



Message from the President

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Pradeep Chowbey

President of IFSO,

President of the APC

Dear Colleagues,

It is a matter of immense satisfaction and reassurance that IFSO has been expanding the horizons and steadily growing from strength to strength over the years. The expansion and growth of IFSO has been commensurate with the rapid development and progress of Bariatric Surgery as a surgical specialty.

Metabolic Surgery is emerging as the newest kid on the block. Surgical therapy for Diabetes Mellitus is being presented and debated with great enthusiasm and fervor of late. The merits, demerits, limitation and scope of surgery for Diabetes Mellitus are being scrutinized and examined in detail. Several clinical research trials are in the progress and all of us keenly await the outcomes. Also, surgical intervention in lower BMI group are being assessed. Several endoscopic therapeutic interventions clamour for attention. Overall, Metabolic and Bariatric surgery is in a state of flux and rapidly evolving at present.

There appears to be compelling evidence in favor of Bariatric Surgery for Morbidly Obese patients. There is improvement of several co-morbid medical conditions as well as increase in quantity and quality of life in morbidly obese patients. Sadly, patients are denied insurance cover of Bariatric Surgery in many parts of the world today. There is concerted move to mobilize opinion and present evidence to rally support for insurance cover to these fragile patients.

It is heartening to note that the various Chapters of IFSO are bustling with academic activity and that most such meetings provide great scientific content and are well attended.

We look forward to assembling again in Turkey in August 2013 for the annual IFSO Conference in what promises to be a scientific and social feast.

With warm regards

Pradeep Chowbey

President of IFSO



Message from the President Elect



Luigi Angrisani

President elect,

Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Colleagues,

I am glad to inform you that IFSO is working at two important and ambitious initiatives:

-Worldwide survey on bariatric procedures

IFSO, as a world Federation of 53 national societies, is willing to collect, for the first time, as many data as possible about the **number** and the **type** of bariatric operations performed all over the world.

For this purpose I kindly invite all the Presidents of the National Societies to participate in this project submitting your national data, by filling in a simple form that you'll soon receive by our Secretariat.

-IFSO Position statement on bariatric surgery on patients with a BMI <35

We believe in the importance of such a position statement directed not only to surgeons but to the whole medical community, to show, on the base of literature, the potential benefits and risks of bariatric surgery on patients with a BMI <35.

We hope to be ready to present in Istanbul, within a dedicated symposium, a discussion paper, to submit the document to the general audience of our world congress.

I thank you very much for your precious cooperation in these challenging projects and would be very pleased to receive from all of You new ideas and proposals in the field of the Surgery for obesity and Diabetes that are our main fields of action.

I look very much forward to receiving your vigorous input

My Best Wishes

Luigi Angrisani

President Elect of IFSO



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IFSO'S NUMBERS

- **53** NATIONAL SOCIETIES
- **8.080** MEMBERS
- **1.735** OBESITY SURGERY SUBSCRIBERS

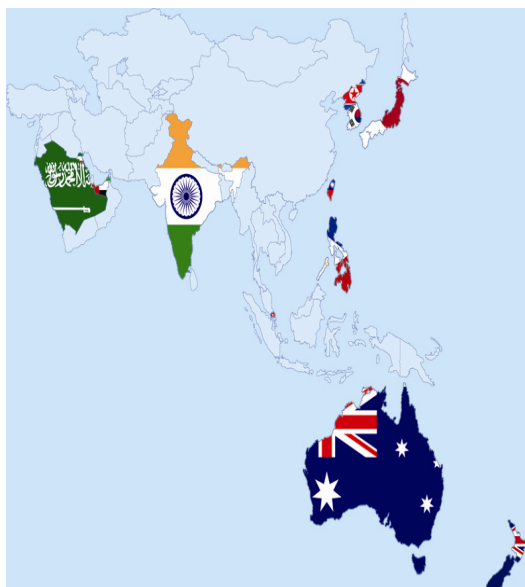
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European Chapter NEWS



Yuri Yashkov
President of the
European Chapter

On November 22, 2012 the Chapter held an informal meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, within the 7th Frankfurter Meeting. President of the meeting, Prof. Rudolf Weiner, was congratulated with being elected as a **"member at large"** in IFSO's Executive Board. Some important matters were discussed: the interaction of the Chapter with the Centers of Excellence program, headed by John Melissas, the implication of IFSO's Manual of Polices and Procedures in Europe (MOPP).



The important decision taken was to establish three Committees inside the Chapter: **Bylaws Committee** (Chair- R. Weiner from Germany), **Scientific Committee** (Chair – M. Bueter from Switzerland) and **Communication- Development** (Chair – M. Wiren from Sweden). All chairmen were requested to formulate the tasks and a list of members of each Committee.



from left: Sylvia Weiner, Nicola Scopinaro,
Rudolf Weiner

K. Dolezalova initiated a discussion about **"Young IFSO"** – a group made of the young specialists (<45 years) inside IFSO. The main aim of this group would be to bring together young bariatric/metabolic surgeons as well as other medical and non-medical professionals to exchange ideas in the field of obesity and metabolic disorders, research, treatment and management.

Another important issue is to create a European and worldwide bariatric registry. It was mentioned that not all countries have their own registries. IFSO should stimulate the national Societies to collect data. Some special sessions on Registries are planned to be organized during the upcoming meetings.

Next informal meeting of IFSO-EU Chapter is planned on **March 11th in Saalfelden, Austria**, within the 11th Expert Meeting.

Yury Yashkov,

President of the IFSO-European Chapter





To continue an interaction between IFSO-European Chapter and EASO- European organization of non-surgical specialists and to continue the practice of joint meetings begun in Munich in 2011, it was proposed to organize **joint IFSO-EU-EASO Medico – Surgical Workshop** during upcoming **EASO meeting in Liverpool on 11-12 May 2013**.

In the next IFSO-EU Chapter meeting, to be held in Bruxelles in 2014, a group of specialists from the EASO will be invited to the same joint Workshop which is a good opportunity to get good connections with physicians. We hope to create an updated official Statement with the internists and bariatric surgeons called “European Guidelines” .



European Obesity Medico-Surgical Workshop: A formal satellite of ECO2013

‘Metabolic Surgery: Guidelines and Clinical Implications’

Jointly organised by EASO and IFSO-EC

11-12 May 2013 Liverpool, UK



Draft Programme Day 1: Saturday 11th May 2013

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| 1400 – 1430 hrs: | Registration and Coffee |
| 1430 – 1500 hrs: | Introduction and Overview Martin Fried (Czech Republic) and Gema Frühbeck (Spain) |
| 1500 – 1530 hrs: | Keynote Presentation 1: Economics of Metabolic Surgery Martin Neovius (Sweden) |
| 1530 – 1600 hrs: | Keynote Presentation 2: Mechanisms underlying the resolution of type 2 diabetes Francesco Rubino (US) |
| 1600 – 1630 hrs: | Coffee |
| 1630 – 1715 hrs: | Group Workshop Session 1: Indications/Contraindications for Metabolic Surgery Rudolf Weiner (Germany) and Nick Finer (UK) |
| 1715 – 1800 hrs: | Group Workshop Session 2: What new clinical variables should be included in the preoperative evaluation? Luca Busetto (Italy) and Javier Salvador (Spain) |
| 1815 – 1845 hrs: | Keynote Presentation 3: Personalized Surgery: Can genetic profiling help in finding reliable predictors? Karine Clément (France) |
| 2000 – 2200 hrs: | Official Welcome and Buffet Dinner |

Draft Programme Day 2: Sunday 12th May 2013

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| 0830 – 0900 hrs: | Keynote Presentation 4: Patient Selection – what are the predictors of success and failure? Nick Finer (UK) |
| 0900 – 0945 hrs: | Group Workshop Session 3: Relevance of psychological and family support Karl Miller (Austria) and Alain Golay (Switzerland) |
| 0945 – 1030 hrs: | Group Workshop Session 4: Redefining success and how to deal with failed treatment Antonio Torres (Spain) and John Wilding (UK) |
| 1030 – 1115 hrs: | Coffee |
| 1115 – 1145 hrs: | Keynote Presentation 5: The Shift from Bariatric to Metabolic Surgery – what does it mean? Carel le Roux (UK) |
| 1145 – 1230 hrs: | European Metabolic Surgery Guidelines: What are the Key Issues to be addressed? Martin Fried (Czech Republic), Volkan Yumuk (Turkey) and Nicola Scopinaro (Italy) |
| 1230 hrs: | Close |



Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



Pradeep Chowbey

President of the APC



Lilian Kow

APC Representative

Our focus is now on the **2013 IFSO-APC Congress** which will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, **Kaohsiung E-D World, in Kaohsiung, Taiwan** from **10 to 13 April 2013**.

This meeting will champion the advancement in metabolic and bariatric surgery research by uniting the world's leading clinicians and vision researchers. This is an exclusive opportunity for experts to share their latest findings, technical expertise and experiences in the field of obesity, metabolic syndrome and bariatric surgery.

There is also going to be a **Bariatric Animal Workshop** and a **Bariatric Cadaver Workshop** during the Congress. Lock your registrations in now as there are limited spaces for both.

Attendees can expect to experience the rich and lively culture and lifestyles of the distinctive tribes and cultural heritage of Taiwan. Coupled with its diverse relics, theme parks, golf courses and beaches, we hope that members will take advantage of all Taiwan has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For further information on the 2013 IFSO-APC Congress please visit www.2013ifsoapc.com

Pradeep Chowbey

President of the IFSO- APC

Lilian Kow

Secretary/Treasurer of IFSO-APC



Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



Wej-Jei Lee

President of TSMBS



Chih-Kun Huang

Congress President

| 2013 IFSO-Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting | | | | | | | | | |
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| Program at a Glance (Tentative) | | | | | | | | | |
| Venue: E-Da Hospital & Crowne Plaza Hotel Kaohsiung E-Da World | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 January 2013 Revised | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | April 10 | April 11 | April 12 | April 13 | | | | | |
| Time | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | |
| 08:00 - 08:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 08:30 - 09:00 | Registration | Asia IEF Meeting | Registration | Registration | | | | | |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | Bariatric Cadaver Workshop | | Registration | Opening Ceremony | | | | | |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | | | | | Keynote Speech | IFSO Cross-Strait Session | Top Ten Papers | | |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | | | Coffee Break | | | | | | |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee Break | Bariatric Excellence Workshop | Coffee Break | Coffee Break | | | | | |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Bariatric Cadaver Workshop | | Registration | Keynote Speech | IFSO Cross-Strait Session | APC Members Status Report | | | |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | | | | | | | Luncheon Symposium | TSMBS General Assembly | Luncheon Symposium |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | Lunch | Lunch | Luncheon Symposium | Luncheon Symposium | | | | | |
| 13:00 - 13:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | Bariatric Cadaver Workshop | Bariatric Excellence Workshop | IFSO Cross-Strait Session | IFSO Cross-Strait Session | | | | | |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | | | Panel Session | Panel Session | Panel Session | | | | |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | | | | | Video Session | | | | |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | | | Coffee Break | Coffee Break | | | | | |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | | | IFSO Cross-Strait Session | ADSS Symposium | | | | | |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | | | Panel Session | Panel Session | | | | | |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | | | Panel Session | Panel Session | | | | | |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | | | IFSO-APC Council Meeting | | Award Giving Ceremony (Closing Ceremony) | | | | |
| 18:00 - 18:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 18:30 - 19:00 | | Board Member Dinner | | | | | | | |
| 19:00 - 19:30 | | | Gala Dinner | | APMBSS Banquet | | | | |
| 19:30 - 20:00 | | | | | | | | | |



Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS

Program
Pre-congress workshop

IFSO BARIATRIC CADAVER WORKSHOP

Date: 10 April 2013

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

IFSO BARIATRIC EXCELLENCE WORKSHOP

Date: 11 April 2013

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Bariatric surgery has been established a standard and effective therapy for morbid obesity with good long term success at weight loss and resolution of co-morbidities. The use of these surgical procedures is increasing rapidly in whole Asia-Pacific area. To help the establishment of basic concept of bariatric surgery, maturation of surgical technique, managing post-operative complications, and guide future development in bariatric surgery, experts in the fields of the world are met for the conduct of pre-congress workshop, 2 days before 2013 IFSO-Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting. Over the courses of the workshop, participants will review and discuss from the basis to the rationale for future bariatric surgery. Lectures are carried out in the morning session of courses and then followed by **live surgery demonstration** and **cadaver lab** for participants to experience the different procedures of laparoscopic bariatric surgeries under the guidance of experts. Participants will learn from basic trocar approaches, tissue manipulation and transection, and complex hand sewing techniques. Moreover, the invited mentors will share their own experience in patients' selection, a multidisciplinary-team approach, preventing and managing post-operative complications, and novel concepts of T2DM surgery. After this, every participant would improve and advance the science of bariatric surgery.

Call for abstracts

The Scientific Program Committee of 2013 IFSO-APC Meeting invites all interested individuals to submit abstracts or videos for oral, poster or video presentations.

On-line submission through the congress website www.2013ifsoapc.com is required.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT/VIDEO TOPICS

1. Bariatric Surgery
2. Metabolic Surgery
3. Revisional or Reversal Bariatric Surgery
4. Complications and Their Management
5. Single or Reduced Port Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery
6. Anesthesiological Aspects of Bariatric Surgery
7. Novel Surgery in Obesity or Metabolic Syndrome
8. Endoluminal Techniques
9. Integrated Health
10. Nutritional Consideration after Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery

LAST CALL FOR ABSTRACT/VIDEO SUBMISSION

18 February 2013



Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS

GALA DINNER

Only the delegate who completes the registration for the congress can purchase the ticket of Gala Dinner for their accompanying person.

Gala Dinner on 12 April 2013

Accompanying Person

NTD 2,700 (≈USD 90)

Complimentary Half-day Tour for Accompanying Persons

*Accompanying persons are free of charge.

Date: 11 April 2013 (Thursday)

Time: 13:00-17:30

Here in the **Buddha Memorial**, visitors can not only worship the tooth relic, but they can also visit **Dajue Hall**, that can accommodate up to two thousand people and has a multi-functional space for exhibitions and activities.



About Taiwan

Taiwan lies on the western edge of the Pacific "rim of fire", and the continuous tectonic movements have created majestic peaks, rolling hills, plains, basins, coastlines and other wonders. Furthermore, Taiwan's tropical, sub-tropical and temperate climates provide clear differentiation between the different seasons, thus it owns abundant flora and fauna. That's why when the Portuguese first landed on Taiwan, they said: "**Formosa**" meaning, "**Beautiful.**" And it is just on account of the historical fusion of east and west on this island that makes Taiwan diverse with regard to landscape and cultural contour.

To know more about Taiwan, please visit the website of Tourism Bureau of Taiwan (<http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>).

About Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung, a city of glamour, not only has unique features of mountain, sea, river, and port, but also possesses a rich culture and beautiful cityscape. The city sincerely welcomes your visit.

Kaohsiung City is an important international hub for Taiwan. It has a complete air/marine transportation network port and the industries of logistics, financial insurance, and services as the center of talent incubation and technology R&D. Kaohsiung County owns a variety of agricultural resources as well as industrial and high-technology parks. Such an advantage will create more practical benefits from the merging.



Kaohsiung has been transformed from an undeveloped fishing village into a thriving industrial city, with the future intention of continuing to develop the natural aspects of the city, especially the rivers. S.H.E. (safe, healthy, ecological) is the concept behind the development plans for the future of the city.





Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS

Registration

On-line registration is available on: www.2013ifsoapc.com

| Category | Standard Rate | On-Site Rate |
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| | From 1 February -7 April 2013 | After 10 April 2013 |
| IFSO, TSMBS Member | NTD 15,000 (≈USD 500) | NTD 16,500 (≈USD 550) |
| Non-Member | NTD 16,500 (≈USD 550) | NTD 18,000 (≈USD 600) |
| Co-Medical: Trainees, Resident, Physician, Allied Health Professional | NTD 9,000 (≈USD 300) | NTD 9,000 (≈USD 300) |
| Accompanying Person | NTD 6,000 (≈USD 200) | |



| IFSO Bariatric Cadaver Workshop | |
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| Date: 10 April 2013 Time: from 9 am to 4 pm | |
| Hands-on operation (Max. 18 participants) | |
| Early Bird Rate (Before 28 February 2013) | Standard Rate (From 1 March 2013) |
| NTD 75,000 (≈USD 2,500) | NTD 84,000 (≈USD 2,800) |
| Lecture + Live Demo (Max. 60 seats) | |
| NTD 15,000 (≈USD 500) | |



| IFSO Bariatric Excellence Workshop |
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| Date: 11 April 2013 Time: from 9 am to 4 pm |
| Lecture + Live Demo (Max. 60 seats) |
| NTD 15,000 (≈USD 500) |



Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS

BARIATRIC SURGERY MASTER CLASS 2013 in Pune, India

Obesity has affected the human population on this planet as an epidemic over last century and even the developing countries are not an exception to it. Scientifically its proven to be a soil of multiple diseases leading to metabolic, mechanical and psychosocial impairment.

Indian subcontinent is now known as the GLOBAL DIABETIC CAPITAL and approx 43 million Indians are suffering from diabetes type 2. Typically Asian race is prone to DIABESITY : fatal combination of two silent killer diseases namely obesity and diabetes leading to premature high death rate.

Bariatric surgery with enough evidence over years has proven itself to be the best treatment tool to achieve a sustained n successful weight loss and control of the related morbid conditions.

Laparoscopic Bariatric and metabolic surgery started in India since 2003. And some conferences are conducted every year. But a structured teaching program was lacking and even for basic training surgeons and their teams needed to go out if India.

West zone of IAGES (Indian Association of Gastroenterological Endo Surgeons) under the guidance of IAGES President Dr John Thanakumar, Secretary Dr Abhay Dalvi and Zonal Vice President Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar decided to conduct a two day single theme workshop on "BARIATRIC SURGERY MASTER CLASS "in Pune. The program was held in Poona Hospital on 12 and 13 January 2013. The scientific program comprised of didactic lectures by various eminent faculty and live surgical workshop. The stepwise techniques of various bariatric operations inclusive of RNY Gastric Bypass, Lap Sleeve Gastrectomy and revisional surgery were demonstrated by the Course Director Dr Jayasshree Todkar and Dr Shah Shashank.

The topics included indications / contraindications of bariatric op, standard op n their different techniques, safety concerns, perioperative care, complications :how to diagnose / prevent / treat, role of multidisciplinary team, anaesthesia in bariatrics, role of intensivists and physicians etc.

The program was attended by 75 participants from all over India, Malaysia and Pakistan and was very well appreciated by all.

As the part two of this program we are conducting the training program for the multidisciplinary team on **9th and 10th February 2013 in Pune.**

Both the programs are endorsed by INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR SURGERY FOR OBESITY (IFSO).

Thanks to Poona Hospital and Research Center and Defeat Obesity n Diabetes Foundation in Pune for great help in arranging and supporting this program.

The delegates expressed at the end of the program that "this was the first of its kind structured training program for Bariatrics and this program generated confidence in their mind to go for the next step towards starting a bariatric clinic."

Dr Jayasshree Todkar,

Course Director, BSMC 2013





North American Chapter NEWS



Robin Blackstone

President of the North American Chapter

The IFSO North American Chapter had a very busy 2012 and, if the first few weeks of 2013 are any indication, 2013 will be a tremendous year of progress.

MBSAQIP

The Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) has been a primary focus of the ASMBS. In 2012, we made great strides in forging the foundation of this new program with the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Now we are in the throes of working out the details of formulating a program that will serve in the best interest of patient safety as well as the membership of today and tomorrow. We know that our colleagues around the world have great interest in this program and we are equally anxious to reach out once we have our program fully functioning within the United States.

On December 19, 2012 we sent out a first draft of the Quality Program Standards for public comment. We received an unprecedented number of comments on the document, which showed the strong commitment, engagement, and dedication of our members. The committees of the MBSAQIP are meeting regularly to review comments and consider the recommendations put forth as they develop a second draft of the accreditation standards.

NAC MEETING and ASMBS ANNUAL SPRING EDUCATIONAL EVENT

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding the **North American Chapter Meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2013 in New Orleans, Louisiana**, in conjunction with the ASMBS Annual Spring Educational Event (May 31 - June 2). This meeting is designed to provide a sharper perspective on metabolic and bariatric surgery worldwide. You will have opportunities to increase your knowledge, anticipate trends and share ideas with colleagues from around the world.

We are also happy to inform you that the discount to all IFSO members, which is provided at IFSO Chapter meetings, will be extended to all IFSO members for the ASMBS Spring Educational Event. This event, formally the Fall Educational Event, has become a popular meeting where you can engage in thought provoking sessions, get new ideas, get data, stay informed, solve problems, network and collaborate in an informal setting.

Visit our Event website for more information: <http://spring.asmbs.org/>

ASMBS 30th ANNUAL MEETING



www.obesityweek.com

The ASMBS 30th Annual Meeting will be held as part of OBESITY WEEK - NOVEMBER 11 – 16, 2013

Important Dates: Abstract Submission opens February 1 and closes May 1.

Registration and Housing opens April 1.

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| <p>ASMBS Surgeon and Integrated Health courses offered daily ASMBS has four concurrent educational tracks (including one 3 ½ day track dedicated to IH education)</p> | <p>TOS clinician and scientist courses offered daily TOS has five concurrent educational tracks designed to benefit every members practice</p> |
| <p><i>ASMBS and TOS will maintain independent Annual Meeting Program committees independently selected speakers and separate poster sessions in the exhibit hall</i></p> | |



North American Chapter NEWS

BARIATRIC MOVIES AND IMAGES LIBRARY LAUNCHED

The BMI Library was launched in November as a new member resource for continuing education. Members are able to view videos for free continuing education credit, comment on current videos and submit video and image content for continuous updates to the library.

Reference: <http://bmi.asmb.org>

POSITION STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES

The **Bariatric Surgery in Class 1 Obesity (BMI 30-35 kg/m²)** position statement was developed by the ASMBS Clinical Issues Committee in response to numerous inquiries made to the Society by patients, physicians, society members, hospitals, and others regarding the safety and efficacy of bariatric surgery for patients with Class 1 obesity

Reference: <http://asmbs.org/2012/09/bariatric-surgery-in-class-1-obesity-bmi-30-35-kgm2/>

The ASMBS Integrated Health Clinical Issues Committee developed and published its first guideline "**Gastric Band Adjustment Credentialing Guidelines for Physician Extenders**". References: <http://asmbs.org/2012/11/gastric-band-adjustment-credentialing-guidelines-for-physician-extenders/>

The Emerging Technology and Procedures Committee recently completed an **Inventory of Emerging Technology and Procedures** that impacts obesity treatment. The content of the Inventory includes the name of company, contact information with a link to company, product or product line information and brief synopsis of the literature that has been reported with the new technology. The committee evaluates the technology and then will post the information to our general membership. Members have the opportunity to review the listed information as well as submit potentially new technologies and procedures as well as any relevant comments to the committee for evaluation.

Members can log in to review and submit information here:

<http://asmbs.org/member-resources/>

American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, The Obesity Society, and American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Medical Guidelines for Clinical Practice for the Perioperative Nutritional, Metabolic, and Nonsurgical Support of the Bariatric Surgery Patient, originally written in 2008, was updated in January 2013 and will be published soon.

MEMBERSHIP

2012 was an exciting year for ASMBS membership growth with an increase of 9.7% in overall membership and an impressive 34% increase in international membership. The ASMBS currently has 321 international members representing 52 countries worldwide. We were pleased to welcome our first members in China, Russia and Paraguay.

Membership Numbers for 2012

Total Members – 4045

Total International Members - 321

Countries with Members - 52

New Members -793

ASMBS STATE CHAPTERS

There has been a tremendous growth in the number of state chapters. There are now 24 state chapters and 8 pending chapters. This growth is due, in large part, to the leadership of Dr. Lloyd Stegemann, immediate past Chair of the ASMBS State Chapters Committee, and Joe Nadglowski, President/CEO of the Obesity Action Coalition, whose joint efforts of holding educational symposiums in interested states helped facilitate chapter development.



Latin American Chapter NEWS



Carlos Casalnuovo

President of the Latin American Chapter

At the Latin American Chapter we are working hard on our objectives, on the following topics:

- A detailed “**Latin American Registry for the Surgery of Obesity**” (**RELACO**) formed by the region’s countries.

Therefore we have invited all Bariatric Surgeons of Latin America together with their multidisciplinary teams to be part of this registry. In order to do it is necessary to have all the information we have requested in a form that has been incorporated into the Latin American Chapter website, www.ifsolatinoamericano.com

- **Inclusion of Bariatric Psychologists and Bariatric Nutritionists from local Bariatric Societies of IFSO’s dependent countries.**

These specialties teams should belong to their local Bariatric Societies and therefore to IFSO.

We designed 5 Multidisciplinary teams: a) Psychology and Mental Health, b) Nutrition and Metabolism, c) Physical Fitness and Rehabilitation, d) Management of Bariatric Clinics and Teams, e) Others specialties

Each multidisciplinary team has a Coordinator, a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Members as you can see on our website.

We wish to inform you, and through you to all members of each Society about multidisciplinary activities associated IFSO-LAC. We invite you to suggest names of members of each Society to include in the Chapter in order to produce and develop projects and activities within IFSO-LAC.

Thus, these members will work together with bariatric surgeons for the progress and to optimize the treatment of patients with severe obesity, achieving integration and joint 14 Societies of IFSO-LAC.

There are 3 courses on-line that start on **March 6, 2013**. Coordinator: Lic Blanca Rios.

V Postgraduate Course of Bariatric Psychology.

II Postgraduate course of Bariatric Nutrition.

I Postgraduate Course of Physical Training in obeses.

- **Encourage all Latin American countries to become IFSO members**, whether they do not have national Bariatric Societies or if they have their own societies but are not yet IFSO members.

Up to date 1 Bariatric Society from North America (Mexico), 4 Bariatric Societies from Central America and Caribe (Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic) and 9 Societies from South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela) are IFSO members. Total **14 Societies**. Approximately **1800 members**.

- **Structure of the Executive Board of LAC**, similar to IFSO to have similar parameters without losing the autonomy.

- **Executive Board**

a) Officers

President 2@

President Elect 2@

Secretary - Treasurer 4@

Junior Past President 2@

Senior Past President 2@

Integrated Health Coordinator

b) Administrative Professional Advisory Council (Consejo Asesor Administrativo Profesional) (CAAP)

Coordinator: Ex-President (rotation)



Latin American Chapter NEWS

Members: Ex-Presidents

Advisors: Every professional whose conditions would be useful for the development of LAC

- **General Council:** Presidents of each Societies of LAC

- **Committees a) Scientific and Education**

- b) **Communication and Editorial**

- c) **Integrated Health and Multidisciplinary Team**

There shall be such committees as it deems necessary the Executive Board with Members of the Societies belonging to the LAC

- **Administrative Secretary**

- **Upcoming Meetings**

Possibility of increasing the number of our Congresses LAC allowing when desired be annual. The exception is when the Congress World takes place in one of our Latin American countries. The evolution of bariatric surgery and advances in technology applied to surgery requires us to make these meetings more often than before, as well is an important contribution to the surgeons who are getting started with multidisciplinary teams. Our Bylaws permit it. In this way we can begin work in advance, and LAC has to be very active in helping those countries, and not as spectator.

Peru, Cuzco 2013, Argentina, Buenos Aires 2014, Guatemala, Guatemala 2015

Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, has been selected as place for the **World IFSO Congress 2016**.

Now there is **one more member** in the Executive Board of IFSO for each Chapter. The member at large for the LAC is Dr. Almino Cardozo Ramos (Brazil).

- **Website update** to include information on the Latin American Bariatric Societies, Scientific Meetings and future Congresses, news, etc. The full list of member of all the societies is desirable. In this way we have the data of our members, and this is the first step before a more detailed as the RELACO (described above), we know the difficulties that exist at the intersection of information and in making the proposal, but the idea continues.

Our desire is to inform all through our website, redesigning the site with more news. The project was started performing, we did a contract with a Web-Master, but we have financial difficulties that we are discussing with the Presidents of the 14 IFSO Societies to financially support the LAC. In this way we can develop and grow with the Societies as it deserves.

- In the meeting in India it was decided that each Society of the Chapter pays an extra fee of 5.00 US\$ per member to develop and upgrade the LAC as it deserves. This fee will be paid in the Latin America Congress in Cuzco in May 2013.

We start with the **Handbook of "Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and Integrated Health"**.

The Presidents of each LAC Societies will receive notice about this, for the participation of each Society in the book chapters. It will be in Spanish language and we hope to be ready in 2013. Coordinators: Carlos Casalnuovo and Blanca Rios. Co-author: Almino Ramos.

- **Project Database Registry Operations**

The Societies of LAC countries should collect data on the operations of its members based on forms that we will send through the web. The LAC will process them and we could obtain valuable data by country. It is an arduous and very ambitious task, but with effort of all we can begin.

LAC is open for suggestions of work from all members of the Societies of Latin America Chapter !!!

If we continue with these points, we will develop our projects to grow the LAC and the member Societies.

We need the cooperation and help of all !!!

Prof. Carlos Casalnuovo, MD, FACS—President of IFSO LAC



Latin American Chapter NEWS



Ramiro Carbajal Nicho
President of the Congress



Dick Manrique Mansilla
Vice-President of the Congress

INVITATION

Scientific knowledge constantly nourishes from new findings; and this makes it essential for those who use it on a daily basis to keep themselves permanently up to date.

This will be the chief objective of the Peruvian Association of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, as it organizes the Fifth IFSO Latin American Congress of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, to be held in majestic Cusco, Peru, on May 21 to 24, 2013.

The Congress' Organizing Committee has invited distinguished professionals from the country and from abroad, with a well-recognized track record in the field of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, to pass on their knowledge and experience in research, with the view to having an excellent exchange with the participants.

No doubt, this Congress also represents an ideal opportunity to get together with former colleagues from the region, to share the hard work and to enjoy the many tourist-related attractions featured in Cusco, the Archaeological Capital of America and the Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, one of the seven wonders of modern age.

See you in Cusco, in May 2013!

Cordially yours,

Ramiro Carbajal Nicho, M.D.
Chairman

Dick Manrique Mansilla, M.D.
Vice Chairman

Program

1. Complications and Management in Bariatric Surgery
2. Metabolic Surgery
3. Revisional Bariatric Surgery
4. Symposium on Gastric Bypass, Sleeve Gastrectomy, Gastric Band, Duodenal Switch and Intra-gastric Balloon
5. New Technologies in Bariatric Surgery, Robotics, NOTES, SILS
6. Experimental Procedures: Gastric Plication, Endoluminal Surgery, Gastric Pacemaker
7. Adolescent Bariatric Surgery
8. Therapeutic Endoscopy in Bariatric Surgery
9. Nutrition in Bariatric Surgery
10. Psychological Assessment and Management in the Bariatric Patient
11. Medical-legal aspects in Bariatric Surgery
12. Multidisciplinary Management in Bariatric Surgery



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- Pre Congress Courses
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- Latin American Consensus
- Top Papers
- Video Forum
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SYMPOSIUM OF THE BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Faculties: Josemberg Campos, Ricardo Cohen, Manoel Galvao Neto, Arthur Garrido, Almino Ramos

SYMPOSIUM - AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Faculties: Ninh Nguyen, Robin Blackstone, John Morton, Jaime Ponce, Natan Zundel, Juan Corvala

Video-based Sleeve gastrectomy symposium: Management and prevention of complication

Optimal techniques for prevention of leaks/ obstruction GERD **R. Blackstone** & all faculties on panel

Management of concomitant hiatal hernia **J. L. Corvala**

Management of leaks (Video case presentation) – **N. Nguyen / N. Zundel** & all faculties on panel

Management of obstruction (Video case presentation) **J. Morton / J. L. Corvala** & all faculties on panel

Revisional surgery for poor responder (Video case presentation) **J. Ponce / N. Nguyen** & all faculties on panel

Q&A session - all faculties

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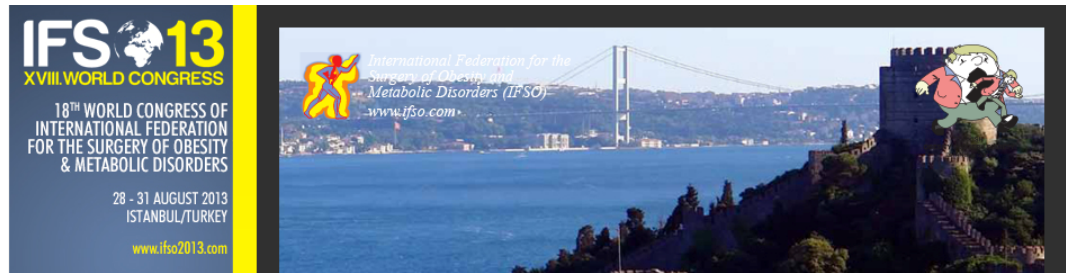
2013_IFSO World Annual Meeting

TURKEY



Mustafa Taskin

President of the XVIII
IFSO Congress



Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is an honor and great pleasure for me to invite you to **18th World Congress of IFSO** which will be held in Istanbul between **28 - 31st of August 2013**. As you know Istanbul is the only and oldest city in the world built on two continents and has two bridges binding Europe and Asia and formed a new continent called as Eurasia. Also in medical community there is an urgent need for unity to fight for the growing pandemic of obesity.

This idea become our main inspiration for organizing a tremendous event, a congress, a consensus platform bridging bariatric and metabolic surgeons with physicians, integrated health professionals, researchers, and pharmaceutical, surgical innovation companies. It would be a unique meeting underscoring the importance of multidisciplinary approach to surgical treatment of obesity and metabolic metabolic surgery for the Mellitus, Metabolic prevention of also be discussed in contribution of



disorders. The role of treatment of Type 2 Diabetics Syndrome and its role in cardiovascular diseases will detail with the valuable researchers.

We will also have opportunity to evaluate and discuss the emerging technologies, such as robotic surgery, NOTES, LESS and intraluminal techniques and their safety, feasibility over the conventional laparoscopic bariatric surgical approaches. Our distinguished keynote speakers and panelists will share their experiences and exchange ideas via postgraduate courses, lectures and round table discussions on bariatric and metabolic surgical techniques with the participants. We will also have courses and sessions encompassing basis of scientific research, medical writing and basic sciences for young bariatric surgery fellows and surgery residents. Live surgery sessions on the last day of the congress will provide us to compare or technical knowledge with the experts around the world and adopt new techniques in our practice and also evaluate alternative procedures as mini gastric bypass and ileal transposition.

Istanbul being the financial center of modern Turkey, former capital of Byzantine and Ottoman Empires and European Capital of Culture in 2010 provides enchanting historical sites of UNESCO world heritage and modern attractions and sceneries to her visitors. We will also find plenty of time besides the congress program to discover the city and replenish our souls within the mysterious silhouettes of the old byzantine churches, ottoman palaces, minarets, old geneo tower and ancient walls of this mystical city. I am sure that you will feel at home with globally known Turkish hospitality and find a part of yourself in this magnificent city.

On behalf of IFSO and Turkish Obesity Surgery Society, I welcome you to your home, Istanbul.

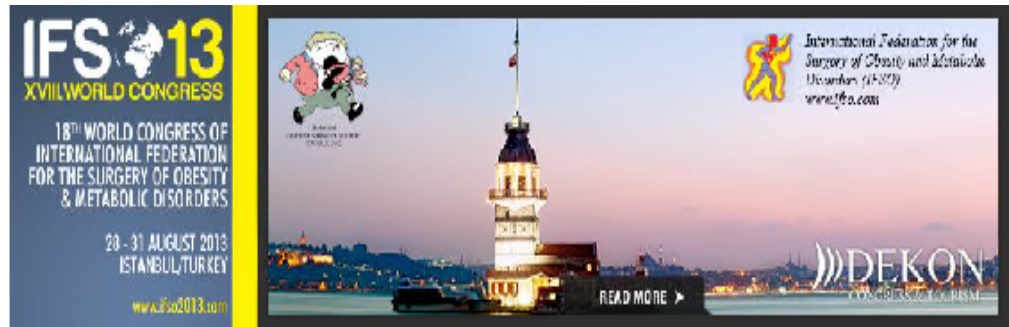
With warm regards,

Mustafa Taşkın

IFSO 2013 Congress President



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The Scientific Committee of 2013 IFSO World Congress invites all interested individuals to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations. The abstract submission deadlines as following.

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| Call for Abstracts | 1 st December 2012 |
| Abstracts Submission Deadline | 15 th March 2013 |
| Notification of Abstracts Acceptance | 30 th April 2013 |

Please submit your abstracts at www.ifso2013.com

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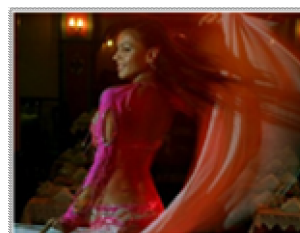
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Michel Gagner

President of the IXX
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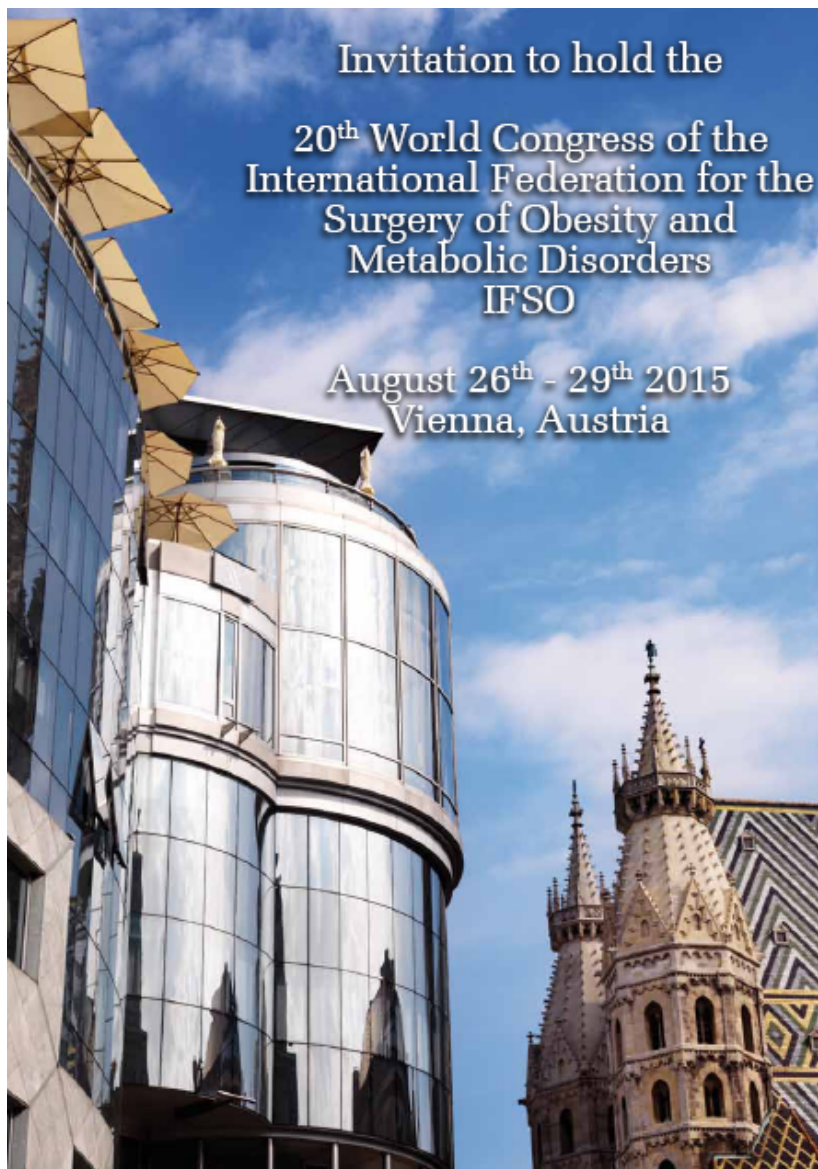


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XX IFSO Congress

XX World IFSO Congress

26_29 August, 2015 - Vienna, Austria





2016_IFSO World Annual Meeting

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XXI World IFSO Congress

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



Ricardo Cohen

President of the XXI
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Cleveland Clinic
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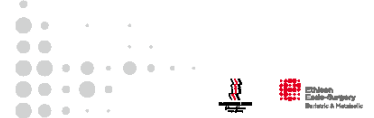
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European Surgical Institut, Norderstedt (Germany)
21-22 February 2013
www.esi-online.de

Vorläufiges Programm

Gesamtvorsitz: Univ. Doct. Dr. Gerhard Prager (Wien/Osterreich)
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Saudi Arabian Society Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (SASMBS) 2013
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www.sasmbs2013.com

Duke Masters Minimally Invasive Bariatric Surgery
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4-6 April 2013
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I want to thank all of the retiring Editors for their years of service to *Obesity Surgery* Journal:

MAL Fobi, Eric DeMaria, Anthony Fabricatore, Giselle Hamad, Sergio Huerta, Horacio Oria, Rudolf Steffen, Daniel Munoz, Anna Maria Wolf, Bruce Wolfe.

It is through their hard work and expertise that the journal has been able to become the respected voice of bariatric surgery. I appreciate all that you have done and hope that the new Editors can continue the great tradition.

I wish to welcome the new incoming Associate Editors: **Antonio Torres, MD, PhD** and **Margaret Furtado, RD**, and the new Editors: **Paul Davidson, PhD** and **Malcolm Robinson, MD**.

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