number of cited articles divided by the number of recent (published) articles. See below. Our IF rose from 3947 in 2016 to 4232 in 2020.

Impact Factors 2016-2020



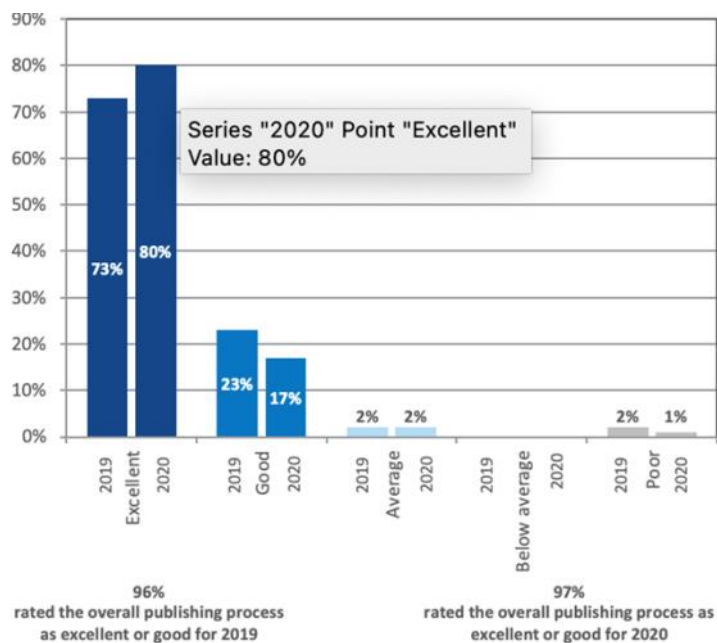
Due to the increase in the IF, we are now ranked 41 out of 212 English language surgical journals.

**4. Author Satisfaction.** As previously mentioned, author satisfaction is important as it may influence which journals an author may send their papers. One of the leading factors influencing author satisfaction is the amount of time it takes for the submitted manuscript to reach the final decision. Long delays can negatively impact an author's academic career. For example, a young researcher may be waiting for a submitted manuscript to be published so it can be used for an academic promotion. A prolonged turnover time could result in disrupting the author's promotion. It is more than likely that this author will be submitting future academic work to other journals. Additional measures of satisfaction include: editorial communication with the author, the peer review, editorial advice and management for the author to use to improve their paper, and the production and



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online processes. See the graph below. Overall, we achieved a 96% satisfaction rating.



### 5. Other accolades from the past 2 years:

- Fewest days from submission to publication = 54 days (2017 = 99 days)
- Publication of several IFSO position papers and guidelines
- Number of downloads in 2020 = 798,508 (over 70 papers downloaded every hour)
- Number of social mentions in 2020 = 2,202
- **Obesity Surgery** is now available in over 10,400 institutions

Our beloved journal, **Obesity Surgery**, the official journal of IFSO, is healthy and had another very successful year. This success is the direct result of the hard work of our reviewers, editors, and everyone else who is involved in the production of the journal. No statement of appreciation would be complete without also including a word of thanks to the authors who are loyal to **Obesity Surgery** and support us by submitting their work to us. Just remember that without submissions, there would be no journal.



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However, we can't sit back on our laurels. We must continue to work to improve the process and reach even higher levels of quality. Our goal is to continue to climb the rankings of the top surgical journals in the world.

**Thank you for a great year and let's have another in 2022.**

Warmest regards,

Scott Shikora, MD, FACS, FASMBS

Editor-in-Chief

***Obesity Surgery***





## IFSO Committee's Report



### IFSO Integrated Health Committee winter 2021

Mary O'Kane

#### **IFSO integrated Health Survey**

Chair of IFSO Integrated Health Committee  
President of Young IFSO

Thank you to all who responded to the Integrated Health (IH) Survey to members and societies earlier this year. We are in the process of analysing the responses. These will help to identify what you want from IFSO. Initial findings suggest that these include access to education and training, development of research and leadership skills and mentorship. There is also a call for more IH led guidelines, consensus statements, protocols, and patient pathways. Your views will help to influence future workstreams including discussions as to how we can achieve these and take up your offers of support.

#### **IFSO / World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)**

WGO, in recognition of its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, has made obesity its theme for this year and approached IFSO to work together. We held the IFSO - WGO joint conference "Obesity: an ongoing pandemic" on World Digestive Health Day in May. This included IH health presentations and input into the clinical case sessions. In addition, the WGO Obesity guidelines are being updated jointly with IFSO. IH members have been fully involved in this. Further work, with IH input, is planned over the next year

#### **IFSO and World Obesity Federation (WOF) SCOPE School**

IFSO and WOF held a SCOPE school over two days in June titled "Obesity & bariatric surgery: The patient journey". Several IH members were involved in giving presentations and participating in panel discussions.



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### **Webinars**

The excellent IH webinars on "Sleep and Chrono-nutrition", and "Pregnancy and Bariatric Surgery" are available via the IFSO webpage and IFSO YouTube channel. It was great to see the IFSO EC IH webinar on "Bone health following Bariatric Surgery: Implications for management, the IH point of view". We are planning future webinars and we would love to hear your suggestions.

### **IFSO guidelines**

Prof Scott Shikora will be leading the development of IFSO guidelines on bariatric surgery. IH members will be fully involved.

### **IFSO 2022**

We will be holding a postgraduate day and IH sessions in the main conference with excellent programmes and line up of speakers.

We look forward to meeting with you in Miami!

Mary O'Kane, Chair

Silvia Leite Faria, Vice-Chair

IFSO Integrated Health Committee



## IFSO Committee's Report



Barham Abu Dayyeh

Chair of IFSO Bariatric Metabolic  
Endoscopy Committee

### IFSO BARIATRIC METABOLIC ENDOSCOPY COMMITTEE

#### CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

Endoscopic bariatric therapies such as endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty have evolved to offer a minimally invasive approach to the management of obesity and metabolic complications while preserving the gastrointestinal tract function. However, the community has no clear guidance on the indications, contraindications, and positioning of such procedures to augment the spectrum of obesity and metabolic a and increase access to patients suffering from obesity and its consequences. The IFSO bariatric and metabolic endoscopy committee is working on a **systematic review and meta-analysis of the published literature** in order to provide an assessment to the IFSO community on the risks, benefits, and effectiveness of endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty. This will be followed by a Delphi consensus statement to address and reach consensus on salient clinical and technical factors around this procedure to offer a guide for surgeons and gastroenterologists embarking on adopting this technology in clinical practice.

In addition, the committee is designing a **series of webinars** to educate the IFSO community on the clinical, peri-procedural, and technical aspects of endoscopic bariatric therapies for management of obesity and complications post bariatric surgery.

The committee is also designing a robust program around these interventions be included in the **2022 IFSO global meeting in Miami**.





## Young IFSO



### New Year Message from Young IFSO:



Dear Friends and colleagues,

**Eren Taskin**  
President of Young  
IFSO

It has been a busy year for all of us. We have continued our surgical duties under the pressure of Covid-19 which is still surging with new variants across the globe. However, it has been a fruitful year for Young IFSO. We have completed 6 journal clubs this year, including three face to face sessions. Especially the sessions in European Chapter meeting in Prague, Frankfurter Meeting and also in MOSS meeting Antalya were fully crowded with vibrant discussions.

Young IFSO is growing and evolving with its high scientific standards, young and vibrant soul and dynamic power. Next year we will focus on more collaborative multi-center projects for each of our chapter representatives. This opportunity will allow more young professionals to be seen on podium and give them a chance to show their interesting research.

Although we are called young IFSO, our main mission is to connect highly experienced pioneers with young investigators in a relaxed and Professional setting to allow high quality scientific interaction. We are committed to raise the standards the bariatric and metabolic surgery in an ethical and Professional way throughout the globe. This mission in 2022 will continue in leadership of my friend new president of young IFSO, Wah Yang. I think he will do a great job in his term and we will continue to collaborate with him as always in the coming year. We are looking forward to a more healthy, prosperous 2022 as the Young iFSO and the big IFSO family. I embrace you all and wish you a happy Christmas and new year.

Best and warmest regards,

Eren Taskin, MD



Young IFSO



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 2 pm Central Europe  
 3 pm Alexandria  
 4 pm Istanbul  
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**SESSION I: KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**BEST SURGERY FOR DIABETES**



**SERGIO SANTORO**



**MODERATOR:** TOGHRUL TALISHINSKIY



**SESSION II: PAPERS DISCUSSION**

**"ROBOTIC SURGERY RESULTS IN BETTER OUTCOMES FOLLOWING ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS: MBSAQIP DATABASE ANALYSIS FOR THE YEARS 2015-2018"**



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**GERHARD PRAGER:**

BARIATRIC / METABOLIC SURGERY IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE OBESITY

**JUNE 21, 2021**

8 am Mexico City

9 am New York

3 pm Central Europe

4 pm Moscow

9 pm Beijing

11 pm Melbourne

**SESSION II: PAPER DISCUSSION**

**PAULINA SALMINEN & SOFIA GRÖNROOS:**

EFFECT OF LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY VS ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS ON WEIGHT LOSS AND QUALITY OF LIFE AT 7 YEARS IN PATIENTS WITH MORBID OBESITY: THE SLEEVEPASS RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL

**INTRODUCTION**

DANIEL MORITZ FELSENREICH



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## IFSO REGISTRY



Dear Members,

It is my pleasure - as IFSO President - to introduce **the Sixth IFSO Global Registry Report 2021** with data on **507,298 operations from 50 contributor countries** with 5 being mature national registries.

There have undoubtedly been challenges relating to the loss of connection and competing priorities that have come with the current COVID-19 global pandemic. Many bariatric units had to divert their resources towards the challenges of the COVID-19 infections in their hospitals and cities. During the waves of the various strains of COVID-19 across different countries and regions, elective surgery had to be abandoned in various forms, and resumed only to be cut back with the next wave.

My congratulations to the Registry Committee for their persistence in overcoming all the unprecedented challenges over the last 2 years, led by **Wendy Brown (Australia-APC), Richard Welbourn (UK-EC), John Dixon (Australia-APC), Ronald Liem (Netherlands-EC), Scott Shikora (USA-NAC), the Dendrite Clinical Systems partnership with Peter Walton and Robin Kinsman (United Kingdom).**



## IFSO REGISTRY

It is appropriate to acknowledge the work of the other **IFSO Registry Committee members** (in alphabetical order):

- Salman Al Sabah (MENAC)
- Mehran Anvari (NAC)
- Ricardo Cohen (LAC)
- Amir Ghaferi (NAC)
- Jacques Himpens (EC)
- John Morton (NAC)
- Johan Ottosson (EC)
- Francois Pattou (EC)
- Villy Våge (EC)

It is the goal of the IFSO Global Registry to try to work towards **providing the most credible and transparent information available on bariatric and metabolic surgery** within our international federation.

To achieve this, the IFSO Global Registry is continuing to work on **collecting good descriptive data about caseload / penetrance of surgery for metabolic disease and obesity** in various countries **and real-world data on outcome measures** for our patients with adiposity-based chronic diseases.

**I take this opportunity to reach out to all National Presidents and Chapter Presidents to assist in this IFSO Global Registry initiative.**

I would like to **encourage countries that are establishing their bariatric and metabolic programs to set up a national registry** and to encourage countries that have registries to aim to cover as many if not all of the procedures performed.



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By having as many national registries contributing towards the IFSO global registry, **IFSO will in return provide the key aspects of quality assurance and global trends** that will be essential to guide us in our mission to optimise the control of adiposity-based chronic diseases and to provide us with the tools in our mission to unify the global scientific, surgical and integrated health communities, for the purpose of dissemination of knowledge, collaboration and establishing universal standards of care for the treatment of individuals with adiposity-based chronic disease.

For a successful, meaningful Global Registry for the future, the IFSO registry committee members have been working on **identifying the core outcome measures that can be reliably defined, measured, provided, and compared internationally by all contributors**. This core dataset will be developed through a Delphi process over the coming months. This important core dataset will enable national registries to adapt to and be able to provide the core elements required for the inclusion of as many national datasets as possible.

I look forward to this initiative and the inclusion of many more national registries in our future IFSO Global registry reports.

**Lilian Kow**  
**IFSO President 2019-2022**



## IFSO REGISTRY

IFSO has worked hard in the last 12 months to ensure we are compliant with GDPR, the laws that govern data in Europe where we are registered as a Society. We have worked with individual contributors to provide them with consent forms for patients, and a framework for ethical approval. We have worked with national societies to understand what barriers exist that could prevent them from sharing data.

By ensuring the groundwork is correct, with **reliable and consistent data definitions, data collection and data governance**, we hope that the reports in the years ahead will fulfil our important mission. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the members of the IFSO Global Registry Committee, the leaders of all the national registries, the team at Dendrite and most importantly our contributors. Without your support, we would not have a report.

The IFSO Global Registry has achieved an enormous amount already. We are now poised to learn from this experience and move forward to provide not only the most accurate data available, but also to support those Societies seeking to start their own registry.

**I am very privileged to be a part of the team that is working on this initiative and I look forward to achieving our mission of providing the “most credible and transparent information available on metabolic / bariatric surgery” in the years to come.**

**Wendy Brown**  
**Chair of the IFSO Registry Committee 2018-2022**





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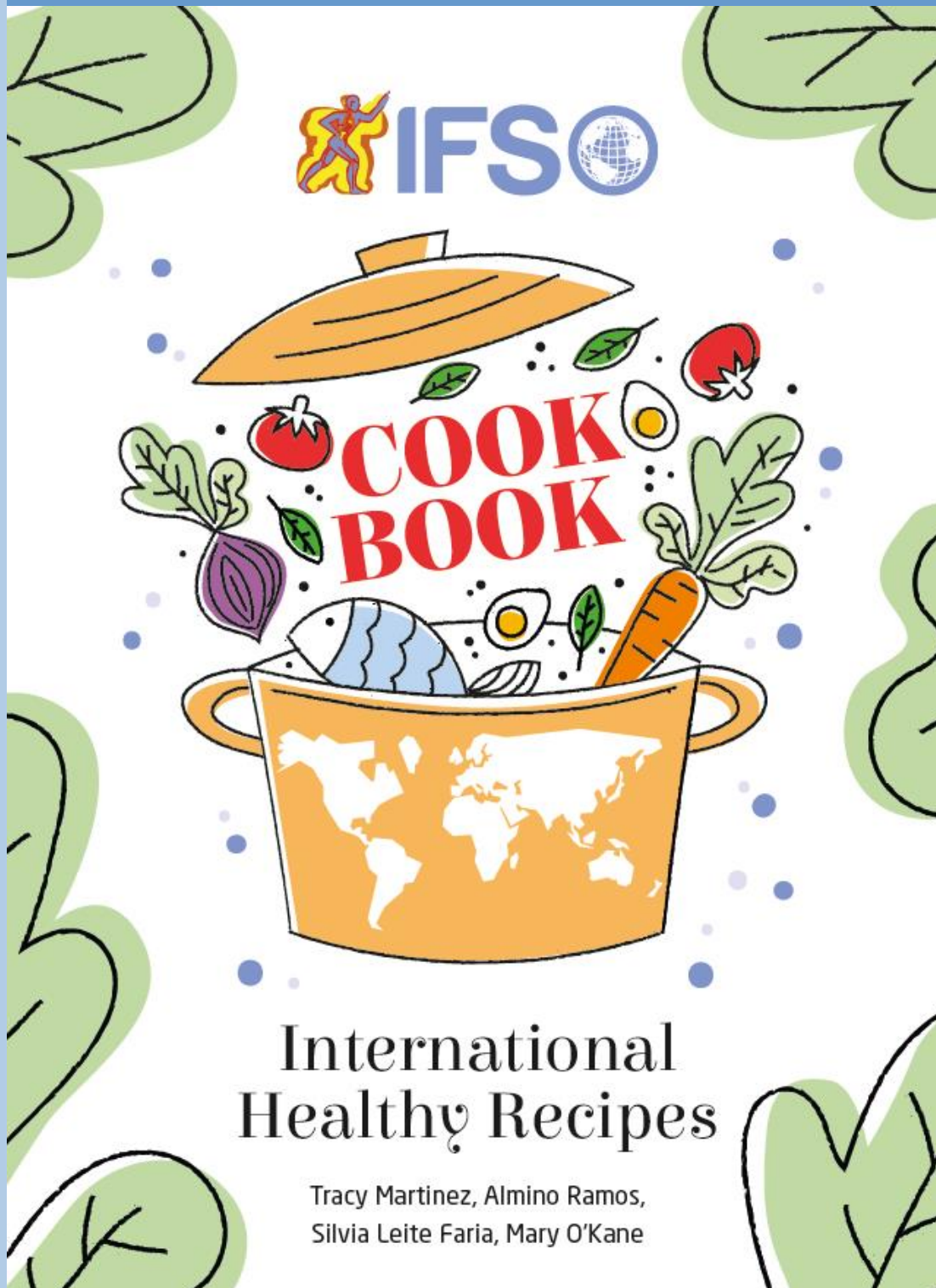
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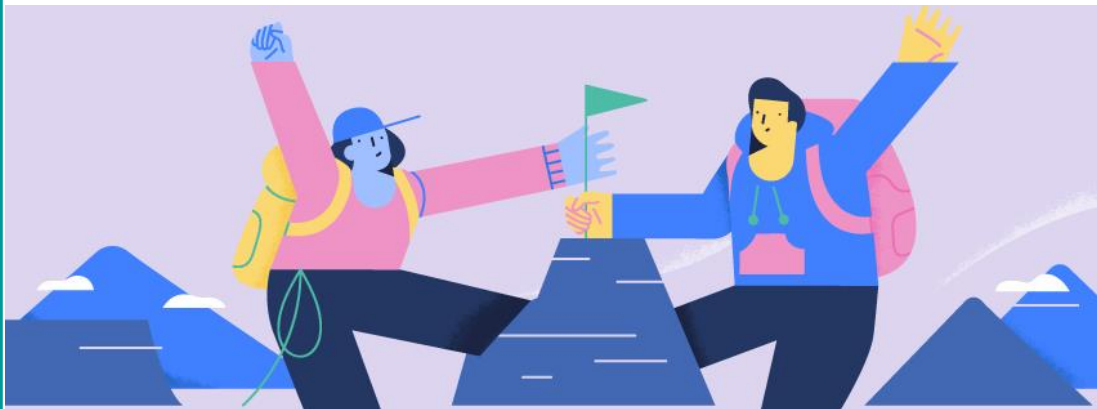


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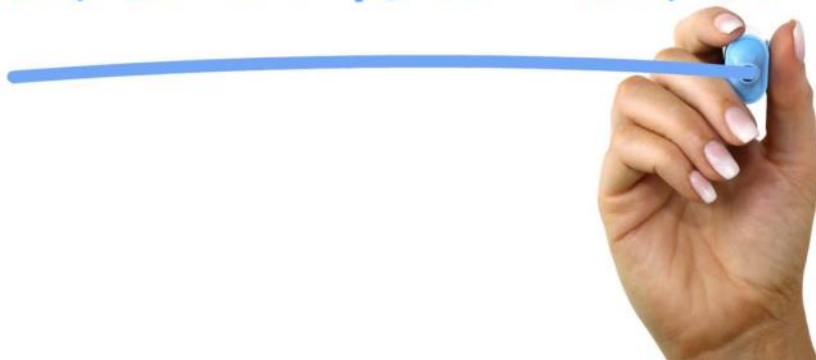
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### **METABOLIC SURGERY Grand Rounds** **"SEMAGLUTIDE AND OTHER NEW AGENTS FOR OBESITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR METABOLIC SURGERY"**

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Thursday, October 7th, 2021 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM Eastern Time US (-4 UTC) - Virtual

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**Semaglutide and Other New Agents for Obesity: Implications for Metabolic Surgery**

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Rachael Batterham, MD, PhD**  
Professor of Obesity, Diabetes and Endocrinology at University College of London Division of Medicine, London, England

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**"How can Metabolic Surgery Save Lives in the Covid 19 Era?"**

September 2nd, 2021 at 1:00-2:00 PM EDT

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**September Webinar ZOOM Link:**  
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**How Can Metabolic Surgery Save Lives in the Covid 19 Era?**

**Keynote Speaker**  
**All Aminian, MD, FACS**  
 Director, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OHIO (USA)

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**METABOLIC SURGERY Grand Rounds:**  
**"Single Anastomosis Duodenal Switch (SADIS/OADS): Is it Ready for Prime Time?"**

August 5th, 2021

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**METABOLIC SURGERY**  
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**August Webinar ZOOM Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85745637913>

Thursday, August 5th, 2021 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM EDT (UTC -4:00) - Virtual

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**Single Anastomosis Duodenal Switch (SADIS/OADS): Is it Ready for Prime Time?**

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Antonio J. Torres, MD, PhD**  
 Professor of Surgery, Chief General Digestive and Surgery Department, Hospital Clinico, San Carlos, Madrid, Spain

**Program Chairman:**  
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**Panelists:**

**Lilian Kow, BMBS, PhD, FRACS**  
 Director Adelaide Bariatric Centre President  
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**Ricardo Cohen, MD**  
 Director The Center for the Treatment of Obesity and Diabetes, Oswaldo Cruz German Hospital, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
 Past President - IFSO Latin American Chapter  
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**Carel Le Roux, MBChB, MSc, FRCP, FRCPath, PhD**  
 Full Professor of Experimental Pathology, School of Medicine, University College of Dublin





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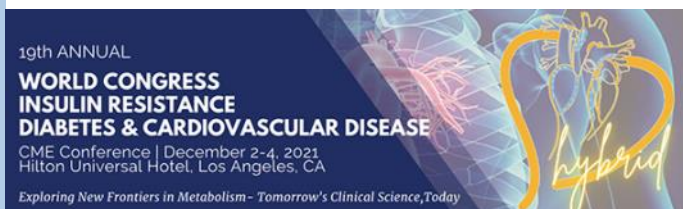
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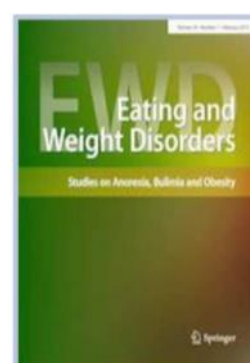
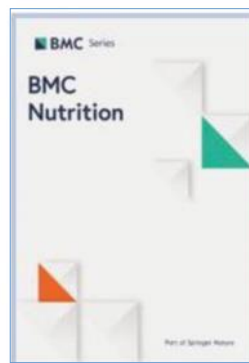
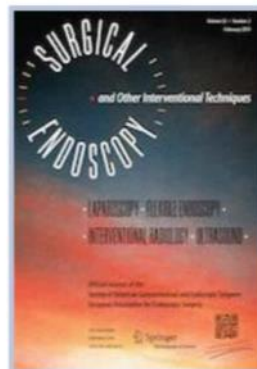


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