



Message from the President



Jacques Himpens
President of IFSO

Dear Members of IFSO,

Every year the end of summer in the northern hemisphere coincides with the world congress of IFSO. All of you who attended this year's edition will agree that the London congress was a special one. The city was in great shape, the weather was awesome, the organization flawless, the quality of the scientific talks exquisite.

One day during the congress stood out. Let me bring you back to September first. That morning the London Great Hall was packed, filled with surgeons, allied health professionals and families, getting ready to listen to the Scopinaro lecture.

This time the speaker was not a surgeon or a doctor, but a lean and supple octogenarian explorer, who for over a half hour captured the audience's undivided attention by the most eloquent and captivating narration of his unique and adventurous life. Sir Ranulph Fiennes, "the World's Greatest Living Explorer" with a typically English "tongue in cheek" humour left everyone in awe for so much courage, perseverance and abnegation. His message was not to be misunderstood: a strong will beats all. A deafening standing ovation followed as sir Fiennes left the stage.

Then came the president, Kelvin Higa. Of course, everybody in the Great Hall already knew him, everybody had heard him talk at conventions, perhaps watched him operate with a skill few people possess. But nobody had any idea to what extent Kelvin could enthuse an audience, move men and women alike by his orator's talent. He gave tribute in the most delicate terms to his nearest relatives who helped him develop his unequalled career.

He enumerated some of the achievements he managed to obtain during his presidency with his "informal authority" as Ronald Heifetz calls it. As climax of his talk he finally explained crystal clear what the vision and mission of IFSO are. Finally, he rewarded with a medal the key opinion leaders and pioneers in the field of metabolic surgery.

Again, a standing ovation resounded in the Great Hall. I can hardly describe the emotion I felt when I was called to the stage to take the presidential oath.



Message from the President

Now, some 4 weeks later, let us not lose the momentum initiated by Kelvin. Under my presidency we must continue his work keeping in mind IFSO's mission:

"TO UNIFY THE GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC, SURGICAL AND INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMUNITIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE, COLLABORATION AND ESTABLISHING UNIVERSAL STANDARDS OF CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ADIPOSITY-BASED CHRONIC DISEASE".

This is not a simple goal. Recently IFSO has grown to become a giant society. While bigger societies unquestionably have a greater impact, the larger the associations, the more division and feuds invariably loom. Differences in language, ethnicity, religion, local customs, surgical history, feelings of national identity constitute an ideal breeding ground for dispute. But while incidental fights are unavoidable, IFSO cannot afford to present an image of division. Division makes weak. Division strengthens the opposition. Social media at the speed of light shamelessly and unpunished diffuse worldwide alleged truths about surgery against adiposity. Rumors circulate on the Internet that even today more than 1% of patients die after gastric bypass. Such calumnies can only be addressed by a unified, powerful organization, presenting actual facts, sharing true data.

Therefore, my call today is that you, members of IFSO, make the effort to collect and publish your data and outcomes. While I very well realize that elaborating a registry is hard work and costs money, I truly believe that sharing our data would give the clear message to the world that the society of bariatric/metabolic surgeons stands united and that what we do is transparent. As a group, let us publish the results of our work. "To unify and to disseminate" I believe is indeed the major part of our mission.

Prof. Jacques Himpens
MD, PhD



IFSO President



European Chapter Report



Michel Suter
President of
European Chapter

This last May has seen the first IFSO-EC Symposium that took place in Naples/Italy under the Presidency of Prof. Luigi Angrisani, together with the 2nd Mediterranean Obesity Surgery Summit and the Bariatric and Metabolic Live Surgery Symposium. T

he symposium included one full one day of life surgical procedures performed by international renowned experts, and one and a half day of plenary sessions, paper sessions, video sessions, as well as posters. One session was organized under the auspices of World IFSO and included presentations of 6 top European scientific research papers published recently.

Another session, jointly organized by IFSO-EC and EASO, was dedicated to the management of insufficient weight loss and weight regain after bariatric surgery.

The symposium was attended by close to 300 participants, a success for a first time, and was the opportunity for learning and exchange for all attendees. The symposium was also well supported by the industry.

On behalf of IFSO-EC Executive Board, I thank all organizers for their hard work, as well as the industry for their support, without which this symposium would not have been possible.

IFSO EUROPEAN CHAPTER SYMPOSIUM II MEDITERRANEAN OBESITY SURGERY SUMMIT

BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC LIVE SURGERY SESSIONS

MAY 11-13, 2017

HOTEL ROYAL CONTINENTAL
NAPLES, ITALY



Symposium President:
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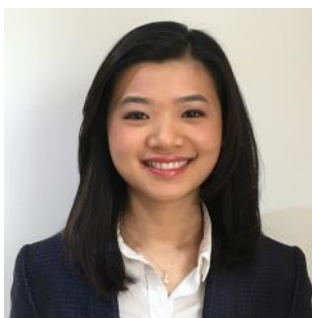


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During the Naples Symposium, three **Scholarships** were given away to the following recipients, whom we congratulate wholeheartedly for their achievement:



Yan-Mei Goh (United Kingdom)



Magdalena Sophie Eilenberg (Austria)



Gabriel Diaz del Gobbo (Spain)





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IFSO-EC also participated in this year's annual European Congress of Obesity organized by EASO, in Porto/Portugal, where the same common session was successfully repeated.

IFSO-EC's Multinational advisory group (MNAG) has now met twice, and decided to do a survey among Society members of the Chapter, as well as individual members, about their activities, but also about their needs and wishes, so that the Chapter can offer appropriate help where it is most needed. This survey is currently under progress (until October 6th).

IFSO-EC's next biennial congress will take place in **Athens May 17-19th 2018**. The local organizing committee, our executive Board as well as IFSO-EC's Scientific committee are currently working on the program.

Submission of abstracts will start this fall. [Click here](#) for more info.



Athens in May is very nice, but not too hot and without too many tourists. Apart from a fabulous scientific program, Athens and Greece should be other good reasons to attend IFSO-EC congress next May. As in 2017, one or two joint IFSO-EASO sessions will take place and focus on multi-disciplinarity in the management of obesity. As in 2017, a joint IFSO-EC-EASO session will take place during the European Congress of Obesity which EASO organizes this year in May in Vienna the week after Athens. These sessions will provide opportunities for exchange not only between specialized surgeons, but also from an interdisciplinary point of view.

Prof. Michel Suter
President IFSO-EC



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8th
CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION FOR THE SURGERY OF
OBESITY AND METABOLIC DISORDERS
- EUROPEAN CHAPTER -

**IFSO-EC
2018**
MAY 17-19, 2018

ATHENS, GREECE
Megaron International Conference Centre

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See you in Athens!

MAIN TOPICS

1. Sleeve: Good, bad or ugly?
2. Which by-pass is best?
3. Is Metabolic Surgery established?
4. The Science of Metabolic Surgery.
5. Interdisciplinarity: fact or fiction?

www.ifso-ec2018.com


The IFSO-EC Meeting 2018 is going to be held in Athens, Greece, on May 17th – 19th, 2018 under the Presidency of Prof. Harry Pappis.

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Harry Pappis
President of the IFSO
-EC Congress

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am excited and honored to officially invite you to Athens-Greece and the 8th Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders – European Chapter (IFSO-EC), which will be held in May 17-19, 2018.

The Local Organizing Committee together with IFSO-EC's Executive Board and Scientific Committee are putting all their effort into creating an attractive scientific programme that will benefit all professionals visiting our congress from across the world. Our main goal is to provide a platform where established knowledge could be shared and new ideas openly approached.

With a wide range of experts (surgeons, endocrinologists, internists, dieticians, physiologists and many more) active in the field of bariatric and metabolic surgery, we aim to create an opportunity that will bring to every participant unforgettable professional as well as personal experience.

Athens, a vibrant & modern European capital, situated at the foothills of the Acropolis and next to the sea, is a perfect location for international congresses & conventions. Easily accessible from every part of the world, it is considered to be one of the safest cities, providing abundant modern hotel accommodation and great opportunities for sightseeing, excursions and technical visits. Greece has always been at the crossroads of civilizations. This has left not only a rich inheritance of monuments and artifacts of unparalleled beauty, but also the capacity to understand and appreciate the value of this country.

Having a unique natural environment, surrounded by the "deep blue" Aegean Sea, it presents perfect conditions for recreation. May is probably the best season to visit Greece.

We envision a robust participation to a Congress of high standards that will provide a memorable occasion for scientific and cultural interface in what has been better known as the traditional "Greek Hospitality". We are inviting you to experience "Breathtaking Athens" and ensure you that the 8th IFSO-EC Meeting, will leave its mark in IFSO history.

Harry Pappis

President of the IFSO-EC Congress



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Michel Suter
President of
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Dear colleagues, Dear friends,

As the current president of the IFSO-EC, it is my privilege and honour to invite you all to the next bi-annual IFSO-EC congress in Athens / Greece, May 17-19, 2018, under the local presidency of Prof Harris Pappis.

The local organizing committee, together with IFSO-EC's Executive Board and Scientific Committee, is working hard to put up exciting and interesting, but also interactive sessions where the latest developments in bariatric and metabolic surgery will be discussed, and more conventional knowledge will be deepened, but also challenged.

IFSO-EC 2018 should be a congress where every European active in the bariatric field should be presenting their latest research. This meeting will bring together most European leaders and experts in the field and will bring the opportunity for social networking, exchange and friendship.

Athens, a fascinating city that was already the heart of the antique Greek civilisation, with unique historical sites to visit, is also a good starting point for a pre-or post-congress tour across the country. And last but not least, Greek cuisine is reknown as tasty and particularly healthy.

Come and join us in Athens in May 2018!

Michel Suter
President of the IFSO European Chapter





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22nd WORLD CONGRESS

29 August to 2 September 2017
QEII Centre, London



Organised by:



The British Obesity &
Metabolic Surgery Society



International Federation for the
Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

Richard Welbourn
IFSO 2017 Congress
President



Key highlights of this year's congress:

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

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

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

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



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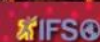
The networking programme for delegates, faculties and partners started with a British-themed Welcome Reception in the exhibit hall at the QEII Centre, with iconic British acts entertaining the guests including the lookalike of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



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



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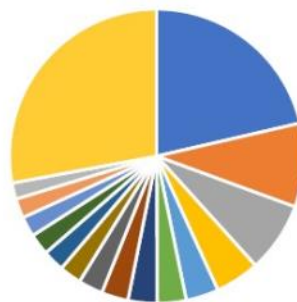


Registration Summary

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

United Kingdom	530	France	67
Brazil	228	United Arab Emirates	60
United States of America	191	Germany	59
Netherlands	121	India	58
Belgium	89	Switzerland	55
Australia	79	Mexico	53
Israel	79	Saudi Arabia	44
Italy	73		

Attendees by Country (Top 15)



■ United Kingdom	■ Brazil	■ United States of America	■ Netherlands
■ Belgium	■ Australia	■ Israel	■ Italy
■ France	■ United Arab Emirates	■ Germany	■ India
■ Switzerland	■ Mexico	■ Saudi Arabia	■ Other



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Educational Programme Summary

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

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

Postgraduate Course Attendance

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



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Oral and Poster Presentations Summary

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

Key Sponsor & Exhibitor Summary

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

Level/Contribution	Company/Organization
Platinum Partners	Ethicon, Medtronic
Silver Partners	Gore & Associates, MSD
Bronze Partners	Apollo Endosurgery Inc., Bariatric Advantage, Mederi Therapeutics Inc., Novo Nordisk Ltd., Obesinov, Reach Surgical Inc., SFA Development Ltd, Stryker



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Exhibitors

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North American Chapter Report



John Morton
President of North
American Chapter

ObesityWeek is a unique, international event focused on the basic science, clinical application, surgical intervention and prevention of obesity. By combining both [American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery \(ASMBS\)](#) and [The Obesity Society \(TOS\)](#) annual meetings, ObesityWeek brings together world-renowned experts in obesity to share innovation and breakthroughs in science unmatched around the globe. Attendees will enjoy the diverse educational opportunities, networking events, and scientific synergies created through the collaboration of these leading obesity organizations.



Visit ObesityWeek.com for registration, latest information and updates.



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ObesityWeek is the leading conference of its kind in the world, providing an unmatched multi-track schedule with:

- Pre-conference courses
- Oral abstract, video and poster presentations
- Interdisciplinary research, education sessions and policy programming
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- Shared keynote speakers
- Industry-sponsored symposia
- And much more!

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- Policy and public health discussions
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- Industry-sponsored symposia

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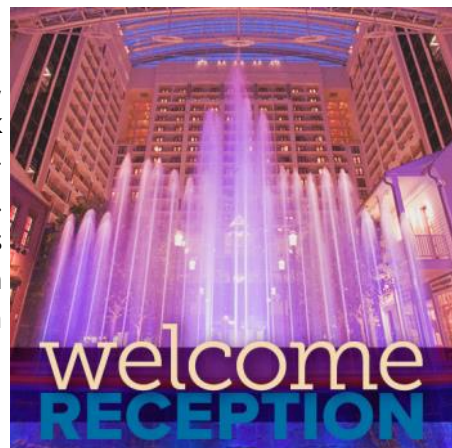
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VIEW THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2, 2017

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National Harbor Hot Spots & Attractions

More than 60 restaurants within a 1 mile walk, a giant Ferris wheel, water taxis to old town Alexandria, dueling piano bar, seafood on the waterfront, and the brand new MGM casino – this neighborhood has everything going for it! There's even a public Halloween special event on Sunday, October 29. Gaylord National provides complimentary bus service in National Harbor and the MGM Resort. And if you want to go into downtown DC, it's a quick 20 minute ride to the U.S. Capital.

ALEXANDRIA WATER TAXI

Avoid the traffic and sail to Alexandria on the 30-minute Water Taxi by The Potomac Riverboat Company. Sail among National Harbor, Old Town and the National Mall in Washington, DC. Experience the world-class museums and monuments of DC along with George Washington's hometown in Old Town Alexandria. Roundtrip Fare is \$16 for adults; One-Way trip is \$8 for adults.

MGM NATIONAL HARBOR

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Latin American Chapter Report



Ricardo Cohen
President of Latin
American Chapter

On behalf of the Board of the Latin American Chapter of IFSO, and in my duty of Executive Director of IFSO LAC during the last 5 years it is my pleasure to report to you what were our Chapter's main achievements, in the last 6 months, from April 2017 to September 2017. This is the first IFSO LAC REPORT since the beginning of Dr. Cohen's term on April 28th. 2017:

- 1) We have had 14 communications with our member societies, as e-mail communications and of course through our Whatsapp CHAT IFSO LAC, it has been effective as always. New Presidents from our Member societies have already started their respective terms. Caetano Marchesini from Brasil, Salvador Navarrete from Venezuela, Ramiro Carbajal from Perú, Héctor Herrera from Paraguay, Ricardo Funke from Chile, Ricardo Peña from Honduras and Enrique Arias from El Salvador. During these months of transition we kept the past Presidents in our chat to achieve a better follow-up.
- 2) From April 26th. to 29th. 2017 we had our last IFSO LAC Congress, in the beautiful city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. More than 35 International Speakers, several Pre and Transcongress courses were developed, Dr. Sergio Aparicio FACS FASMBS and his team did a great job.



This is the Slide presented in our VII IFSO LAC CONGRESS.
Hotel Los Tajibos, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.



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Prof. Antonio Torres from Spain presented in a Finances Allied Health Precongress symposium



There were several Precongress Courses, including a Hands-on



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Faculty Dinner. VII IFSO LAC CONGRESS. Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

3) Dr. Ricardo Cohen assumed the IFSO LAC Presidency on April 28th 2017 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra during the VII IFSO LAC Congress. 14 countries-members of IFSO LAC were represented during this Assembly. Uruguay was present, but actually they are not members of IFSO yet, so they are not considered as part of IFSO LAC.



FRANKFURT,



November 2016

Latin American Chapter Report



During this IFSO LAC General Assembly Dr. Ricardo Cohen from Brasil, received the Presidency of IFSO LAC from Dr. Juan Antonio López-Corvalá from México during a friendly and comfortable session. I had the privilege of being the Executive Director of IFSO LAC in the last 5 years, Ricardo Cohen is the 3rd President that I have the privilege to work with.



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I have observed the growth of our Chapter in this last 5 years, since Dr. Zundel received it in Cuzco, Perú in 2013. Natan revived it, and during the IFSO LAC Congress in Los Cabos, Mexico in 2015, 15 country Member Societies accepted to be present and to participate actively in all the activities of our Chapter. Each country had the opportunity to organize a National meeting (Intermediary Congress) with the participation in the academic and social program of all the Presidents of the member societies. Our membership grew.

Dr. López-Corvalá received the Presidency in Los Cabos, Mexico, and during his period we have had the opportunity to continue working for our chapter, he developed a blog in our web site, it was his baby. In this blog, all the Chapter members were actively participating and interacting, discussing cases with the leaders of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery. Dr. López-Corvalá did a great job.

Now Mr. President, it is your turn, you are one of the leaders in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery of the world, and it is my privilege to work with you. I know that together with all of our country Member Societies we can make our Chapter bigger, we are a reality in the IFSO WORLD. In this last General Assembly of IFSO LAC in Bolivia I have had the privilege to be elected as the IFSO LAC President from 2019-2021, after Dr. Cohen's period. It is an honor for me to continue working for Latin America, Thank you to all the member societies for their unconditional support and their credibility to me. We will have the VIII IFSO LAC Congress in Buenos Aires Argentina, on April 2019. Next IFSO LAC Intermediary Congress in Quito Ecuador on April 2018.

During the VII IFSO LAC Congress Dr. Arthur Garrido from Brasil, was honored for being one of the fathers of the Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery in Latin America, and founder of IFSO and IFSO LAC.



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Dr. Cohen presenting in the Cross-fire during the VII IFSO



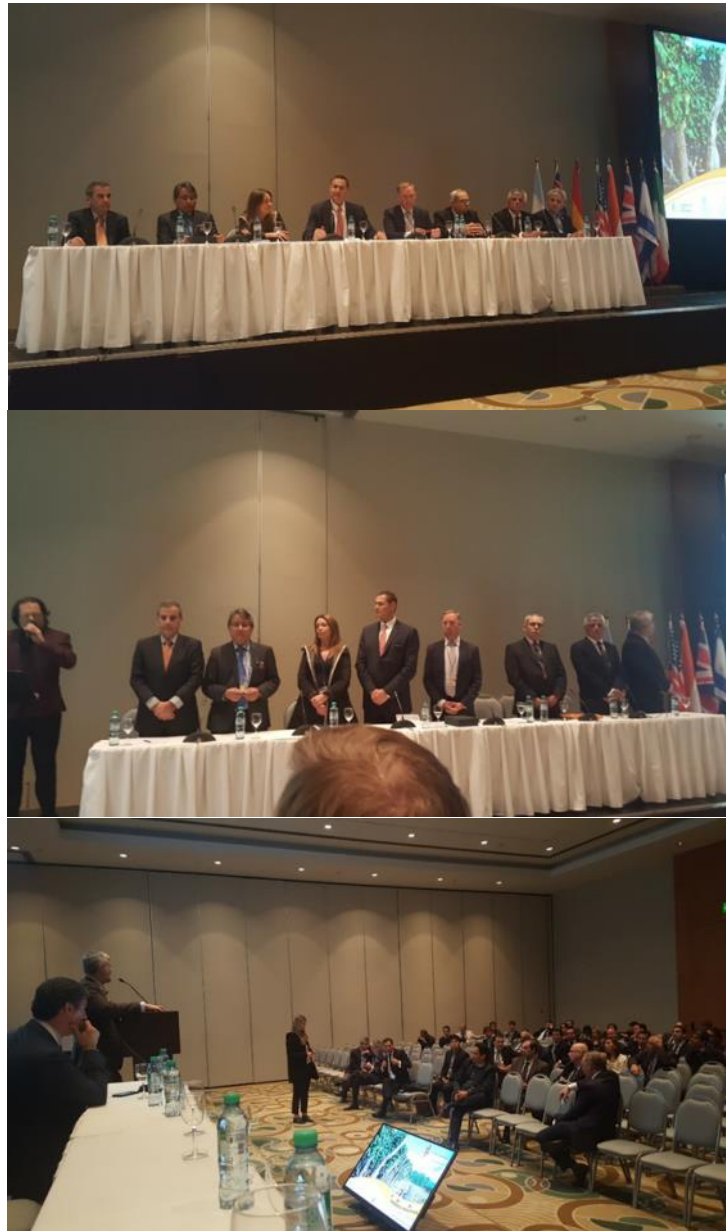
At the end of the meeting there was a big Latin American party.





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- 4) There have been several International Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery meetings, symposia and courses. IFSO LAC participated in several of them. As an example we were Faculty in the 11th International Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Meeting in Mendoza, Argentina, from May 17th. to 20th 2017. Dr. Pablo Omelanczuk and Dr. Santiago Horgan have been organizing this meeting, in this last 11 years.



IFSO LAC has its symposium in Mendoza, Argentina. 9 country member societies participated.



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Allied Health Symposium in Mendoza, Argentina.



IFSO LAC Members sharing at Los Tonelles Winery, Mendoza.



This meeting, has been a good example for all the

Professor's Dinner at Dr. Omelanczuk home, Mendoza.

members of IFO LAC, example of quality, leadership,

team work and commitment to excellence.

Dr. Omelanczuk and his team have been organizing a great meeting in this last 11 years. Congratulations to Dr. Omelanczuk and Dr. Horgan.



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Among other important activities that we have developed in IFSO LAC is that our website has been rebuilt and modernized, is friendlier. We have the capacity to send and important missive to our members. As an example of this, the past July 20th. 2017 AIS CHANNEL broadcasted the Live Congress: Metabolic Surgery: WHAT LATIN AMERICA HAS TO SAY! Two Live Operations were streamed, a Sleeve Gastrectomy performed by Dr. Ricardo Funke from Chile and a Gastric Bypass by Dr. Almino Ramos from Brasil. All our members were able to receive communications about this event fired through our renewed website.



Next Live Congress

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**Metabolic Surgery:
WHAT LATIN AMERICA HAS TO SAY!**

SANTIAGO DE CHILE
SAO PAULO BRAZIL

July 20, 2017
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This activity was a complete success. Thank you Mr. President for your effort.



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In August 2017, the Summary of Recommendations and Guidelines from the 2nd. Diabetes Surgery Summit (DSS II) were published. Dr. Cohen uploaded them in our website. IFSO LAC members can find them there.

Last but not least, few days ago, the **22nd WORLD CONGRESS, IFSO2017** took place in **London, at the QEII Centre**, August 28th. to Sept. 2nd.

It was a great meeting, the Faculty, the facilities, the rooms, the courses, the symposia, the lectures, the Presidential Address. All the Metabolic/Bariatric science happening in London made this event outstanding. Latin America was very well represented, as you know Mr. President we have had our IFSO LAC SYMPOSIUM on August 31st. 2017.





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Our IFSO LAC SYMPOSIUM was developed in the Mountbatten room, a big room with all the Multimedia devices. The symposium had 3 parts, the first 2 were in Spanish and the last one in English.



Dr. López-Corvalá IFSO LAC past president, welcomed all symposium participants



Dr. Cohen, current President IFSO LAC closed the symposium.



The Postgraduate Courses were very interesting, the one in Metabolic Surgery was very well attended. The leaders of Metabolic Surgery were there.

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Prof. Francesco Rubino closing words.



Dr. Cohen presenting the IFSO LAC Report in the EB Meeting of IFSO. The four Chapters were present: NAC-LAC-EC-APC



Dr. Higa with Prof. Himpens incoming IFSO President.



The beautiful Manuela Mazarella, IFSO Chief Operating Officer. Thank you Manuela for all your efforts and support.



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Gala Dinner



Dr. Cohen received an award during the Gala Dinner, London Sept. 2017

- 5) IFSO LAC as a Chapter did not have a General Assembly during the World Congress of IFSO in London, because there were only 8 Country Member Societies of the Chapter, the costs for Latin America to go to Europe are expensive, and we do not have the support from the companies. That is the main reason why only the 50% of our member societies were represented. During our last IFSO LAC Congress in Bolivia, we discussed on the ways IFSO can help us in this matter.
- 6) Well Mr. President, this is all what have happened in the last 6 months of work here in IFSO LAC. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Estuardo J. Behrens MD MACG FACS FASMBS
Executive Director IFSO LAC
ebehrens@comnetsa.com



Asia Pacific Chapter Report



OSSANZ (Australia/New-Zealand)

Ahmad Aly, President of OSSANZ, wishes to extend to you a warm invitation to attend the upcoming OSSANZ conference in Adelaide Oct 4-6th 2017:

Ahmad Ali
President of Obesity Surgery Society of Australia and New Zealand (OSSANZ)

"Here in Australia, we are eager to increase ties with our Asia Pacific friends and colleagues and this conference provides an exciting opportunity to meet, network and share knowledge."

The program highlights include keynote speakers Professor Francesco Rubino and Dr. Kelvin Higa as well as Dr. Randy Seely, and invited speaker Carel Leroux. If you haven't visited Australia before, take this chance to "come down under" - there's so much to do before or after the conference!

For full details, visit:

<http://www.anzos-ossanz-aoco.org>



JOINT SCIENTIFIC MEETING

ANZOS OSSANZ AOCO

4-6 October 2017

ADELAIDE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

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The Joint Scientific Meeting of

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The program promises to be a comprehensive exploration of Obesity and Metabolic Disease Management with combined Cross-Cutting Symposia & Plenary Sessions, Surgical Sessions and Integrated Health Programs.

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OSSI (India)

Rajesh Khullar
President of Obesity
Surgery Society of
India (OSSI)

The **IFSO-APC 2017** Conference took place in **Goa** at the end of April. This year's event was held in conjunction with OSSICON, the Indian Society's annual conference. At the end of the event, Dr. Lilian Kow, IFSO-APC President from 2015-2017 passed on the Chapter's Presidency to Dr. Muffazal Lakdawala.

Here are extracts of a report of the event by Dr. Jayasshree Todkar, the conference's Organizing Secretary:

"We would like to thank you from the core of our hearts for being a part of the IFSO APC 2017 and for your endorsement. It was an honor for us to host you. It was a great experience and knowledge gain to hear your thoughts and great insights in the scientific sessions. You were an inspiration for us all...

We successfully gave exposure and platform for new talent and skills to come up and rub shoulders with the greats. The scientific committee had a tough time choosing top 10 abstracts as they were overwhelmed with the huge number of quality entries submitted (to give it a number, it crossed 200). We had more than 150 speakers and experts and a total of more than 530 participants...

For the first time, we produced a white paper and submitted it, during inauguration, to the government dignitaries and we received a great positive response from their side ensuring to take it ahead in terms of providing accessible and affordable treatment and prevention to all from the first to the last rung of the society...

Three highly informative books were released written by Dr Chittaranjan Pullattrana, Dr Praveen Raj and Dr Jayasshree Toddkar.

25 organizations, from 18 countries, participated.

We concluded on good notes. We are happy to know that we could meet the expectations of everyone who participated, satisfactorily".



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JSSO (Japan)

Hisahiro Matsubara
President of Japanese Society for the Study of Obesity (JSSO)

The 35th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity was held in Iwate from June 23rd to 24th, 2017. The successful meeting attracted a record high of 400 visitors over the two days (according to the organizers).

The theme of the JSSO Congress was "How low can we go? Which BMI is suitable for Japanese Metabolic Surgery?" and featured Dr. Raul J. Rosenthal and Dr. Chih Kun Huang as special lecturers.

The congress was chaired by Professor Hisahiro Matsubara, President of JSSO, and Dr. Kazunori Kasama, IFSO Representative.





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Wei-Jei Lee
President of Taiwan society for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery (TSMBS)

TSMBS (Taiwan)

The 8th Asian Diabetes Surgery Summit (ADSS)* will take place in Taipei October 28, 2017, and there will be a pre-congress workshop October 27. This year's event is again focusing on synergies between surgical and medical treatment of diabetes, and will therefore feature presentations by an international faculty of surgeons and endocrinologists.

8th ADSS

Asian Diabetes Surgery Summit

社團法人台灣代謝及減重外科醫學會

Saturday, October 28, 2017
Taipei Marriott Hotel
Taipei, Taiwan

Pre-congress workshop with Live Surgeries
Friday, October 27, 2017
Min-Sheng General Hospital, Taoyuan, Taiwan

Treating "diabetes" ... Surgery and/or Medical Therapy?

Faculty:	Surgery:	Internal medicine:
	- Kazunori Kasama (Japan)	- Lee-Ming Chuang (Taiwan)
	- Simon K.H. Wong (Hong Kong)	- Young Min Cho (Korea)
	- Ji-Yeon Park (Korea)	- Alice P. S. Kong (Hong Kong)
	- Wei-Jei Lee (Taiwan)	- Atsuhito Saiki (Japan)
	- She-Huang Chao (Taiwan)	- Dee Pei (Taiwan)
	- Min-Hsien Lee (Taiwan)	- Chih-Yuan Wang (Taiwan)
	- Lee Kuo-Ting (Taiwan)	- Yi-Cheng Chang (Taiwan)
	- Kong-Han Ser (Taiwan)	- Keong Chong (Taiwan)
	- Jung-Chien Chen (Taiwan)	- Yu-Yao Huang (Taiwan)
		- Chih-Yen Chen (Taiwan)

International registrations & abstracts:
e-mail: secretariat@adss-taiwan.com
Website: www.adss-taiwan.com



* Please note that although the "8th Asian DSS meeting" is endorsed by IFSO, the name Asian DSS is not. DSS is a protected brand name belonging to doctors Francesco Rubino, David Cummings, Lee Kaplan and Phil Schauer, none of whom were involved with the organization of this meeting.



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23RD IFSO 2018 WORLD CONGRESS
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE SURGERY OF
OBESITY AND METABOLIC DISORDERS



Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to invite you to the 2018 World IFSO Congress to be held in Dubai from September 26th to 29th 2018.

Dubai is the tourism and commercial capital of the Arabian Gulf states, a fantastic fusion between East and West that combines ancient heritage and modern living. The beautiful city is continuously gaining importance as a touristic, economic and scientific top location and will host World Expo 2020. Many sources consider Dubai one of the best places to live in the Middle East. In addition, Dubai airport is an important hub for many airlines uniting destinations in East and West. As a consequence, the 2018 world IFSO Congress venue is swiftly reachable from most cities across the globe. Participants to the congress will enjoy a superb scientific programme focusing on the widest array of topics in the field of adiposity based chronic diseases, through postgraduate courses, symposia, expert talks and video of pre-recorded operations.

The aim of the Congress is to educate but just as well to unite across country borders health care professionals from different specialisms, in their fight against the adiposity epidemic.

I believe that all ingredients are present to make from the 2018 IFSO World Congress an enjoyable, fruitful and unforgettable experience.

I look forward to meeting you there!

Jacques Himpens, MD, PhD

IFSO President



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Emirates Society of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ESMBS), it is our pleasure and great privilege to invite you to the 23rd World Congress of The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO), which will be held in Dubai from 26-29 Sept 2018 at the Dubai Convention Centre.

We are privileged to host the largest bariatric & metabolic surgery event in the world in our region. Having the World IFSO congress in the Middle East is a milestone for our region and to the specialty of bariatric & metabolic surgery in the Middle East. This great achievement is the fruit of the strong collaboration between national societies of bariatric surgery, the Gulf Obesity Surgery Society and the Pan Arab Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. We now look forward to hosting the IFSO World Congress in Dubai.

IFSO 2018 will set a benchmark for our regional meetings and will consolidate the regional societies for furthering the collaborations in the future to bring uniform best practices, establish guidelines, facilitate new research, and promote quality driven patient care. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all our partners and sponsors to support the meeting with open arms for Dubai IFSO 2018 to be remembered as the best ever IFSO world congress to date.

Best Regards,

Dr. Ali Khammas
Congress President
President of the Emirates Society of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

LOCAL HOSTING SOCIETIES

Emirates Society of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery
Gulf Obesity Surgery Society Arab Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery



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Ali Khammas and Abdelrahman Nimeri at the XXII IFSO World Congress in London.



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

The scientific program provides a unique opportunity for all interested in obesity and metabolic surgery to share their experiences, expertise and knowledge and seek practical solutions in their search to eradicate and manage this epidemic. The program highlights the multidisciplinary nature of obesity and its management with joint symposia with anaesthetic, plastic surgery, pediatric surgery and internal medicine colleagues. There are planned joint sessions with fertility, psychology and psychiatry experts. There will also be special emphasis on Integrated Health and non-surgical treatment strategies.

Pre-Congress Courses

1. How to do quality research & publish
2. Bariatric Endoscopy PG course and Hands on Course for weight loss, weight regain and management of complications
3. One anastomosis gastric bypass/mini gastric bypass
4. Enhanced Recovery in Bariatric Surgery & Perioperative care
5. Metabolic Surgery from Basics to Clinical evidence
6. Multi-disciplinary team, Obesity Medicine Specialists
7. Complications of bariatric surgery prevention & Management
8. Reoperative & revisional bariatric surgery for weight regain
9. Bariatric Surgery Registries: MBSAQIP, IFSO, Dendrite etc...
10. Hands on course on suturing and stapling techniques

Plenary Sessions Topics

1. World-cup competitions of endoscopic & Bariatric Videos
2. Mock trial.
3. Quality Accreditation, bariatric registries & medicolegal aspects of bariatric surgery
4. Enhanced recovery, perioperative care of patients, anaesthesia.
5. Novel bariatric procedures & emerging technologies
6. Weight regain after sleeve
7. Multi-disciplinary bariatric surgery practice, follow up, compliance
8. Metabolic Surgery what is the evidence?
9. Weight regain after Roux en Y gastric bypass
10. Best options for super obese patients
11. Video session complications of Bariatric surgery.
12. Top Papers sessions
13. Debates: Class I obesity
14. Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy in GERD patients
15. Children, Adolescent Bariatric surgery



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The city boasts a strong international reputation as a dynamic, stable and safe destination, offering state-of-the-art facilities, first-class infrastructure and a range of headline-grabbing attractions and experiences, many unmatched by any other city in the world. Dubai is blessed with strategic geographic location which acts as the gateway between the East and West and established itself as a rapidly growing global business hub that is home to more than **50%** of the Middle East's business events, including many of the world's largest in their sectors.



DU BAI



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Dubai has retained its crown as the most popular destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and exhibitions in the Middle

East, with the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) driving the emirate's popularity among international and regional delegates and visitors. The epicentre for business tourism in the region, DWTC powers the MICE sector through size, resources, diversity of calendar and scale of events. The venue usually hosts more than 3 million delegates and attendees to events.



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WHY DUBAI? TOP 5 REASONS

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DESTINATION

Dubai's central location makes it one of the busiest travel hubs in the world. Dubai International airport is ranked as the number one hub for international passengers with annual traffic over **83.6 million** passengers in 2016. The airport serves **90** airlines flying to more than **240** destinations across six continents.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Dubai boasts a world-class infrastructure, well-maintained roads, excellent public transport and connectivity.



HOTELS FOR ALL NEEDS AND BUDGETS

Dubai has a diverse range of premium, standard and budget hotels offering services that cater to all needs and budgets. There are close to **700** hotels in the emirate, together offering more than **100,000** rooms. Current estimates show that a total of **134,000** rooms are expected by the end of 2018.

GROWING KNOWLEDGE HUB

Dubai is a growing knowledge hub with a significant number of universities and research centres committed to paving the way for technological and scientific advancements. Dubai has established prospering communities to share knowledge and exchange of ideas, including Dubai Media City, Dubai Internet City and Dubai Healthcare City.

SAFE AND SECURE FOR ALL

Dubai is a politically stable environment and a safe city for citizens, residents and visitors alike. According to Interpol, Dubai is one of the safest cities in the world in terms of crimes and health, making it a reassuring ground for all.

WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEISURE

Adrenaline-pumping desert safaris, luxurious spa breaks, relaxing dhow cruises, Arabian culture, high-octane skydives and exhilarating water park rides — just some of the experiences Dubai offers its guests, including business travellers who manage to mix business with pleasure or incorporate team-building experiences into their schedule.



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VISA & TRAVEL

Nationals of the following countries are eligible for a free-of-charge visa stamped on their passports upon entry into Dubai International Airport:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, and the Vatican.

Visa Application Prior to Arrival

All other nationalities not mentioned above are required to pre-arrange a visa to enter the United Arab Emirates.

Visa requirements can change with little or no notice so travellers are advised to please double-check foreign entry requirements by contacting the local embassy or consulate for your destination country.

MOBILE APP

The organising committee is pleased to announce IFSO 2018 mobile app is available for download on App stores. The App was officially launched in IFSO 2017 and have received a great response from the IFSO delegate community.

With this app, the organising committee aims to provide all delegates an easier way to find all the congress related information and can be used as a communication tool to interact with other colleagues.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD APP NOW:

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Google Play

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=za.co.providencesoftware.ifso2018&hl=en>





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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission and registration open: 1st December 2017

Abstract submission ends: 1st April 2018

End of early bird registration: 1st June 2018

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www.ifso2018.com



XXIV IFSO World Congress



3-7 September 2019
Madrid, SPAIN



XXV IFSO World Congress



29 July - 1 August 2020
Miami, USA



XXVI IFSO World Congress



1-4 September 2021

Rome, ITALY



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VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY

III IFSO Online Symposium

**“New Scoring System Helps Guide Surgical Choice for Patients with Obesity and Diabetes”**

Speaker: Ali Aminian, MD, FACS
Associate Professor of Surgery Cleveland Clinic

**12 October 2017****3.00-4.00 pm Central Europe Standard Time**

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Our official Journal : *Obesity Surgery*



Scott Shikora
Editor-in-Chief of
Obesity Surgery

Obesity Surgery had another excellent year. There have been very few issues with the editorial board, the manuscripts submitted, or the authors.

Manuscript Submissions

Manuscript submission remains very high

and continues to increase yearly. In 2016, over 900 manuscripts were submitted. As of 1 July, we received 587 manuscripts. Therefore, we expect to receive an estimated 1007 manuscripts by the close of the year. Despite the large number of manuscripts submitted, reviewed and ultimately determined whether to be accepted or rejected, the editorial board worked hard and efficiently to process these papers in a timely fashion. The average time from manuscript submission to acceptance dropped from over 100 days in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 to a remarkable 68 days in 2017.

An increased number of submitted manuscripts enable the journal to be more selective with which article to accept for publication. We know accept about 40% of articles submitted. Greater paper selectivity improves the overall quality of the journal.

Other noteworthy achievements:

1. The average number of monthly full text downloads increased from 35,539 per month in 2016 to 43,628 in 2017.
2. **The Impact Factor for 2016 increased from 3.346 in 2015 to 3.947 in 2016.** This is likely the highest Impact Factor for the journal in its history. Additionally, Obesity Surgery in now ranked 18 out of 196 English language surgical journals.
3. In 2016, total circulation was 11,277 subscriptions, down slightly from the 13,565 subscriptions in 2015.





Our official Journal : *Obesity Surgery*

Impactful IFSO Member Recognition

We continue to honor our leaders and impactful members of IFSO. The first article of each monthly issue gives a brief biography of the highlighted senior bariatric surgeon. This past year, we honored Kenneth Champion, Jan Willem Greve, George L. Blackburn, Romero Florin Galea, Rafael Capella, Arthur Garrido and Jaime Ponce. Jerome Dargent will be honored in our September issue.

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board was recently reviewed and renewed. We added over 30 new reviewers and several new editors. Additionally, Sue Cummings, a world-renowned dietician and Paul Davidson, a highly regarded bariatric psychologist were promoted to Associate Editors. Some reviewers and editors retired or were retired for poor effort. The goal is to continue to improve the timeliness and quality of the review process by evaluating the Editorial Board yearly and removing those who perform poorly and adding/promoting those that do timely and quality reviews.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Shikora, MD, FACS

Editor-in-Chief

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Committees' Report



Abdelrahman Nimeri
Chair of the Communication Committee

Communication Committee

Chair: Abdelrahman Nimeri

Chair elect: Bart van Wagensveld

Members: Kamal Mahawar, Saber Ghiassi, Aparna Govil Bhasker, Ali Aminian, Ahmad Bashir, Cynthia Borg, Asim Shabbir, Joao Caetano Marchesini.

IFSO Virtual Academy:

IFSO Quarterly Webinars (started in 2017):

- ⇒ **2nd Webinar July 6th 2017:** "High incidence of Barretts esophagitis after LSG" A. Genco.
Moderator: K. Higa
Discussants: M. Lakdawala, A. Ramos, N. Zundel, L. Angrisani.
- ⇒ **3rd Webinar October 12th 2017:** "New Scoring System Helps Guide Surgical Choice for Patients with Obesity and Diabetes" A. Aminian.
Moderator: J. Himpens.
Discussants: WJ Lee, S. Shikora, R. Cohen, C. Le Roux, D. Cummings.
- ⇒ **4th Webinar January 2018: Weight regain after LSG.**
- ⇒ **5th Webinar April 2018: Enhanced Recovery after Bariatric Surgery.**
- ⇒ **6th Webinar July 2018: VTE prophylaxis in Bariatric surgery.**

IFSO Journal Club:

This is a new activity that will start led by Dr. Kamal Mahawar and will discuss important articles from Obesity Surgery Journal and other journals.

IFSO partnership with AIS Channel:

IFSO World Congress recording to be published worldwide on AIS.

IFSO Video Library on AIS: Extremely High Quality Educational IFSO content.

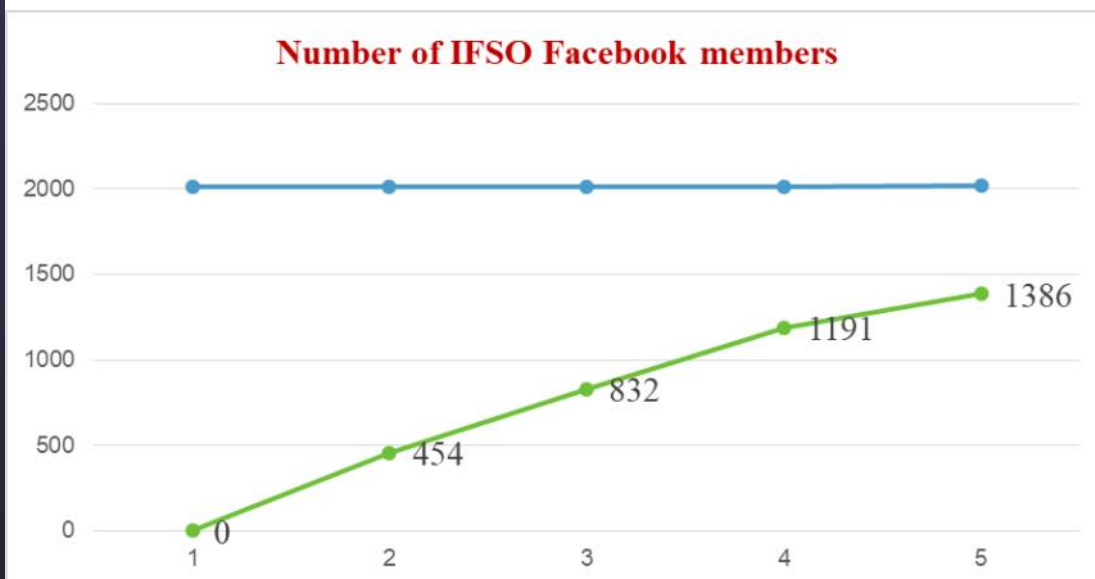


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IFSO on social media:

IFSO Facebook Group (started in 2013): Helps us cross 2000 members. This is a closed professional social networking group to discuss complex cases and receive updates about important events in the IFSO calendar. **If you are not a member of this Group yet, please click here and join us:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/396874800435861/>



⇒ **Please follow IFSO on Twitter @IfsoSecretariat** (started October 2016):

October 2016 177 followers

April 2017 357 followers

September 442 followers

⇒ **IFSO Linked In group: 972 members**

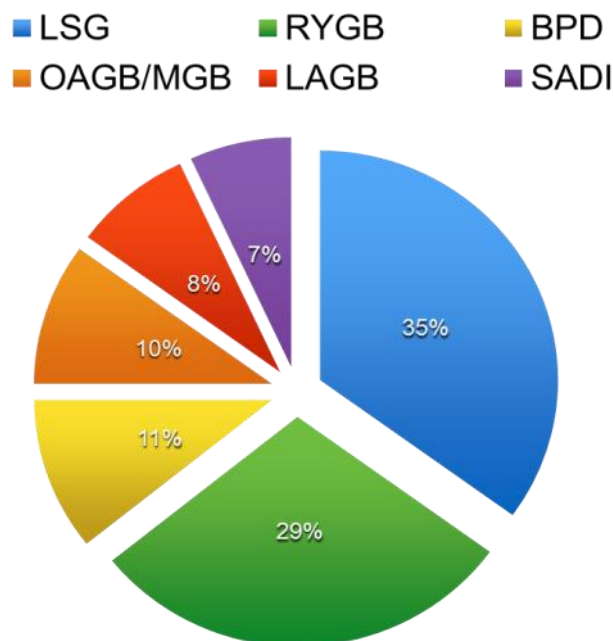
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Committees' Report

⇒ **The use of a disclosure slide of procedures you perform in presentations:**

Bias is not only financial bias, it is scientific and experience bias as well. This disclosure slide will show the percentage of procedures the presenters performs. This is helpful to show the attendees his/her bias for procedures they rarely perform. This will be a requirement for all IFSO endorsed meetings, and will be enforced by the course director. All course directors are required to ask all presenters to add the disclosure slide with the percentage of procedures in the practice of the presenter at the beginning of the all IFSO endorsed meeting presentations. For example:



Selected readings in bariatric surgery: Please look for this tab on the IFSO website. It will include recent relevant publications with comments from experts. It is another way we are trying to keep you up-to-date.

Meetings endorsed by IFSO:

2014 (11 meetings).

2015 (28 meetings up) 150% increase.

2016 (24 meetings) 12% decrease.

2017 Jan-Sept 2017 (22 meetings)



Committees' Report

IFSO Website new look launched in 2014 (please send us your feedback):

⇒ Website statistics:

- Hits in 2014 (34,000 hits)
- Hits in 2015 (50,056 hits)
- Hits in 2016 (70,477 hits)
- Hits in 2017 January - September (44,733)
- Visit by visitor type: (68.9% new visitors).

⇒ Top 10 countries: Visit and page visit by country 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017:

2014	2015	2016	2017
1. USA 2501	USA 6397	USA 7326	USA 5798
2. India 1455	India 4094	Brazil 4404	India 3945
3. Brazil 1385	Brazil 3573	India 3579	UK 3747
4. UK 1226	UK 2954	UK 2921	Brazil 2543
5. Italy 885	Italy 2219	Italy 1777	Italy 1948
6. Mexico 863	Mexico 2042	Australia 1748	AUS 1551
7. France 595	France 1492	Mexico 1344	Mexico 1190
8. Spain 576	Spain 1381	Netherlands 1078	NL 1160
9. Australia 443	Germany 1145	Germany 1058	Nigeria 1109
10. Netherlands 417	Australia 1100	France 439	UAE 1018



Committees' Report



Tracy Martinez
Chair of the Integrated Health Committee

Integrated Health Committee

London meeting was a great success for Integrated Health attendees. We had numerous session options and they were well attended.

Mary O'Kane and I attended both the Executive Board meeting and the General Council meeting as Integrated Health representatives.

The EC is very committed to supporting the members of IH. Our outgoing president, Kelvin Higa, initiated more focus and support for Integrated Health as one of his many presidential goals. We are grateful.

The IH committee met at the London meeting. We are planning our first quarter strategic plan. Our focus will be:

- Reaching out to our members through on-line survey to learn how we can bring more value to our members.
- Education outreach through webinars and webpage links.
- Feasibility evaluation of international Certified Bariatric Nurse.
- Continue to add more committee members as opening occur so that we have a though discipline representation.
- Continue to enhance our Integrated Health webpage.

We look forward to a productive year. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact me at: TMartinezrn@lapbypass.com

Sincerely,

Tracy Martinez RN, BSN, CBN

IFSO Integrated Health Chair



Committees' Report



Scientific Committee

Wendy Brown
Chair of the Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee of IFSO has been given the aim of providing our members and the broader community with information that is evidence based and up to date. With this aim in mind we have been very active over the past few months and were pleased to welcome new members to our Committee to help us fulfil this aim. These new members include Carel Le Roux, David Cummings, Rachel Batterham, Francesco Rubino and Ricardo Cohen. Along with our current members Alex Escalona, Jacques Himpens, Almino Ramos, Jeff Hamdorf, Michel Suter, Miguel Herrera, Moshe Rubin, Scott Shikora and Wei Jei Lee we have a really amazing committee that is well up to the tasks we have been set.

The content of the IFSO website is currently being reviewed and updated to ensure that the information that is provided to our site visitors is of the highest quality. Look for changes in the coming months!

The Scientific Committee is liaising closely with the Dubai Scientific Congress organizing committee. The scientific convenor Abdelrahman Nimeri has brought together a truly expert panel to assist with program design and delivery. We are sure it will be a meeting that you won't want to miss!

There is a need for position paper to help guide us when new procedures are being introduced to the Clinic. The Scientific Committee is now involved in developing these important documents, ensuring the evidence base is of the highest quality. We hope they will be helpful to our membership.

I am very grateful for the support of the Committee and also the IFSO Secretariat. I am honored to be a part of such an esteemed Committee and I look forward to finding as many ways as we can to support the good work our members are providing to our patients.

Wendy Brown
IFSO Scientific Committee Chair



Committees' Report



Aleksandr Neimark
Young IFSO President



2017: an important year for Young IFSO

The year 2017 was very important for further development of Young IFSO.

First of all, Young IFSO was, for the fifth consecutive year, visibly present at 22nd IFSO World Congress in London in August/September 2017.

The Young IFSO Session was held on September 1st, 2017. The Session leads were Halin Eret Taskin, Sylvia Weiner, Aleksandr Neimark, Karin Dolezalova.

Distinguished invited speakers in this Session were Kamal Mahawar and Scott Shikora. Their lectures were greatly appreciated by the audience.

After that, Aleksandr Neimark, Matias Sosa, Karin Dolezalova, Dorota Radkowiak and Wah Yang delivered their talks, which were followed by lively discussion. The presenters who were from Russia, Argentina, the Czech Republic, Poland and China underlined the multinational scope of Young IFSO.

The scientific session continued with the second, most important part, thus the Young IFSO electoral meeting.

Before the Meeting Sylvia Weiner - Young IFSO President-elect announced that due to personal reasons she will not be able to hold the presidential duties in the upcoming two years.

Next structure was approved for 2018-2020:

President: Aleksandr Neimark

President-elect: voting will be next during IFSO-EC Congress in Athens.

Past-President: Karin Dolezalova

Representative to IFSO-EC: Karin Dolezalova

Treasurer : Halit Eren Taskin (till 2018)

The suggested names/positions were approved by voting of the Young IFSO General Assembly.

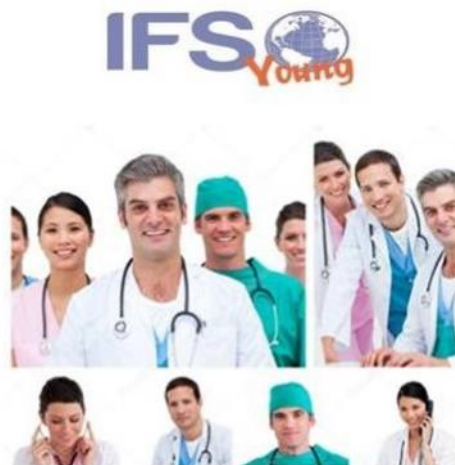


Committees' Report

Immediate plans of the Young IFSO are to take active and important part in preparations and work towards success of the IFSO EC Congress in Athens, in 2018 as well as of the World IFSO Congress in Dubai during the same year.

Young IFSO is proudly looking forward to the next quinquennium of its existence!

The structure of IFSO includes a section called 'Young IFSO' whose purpose is to integrate younger colleagues (under 45 years) - bariatric surgeons - by providing them access to the exchange of experience in scientific cooperation and making it possible for them to present their data in the form of oral presentation on IFSO's international congresses and also by providing them information on planned activities.



All this is possible thanks to the special conditions created by IFSO: preferential yearly membership fee – US\$ 60, availability of dedicated scientific sessions at IFSO conferences, availability of social networking (Facebook Group).

We are inviting all interested young surgeons to join the ranks of Young IFSO. To do so please register by [clicking here](#)

Aleksandr Neimark

Young IFSO President



3rd IFSO Global Registry Report



IFSO publishes Third IFSO Global Registry Report

At the recent XXII World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) in London, UK, we were delighted to launch the Third IFSO Global Registry Report (2017). Published by Dendrite Clinical Systems, under the auspices of the IFSO, the publication reports data from more than 40 countries on over 196,000 operations including baseline obesity-related disease, operation types, operative outcomes and disease status after bariatric surgery.

The report is the culmination of years of research and analyses from the IFSO Global Registry Project, which was established in January 2014 to demonstrate that it is possible to merge and analyse bariatric and metabolic surgical data from different countries and centres.

“We at IFSO are convinced that one of our prime tasks is to provide global guidelines for safe and effective surgery to the benefit of the patient with adiposity. Critical appraisal of what we do is essential to achieve this goal,” said IFSO president, Jacques M Himpens. “More than ever we must share our data with the world. More than ever we must contribute to a global and complete registry.”

This latest report includes 196,188 operation records from 42 countries from five continents, and has detailed information on 106,219 gastric bypass operations (54.1% of all the records submitted), 58,885 sleeve gastrectomy procedures (30.0%) and 19,101 gastric banding operations (9.7%).

The publication has some interesting county-to-country analysis and notes a wide variation of BMI pre-surgery between different contributor countries, ranging from 36.7kg m² in Peru to 51.1kgm² in Egypt (43.1 kgm²). The highest proportions of gastric bypass surgery were reported in Venezuela (100.0%) and Sweden (95.6%), compared with Kuwait (100.0%), Australia (100.0%) and Saudi Arabia (100.0%), who reported the highest rates of sleeve gastrectomy operations.



3rd IFSO Global Registry Report

Prior to surgery, 21.8% of patients were on medication for type 2 diabetes, 31.4% of patients were treated for hypertension, 15.3% of patients were on medication for depression, 20.2% of patients required treatment for musculo-skeletal pain, 20.3% of patients had sleep apnoea and 24.8% of patients had gastro-esophageal reflux disorder.

Following surgery, the report states that the average percentage weight loss was 30.1% and after primary surgery 62.4% of those taking medication for type 2 diabetes beforehand were no longer on medication one year after surgery. The proportion of patients no longer treated for diabetes was highly dependent on weight loss achieved. There were also significant reductions in the rates of treatment for depression, hypertension and musculo-skeletal pain, as well as a decline in rates of confirmed sleep apnoea and GERD one year after surgery.

"Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery is unlike any other surgical specialty. We look to the long-term effects and are not satisfied with one or two-year data; even 10 to 20-year data may not be enough to judge if our interventions today should be continued," said IFSO past-President, Dr Kelvin Higa. "If we had data from the past 30 years of surgery to analyse and integrate with our current concepts of the pathophysiology of our operations, I think we would be closer to answering many important questions such as What should be the criteria for surgery? How do I choose the right operation for the right patient? What are the long-term consequences of my intervention? Reporting data and participating in a registry such as IFSO Global Registry is indicative of the serious commitment to the long-term care of our patients and the advancement of the universal standards by which we practice."

"Together with IFSO, we were delighted to publish this third report at the XXII World Congress in London, UK," said Dr Peter Walton, Managing Director of Dendrite Clinical Systems. "I would also like to encourage metabolic and bariatric surgeons from around the world to contribute their data to the next report to be published at the XXIII IFSO World Congress in Dubai."

If you are interested in participating in the Fourth IFSO Global Registry Report, please email: registrations@e-dendrite.com for more information.

If you would like to download a pdf copy of the Third IFSO Global Registry Report, please [click here](#)

There are limited printed copies of the Third IFSO Global Registry Report still available, if you would like to purchase a printed copy (US\$35/€30/£26 +P&P), please email: ifsoregistry@e-dendrite.com



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The IFSO Corporate Committee is organized to develop and enhance the joint strategies and efforts of bariatric surgeons, healthcare professionals and industry professionals. The Corporate Council offers opportunities to work with industry peers in appropriately influencing the healthcare of the morbidly obese.

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July 6, 2017 Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona

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July 20th, 2017

Santiago de Chile, Sao Paulo Brazil

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SASSO Congress 2017

July 28-30, 2017 Pretoria (South Africa)

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SASSO Congress Invitation

The South African Society for Surgery, Obesity and metabolism is inviting you to attend the SASSO Congress

International Speaker: Prof Philip Schauer
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Date: 28 to 30 July 2017
Venue: Capital Hotel Menlyn Maine Pretoria
Cost: R3000 per person
RSVP Online at: www.sasomonline.co.za



Controversies in Bariatrics

September 15-16, 2017
Apollo Hospital, New Delhi

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CONTROVERSIES IN BARIATRICS

Dr Arun Prasad
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All you wanted to ask after a talk or a panel discussion during the mega bariatric conferences but there was no time as the meeting was running behind time. All that you thought were the actual issues that needed to be addressed. HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO CATCH UP !!

Innovative Techniques in Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery

Sharjah, Sharjah Emirate

April 25th – 26th 2017

May 24th – 25th 2017

September 25th – 26th 2017

November 20th – 21st 2017

February 27th – 28th 2018

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Innovative Techniques in Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery

May 24th - 25th

Overview

This two day event consists of comprehensive theoretical and practical sessions on Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery and Obesity Medicine. The sessions will help to develop advanced insights on Patient Selection, preoperative, Intraoperative, postoperative Nutrition and GI strip. Furthermore, the faculty will highlight some anatomy aspects and surgical Techniques and will provide useful tips and tricks on complication management. In addition, the course will focus on the Distinction that the Bariatric patients and the difference between the surgical and Medical routes for preoperative bariatric surgery failure.

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



IFSO Endorsed Meetings

5th National and 3rd Mediterranean Congress for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

Oct. 12-15, 2017 Antalya, Turkey

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Obesity, Bariatric and Endocrine Societies (OBES) Scientific Meeting 2017

Singapore

October 20-21, 2017

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8th ADSS (Asian Diabetes Surgery Summit)

October 28, 2017 Taipei, Taiwan

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8th ADSS
Asian Diabetes Surgery Summit
社團法人台灣代謝及減重外科醫學會
Saturday, October 28, 2017
Taipei Marriott Hotel
Taipei, Taiwan

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Friday, October 27, 2017
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Surgery and/or Medical Therapy?**

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Emergencies after Bariatric Surgery

November 1-30, 2017

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On Line Course:
Emergencies after Bariatric Surgery
Dates: November 1st - 30th, 2017

14th B.E.S.T. 2017 – Bariatric Endoscopic Surgery Trends

Lisbon, Portugal

December 4-5, 2017

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IFSO Related Meetings

2017 International Congress on Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome (ICOMES) in conjunction with the 47th Annual Scientific Meeting of Korean Society for the Study of Obesity

August 31—September 3, 2017

Conrad Hotel, Seoul, Korea

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6th CECON

Central European Congress & 15th Slovak Congress on Obesity

October 5-7, 2017 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

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IDF Congress 2017

December 4-8, 2017

Abu Dhabi (UAE)

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www.idf.org/congress





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