



## Message from the President



Lilian Kow  
President of IFSO

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first message as your President.

The World Congress in Madrid was a huge success with the highest number of attendees ever in the 24 years of IFSO world congresses with more than 3500 participants. The highest recorded number of attendees to IFSO 2019 in Madrid reflects the increasing burden of adiposity-based chronic diseases globally and the ever increasing need to address this prevalence of obesity not only as surgeons, physicians, researchers but with our multidisciplinary support staff and integrated health team partners to unite and educate against adiposity and metabolic disorders and to provide a continuum of care for our metabolic and bariatric patients. Running such a large meeting is not a simple task and many of the attendees have had their feedback regarding how we can make this Congress more successful (and perfect!!).

I would like to congratulate Congress President Professor Antonio Torres and IFSO President Doctor Almino Ramos for the superb congress meeting and the dedication of the IFSO Scientific Committee and the various session directors, coordinators, speakers and presenters who have tirelessly invested much of their time in making the congress the quality it was.

Not forgetting behind the scenes, IFSO Chief Operating Officer Manuela Mazzarella together with our PCO have also reached out to many delegates and have provided their assistance tirelessly to make the running of the Congress as smoothly as possible.

Finally I would like to thank our sponsors for their partnership to help make our Congress a further success with their generous contributions in particular our platinum sponsors Ethicon Inc and Medtronic.

Meeting so many friends and making new friends was one of the highlights of my attendance in Madrid. I would like to thank those of you who have reached out to me with ideas and projects and also for volunteering to become more involved with IFSO.



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I welcome all input and will endeavour to reach back to those that have communicated with me. The first task that was put to me was by Manuela who insisted that I must have a Facebook account. And so, I did!!!! I am proud to announce that since Madrid I am connected with over 600 Facebook friends!!!! And the number of Facebook "friend" requests is still coming in daily!!! This has certainly opened up another avenue for my communication. Thank you to all who have connected with me.

As IFSO continues to unify the global scientific, surgical and integrated health communities to treat individuals with adiposity-based chronic diseases, our thoughts are with our colleagues faced with political instability. The IFSO-MENAC 2020 meeting in Beirut, Lebanon is now postponed to 2021 due to the escalating financial crisis. Nevertheless, another venue for IFSO-MENAC 2020 meeting will soon be announced. Similarly, in Hong Kong, the chaos resulting from the pro-democratic protests have affected the daily-living in this once-vibrant city. Our thoughts are with our members of HKSMBS (Hong Kong Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery).

IFSO EC will host its meeting this year in the romantic Prague, Czech Republic, which is where the first IFSO meeting was held 24 years ago, in 1996, under the presidency of Doctor Martin Fried, when Professor Nicola Scopinaro was the first and founding President of our Federation.

IFSO LAC will host its meeting in conjunction with our 25th World Congress in the beautiful and sunny Miami, Florida. Our silver anniversary: a not to be missed event for all of us! Abstract submission and registration for IFSO 2020 are already open, so please send us your most interesting studies and let's make together another great conference and gathering of friends and colleagues.

The last one of our Chapter meetings in chronological order will be this year the APC that will take place exceptionally in October, in the exotic island of Sri Lanka, in its capital city Colombo, on the beautiful Indian Ocean, that will fascinate you with its temples and landscapes.



## Message from the President

A recent position statement released by ASMBS on weight bias and stigma highlights the increasing weight-based discrimination towards individuals with adiposity-based diseases. This negative attitude perceived by patients may cause them to be reluctant to seek general healthcare or help. The forms of discrimination highlighted in this paper posing as barriers include disrespectful treatment, negative attitudes of health providers, unsolicited advice to lose weight, embarrassment of being weighed and medical equipment too small to be functional. As such these individuals are not seeking medical intervention for their age-appropriate cancer screenings resulting in delays in detection of breast, gynaecological and colorectal cancers

Hence it highlights our mission: we must continue our communication, interaction, education, sensitivity training and competency to all healthcare providers globally to provide universal standards of care for individuals with adiposity-based diseases.

Psychological support to patients undergoing bariatric surgery is extremely important too. IFSO has recently endorsed BOMSS guidelines that describe service models for the delivery of psychological support pre-surgery and 6 to 9 months post-surgery involving online resources, group workshops and face-to-face consultations. The guidelines recognise that interventions for patients with less complex needs may be provided by upskilled, and suitably supervised, staff. Those with more complex needs should have access to a psychologist within the bariatric surgery service. IFSO has endorsed these guidelines recognising the significant contribution of psychologists and other integrated health members in supporting patients through their bariatric surgery journey.

As the year 2019 comes to an end, I would like to wish all members Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas for the festive season.

May 2020 bring Joy, Happiness and Good Health and everything one can wish for all our members.

Lilian Kow

IFSO President



## European Chapter Report



**Gerhard Prager**  
President of the  
European Chapter

A few weeks ago, on 14th of November Prof. Eric Hazebroek was inaugurated as "Special Professor of Nutrition and Obesity Treatment" at Wageningen University (Netherlands).

The festive inauguration ceremony was preceded by a high-class symposium entitled "Food for thought on Obesity Treatment".

Congratulations from IFSO-EC side especially to Eric and also to the entire Dutch Bariatric/Metabolic Society (President Ronald Liem).



Collegium of Professors at the Inauguration Ceremony for Prof. Eric Hazebroek



Marco Bueter (Zurich/Switzerland)-Prof. Eric Hazebroek (Wageningen/Netherlands) – Gerhard Prager(Vienna/Austria)

Our IFSO-EC Communication and Development Committee has developed a picture and video resource which we trust you will find useful! The first videos can already be accessed through the IFSO-EC website!

Because one of our aim is to show a wide diversity in techniques, it is crucial to keep feeding the platform with new videos. We would love to review your video, so start sending them in right away via [www.ifso-ec.com](http://www.ifso-ec.com)

Videos are a useful resource for all surgeons from the young to residents and more experienced surgeons, and can be used for training purposes as well as debate and discussion.

The Gallery will be built through input from our surgical community and we ask for your assistance in building up this resource.

***Send your videos now!***



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Our Scientific Committee together with the Executive Board and the congress president Prof. Martin Fried is busy in finalizing the program for the upcoming **9th IFSO-EC Congress**, that will take place in charming Prague (Czech Republic) from **May 21st to May 23rd 2020**.

Take the opportunity to participate in this congress with a variety of international top guest speakers and a vibrating world class scientific program in one of the most appealing European cities!



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in Prague*



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**OCTOBER 1, 2019**  
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**DECEMBER 16, 2019**  
Abstract Submission Deadline

**MARCH 11, 2020**  
Early Registration Deadline

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Last but not least **EAES – European Association of Endoscopic Surgeons** (sponsor) together with IFSO-EC, **EASO – European Association for the Study of Obesity** and **ESPCOP – European Society for Perioperative Care of the Obese Patient** are about finalizing an update of the 2004 EAES guidelines on bariatric surgery.

This update was a difficult task, with more than 20K new papers to be reviewed. To this aim, the GRADE methodology was applied, probably being the first surgical guideline development group (16 experts from different societies) using the GRADEpro platform to summarize evidence. The development and reporting complies with AGREE II standards. The new guidelines will be available/published in the next months.



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### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

#### South African Association for Obesity and Metabolism (SASSO)

SASSO has had the opportunity to reflect on a very successful period for the year of 2019. Two surgeons have reached full accreditation status and been added to the board. In addition, two surgeons have started there their provisional accreditation process. This means that our national tallies for metabolic surgeries have grown to close on 3000, whilst maintaining a mortality of only 0.2 %.

Statistics for the Centers of Metabolic Medicine and Surgery was released during an international congress held in Cape Town during October 2018. The EXCO is continuing our public and media awareness campaigns with SABC2's Bonitas House Calls, Medical Chronical, South African Woman's Health, Sunday Times and various radio stations. Awareness interviews on RSG, the national radio station, have escalated as a result of more than the usual public interest and a high volume of requests to continue the talks. Podcasts are available on our social media. Social media has become a popular tool to educate the public and SASSO has two websites, [www.sasso-online.org](http://www.sasso-online.org), [www.cemmswaterfallcity.com](http://www.cemmswaterfallcity.com)

Facebook and Instagram links provide excellent exposure where the blogs and newsletters are concerned.

Monthly information sessions became a much needed way to address the requests from the lay public. Two of the bariatric patients are busy with the formalizing of a bariatric recipe book. This promises to be a huge success for bariatric patients as well as correct meal-planning for families.

The board discusses pertinent issues convening through SKYPE meetings and SASSO had their formal board meeting during the recent World Congress on Internal Medicine in Cape Town. The chair of SASSO has also taken care of addressing a number of unacceptable obesity treatment strategies offered to the public. This was done by manner of addressing these strategies both with the media and the medical journals and through our social media links.



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Our data base for surgeries conducted at all the centres in the country, has drawn global attention, the CEO of SASSO forms part of the Gender Equality in Bariatric Medicine movement and she serves on their Women’s Committee. She also plays a pivotal role in World Obesity’s Clinical Care Pathway.

The standardisation of post-surgical replacement packs have been implemented and all National Centers of Excellence for Metabolic Medicine and Surgery in South Africa are aware of the importance of issuing it to patients. The EXCO of SASSO has assisted the Health Profession Council (SA) by giving testimony in a number of cases that required disciplinary hearings. Finally, SASSO is committed to further training and sponsoring of physicians to attend the Congresses relating to Metabolic Medicine to be held in 2019. Accreditation training for surgeons and their clinical teams were well-attended and requests and bookings for the four training sessions that has been confirmed for next year are starting to fill up.

Ongoing efforts to establish a more formal treatment protocol in the tertiary institutions have resulted in a PhD student who have handed in her Protocol at the University of Pretoria in South Africa and is conducting research with pre- and post-patients in our Centre. This was followed-up by a high-delegation visit from the Faculty of Health Sciences in May 2019. Subsequently approval has been requested that SASSO will provide the first ever Satellite Training Unit that runs under the auspices of the University of Pretoria. Successful discussions with Business Leadership South Africa will result in obtaining a Fellowship in Bariatric Medicine for this Satellite Unit. The Netcare Group will also provide funding for a year to support a second fellowship.

The award ceremony for Ward Hostesses (trained by our bariatric dieticians) in the Netcare Waterfall City Hospital has gained momentum and after three years since its inception this annual ceremony has become the highlight of the year. Those who excel in their year are given a special award – which in turn has given the recipients enormous pride in their strive for excellence.





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### **Annual Ward Hostesses Graduation ceremony**

SASSO's Internationally Accredited Centre for Metabolic Medicine and Surgery in Midrand, South Africa, consist of the first Sleep Centre for obese patients only and we are honoured to have the services of a trained Bariatric General Practitioner who takes care of our long-term patients.



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### Turkish Obesity Surgery Society (TOSS)

We have recently hosted the **5th Mediterranean Obesity Surgery Summit** together with the **6th TOSS National Congress** in Antalya on October 14-17, 2019. It was a scientific festival with delegates from 21 Mediterranean and Eurasian countries and from all over the World. 350 participants enjoyed the interactive session as well as pre-congress courses which involved also box stations for basic laparoscopic suturing and stapling. It was an outstanding IFSO endorsed meeting which provided 21 UEMS CME credits to participants.



We have also formed the Central Asian Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Task force in this meeting to provide fellowship programs and educational activities for Turkish speaking countries especially countries bordering Caspian Sea where the bariatric and metabolic surgery has started its progress recently.

The young IFSO session in the meeting was a true success where we have formed our societies young surgeon chapter which will work as a chapter organizing many free fellowship and proctorship activities and research collaborations for young surgeons.

We are proud to support the global Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery education and propagate the IFSO mission and goals among our local and regional community. We will organize further major IFSO endorsed events this year and share with you all.

We wish all of our friends merry Christmas and happy new year.

Best and warmest regards,

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Sahin

Dr. Eren Taskin

President of TOSS

Secretary of TOSS



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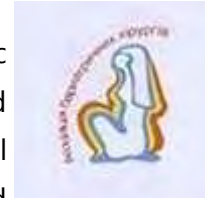




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### Ukrainian Association of Bariatric Surgery (UABS)

On October 24-25 2019, the Ukrainian Association of Bariatric Surgery (President Andriy Lavryk, Secretary Andriy Zgonnyk) held a scientific and practical conference with international participation - "New Trends in Surgical Treatment of Obesity and Related Metabolic Disorders".



The aim of the conference was to familiarize doctors with current issues of diagnostics and modern approaches to the treatment of obesity and related metabolic disorders using innovative methods of surgical treatment.

Scientific and practical directions of the conference:

- new perspectives on the etiology and pathogenesis of obesity and associated metabolic disorders;
- discussing the differential approach to the choice of bariatric surgery in patients with obesity and concomitant metabolic disorders;
- consideration of innovative directions in the treatment of obesity;
- live surgery.

Scientists and doctors of various profiles, who deal with obesity problems, were invited to the conference: surgeons, oncologists, obstetricians, endocrinologists, GPs, family doctors, physicians, gastroenterologists, pharmacologists, interns. During the two days of the conference 22 reports were presented at three meetings and 2 live surgery workshops were held. 130 doctors participated in the conference.



Prof. Andriy Lavryk MD, SciD



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**Prof. Andriy Lavryk MD, SciD**



**Dr. Andriy Zgonnyk MD, PhD**



**Prof. Olexandr Tyvonchuk MD,  
SciD**



**Prof. Jakov Bereznyts`kyy, MD,  
SciD**



## North American Chapter Report



**Raul Rosenthal**  
President of North  
American Chapter

The ASMBS Annual Meeting at **ObesityWeek in Las Vegas, NV** was the largest, most successful meeting to date.

We are extremely grateful for our over 5,800 attendees, speakers, exhibitors, and sponsors who supported us. Click [here](#) to view photos from the meeting.

The primary theme of ObesityWeek this year was Diabetes. Dr. William Cefalu, the current Director of the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases (DEM) at the NIDDK, NIH, was the ObesityWeek Keynote Speaker. ASMBS also hosted two collaborative sessions on diabetes: "Diabetes and the Metabolic Surgeon – How, Who, Where and What?" led by Dr. Ali Aminian, and "Interventional Treatment of Diabetes", a joint session with the American Diabetes Association led by ASMBS Immediate Past President Dr. Eric DeMaria and Dr. William Cefalu. The joint ASMBS/IFSO *One Anastomosis Metabolic Procedures: Gaining Popularity Around the World. Why Not in the U.S.?* was also extremely well attended.



On Wednesday, November 6, the ASMBS, ASMBS Foundation, and IFSO hosted an International Reception. The reception was a great opportunity for guests who traveled great distances to network with one another. The following international award recipients were recognized for their outstanding abstracts:

Dr. Catherine Tsai for her abstract titled *Laparoscopic Conversion from Gastric Sleeve to Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass with Remnant Gastrectomy using Fluorescent Angiography*



Dr. Haitham Elmaleh for his abstract for *Short-Term Results Of A Randomized Controlled Trial On The Effect Of Laparoscopic One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass Versus Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy In Treatment Of Obese Type 2 Diabetic Patients*





## North American Chapter Report

The North American Chapter board met in Las Vegas and unanimously approved making a change to their current board structure. The board will now have two new seats filled by an Integrated Health representative from each of the two member organizations, ASMBS and the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons. This change will take place in 2020.

In addition, the board discussed ways to increase communication throughout the year and the possibility of adding a few committees.

The IFSO North American Chapter is looking forward to meeting again during the IFSO Congress in Miami, FL in 2020.



## North American Chapter Report

### Minneapolis surgeon Dr. Henry Buchwald receives the 2019 Jacobson Innovation Award of the American College of Surgeons

*International award recognizes surgeon's life-long pioneering work and innovative research in metabolic and bariatric surgery.*

CHICAGO (June 10, 2019): The 2019 Jacobson Innovation Award of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) was presented to Henry Buchwald, MD, PhD, FACS, at a dinner held in his honor on Friday evening June 7. Dr. Buchwald is a surgeon, researcher, inventor, teacher, and mentor with a career spanning more than five decades as a surgeon scientist.

The prestigious Jacobson Innovation Award honors living surgeons who have been innovators of a new development or technique in any field of surgery and is made possible through a gift from Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS, and his wife Joan. Dr. Jacobson is a general vascular surgeon known for his pioneering work in the development of microsurgery.

Dr. Buchwald was honored with this international surgical award for his life-long pioneering work and innovative research. He is considered a pioneer of metabolic and bariatric surgery, formerly considered a fringe field for obese patients and excluded from mainstream academic surgical practice. Dr. Buchwald helped transform bariatric surgery into a legitimate field of study and application. Today, bariatric surgery is performed in almost every academic medical center and community hospital in the U.S.

Early in his career, while he was a laboratory resident, Dr. Buchwald discovered that the ileum, part of the small intestine, is the primary site for the absorption of cholesterol and bile acids. As a result, he developed the Buchwald Procedure: the partial ileal bypass (PIB) operation, which bypasses part of the ileum to lower cholesterol levels. The PIB procedure was one of the first surgical techniques to treat a metabolic disease and remains the most potent therapy to lower plasma cholesterol levels in humans today.

Among Dr. Buchwald's extensive research accomplishments is a landmark paper in *Circulation* that led to the multi-institutional trial on the surgical management of hyperlipidemias: Program on the Surgical Control of the Hyperlipidemias (POSCH), which received continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 1973 to 1997. The trial proved the link between cholesterol and heart disease, demonstrating that lowering cholesterol can reduce heart disease and save lives.

Dr. Buchwald has received seven additional NIH grants to study a totally implantable infusion pump device. He founded a separate bioengineering laboratory to produce the first implantable infusion pump, a novel peritoneovenous shunt, one-way flow catheters, and other devices. He later patented the infusion pump for widespread use in insulin delivery, continuous delivery of chemotherapy, and further applications. He holds 20 patents to his name and was inducted into the Minnesota Inventors Hall of Fame in 1988.

The 53rd annual *Surgical Forum* at the ACS Clinical Congress was dedicated to Dr. Buchwald as "a true surgeon scientist who, through creativity and perseverance, has made seminal contributions to science and society" and mentored more than 65 surgical residents and trainees. He has received numerous awards and honors, including a tribute in the U.S. Senate Congressional Record in 1991. He has been elected to five presidencies of national and international professional societies.

[View a list of all Jacobson Innovation Award Recipients.](#)

*"FACS" designates that a surgeon is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.*



Henry Buchwald, MD, PhD, FACS, was presented with the Jacobson Innovation Award on June 7 by ACS President Ronald V. Maier, MD, FACS. Dr. Buchwald was honored with this international surgical award for his life-long pioneering work and innovative research.





## Latin American Chapter Report



**Estuardo Behrens**  
President of Latin  
American Chapter

These were the activities of our Chapter in the last four months, from August 2019 to November 2019.

1) The communication between the Presidents and Past Presidents is very active through the WhatsApp Chat, and by the time being, is the best way to keep in permanent contact. We have created a new chat only with the voting members of General Council, as we need to work together specially in the modification of the IFSO LAC bylaws. This is a very efficient way to work all together.

2) In our Website (<http://www.ifsolac.org/>) you have updated the whole list of Presidents with their emails.

3) The most important activity during this period was the IFSO LAC Symposium during the World Congress of IFSO, held in Madrid, in Palacio Municipal de Congresos, on September, 3rd to 7th, 2019, in Madrid Meeting Room. It was a two day meeting, and the official language was Spanish. Not to mention that many of IFSO LAC members participated as Faculty in different sessions during the Congress.

Dr. Antonio Torres was an excellent host in Madrid. The organization with the leadership of Dr. Almino Ramos, was spectacular, and the scientific level was outstanding.





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It also took place the Extraordinary meeting of IFSO LAC General Council. We had representation of 15 countries. During this meeting, the General Council approved the modification of the IFSO LAC Bylaws. We have already sent a copy to IFSO Secretary.





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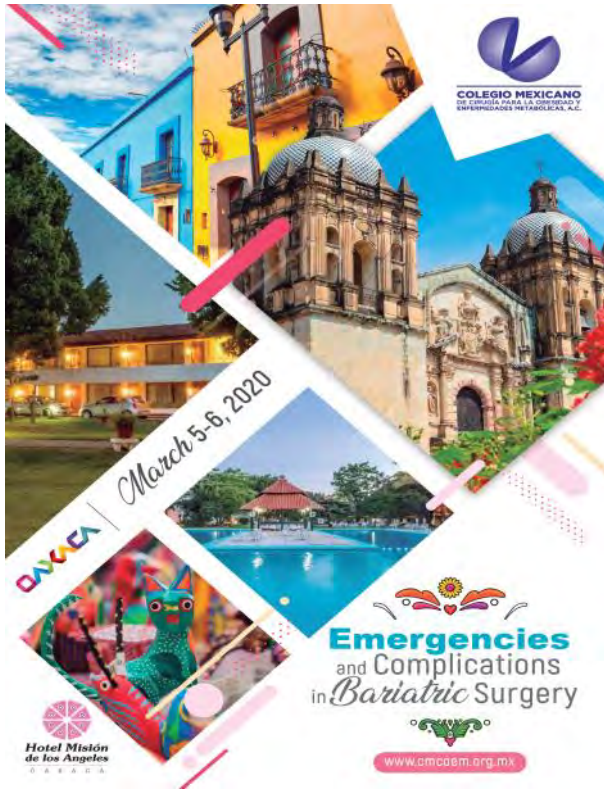
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### Colegio Mexicano de Cirugía para la Obesidad y Enfermedades Metabolicas



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## Asia Pacific Chapter Report



**Kazunori Kasama,**  
President of Asia  
Pacific Chapter

Dear IFSO members,

It is my pleasure to report what happened from the last report.

Prof. Simon Wong (President, Hong Kong Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Society), Prof. Edward Oliveros (President, Phillipine Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery ), Prof. Yoshinori Hosoya (Congress president, Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity) and Prof. Arun Prasad (President, Obesity Surgery Society of India) kindly replied to my request for the report of their activities and congress.

I am glad to announce that a new society formally joined IFSO, **Sri Lanka** (Sri Lanka Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery SLSMBS, President, Prof. Thejana Wijerante), while **Indonesia** started the joining process (Indonesian Metabolic and Bariatric Society : IMBaS, President, Prof. Errawan R Wiradisuria)

Starting from this year the IFSO APC Congress will be held every year (before every two years). The **7th IFSO APC Congress** will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in autumn 2020. Colombo is a beautiful city with full of history and natural attractions. I would like to invite many IFSO members to IFSO APC 2020.

IFSO APC started new committee named **IFSO APC Library Committee** chaired by Dr. Yosuke Seki (Japan).

The task of this Committee is to provide you with a monthly review of all the articles related to metabolic and bariatric surgery and interdisciplinary / Integrated Health topics, published in the Asian Pacific Region (main source: PubMed).

Only English written, peer reviewed, Pubmed indexed paper are eligible to be selected. The monthly literature review will be posted on IFSO APC website [www.ifso-apc.com](http://www.ifso-apc.com) and circulated to all APC members by email every month, starting from November 2019.

We hope to see the number of publications coming from APC grow more and more in the near future and we also hope that you will find this useful for your future studies and researches and in general for your profession. **Please check IFSO-APC website frequently and get your knowledge updated in very easy way!**



## Asia Pacific Chapter Report

### IFSO APC Approved Training Facility

IFSO APC wants to make sure that only qualified Centres act as Training Centres in bariatric and metabolic surgery in the Asia Pacific Region.

If you are an IFSO APC member in good standing, living in countries of the IFSO APC, and you want your

Bariatric Centre to be defined "IFSO APC Approved Training Facility" (ATF), please look at the [Application Guidelines](#) and see if your centre fulfills the minimal requirements.

If so, please fill in the application form and send it to [secretariat@ifso.com](mailto:secretariat@ifso.com)

The Committee will review your application and, if it fulfills the criteria, you will be contacted to arrange the site inspection.

Let's keep the quality of our Centres at the highest level to guarantee our patients the highest level of safety.

So far we have **3 Certified Centres:**

- 1) First Affiliated Hospital of Jinan University, Guangzhou (China) -  
Prof. Cunchuan Wang
- 2) The Fourth Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University,  
Shenyang, Liaoning (China) - Prof. Liu Jingang
- 3) Beijing Friendship Hospital, Capital Medical University Beijing - China  
Prof. Zhongtao Zhang





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### First Affiliated Hospital of Jinan University, Guangzhou





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### The Fourth Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University, Shenyang, Liaoning







## Asia Pacific Chapter Report

### Beijing Friendship Hospital, Capital Medical University Beijing





## Asia Pacific Chapter Report

### Report from Hong Kong Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (HKSMBS)



This is the third year since our society establishment in November 2017. Thanks to the hard work of our council members, our society has achieved the mission of education and promotion of Bariatric Surgery in Hong Kong.

A 3-monthly Clinical Meeting was held in Hong Kong with interesting case presentations and fruitful discussions. On 23rd-24th August 2019, we organized our Second HKSMBS Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Workshop 2019 at the Minimally Invasive Surgical Skill Center, Prince of Wales Hospital. We invited Prof. R Kosai from Malaysia, Prof. CK Huang from Taiwan, and Dr. H Liang, Prof. Yong Wang and Ms Xiaomei Chen from China. It is a 2 days program with lectures and pig-model Hands-On workshop. We had 35 candidates registered included our members and doctors from China.



Moreover, on 9th November 2019, we have organized our first HKSMBS Annual Scientific Meeting at Kowloon Shangri La Hotel. We have invited Prof Asim Shabbir from Singapore as our overseas Guest speaker. On the same meeting, we have announced our first HKSMBS position statement on "Indication of Metabolic & bariatric surgical procedure" and our official Launch of Website [www.hksmbs.org](http://www.hksmbs.org). Moreover, young surgeons from 6 HK hospital has presented their scientific paper during the ASM and Dr Eric Cheung from North District Hospital has won the Best Paper award.



## Asia Pacific Chapter Report



Simon KH Wong

President

Hong Kong Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery HKSMBS



## Asia Pacific Chapter Report

### **Report from Philippine Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS)**

July 8-9, 2019

"Barriers in Metabolic Surgery" lecture & video series during the Philippine Association for Laparoscopic & Endoscopic Surgery Annual Convention in Manila, Philippines. Invited guest speaker was Dr Suthep Udomsawaengsup. Local speakers were Dr Edward Oliveros, Dr Michelle Lim-Loo, and Dr Raymund Erese.

August 1-3, 2019

"Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery" video series during the Philippine Society of General Surgeons Annual Convention in Manila, Philippines. Invited guest speaker was Dr Asim Shabbir. Local speakers were Dr Jose salud, Dr Edward Oliveros, and Dr Jeffrey Domino.

August 3-4, 2019

Metabolic Disease Conclave: Standards of Care. Joint symposium & live porcine workshop on Bariatric Surgery with St Luke's Medical Center, Quezon City, Philippines. Local speakers were Dr Edward Oliveros and Dr Jeffrey Domino. Workshop was organized by Dr Jhonathan Adora, Dr Paolo Porciuncula, and Dr Mark Melendres.

**EDWARD OLIVEROS, MD, FPCS, FACS**

President, Philippine Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS)





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### Report from JSTO

The **37th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity (JSTO)** was held in conjunction with the **40th Annual Meeting of Japan Society for the Study of Obesity (JASSO)** in Tokyo, November 2-3, 2019. The JASSO has mainly focused on internal medicine aspects and basic research in obesity. The JSTO has mainly focused on the surgical treatment of patients with morbid obesity. This is the first joint meeting of these two societies and the aim is to collaborate to enhance the comprehensive treatment of obesity and related diseases in Japan. The meeting included 18 symposia (including an international symposium), 40 oral presentations, 26 poster sessions, 2 special lectures (Professors David E. Cummings and Peter Arner), a Japan-Korea-Taiwan joint meeting, and other sessions. As a result of this meeting, about 2000 participants recognize the aims of the medical/scientific and surgical societies for the treatment of patients with obesity and confirmed the role of bariatric/metabolic surgery in Japan.

Yoshinori Hosoya MD PhD

Chairperson

37th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity





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### **Report from Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI)**

24-26 January 2019: Annual conference at Kolkata attended by around 300 delegates. Organised by Dr. Om Tantia and team.



Theme was 'keep it safe and simple'. 3 days of live surgeries, training courses and conference. OSSI announced 17 centres of excellence and position statements regarding bariatric procedures were made.

20 April 2019: Endorsed meeting at Bangalore organized by Dr. Sumit Talwar at Manipal Hospitals. Theme was 'Robotic Bariatric Surgery'. 2 live surgeries were shown and there was day long meeting discussing robotic bariatric surgery.

26-28 September 2019: Endorsed meeting of Fellowship in Bariatric Surgery. Meeting was organized in New Delhi by Dr. Deep Goel on behalf of IAGES. This was the 4th edition and for the first time both associations joined hands for this course.

17-19 October 2019: Endorsed meeting of Laparofit 2019 was organized in Chennai by Dr. Praveen Raj at GEM Hospitals. The theme for this year "Lets talk the untalked". There was a pre conference cadaveric training program during the meeting.

13-16 November 2019: Endorsed meeting of Baricon 2019 was organized in New Delhi by Dr Sandeep Aggarwal at AIIMS. The meeting had cadaveric courses, live surgeries and 2 days of conference. The theme of the conference was 'Management of complications'.

We are now looking forward to **OSSICON 2020** from **26 - 29th February 2020** to be held at Taj Vivanta, Dwarka, New Delhi. This will be the 18th National Conference of Obesity & Metabolic Surgery Society of India. Theme: 'Turn Data Into Information & Information Into Insight'.

**Dr Arun Prasad FACS, FRCS, MS**

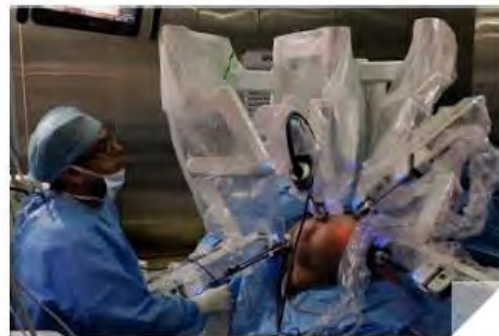
**Chief of Bariatric Surgery**

**Manipal Hospitals, New Delhi, India**

**President - OSSI**



## Asia Pacific Chapter Report







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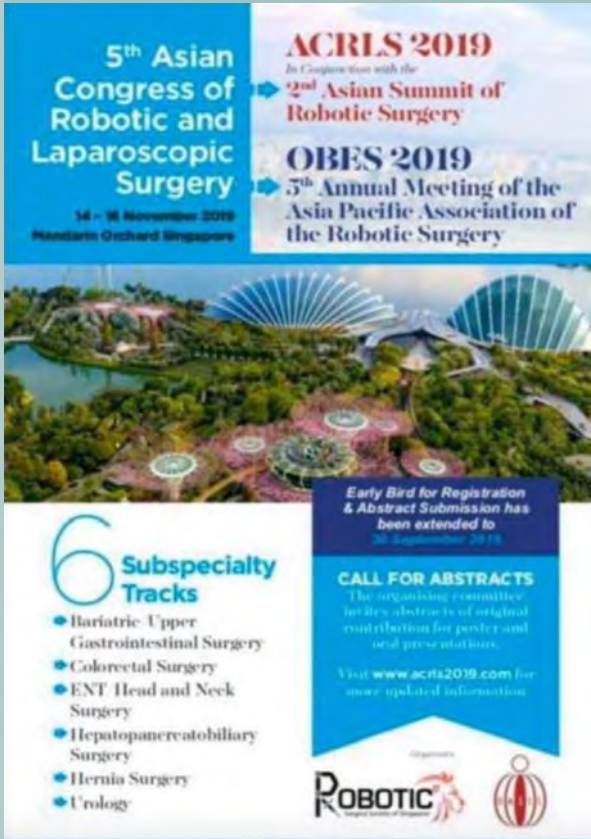
### Report from Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of Singapore

This year the Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of Singapore had 3 meetings . 2 of these we're local meetings and our annual meeting (OBES) was in conjunction with the Asian congress of robotic & laparoscopic society meeting . It was attended by over 400 participants from all over the world .





## Asia Pacific Chapter Report



**5<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Robotic and Laparoscopic Surgery**  
14 - 18 November 2019  
Mandarin Orchard Singapore

**ACRLS 2019**  
In Conjunction with the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Summit of Robotic Surgery**

**OBES 2019**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Asia Pacific Association of  
the Robotic Surgery

**6 Subspecialty Tracks**  
The organizing committee invites abstracts of original contribution for poster and oral presentations.

- Bariatric Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery
- ENT Head and Neck Surgery
- Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgery
- Hernia Surgery
- Urology

Early Bird for Registration & Abstract Submission has been extended to 30 September 2019.

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
The organizing committee invites abstracts of original contribution for poster and oral presentations.  
Visit [www.acrls2019.com](http://www.acrls2019.com) for more updated information.

Organizers: **ROBOTIC** and **IFSO**





## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report



**Khalid Mirza Gari**  
President of Middle East North American Chapter



**President**  
Khalid Mirza Gari



**Member at Large**  
Ali Khammas



The **IFSO MENA Chapter** founded in 2017 is formed by a total of 8 National Societies: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

We are glad to welcome the two new societies that recently joined the Chapter: **IRAQ** and **PAKISTAN**

| COUNTRY                     | SOCIETY NAME   | PRESIDENT                | MEMBERS IN 2019 |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Egypt</b>                | Egyptian Society for Bariatric Surgery (ESBS)                    | Dr. Alaa Abbas           | 76              |
| <b>Iraq</b>                 | Iraqi Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (IQSMBS)        | Mohammed Al Hadad        | 36              |
| <b>Jordan</b>               | Jordanian Society for Obesity Treatment (JSOT)                   | Dr. Sami Salem Ahmad     | 28              |
| <b>Kuwait</b>               | Kuwait Laparoscopic and Obesity Surgical Society (KLOSS)         | Dr. Mohammed Al Jarallah | 57              |
| <b>Lebanon</b>              | Lebanese Group for Bariatric Surgery                             | Georges Al Hajj          | 56              |
| <b>Pakistan</b>             | Pakistan Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS)      | Dr. Mumtaz Maher         | 14              |
| <b>Saudi Arabia</b>         | Saudi Arabia Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (SASMBS) | Adnan B. Mofti           | 92              |
| <b>United Arab Emirates</b> | Emirates Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ESMBS)      | Abdelwahid Alwahedy      | 81              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                |  |                          | 440             |



## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report

Dear Members,

we are glad to inform you that the **II IFSO MENAC Meeting 2020 combined with the IV PASMBS Meeting**, has been moved to Saudi Arabia, in the beautiful city of Al Khobar, at the ultramodern SCITECH, Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Science and Technology Center.

The Meeting will be held on **March 26-28th 2020**, under the presidency of **Dr. Waleed Bukhari, Congress President, Dr. Khalid Mirza, IFSO MENAC President** and **Dr. Hayssam Fawal, President of PASMBS**.

**Call for abstracts and registrations are OPEN!**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register and submit your papers

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

**EARLY BIRD FEE DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2020**

**"SPECIAL PACKAGE" FOR WORKSHOP + CONGRESS: MARCH 1, 2020**

The 3 day program will include an **OAGB Workshop**, an **Endoscopic Plication Workshop** and many interesting sessions such as: Basics of gastrointestinal nutrition, GI nutrition, One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass, the MENA perspective on GERD after Sleeve Gastrectomy, Enhanced recovery after bariatric surgery, Complications of Bariatric Surgery, Technical tips and Tricks in Bariatric Surgery, Video session, as well as Young IFSO MENA session, a session on innovation in Surgery and how to protect your ideas, as well as several Integrated Health and free papers sessions.

Additionally the following **4 WORKSHOPS** will be offered to the delegates who will register in the congress:

- **Wet Lab** (University Hospital)
- **Research in Bariatric Surgery** (University Hospital)
- **Advanced Bariatric Laparoscopic Suturing Technique Workshop** (Congress venue)
- **Course for Bariatric Nurses on the management of bariatric patients pre-, intra and post- surgery** (Congress venue)

**[REGISTER NOW](#) AND SUBMIT YOUR STUDIES TO BE PRESENTED IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT EVENT**

***We look forward to seeing you in Al Khobar SOON!***



## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report



2<sup>nd</sup> IFSO-MENAC meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> PASMBS meeting



26-28 March, 2020  
SCITECH Science and Technology Center  
Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia



Congress President  
Waleed Bukhari



IFSO MENAC President  
Khalid Mirza Gari



PASMBS President  
Hayssam Al-Fawal

Organizing Secretariat



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### Congress Highlights

Wet Lab  
OAGB Workshop  
Endoscopic Plication Workshop  
Advanced Bariatric laparoscopic Suturing technique Workshop  
Research in Bariatric Surgery  
Bariatric Nurses Course

### 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

### Key dates:

Abstracts submission deadline:  
**February 15, 2020**

Notification of abstracts acceptance:  
**February 28, 2020**

Take the advantage of a very  
discounted fee by:  
**January 30, 2020**

Program updates, abstracts submission  
and registrations are now available  
at the meeting website:  
**www.ifso-menac2020.com**

<https://www.ifso-menac2020.com/>



## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report

### REPORTS OF THE IFSO MENAC COMMITTEES

[Scientific and Research Committee](#)

### IFSO MENAC SESSION AT IFSO 2019 MADRID





## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report



### PAST IFSO MENAC WEBINAR



10<sup>th</sup> IFSO / 6<sup>th</sup> IFSO MENAC Webinar  
Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4PM CEST

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| <p>Debaters:<br/>Alfredo Genco, IT</p>  |  |  | <p>Moderator:<br/>Ahmad Bashir,<br/>Communication<br/>Committee<br/>Chair (MENAC)</p> |   |
|  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>Hayssam Fawal, LB<br/>Mousa Khoursheed, KW</p>                                   |  | <p>Expert Panel:</p>   |   | <p>Muffazal Lakdawala, IN<br/>Richard Peterson, USA</p>                               |

### Informed Consent for Bariatric Surgery: Counseling for Sleeve Gastrectomy

Debaters: **Prof. Alfredo Genco (Italy) Vs Dr. Khaled Hamdan (UAE)**

Real-time Fact Checker ensuring bias-free teleconference

Register now:

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Please join us  [facebook.com/groups/ifsomenac](https://facebook.com/groups/ifsomenac)







## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report

### IFSO questionnaire on OAGB/MGB

This survey was first designed by Dr. Ashraf Haddad for the IFSO MENA Chapter and afterwards circulated among all IFO members.



#### The IFSO questionnaire for one anastomosis /minigastric bypass (OAGB/MGB)

Welcome to the IFSO questionnaire for one anastomosis /minigastric bypass (OAGB/MGB)

Thank you for participating in our questionnaire. Your feedback is very important. **This will be one of our new collaborative studies in IFSO**, solidifying our base and presence as a group on the international bariatric scene, and re-enforcing the principle of our cooperation: to raise the standard of care in our regions and the world. Your participation will add great value to our study. We appreciate the time and effort you took to fill in the questionnaire. **This questionnaire does not require you to go back to your database. It will take 15 minutes of your time.** Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

Next



"The OAGB/MGB survey was designed initially to assess the techniques, patterns, outcomes, complications, and practices of the procedure in the IFSO-MENAC chapter. The survey had some interesting findings regarding the different practices and techniques between different surgeons. After we published the survey in Obesity Surgery it just made more sense to replicate it at an IFSO world wide level.

Currently we have circulated the survey to all IFSO members, we have had positive feedback from members from all chapters. We have more than 490 completed responses from all over the world (more than 3 times the responses of the previous published survey).

We are hoping that all members who did not fill the survey yet, would share their experience with the bariatric community and help us reach more than 600 responses.

Click here to complete the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8RYRQ7>

Ashraf Haddad



## Middle East North Africa Chapter Report

### ESBS 2019 - Cairo, Egypt

The **15 th ESBS meeting** took place **5-7 october 2019** in Cairo, the conference was a great success with 390 registrants.

Well attended sessions, great national and international Faculty. The conference is well known for the relaxed presentations and adequate discussions. The conferences had a PASBMS session and an IBC session. The social activities and the famous ESBS gala dinner were amazing.





XXIV IFSO World Congress



24<sup>TH</sup>  
**IFSO**  
WORLD CONGRESS

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CONGRESS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
FOR THE SURGERY OF OBESITY  
AND METABOLIC DISORDERS

**MADRID 2019**  
IFEMA PALACIO MUNICIPAL  
SEPTEMBER, 3<sup>rd</sup> TO 7<sup>th</sup>



**POST EVENT REPORT**

[www.ifso2019.com](http://www.ifso2019.com)

[DOWNLOAD THE POST EVENT REPORT](#)



## XXV IFSO World Congress



  
**IFSO 2020**  
25<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS  
FONTAINBLEAU MIAMI BEACH  
MIAMI  
28 JULY - 1 AUGUST, 2020  
[www.ifso2020.com](http://www.ifso2020.com)

# SAVE THE DATE

THE 25<sup>TH</sup> IFSO WORLD CONGRESS  
— SILVER ANNIVERSARY —

ASMBS WEEKEND

IFSO LAC INTERMEDIATE MEETING

1<sup>ST</sup> WORLD CONSENSUS ENDOSCOPIC  
BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC INTERVENTIONS

DR. NATAN ZUNDEL, PRESIDENT  
& DR. RAUL ROSENTHAL, CO-PRESIDENT

Conference Registration Opens October 1, 2019

Abstract Submissions Opens November 1, 2019





XXV IFSO World Congress

A large promotional poster for the IFSO 2020 congress. The background is a tropical beach scene at sunset with palm trees and a building. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and blue colors. At the top, a white outline of a city skyline is visible. The main text reads 'IFSO 2020' in large white letters, followed by '25<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS' in white on a blue rectangular background, 'FONTAINEBLEAU MIAMI BEACH' in white, 'MIAMI' in large white letters with vertical bars on either side, and '28 JULY - 1 AUGUST, 2020' in white. Below this is the website 'www.ifso2020.com'. At the bottom, there are three lines of text: '25<sup>th</sup> IFSO World Congress Silver Anniversary' in white, 'ASMBS WEEKEND' in blue, 'IFSO LAC MEETING' in blue, and '1<sup>ST</sup> WORLD CONSENSUS ENDOSCOPIC BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC INTERVENTIONS' in blue. The IFSO logo is in the bottom right corner.

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BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC INTERVENTIONS





## XXV IFSO World Congress



### IMPORTANT DATES

15 March 2020 - Abstract Submission Deadline  
15 April 2020 - Abstracts Notification of Acceptance  
30 April 2020 - Early Bird Registration Closes  
26 July 2020 - Pre Conference Registration Closes

Dear IFSO Members and Colleagues,

On behalf of the IFSO community and leadership we are delighted to specially invite you to join us in Miami to attend the **XXV World Congress International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) 2020 on July 28th to August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

This IFSO Congress, will be the most attended worldwide bariatric meeting, with the coming together of surgeons, multidisciplinary support staff, researchers, physicians and other healthcare professionals involved with the mission of IFSO: unite and educate against adiposity and metabolic disorders.

In addition, this congress will have the participation of the IFSO Latin American Chapter and the Columbian Obesity Surgical Society (Asociación Colombiana de Obesidad y Cirugía Bariátrica ACOCIB) as well as incorporating the ASMBS Week-End Spring meeting within the Congress.

Finally, it will also host the 1st World Consensus on endoscopic interventions in Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery.

The scientific program will be comprehensive and will focus on updating, investigating and understanding the widest array of topics in the field of the growing adiposity based chronic diseases, through postgraduate courses; symposia; expert talks; discussion panels; live surgeries; hands on skill labs; video sessions; paper and poster presentations; emerging, endoscopic and new technology sessions. The aim of the Congress is to educate on all the bariatric and metabolic surgery topics and to unite across country borders health care professionals from different specialties, in their fight against the adiposity epidemic.

Having the IFSO World Congress in one of the world's most popular vacation city such as Miami will offer multiple enticements for everyone. Miami, with its Cuban influence, is reflected in the cafes and cigar shops that line Calle Ocho in Little Havana. On the barrier islands across the turquoise waters of Biscayne Bay is Miami Beach, home to South Beach. This glamorous neighborhood is famed for its colorful art deco buildings, white sand, surfside hotels and trendsetting nightclubs. There is of course the lures of deep-sea fishing, golf and tennis. Miami has an international airport at Florida's southeastern tip and the world's busiest cruise port. In addition the near perfect weather in July/August with average temperatures predicted to be between 24 - 31°C will provide a beautiful experience for all in such diverse city of outdoor dining and wine extravaganzas.

The venue of the congress will be in the iconic Fontainebleau Miami Beach, situated on oceanfront Collins Ave in the heart of Millionaire's Row. This 22-acre oceanfront hotel is a revered Miami Beach landmark for more than half a century, with American architect Morris Lapidus' emblematic curvilinear building featuring state-of-the-art conference facility surrounded by award-winning restaurants, nightlife venues, a two-storey spa, a virtually endless poolscape and miles of pristine beach.

This World Congress will be a combination of International, Latin American, Columbian and of course American Miami Beach style hospitality, that will surely offer you a multicultural and pleasant experience. Without doubt, our IFSO Congress Team will provide the help, attention and direction to make your attendance to the congress a fulfilling and rewarding experience.

We believe Fontainebleau Miami Beach has all the facilities to make the 2020 IFSO World Congress an enjoyable, fruitful and unforgettable experience for you. We are confident that you will finish the congress with new knowledge, unforgettable memories and many more colleagues and friends.

So, please **SAVE THE DATE!**

We look forward to welcoming you in Miami!!

*Lilian Kow*  
IFSO President





## XXV IFSO World Congress



Dear IFSO Members and Colleagues,

On behalf of the IFSO community and leadership, we are delighted to invite you to join us in Miami to attend the 25th World IFSO Congress to be held July 29th to August 1st. We are excited to announce we also will be hosting in conjunction with this meeting the IFSO LAC and ACOCIB Annual Meeting, ObesityWeekend with ASMBS, First World Consensus in Endoscopic Bariatric and Metabolic Interventions, and IBC.

This Congress, as you probably already know, is the greatest worldwide bariatric meeting, usually attended by surgeons, multidisciplinary support staff, researchers, physicians, and other healthcare professionals involved with the primary mission of IFSO: unite and educate against adiposity and metabolic disorders. Academic activities will include amazing and innovative Post Graduate courses that have a great emphasis on Integrated Health activities which will have a presence throughout the whole meeting.

Symposium will include so many interesting and new topics like ICG, Percutaneous Approaches, Women Bariatric Surgeons, Medications, and other therapies for Metabolic problems, video theater, video terror.

The scientific program will be very comprehensive and focused on updating, investigating and better understanding the most comprehensive array of topics in the field of the growing adiposity-based chronic diseases, through Post Graduate courses, symposia, expert talks, discussion panels, hands-on skill labs, video sessions, paper and poster presentations, emerging, endoscopic and new technology sessions.

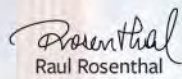
The aim of the Congress is to educate on all the bariatric and metabolic surgery topics, but also to unite across country borders healthcare professionals from different specialties in their fight against the adiposity epidemic. Besides the regular Congress sessions, we are preparing great surprises with diverse and innovative sessions for you. We even will be offering some CMEs for some of the sessions!

We are going to have some amazing social opportunities too for you to network and enjoy Miami and the Latino hospitality.

We look forward to having you with us!



Natan Zundel  
Congress President



Raul Rosenthal  
Congress Co- President.





## XXV IFSO World Congress



# REGISTRATION FEES



|                                       | Category                        | Early Bird Fee<br>(Until April 30, 2020) | Regular Fee<br>(May 1- July 27, 2020) | Onsite Fee<br>(July 28-August 1, 2020) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>CONFERENCE</b>                     | Delegate -<br>IFSO/ASMBS Member | \$400.00                                 | \$500.00                              | \$550.00                               |
|                                       | Delegate-<br>Non Member         | \$500.00                                 | \$600.00                              | \$650.00                               |
|                                       | Integrated Health               | \$175.00                                 | \$225.00                              | \$250.00                               |
|                                       | Residents & Students            | \$175.00                                 | \$225.00                              | \$250.00                               |
| <b>POST GRADUATE COURSES</b><br>2 Day | Delegate -<br>IFSO/ASMBS Member | \$225.00                                 | \$275.00                              | \$350.00                               |
|                                       | Delegate-<br>Non Member         | \$275.00                                 | \$325.00                              | \$375.00                               |
|                                       | Integrated Health               | \$100.00                                 | \$150.00                              | \$200.00                               |
|                                       | Residents & Students            | \$200.00                                 | \$250.00                              | \$300.00                               |
| <b>POST GRADUATE COURSES</b><br>1 Day | Delegate -<br>IFSO/ASMBS Member | \$150.00                                 | \$200.00                              | \$250.00                               |
|                                       | Delegate-<br>Non Member         | \$200.00                                 | \$300.00                              | \$400.00                               |
|                                       | Integrated Health               | \$75.00                                  | \$125.00                              | \$200.00                               |
|                                       | Residents & Students            | \$150.00                                 | \$200.00                              | \$250.00                               |

**REGISTER NOW**





## XXV IFSO World Congress



### YOUR STAY IN MIAMI

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET THERE?  
HAVE YOU ALREADY BOOKED YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS?**

Have you already decided to participate in the IFSO Congress 2020, but have not chosen your accommodation yet?

Have a look at the [various selection of accommodations](#).

**Book accommodations now before they sell out!**

### SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

The aim of the Congress is to educate on all the bariatric and metabolic surgery topics.

**ARE YOU GOING TO MISS THEM?**

Check the conference website out for the latest on Scientific Sessions.

[www.IFSO2020.com](http://www.IFSO2020.com)

### DO YOU KNOW IF YOU NEED A VISA?

Visitors from other countries must possess a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the period of their intended stay in the United States of America. The invitation letter can be requested online during the registration process.



### IFSO SCHOLARSHIPS

IFSO offers **5 Scholarships** to young Regular members and **5 Scholarships** to Integrated Health members who show strong interests, initial accomplishments and potential for future career development in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties. One Scholarship will usually be awarded to an applicant from each of the IFSO chapters. The principal purpose of the Scholarship is to support attendance at the IFSO World Congress. Please visit <https://www.ifso2020.com/ifso-scholarships-guidelines> to know more on how to apply.





## XXV IFSO World Congress



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Participants interested in presenting an oral, video or poster presentation are invited to submit an abstract. Share your research findings and expertise! All abstracts can be submitted in English, Spanish and Portuguese using the online submission form at

**www.ifso2020.com. Submission Deadline: March 15, 2020**

## Abstract Topics

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Adjustable gastric banding  | Revisional surgery   |
| Anaesthesia and bariatric surgery   | Robotic bariatric surgery  |
| Banded procedures   | Sleeve gastrectomy   |
| Bariatric surgery in children, adolescents and young adults   | Surgery and strategies for low BMI   |
| Bariatric surgery in the over 65's  | Type 2 diabetes and metabolic surgery  |
| Bariatric surgery tourism   | Young IFSO session   |
| Basic science and research in bariatric surgery   | Surgical tourism   |
| Cardiovascular risk and bariatric surgery   | Duodenal switch procedures, including Single-anastomosis DS  |
| Emergent technology, New Non standard and bariatric surgery   | Bariatric Surgery and cancer   |
| Endoscopic and Percutaneous Interventional Procedures   | Impact of bariatric surgery on other surgical outcomes- transplant ortho and hernia                |
| Enhanced recovery in bariatric surgery  | Should we offer surgery to patients who smoke or drink excessive alcohol?                          |
| Physical activity, sedentary behavior, and bariatric surgery  | A critical review of the need, or lack thereof, of preoperative weight loss                        |
| Fertility, pregnancy, nutrition and bariatric surgery   | Bariatric Surgery in Patients with Severe Heart failure, Pre-heart Transplant and those with LVADS |
| Gastric bypass procedures including Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) and One Anastomosis gastric bypass (OAGB)/MGB | Bariatric Surgery in the pediatric age group, how young should we go?                              |
| Gastric Plication   | The Training of Surgeons in Bariatric Surgery. Where are we in 2020?                               |
| GERD and bariatric surgery  | The recommendation and role of endoscopy before bariatric surgery                                  |
| Hernia surgery in the bariatric patient   | Endoscopy and surveillance after bariatric surgery   |
| Integrated Health   | GERD and the sleeve – how to manage.   |
| Investigational procedures  | Sleeve plus  |
| Long term results (> 10 years)  | Bariatric training   |
| Hypo-absorptive procedures  | Pre and post transplantation and bariatric surgery   |
| Management of weight regain after surgery   | Sleep and bariatric surgery  |
| Multidisciplinary care (Primary care, Medical Management)   | Behavioural, psychosocial, and environmental predictors of bariatric surgery outcomes              |
| NASH and bariatric surgery  | Adjunctive interventions to enhance weight loss and prevent weight regain                          |
| Nutrition, eating behaviors before and after bariatric surgery  | Transplants (liver, kidney)  |
| Perioperative management  | SADIs  |
| Plastic surgery after weight loss   | Artificial intelligence  |
| Post-operative complications  | Pre and post nutritional deficiencies  |
| Behavioural health and bariatric surgery - pre and post-op challenges   | Pregnancy and nutrition  |
| Registries and Quality in Bariatric Surgery   |  |



## XXV IFSO World Congress



## Postgraduate Courses



Register by the early bird deadline of April 30, 2020 for the 2 Day Post Graduate Courses and apply the fee towards either one two day course or two one day courses.

### **Flex Endoscopy with Hands-on**

### **Advanced Endoscopic Bariatric and Metabolic Interventions with Hands-on**

### **Integrated Health (Where we all meet for our patients)**

### **One Anastomosis Procedures Dissected**

### **Metabolic Surgery Prime Time: Facts and Myths**

### **Article of Excellence**

### **Hernias and the Morbidly Obese Patient...Why, When, Whom, How? : A Practical Approach**

### **Revisional Bariatric Surgery: Challenges and opportunities.**

### **Creating/ Solving Complications**

### **Social Media**



## XXVI IFSO World Congress



I-IV SEPTEMBER 2021

ROMA, ITALIA

PRESIDENT: LUIGI ANGRISANI



## XXVII IFSO World Congress



**WELCOME TO  
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International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

Don't Miss It!

**Save the date: August 30 – September 3, 2022**

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)



MELBOURNE  
AUSTRALIA





XXVIII IFSO World Congress

**WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FEDERATION FOR THE SURGERY OF OBESITY &  
METABOLIC DISORDERS**



**IFSO  
2023**

**Santiago  
Chile**





IFSO Virtual Academy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### IFSO INTEGRATED HEALTH WEBINAR



#### IV IFSO I.H. WEBINAR

**"Preparing a Research Abstract and Title—Two Critical Synopses of a Study"**

##### SPEAKER

Jane Buchwald, USA



##### MODERATORS

Silvia Leite Faria



Andrea Schroeder



##### DISCUSSANT

Yitka Graham



**Tuesday January 14, 2020  
1.00-2.00 pm European Time**

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## IFSO JOURNAL CLUB



PRESENTERS

David Arterburn  
(USA)Daniel Schauer  
(USA)

MODERATOR

Caetano Marchesini  
(Brazil)

### XVI IFSO JOURNAL CLUB

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2019  
2.30-3.30 pm (European Time)\*

**“Bariatric Surgery and the Risk of Cancer in a Large Multisite Cohort”**

Published on *Annals of Surgery*, January 2019

**Authors:** Daniel P. Schauer, Heather Spencer Feigelson, Corinna Koebnick, Bette Caan, Sheila Weinmann, Anthony C. Leonard, J. David Powers, Panduranga R. Yenumula, David E. Arterburn

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Moderator:  
Asim Shabbir,  
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Speaker:  
Michael Talbot  
Australia



Panelists:  
Michel Gagner



Luigi Angrisani



Camilo Boza



Bassem Safadi

### “De-escalating reflux and leaks in Bariatric surgery”

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**PAST EVENTS**



**XIV IFSO/ASMBS Webinar**



**“What you have missed at**



**Moderators**



Lilian Kow  
IFSO President



Matthew Hutter  
ASMBS President



Ahmad Bashir  
Chair Communication C.

**Speakers**



Eric DeMaria,



Shanu Kothari



John Scott



Richard Peterson

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
1.30-2.30 pm Central European Time



**XIII IFSO WEBINAR**

Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 1 pm CET



**Presenters:**

Ahmed Ahmed, UK  
Ryan D. Horsley, USA  
Mauro Andres Perdomo, Uruguay



**Moderator:**  
Abdelrahman  
Nimeri, USA



**Expert Panel:**

Lilian Kow, IFSO President, Australia  
Ricardo Cohen, Brazil  
Gerhard Prager, Austria

**“3 INTERESTING BARIATRIC CASES”**

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2. Emergent Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy
3. Massive upper GI bleeding following RNY Gastric Bypass



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**Introduction**



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Ahmad Bashir,  
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**Panelists**



Asim Shabbir,  
Singapore



Ali Aminian,  
USA



Abdelrahman Nimeri,  
USA



Aparna Govil  
Bhasker, India



Cynthia Borg,  
UK



Hazem Al-Momani,  
UAE



Caetano Marchesini,  
BR



Pedro Martinez  
Duartez, AR



Zaher Toumi,  
UK

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019



III IFSO I.H. WEBINAR

**"The Prevalence of Weight Bias and Stigma and the Role of Advocacy"**

Speaker:

Joe Nadglowski  
President & CEO  
Obesity Action Coalition



Moderator:

Tracy Martinez  
Chair IFSO I.H. Committee



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Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 1PM CEST

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| <br><b>Debaters:</b><br>Muffazal Lakdawala, IN | VS | <br>Yosuke Seki, JP | <br><b>Moderator:</b><br>Kazunori Kasama,<br>IFSO-APC<br>President |   <br><b>Panelists:</b><br>CK Huang, TW    Ken Loi, AU    Seung Ho Choi, KR |
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“LRYGB vs Sleeve Plus”

**Debaters:** Muffazal Lakdawala (India) Vs Yosuke Seki (Japan)

**Panelists:** CK Huang (Taiwan), Ken Loi (Australia), Seung Ho Choi (Korea)

**Moderator:** Kazunori Kasama (Japan)

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Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4PM CEST

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| <br><b>Debaters:</b><br>Alfredo Genco, IT | VS | <br>Khaled Hamdan, UAE | <br><b>Moderator:</b><br>Ahmad Bashir,<br>Communication<br>Committee<br>Chair (MENAC) |    <br><b>Expert Panel:</b><br>Hayssam Fawal, LB    Muffazal Lakdawala, IN<br>Mousa Khoursheed, KW    Richard Peterson, USA |
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**Informed Consent for Bariatric Surgery: Counseling for Sleeve Gastrectomy**

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**MODERATOR**




**Pedro Martinez Duartez**  
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**Ahmad Bashir** (JO)

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**PRESENTERS**




**Alireza Khalaj**  
Tehran Obesity Treatment Center

**Ali Motamedi**  
University of British Columbia Vancouver

**XIII IFSO JOURNAL CLUB**

**16 JULY 2019**  
**3.00-4.00 pm (European Time)**

**MODERATOR**



**Asim Shabbir**  
National University of Singapore

**“Protein-Calorie Malnutrition Requiring Revisional Surgery after One-Anastomosis-Mini-Gastric Bypass (OAGB-MGB): Case Series from the Tehran Obesity Treatment Study (TOTS)”**  
Published on *Obesity Surgery*, June 2019

**Authors:** Alireza Khalaj, Mohammad Ali Kalantar Motamedi, Pouria Mousapour, Majid Valizadeh, Maryam Barzin



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**19 JUNE 2019**  
3.00-4.00 pm (Central European Standard Time)

**"Prevalence and Risk Factors for Chronic Abdominal Pain After Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Surgery: A Cohort Study"**  
Published on *Annals of Surgery*, April 2019  
Authors: F. Helgstrand, Gormsen J., Burcharth J., Gögenur I.

Ali Aminian  
Dept. General Surgery  
Cleveland Clinic, Ohio,  
USA



**PRESENTER**



**MODERATOR**



**XI IFSO JOURNAL CLUB**  
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**23 MAY 2019**  
3.00-4.00 pm (Central European Standard Time)

**«A 5-Year Follow-up in Children and Adolescents Undergoing One-Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (OAGB) at a European IFSO Excellence Center (EAC-BS)»**  
Published on *Obesity Surgery*, May 2019

Authors: Miguel A. Carbajo, Gilberto Gonzalez-Ramirez, Jose Maria Jimenez, Enrique Luque-de-Leon, Javier Ortiz-de-Solorzano, Maria Jose Castro, Jaime Ruiz-Tovar



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**Scott Shikora**  
Editor-in-Chief of  
Obesity Surgery

Creating a successful journal often requires an army of workers, most of whom are not financially compensated for their time and effort. Our journal is no exception. Our reviewers and editors process an ever-increasing number of submitted manuscripts. This year, January 1st through December 31st, *Obesity Surgery* will have taken in for evaluation over **1,200 manuscripts**. To take on such a task, we increased our reviewer pool to over 500 reviewers. Additionally, our editorial board now numbers **133 Editors including 96 Editors, 5 Advisory Editors, 31 Associate Editors and an Editor -in-Chief**. These dedicated individuals put in many hours of their time each week to keep the journal full of scholarly papers.

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In summary, *Obesity Surgery* is blessed to have such a talented and hard-working pool of reviewers. To each and every one, I am extremely grateful.

***"Never was so much owed by so many to so few."*** Adapted from W. Churchill.

Warm regards to all, and may we enjoy the holiday season in good health and peace.

Scott A. Shikora, MD, FACS, FASMBS  
Editor-in-Chief *Obesity Surgery*  
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Director, Center for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery  
Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, Massachusetts, USA



## Committees' Report



**Ahmad Bashir**  
Chair of the  
Communication  
Committee

# The communication committee report



**Chair:** Ahmad Bashir (Jordan)



**Co-Chair:** Abdelrahman Nimeri (USA)

### Members:



Hazem Almomani (UAE),



Ali Aminian (USA),



Aparna Govil Bhasker (India),



Cynthia Borg (UK),





## Committees' Report



Caetano Marchesini (Brazil), Pedro Martinez (Argentina),



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**Our Vision:** *“Provide & improve the value of membership through central IFSO platforms, thus enhance the dissemination of knowledge & collaboration to help the global membership tackle adiposity and achieve IFSO’s vision”*

**Our Mission:** *“To centralize all communication of the IFSO members on a feasible future platform, that can serve as a platform for education, resources, help from experts or other disciplines and include a future unified interactive registry”*

A new committee, continuing on the same path ....



## Committees' Report

### Our events since the last report:

#### 1. Online Webinars:



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'Interesting Bariatric Cases'

'What you missed in IFSO 2019'

Lots of upcoming Webinars planned for the upcoming year. Stay tuned ...

#### 2. Journal Club:



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Association of Metabolic Surgery with Major Cardiovascular events By presented by Ali Aminian

More to come on a monthly basis. **Look for selecting the best Video Case Report in February.**



## Committees' Report

### 3. Twitter Chat:

- Follow @IfsoSecretariat to know more on the chats & events. Our #IfsoGlobal chat in October was on 'Medical Tourism in Bariatric Surgery'

#### The Numbers



Twitter data from the #IfsoGlobal hashtag from Tue, October 15th 2019, 10:25PM to Wed, October 16th 2019, 10:50PM (8:04amman)



Our next chat is on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020. Visit [ifsoglobal.blogspot.com](http://ifsoglobal.blogspot.com) to know more on our previous chats, & to know the topic of the upcoming chat in the near future.

### 4. Our IFSO APP:

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### 5. Our new YouTube Channel:

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## Committees' Report



Mary O'Kane  
Chair of the I.H.  
Committee

### Integrated Health Committee

#### IFSO 2019

Thank you to Tracy Martinez for the fantastic work she has done as Chair of Integrated Health Committee. Tracy was the first IH member on IFSO Exec Board leading to both the IH Chair and Vice-Chair being members. Tracy has built on the success of previous meetings and was responsible for a fantastic postgraduate day "Optimizing Long Term Patient Outcomes" followed by two days of IH sessions. The feedback was excellent. Tracy has now stepped down as chair but will continue on the committee.

Congratulations to the 7 IH scholarship winners. This enabled them to attend and contribute to the programme.

## WINNERS OF IFSO SCHOLARSHIPS 2019 FOR INTEGRATED HEALTH



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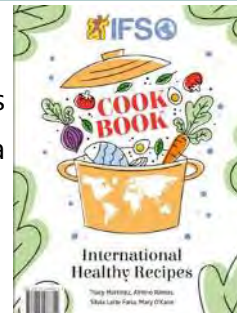
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## Committees' Report

### **FIRST IFSO COOKBOOK AND BARIATRIC MASTERCHEF**

The recipe competition was a great success and the two finalists participated in the Master Chef competition during the gala dinner. The IFSO Cook Book is available for sale.



### **Chair and Vice Chair**

Mary O'Kane and Silvia Leite Faria have been appointed as Chair and Vice-chair and are looking forward to working with the committee in taking the IH agenda forward. Welcome to the new members on the committee.

### **Webinar**

The next webinar "Writing an abstract" is being organised by Dr Yitka Graham. Jane Buchwald is the presenter. Jane has a vast experience of scientific research writing. It will be held 14th January 2020 and full details will be circulated. We hope that it will inspire many of you to submit an abstract to IFSO 2020.

### **IFSO 2020**

This will be in [Miami July 29th to August 1st](#). We have been advised that we can have a postgraduate day and are awaiting confirmation about IH sessions.

### **IFSO website and Facebook page**

Please remember that there is a closed section on the IFSO web site. Webinars and recordings of conference lectures are archived here and are a valuable resource. In addition, we have an [IH page](#) which contains details of the committee, cook book, scholarship winners and other IH news.

The [IFSO Facebook closed group](#) provides an opportunity for networking with others. Check it out!

Sincerely,

Mary O'Kane

IFSO Integrated Health Chair



## Committees' Report



**Miguel Herrera**  
Chair of the  
Scientific Committee

### **Scientific Committee**

In order to cover the various activities of the Scientific Committee, the membership has been enlarged, keeping a good balance among the geographical areas.

Among the activities in progress. Sections on Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding, Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass and Sleeve Gastrectomy are being updated, a section on Single anastomosis Duodeno-Ileal Bypass with Sleeve Gastrectomy is under development and a task force in-charged of a Position Statement on Robotic Bariatric Surgery is actively working on it.

In addition, in order to learn more on the One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass, a survey is in progress.

Plans for the 2020 IFSO meeting in Miami are very advanced. In close collaboration with the IFSO-LAC and ASMBS, an attractive program has been planned to cover the most important and controversial topics of Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery. Among the many academic activities, we will have the 1st Consensus in Endoscopic Bariatric and Metabolic Interventions. One anastomosis procedures will be dissected in depth. There will be hands on and learning center stations for: Laparoscopy, Endoscopy and Robotics and the Bariatric Women Surgeons Symposium will be a Highlight.

In order to facilitate the communication, attendees will be able to present their research papers in English, Spanish and Portuguese and there will be translation to and from the same 3 languages in Main lectures.



## Committees' Report



**Barham Abu-Dayyeh**  
Chair of the Bariatric  
Metabolic Endoscopy  
Committee

### **Bariatric Metabolic Endoscopy Committee**

The Bariatric and Metabolic Endoscopy Committee has been working diligently to synthesis and incorporate evidence-based clinical algorithms and pathways into the practice of bariatric and metabolic endoscopy.

To that end, we embarked on series of initiatives using systematic review and meta-analyses methodology to create evidence-based clinical algorithms for the management of post bariatric surgery complications.

The first systematic review and meta-analysis dealing with endoscopic approaches to post bariatric surgery strictures and stenosis is completed.

We are starting another systematic review and meta-analysis for the management of leaks and fistula after bariatric surgery.

Furthermore, we will be focusing on understanding the physiologic and clinical impact of bariatric surgery on upper gastrointestinal physiology and gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Ultimately, our work will venture into creation of benchmarks and best-practice consensus guidelines for primary bariatric and metabolic endoscopic interventions.



## YOUNG IFSO



**Eren Taskin**  
President of Young  
IFSO

Dear IFSO Young Members,

As you may now we are a non-profit initiative under the umbrella of main IFSO organization. Our main goal is to increase the participation and representation of surgeons who has just started their carrier in the field of Bariatric and Metabolic surgery. Recently we have had a wonderful IFSO world meeting in Madrid with a great number of participants. Also, for the first time we have elected a new Executive Board and President for our organization. We have founded young IFSO in 2013 Istanbul meeting with great ambition and futuristic aims with few young brilliant colleagues. We will continue this purpose and continue to expand our scope to become the most important adhering body of our organization with our stamina.

This year we have planned all together a session called Bariatric 2.0 in Madrid meeting. It was a true success with the participation of more than 120 people it was the best attended session ever. Interesting talks on new technology, treatment algorithm for revisional procedures, how to decide on new revisional techniques and how to prevent complications. Young bariatric surgeons and pioneers met in the session with up to date discussions. Also, we are planning wonderful sessions for the upcoming main ifso meeting as well as chapter and endorsed meetings with our dynamic scientific board with members from all of IFSO chapters. We will also bring up up to date webinars on challenging and controversial subjects of bariatric and metabolic surgery. Soon you will also hear about the fellowship opportunities and IFSO-EC video library section where young surgeons and fellows can post their own videos.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your trust and support in the new Young IFSO board for the Year 2019-2021. We look forward to mounting our new interesting projects for young medical professionals in the world of obesity surgery. We are honored and excited to support young generation surgeons in their thrive with new possibilities in this field on a global scale.

Best and warmest regards,

On behalf of the Young IFSO executive and scientific board,

Halit Eren Taskin, MD

President of Young IFSO 2019-2021





## YOUNG IFSO



**Welcome to join YOUNG IFSO**



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## QUESTIONNAIRE ON OAGB/MGB

### IFSO questionnaire on OAGB/MGB



#### The IFSO questionnaire for one anastomosis /minigastric bypass (OAGB/MGB)

Welcome to the IFSO questionnaire for one anastomosis /minigastric bypass (OAGB/MGB)

Thank you for participating in our questionnaire. Your feedback is very important. **This will be one of our new collaborative studies in IFSO**, solidifying our base and presence as a group on the international bariatric scene, and re-enforcing the principle of our cooperation; to raise the standard of care in our regions and the world. Your participation will add great value to our study. We appreciate the time and effort you took to fill in the questionnaire. **This questionnaire does not require you to go back to your database. It will take 15 minutes of your time.** Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

Next



IFSO Bariatric surgery illustration series  
- OAGB - Mini gastric bypass

"The OAGB/MGB survey was designed initially to assess the techniques, patterns, outcomes, complications, and practices of the procedure in the IFSO-MENAC chapter. The survey had some interesting findings regarding the different practices and techniques between different surgeons. After we published the survey in Obesity Surgery it just made more sense to replicate it at an IFSO world wide level.

Currently we have circulated the survey to all IFSO members, we have had positive feedback from members from all chapters. We have more than 490 completed responses from all over the world (more than 3 times the responses of the previous published survey).

We are hoping that all members who did not fill the survey yet, would share their experience with the bariatric community and help us reach more than 600 responses.

Click here to complete the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8RYRQ7>

Thank you!

Ashraf Haddad



## ATLAS OF BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY

**ATLAS OF BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY**

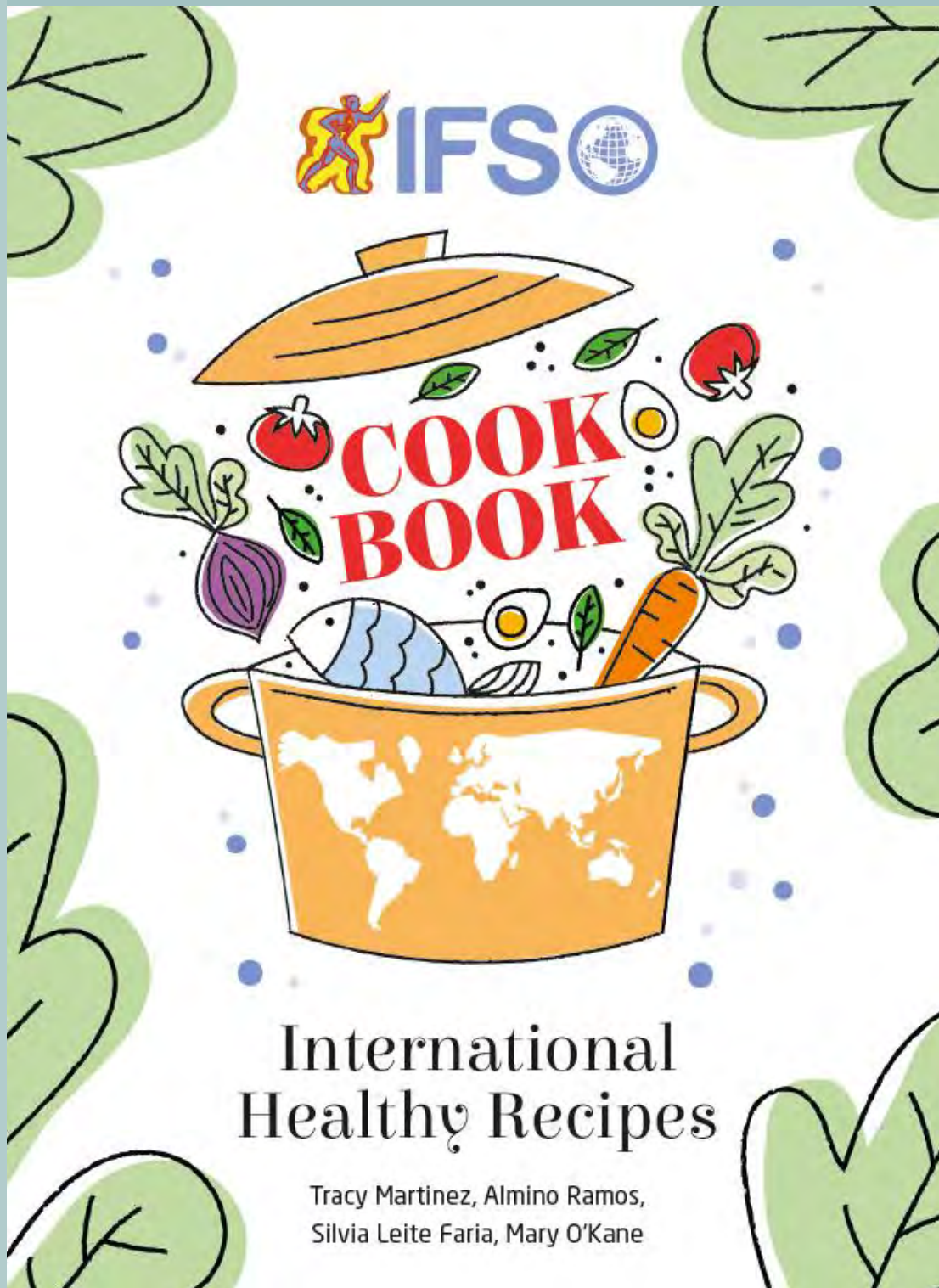
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## FIRST IFSO COOKBOOK

## FIRST BARIATRIC MASTERCHEF AT IFSO2019 MADRID



The Winner of the First Bariatric Masterchef is the Turkish Bariatric Kitchen Team **Türkçapar Bariatrics Mutfak.**

The winning recipe is the **Cilbir** (Turkish poached eggs) and was performed by **Berk Özler** from Turkey, EC





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**FACEBOOK MENTORSHIP****MENTORSHIP ON IFSO FACEBOOK GROUP**

A new mentorship programme has been added to the [IFSO Facebook Group](#) so that you can build skills and share knowledge with another member of our big community. Share your experience or learn valuable skills from someone in your group.

Here's how the programme works:

You sign up, match yourself with a partner and get helpful conversation starters each week so that you get to know each other better. It's up to you how much time you want to spend together and what goals you want to work towards.



## FACEBOOK MENTORSHIP

- **Who can request a mentor?**

Any group member can ask someone to mentor them when they see that person listed as a mentor. Group members can also offer to mentor people.

- **Who can become a mentor?**

Anyone who has experience and a skill to share can offer support in the mentorship programme. Your mentor's advice is their own opinion and not that of Facebook or your admin(s). All participation is voluntary. Your mentor's advice is not meant to substitute professional advice.

- **How much experience should mentors have?**

Mentors should have enough knowledge about the topic to give good advice to someone with less experience.

- **How do I communicate with my partner about the mentorship?**

Once you've been paired with someone, you'll be connected in Messenger and in a one-to-one mentorship programme.

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## VI IFSO Global Registry Report



### **6th Global IFSO Registry Report to include over 1 million bariatric and metabolic procedures**

Dear Colleagues,

Following on from the success of the 5th IFSO Global Registry Report, we are delighted to announce our continuing collaboration with Dendrite to produce a **6<sup>th</sup> IFSO Global Registry Report** for the **XXV IFSO World Congress in Miami, 28 July – 1 August 2020**.

The IFSO Global Registry project was originally established back in 2014 and participation has grown from 18 to 60 IFSO member countries and the 2018 Report included more than 833,000 bariatric and metabolic surgery procedure records.

I would like to thank all participating members for submitting their data and I hope they will continue to do so. The Executive Board of IFSO would like all 66 official member societies of IFSO to contribute data to this important project and we would strongly encourage all our IFSO colleagues, who have not yet contributed, to become active participants in the IFSO Global Registry.

In December, we will be sending instructions on how to submit your data. If you have any queries or questions, please email: [ifsoregistry@e-dendrite.com](mailto:ifsoregistry@e-dendrite.com)

For additional information about the IFSO Global Registry project and to view and download the previous reports, please click [here](#).



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**Please note, because there is a shorter interval to the next Congress, the time to merge data, run the analyses and produce the next Global Registry Report is much shorter than last year so the “doors will firmly close” on data uploads at the end of February 2020. If you would like to participate this year, please ensure you get your data across to Dendrite at the earliest opportunity and BEFORE this close date.**

The 6<sup>th</sup> IFSO Global Registry Report will include over 1 million bariatric and metabolic surgery procedure records – we hope you will want to be part of such a landmark report!

**Lilian Kow**

*IFSO President 2019-2020*





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- advertised once on IFSO Facebook page
- the Director may include IFSO’s Endorsement statement and IFSO Logo on promotional materials among the endorsing institutions, exclusively with the following text: “Endorsed by” before the logo of IFSO.

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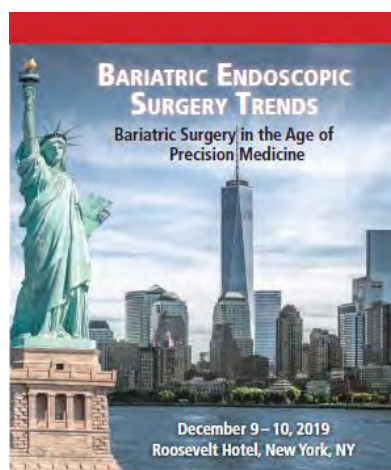
### Bariatric Endoscopic Surgery Trends (B.E.ST.)

New York City, USA

December 9-10, 2019

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#### COURSE DIRECTORS

Julio Teixeira, MD, FACS  
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### 2019 IEF 4th Forum in conjunction with 6th Asia Obesity Walk

#### The New Era of B&M— Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery, Body Contouring and Intra-gastric

#### Balloon & Botox

Taichung City, Taiwan

December 6-8, 2019

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### Revisions and Complications in Bariatric Surgery

November 27-28, 2019

Riffa, Bahrain

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### OAGB-MGB Euro MasterClass 2019/2020

5 teaching centres in ISRAEL, ITALY & PORTUGAL

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#### Minimal Access Surgery -A Pledge For Continuous Improvement of Outcomes

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Bucharest, Romania

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#### New Horizons of Bariatric Surgery

November 21-23, 2019

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### AIIMS BARICON

#### 2nd International Conference on Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery

New Delhi, India

November 13-16, 2019

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### Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery Symposium Innovations in Revision

Istanbul, Turkey

November 8-9, 2019

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### Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery Symposium Innovations in Revision

Halic Congress Center, Istanbul, Turkey

### 6TH NATIONAL AND 5TH MEDITERRANEAN METABOLIC DISEASES CONGRESS

Antalya, Turkey

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### Asia-Pacific Summit on Clinical Pathways with Laparofit #9

Pre-Congress Cadaveric Workshop:

Oct 17, 2019 @ Sri Ramachandra University

Summit: Oct 18-19, 2019 Taj Connemara, Chennai

Info on: [laparofit.mediknit.org](http://laparofit.mediknit.org)

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| Registration        | 16th July 2019 | Aug 17 - 18th 2019 | Oct 19 (one day only) |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Registration only   | INR 5,500*     | INR 5,500*         | INR 5,500*            |
| Residential Package | INR 15,500*    | INR 15,500*        | INR 15,500*           |
| Cadaveric Workshop  | INR 5,000*     | INR 5,000*         | N/A                   |

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\*For independent nations and countries for registration visit: [www.laparofit.mediknit.org](http://www.laparofit.mediknit.org)

Online registration can be done on [www.gemhospital.com](http://www.gemhospital.com)

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Organized by: GEM Hospital, Chennai, India.

### UAE Obesity Conference (UOC)

October 18-19th 2019

Abu Dhabi (UAE)

More info on: [www.nuoc-conference.com](http://www.nuoc-conference.com)

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# UOC 2019

## UAE Obesity Conference

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Dusit Thani Hotel - Abu Dhabi, UAE

[www.nuoc-conference.com](http://www.nuoc-conference.com)



### 15th Annual Congress of the Egyptian Society of Bariatric Surgery

Cairo, Egypt

October 5-7, 2019

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The Egyptian Society for Bariatric Surgery (ESBS)

ENDORSED CONGRESS

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The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic disorders (IFSO)

# 15<sup>th</sup>

## Annual Congress of the Egyptian Society for Bariatric Surgery (ESBS)

# ESBS

in cooperation with International Bariatric Club

### 30<sup>th</sup> IBC SYMPOSIUM

October 5-7, 2019  
Dusit Thani Lake View, Cairo, Egypt

### PROGRAM

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ESBS Vice President: Prof. Dr. Ataa Abbass

ESBS Secretary General: Prof. Dr. Mohy Elbanna

Organized by: The Egyptian Society for Bariatric Surgery

[www.esbs-eg.com](http://www.esbs-eg.com)

### ANZGOSA ANZMOSS 2019 Joint Conference

October 2-4, 2019

Brisbane, Australia

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2 - 4 OCTOBER 2019

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### 14th Annual Diabetes Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease Summit

September 26-27, 2019

Cleveland, OH & Baton Rouge, LA

- InterContinental Hotel and Bank of America Conference Center Cleveland, OH
- Pennington Biomedical Research Center Baton Rouge, LA

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### 2019 International Conference of KSMBS

September 20-21, 2019

Seoul, Korea

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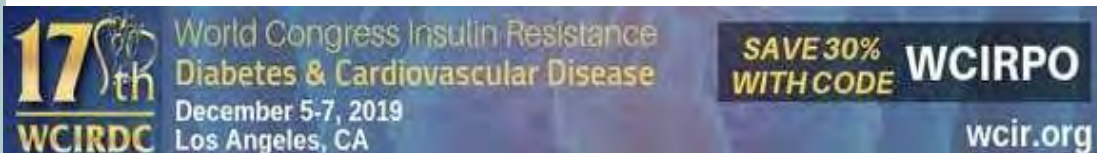
Abu Dhabi (UAE)

March 26-27, 2019

Website: [obesityprevention.nutritionalconference.com](http://obesityprevention.nutritionalconference.com)**PreHT 2020**

Vilnius, Lithuania

2-5 April 2020

More info on: [www.prehypertension.org](http://www.prehypertension.org)**17th World Congress Insulin Resistance Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease (WCIRDC)**

December 5-7, 2019

Hilton Universal, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Website: [www.wcir.org](http://www.wcir.org)



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