



Note from the President: Harry Frydenberg, MD M.B.B.S., F.R.A.C.S.



Dear Colleagues

It is my pleasure to be able to present to you an update of IFSO since my inauguration in September 2009 in Paris.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new society members, Taiwan and Israel and I also take the opportunity to thank sincerely Jean Marc Chevallier and his lovely wife Anne for their untiring efforts in running the Paris IFSO Scientific Meeting at the end of August 2009.

The meeting was extremely successful, having over 1500 attendees, providing a stimulating academic program, as well as social activities, including a most amazing night at Les Pavillons de Bercy enjoying the delights of authentic fairground objects and carousels, as well as acrobats and old-fashioned sideshow games.

I would also like to thank my predecessor Mal Fobi for all the tireless work he did together with Ngwebifor, his daughter, the IFSO Secretariat.

Well, what is the future of IFSO?

IFSO, since its inauguration in 1995 has been running as an organization from year to year, from one annual scientific meeting to the other. The President has been elected on a yearly term and with the change of Presidency each one has been able to put their imprimatur on the organization. In between these meetings, until the development of the regional chapters, there was not a lot of activity, apart from each national group having their own bariatric meeting.

The formation of individual chapters, the European Chapter, the ASMBS representing the North American Chapter, the Latin American Chapter and more recently and the last to form the Asia Pacific Chapter in 2009, has added a framework for regional co-operation and mentoring opportunity.

'Is it time for a change?'

In having this type of organizational structure for IFSO it is important to have a business plan for the organization and its chapters for the future, not just on a year to year basis. With this in mind I have organized a Strategic Planning Conference to be held one day prior to the IFSO European Chapter Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland in April of this year.

This conference will be attended by members of the Executive, Chairpersons of the Subcommittees and a number of invitees, the idea being that we should set out a 4 year plan for IFSO and there are a number of topics that needed to be approached.

As part of the preliminary process I sent out a questionnaire to all Society Presidents and members of the subcommittees and executive.

Some of the questions asked included:

What makes IFSO unique?

What should IFSO do with individual societies?

What is IFSO's purpose and why does it exist?

What should IFSO chapters do?

What are its strengths?

I had a number of replies, although not all Society Presidents responded. Replies to this questionnaire will help us formulate a 4 year plan.

The main responses to 'Why does IFSO exist?' were:

- a) Sharing ideas and strategies for the surgical treatment of the morbid obese
- b) The promotion and safety in bariatric surgery
- c) Establishing the rules of practice
- d) Education

When we look at the topics of the Strategic Planning Committee they consist of

1. Educational

- Scientific Meetings
- Chapter Meetings
- Scholarships
- Potential Advocacy e.g. WHO

2. Mentoring

Twin Centre Program

3. Standards

- COE Programs
- Data Base
- Research

4. Finances

- Membership
- Meetings
- Corporate Council
- Journal

5. Structure of Organization

- Executive
- Chapters

6. Statues and Bylaws

7. Further Planning Meetings

After this conference to be held shortly in Lausanne, we hope to have a draft document that will finally be put to the IFSO Council at the Long Beach meeting in September for final confirmation. All members will receive a copy of that document prior to that meeting.

Coming up shortly is the IFSO European Chapter meeting which is to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland in April and details are available on the IFSO website, together with details relating to the IFSO Annual Scientific meeting to be held in Long Beach, California in September 2010.

I encourage you all to attend, to meet with your colleagues and to be able to share both your ideas and experiences and it is through these that we will improve both the practice of our surgery and to get better results for our patients, which is the ultimate aim of our professional practice.

One of the important things is the role of each Chapter and the subcommittees, which will lead to more participation by individual members and member societies. We encourage this, as one of the opinions expressed in the questionnaire was that the Executive of IFSO was the more senior members and we need to encourage younger surgeons' participation.

Individual participation in IFSO can be via the Chapters or Subcommittees and I encourage members who would like to take a more active role in IFSO to contact the Secretariat.

Once again I hope that we will be able to put IFSO on a very solid base to stabilize the infra-structure and realize the full potential of this broad based representative of worldwide bariatric surgeons and allied personnel.

Looking forward to meeting you over the forthcoming activities of the year and I am available to be contacted at harryfry@ozemail.com.au or president@ifso.com or cell phone +61 4 18 33361.

Warmest regards

Harry Frydenberg, President, IFSO

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**Message from
IFSO2010 Congress President MAL Fobi MD FACS,
FASMBS, FICS, FACN**

Preparations for the IFSO2010 Congress are on schedule. Three hundred and forty seven abstracts and forty videos were submitted. They are being reviewed and are being graded by the international scientific committee and will be in the hands of our program committee for final selection by the 22nd of March.

There are seven post graduate courses scheduled for Friday and Saturday covering sleeve gastrectomy, controversies in Bariatric surgery, revisional surgeries, metabolic surgery, ethics, NOTES and other innovations. Two are special post graduate courses put together by the Latin America Chapter on Friday and Saturday. One is an Integrated Health post graduate course. There will be two and a half days of plenary sessions which will include symposiums, lectures, paper sessions, video sessions and poster sessions. CME credits will be earned for all post graduate courses and the plenary sessions. IFSO business meetings are scheduled all day Friday from 7:30AM to 10:30PM.

There is a walk from Obesity on Saturday morning from 7AM to 9:30AM. The opening ceremony and reception will be on Saturday at 6:30PM. There will be a Gala dinner on Monday with a lot of surprises.

Registration online is open. There are three hotels within walking distance from the Long Beach Convention Center. The Hyatt hotel will be the headquarters for IFSO2010. Long Beach and Los Angeles cannot wait to welcome you to town. Check IFSO2010.com regularly for updates. The ASMBS secretariat, email to admin_mail@ifso2010.com is available to assist you in whatever way you need. The IFSO Secretariat, email secretariat@ifso.com is also available to assist you as needed. If all fails you can contact me at fobimal@aol.com or Skype me at mal.fobi. We could not have chosen a better year to host IFSO in light of the attention our President is giving to obesity, particularly childhood obesity.

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TENTATIVE CONGRESS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 3

Pre-Congress Courses and Meetings
Basic and Advanced Bariatric Surgery
Courses
Allied Health Courses

Saturday, September 4

Walk from Obesity
Pre-Congress Courses and Meetings
Basic and Advanced Bariatric Surgery
Courses
Allied Health Courses
Technical Exhibits
Welcome Reception and Dinner

Sunday, September 5

Scientific Program
General Sessions
Allied Health Sessions
Moderated Poster Sessions
Technical Exhibits

Monday, September 6

Scientific Program continues
General Sessions
Video Session
Technical Exhibits
Congress Gala Dinner

Tuesday, September 7

Scientific Program continues
Technical Exhibits

ABOUT IFSO

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders is a federation composed of national associations of bariatric surgeons. Currently, there are 40 official member associations of IFSO. There are also individual members from countries that thus far have not formed a national association.

IFSO has been mainly a scientific organization, bringing together surgeons and allied health professionals, such as nurse practitioners, dietitians, nutritionists, psychologists, internists and anesthesiologists, involved in the treatment of morbidly obese patients, but in the upcoming years, IFSO will maintain and extend its role in the challenge of bariatric surgery.

IFSO is growing into a professional organization, with the goal to support its members in aspects directly related to their profession. IFSO's main activity is currently the organization of the yearly World Congress, which provides a forum to exchange knowledge on surgical treatment of severely obese patients, to present new techniques, research and concepts, and to meet the experts in the field.

IFSO has also produced a number of guidelines, such as selection criteria for patients, minimal requirements for bariatric surgeons, and Statements on morbid obesity, its treatment, and innovation and is committed to the creation of a system for accreditation of individual surgeons and bariatric centers around the globe. The main goal of IFSO is optimization of the treatment of severely obese patients.

2010 IFSO XV World Congress



September 3-7, 2010 | Long Beach/Los Angeles, California, USA

Colegio Mexicano de Cirugía para la Obesidad y Enfermedades Metabólicas, A.C.

Mexican College announce their 2010 meeting

The Mexican College of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery is now in its 18th year since our Honorary President Rafael Alvarez Cordero with a handful of other bariatric surgeons founded our society. Soon after the Mexican society in conjunction with the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Sweden and Italy joined together to form ISFO in 1995.

Our society transformed into a more formal college in 2005 has grown exponentially. Our acting President Dr. Alberto Aceves has announced his plans for his two year period. Dr. Aceves, whose practice is in Mexicali, said "this is an exciting time for our College, we are working closely with our national ministry of health looking to closer regulate the practice in our field, and the ultimate goal is to standardize safety and efficacy with special focus in outcomes". Dr Aceves also has confirmed the National Meeting will be in the beautiful colonial town of Zacatecas this year. "Our program is varied not only in content", we have many confirmed international speakers from the United States, South America and Europe". Dr Ortiz coordinator of International relations for the college has also expressed his interest in the need for more international participation in our meeting. "Our college and members have an international reputation to uphold, we are considered by many international

speakers some of the most gracious hosts, our Latin warmth and servitude is in a class of its own". Since our meetings are very close to the ASMBMS meeting we are able to invite some of the faculty for both events without the dreaded transatlantic flight. Dr Aceves has also confirmed that the national meetings will be alternating venue, first will be a Colonial town, the following will be one of our world class beach resorts.

In our national scene we are in the initial stages of establishing fellowship centers all across Mexico. Many of these sites are Hospitals or dedicated bariatric surgery centers where successful practices and established programs, some more than a decade old. "It is these centers we have pre-selected to form our future bariatric surgeons, for their quality expertise and exceptional background". Our Busier hubs for bariatric surgery are Baja California, Monterrey and Mexico City. Even the President of Mexico has realized the importance of recognizing bariatric surgery as an option for the morbidly obese. President Calderon has recently established a national awareness program for teenage obesity.

Dr. Aceves is excited to he also confirmed that a negotiation is in the works to formalize a relationship with an organization that will implement and administer "Centers of Excellence in Bariatric Surgery in Mexico. We will have more information on this arrangement as it becomes available.

In all we expect the goals we set for these next two years to be the basis in which we will build the foundation of our College for years to come.

The History of IFSO

An international obesity surgery meeting was held annually in various countries throughout the world under the leadership of Nicola Scopinaro. At the Stockholm meeting in 1995, the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO) was formed. The first International Congress of IFSO was held in Prague in 1996, followed by Cancun in 1997, Bruges in 1998, Salzburg in 1999 and Genoa in 2000. The first President was Nicola Scopinaro of Italy, followed by George Cowan of U.S.A. and Emanuel Hell of Austria.

The Annual Congress includes the International

Symposium on Laparoscopic Obesity Surgery and the allied health meeting, followed by 2 1/2 days of papers, posters, scholarly presentations, commercial exhibits, and a spectacular social program. The function of this organization is international communication, education, standards and surgical means to treat morbid obesity and its grave co-morbidities.

The official Journal of IFSO is *OBESITY SURGERY Including Laparoscopy and Allied Care*, which publishes the world literature on the field of massive obesity and helps to bind these Societies together. *OBESITY SURGERY* has attained the 26th highest impact-rating out of 131 surgical journals, according to the annual study of the Institute of Medical Sciences in Philadelphia. The Journal, published 6 times per year, is indexed in the Index Medicus of the National Library of Medicine of U.S.A., going back to 1991.

IFSO is financed by dues from Members, 50% of the profit from the annual international meeting, and donations from industry. In particular, the American Society for Bariatric Surgery has been very supportive financially. The official language is English. Annual payment of dues and subscription to the IFSO Journal are requirements for Membership, as stated in the IFSO Bylaws.

European Chapter



The European Chapter of IFSO already exists 6 years. Thanks to the efforts of the previous presidents and the members of the board the IFSO-EC is now a mature society with growing interest in the world. IFSO-EC contains countries from Europe, Middle-East and Africa. 23 countries are members of IFSO-EC, with about 600 till 700 surgeons in total.

EU COE program (European Center Of Excellence program):

In Europe, Middle East and Africa, IFSO European Chapter (IFSO-EC) will supervise and endorse the **Centre of Excellence program for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery**. Institutions and Surgeons that could be certified by an independent company, the **European Accreditation Council for Bariatric Surgery (EAC-BS)**, as offering outstanding management to their morbidly obese patients, would be approved as **Centers of Excellence by IFSO-EC**. Since the acceptance of a Center Of Excellence program for IFSO EC in Capri 2008, this EU COE program is now finalized. The endorsement of IFSO was approved by the General IFSO Council.

There are now 45 institutions that have been provisionally accepted. These institutions are required to enter details in the database. After 6 months or 1 year, depending on the center, they can apply for full acceptance. This will lead to site visits and then they can be accredited center of excellence.

Every bariatric unit who is interested in taking part of this program can find all necessary information at the website (www.eac-bs.com) and can apply for membership.

Obesity facts

This new European journal exists now since 2008.
Aims of the journal: *Obesity Facts welcomes articles covering all aspects of obesity, in particular epidemiology, etiology and pathogenesis, treatment, and the prevention of adiposity. As obesity is related to many disease processes, the journal is also dedicated to all topics pertaining to co-morbidity and covers psychological and socio-cultural aspects as well as influences of nutrition and exercise on body weight.* The Journal is published bi-monthly by Karger and certain issues can be accessed online for free on www.content.karger.com.

IFSO EC newsletter

It was decided during the executive board meeting in Paris this year to start with a newsletter. This will be distributed twice per year electronically and will also be published on

the IFSO website. Those who want to receive this letter by email, please send your email address to ifsoec@ifso.com and/or to the representative of your local society.

IFSO-EC collaboration with other European Scientific Societies

At the first IFSO-EC Congress in Prague in 2005 close scientific collaboration was established with EASO (European Association for Study of Obesity). This largest European non-surgical obesity-related scientific society invites on regular basis IFSO-EC members as guests to its congresses (ECO). Moreover IFSO-EC is honoured by EASO regular invitation to participate in ECO Scientific Committee work. EASO also dedicates a part of its ECO Congress program specifically to IFSO-EC presentations. The next ECO is going to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2011, and IFSO-EC was offered a 90 minutes slot during the main congress program.

IFSO EC congresses

This year the **4th IFSO EC** congress will take place in **Lausanne, Switzerland, from 22nd till 24th of April**. You can find all the information on the website www.ifso2010lausanne.ch.

The IFSO-EC congress 2012 will be in Barcelona.

Actual composition of the board:

Honorary President:	Nicola Scopinaro
President:	Luc Lemmens
Past President:	Jerome Dargent
President Elect:	Rudolf Weiner
President of the 2010 IFSO-EC Congress:	Michael Suter
Executive Director:	Martin Fried
Treasurer:	Karl Miller
EC Representative to IFSO:	Antonio Torres

After the congress in Lausanne, **Rudolf Weiner** will take over the presidency of the IFSO EC for a period of 2 years from 2010 till 2012.

Yury Yashkov will be the next President-Elect (2012-2014).

Luc Lemmens President IFSO EC 2008 – 2010



German Society for Surgery of

Incidence of obesity surgery in Germany

Internationally, Germany is among the countries with a very high prevalence of obesity. Germany has the highest prevalence of obesity in Europe. The German Health Survey data from 2003 indicate that the prevalence of obesity is 60%, with 70% of men and 50% of women being obese yet, due to the difficulties of covering bariatric surgery by health insurance, the rate of bariatric operations in Germany was the smallest with among the USA and other European countries. The nationwide multicenter observational study shows rapid increase of registered procedures from 2005 (629 of approx 1000) until 2009 (> 4000). Approximately 5000 bariatric procedures were performed in 2009 in Germany. The number of centers with more than 100 procedures per year increased from 1 up to 6. The national programme Center of Excellence started in 2009 with 12 applications. The first center was certificated in Frankfurt Sachsenhausen (Prof. Rudolf A. Weiner) in 2009. New evidence-based "Guidelines for Surgery of Obesity", established in cooperation with the German societies of obesity, nutrition, mental health and obesity in childhood & adults, will be published in 2010.

6th Frankfurt Meeting "Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic Disorders"

Since 1999 new techniques and scientific results concerning the field of obesity surgery and especially the field of laparoscopic obesity surgery have been discussed in Frankfurt. Although the meeting was popular for its special location in the Frankfurt Townhall Römer, the happening in 2010 will take place in a new surrounding and new structures. In the heart of Frankfurt we found the "Palais am Zoo" to be an adequate surrounding for the growing number of participants for our meeting. As in the past years Prof. Weiner cordially invites colleagues from Germany, Europe and all over the world to come and join the very dedicated meeting of laparoscopic surgery in obesity and metabolic disorders. We offer close contacts to international experts, round table meetings and post-graduate courses. As in the last years we will have live-surgery transmissions from several OR in the US (Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Boston, New York) & Germany (Hamburg), an industry exhibition and a high quality programme. Additionally we offer this year a

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poster session for free abstracts. The official congress language is English. Programme at www.frankfurter-meeting.de

Future World Congress 2011 in Hamburg, Germany

The 2011 meeting in Hamburg (Germany) is starting to come into shape. More information at the web-site www.IFSO2010.de. Professor Rudolph Weiner (photo) will be the congress president and organiser. For the first time **live surgeries from University hospital Hamburg (4 OR)** will be transmitted during the IFSO-congress. Apart from sharing information and experience in surgical treatment of morbid obesity, you will find Hamburg a wonderful place to visit. With 1.8 million inhabitants it is the second largest city in Germany and offers extraordinary features to its guests. With its reputation as being the "gate to the world", Hamburg offers arts and culture at its finest, superior and entertaining theatre, excellent restaurants, exquisite shopping facilities, exciting night life and many historical landmarks due to its 1,200 year old historical background. Everybody who has visited Hamburg is enthusiastic about its flair and maritime charms.

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10- Year Anniversary of The Society of Bariatric Surgeons of Russia.

The decision to create Bariatric surgical Society in Russia was made on December 1999 in the 1-st Russian Symposium for obesity surgery in Moscow. This idea was encouraged by Dr. George Cowan Jr. who was a President of The IFSO that period. Since 2000 the Society is functioning as an official organization.

There were organized five international meetings during 10-year period: 1999- Moscow;

2002 – Zheleznovodsk; 2004 – St. Petersburg; 2007 – Moscow; 2009 – Samara. On the master-class held in Moscow in 2007 Russian surgeons had an opportunity to search with experience of leading European surgeons and we thankful to Drs. N. Scopinaro, J. Melissas, M. Fried, A. Baltasar, L. Lemmens, K. Miller, A. Genco for this opportunity.

Up to date 72 surgeons are the members of The Society. Together with surgeons from Russia bariatric experts from Ukraine, Latvia and Kyrgyzstan are participated in our work. We collaborate with Ukrainian Association of bariatric surgeons and have an opportunity to exchange information in our national meetings every year in both countries. Now more surgeons every year attend IFSO meetings. Bariatric surgery in Russia is relatively young discipline and these surgeons made a great job to popularize our discipline in their regions. We highly appreciate support of the IFSO and Dr. Harry Frydenberg as the head of Scholarship fund for granting our young surgeons in The IFSO meetings. (Dr. Yury Bazhov from Krasnoyarsk has attended Congress in Australia, Dr. Alexander Neymark from St. Petersburg – in Netherlands, Dr. Eugeny Semenov from Ufa – in Paris). Now they successfully work in their regions in the field of bariatric surgery.

It is clear now the necessity of collaboration between surgeons and non-surgical bariatric specialists. In the coming National Congress of Diabetologists surgical approached in Diabetes will be

discussed in the round table and some important decisions regarding bariatric and metabolic surgery are preparing with leading endocrinologists.

Special issue of national journal “Obesity and Metabolism” will be devoted to bariatric and metabolic surgery.

6-th Russian meeting on Bariatric and metabolic surgery will be held on June 30-July2, 2011 in Kaliningrad – town on the Baltic Sea which is connected with the name of phylosophist Emmanuil Kant. We encourage our colleagues for participation.

Web- site of Russian Society of Bariatric Surgeons www.bareo.ru

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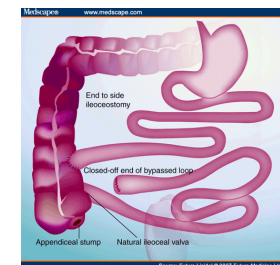
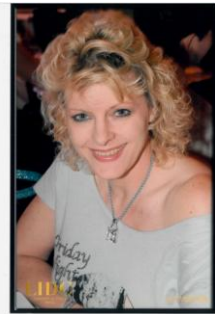




THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE FOR METABOLIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY SOUTH AFRICA

The past two years have seen great strides being taken in South Africa in the field of metabolic medicine and bariatric surgery, bringing this specialized area of research and practice into the medical spotlight.

Since the inauguration of the first Bariatric Centre of Excellence in 2006 with Prof Tess van der Merwe at the helm, there are now 12 such centers around the country, 10 of which are fully accredited and two are provisionally accredited. All three of the private hospital groups in South Africa now have established bariatric units, which all achieve the international standards of below 1% mortality and below 10% morbidity rates. The Metabolic



Medicine & Surgery Research Group at Sunninghill Hospital in Johannesburg which has the highest reported case load in the country, applied for international accreditation through the European chapter of IFSO. All the centers are staffed by a multidisciplinary team of

specialists who offer expert patient care and whose prime objectives are safety, good clinical governance and sustainability of treatment.

ANNUAL BARIATRIC WORKSHOP

2009 ended on a high note with the 2nd Annual Bariatric Workshop, convened by SASOM, the South African Society for Obesity and Metabolism. A wide range of topics were covered such as:

- Medical & Surgical treatment
- Psychology of the bariatric patient
- Nutritional aspects

Guest speakers, both from the Department of Metabolic Medicine, Imperial College, London, UK., were Dr Carel le Roux who addressed the audience on 'If bariatric surgery does not work through restriction and malabsorption, how does it work?', and Dr Marco Beuter spoke about 'New Metabolic Surgery Operations'. The event was sponsored by Aspen



Pharmacare, Johnson & Johnson, Covidien and Nestlé.



BANNING OF THE JIB PROCEDURE

After persistent and focused lobbying by Dr. André Potgieter - President of SASES, and President of SASOM - Prof. Tess van der Merwe, the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) banned the Jejunum-Ileal Bypass (JIB) in November 2009 from being performed in South Africa

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC EDUCATION



The new SASOM website is continually being updated, providing prospective patients with a user-friendly resource for the management of obesity and an awareness of its medical consequences. More information and contact details about the national Bariatric Centres of Excellence in South Africa can be found on: <http://www.sasomonline.co.za/>



Also high on the agenda for 2010 is the ongoing education of health care professionals in the areas of overweight and metabolism through the Specialist Certification of Obesity Professional Education (SCOPE) training programme which runs under the banner of IASO.

Instrumental in bringing this about, is the Foundation for Professional Development (FPD), who conducted training courses during 2009, and will continue to do so in 2010. These events are partially sponsored by Abbott and will be facilitated by Professor Tessa van der Merwe, Director of the Netcare Bariatric Centre of Excellence. Courses comprise of website self-study and a facilitated face-to-face workshop which enable participants to master the content in their own time and at their own pace.



MEDICAL AID REIMBURSEMENT

Four of the major medical aids in South Africa now consider reimbursement for bariatric surgery on a consistent basis due to Prof. Tess van der Merwe's continued interaction with all the role-players. Motivations for surgery which are on par with international standards are presented from accredited bariatric centers to medical aids for evaluation and consideration.



Sociedade Brasileira de
Cirurgia Bariátrica e Metabólica

Brazil a large 190 million inhabitants Country has a Bariatric Surgery Society since 1999.

The Society was created by Arthur Garrido and founded by a small group of surgeons at this time involved with obesity surgery.

Annual meetings stimulated other surgeons and allied health professionals to join the Society and now we are already 950 members – 650 surgeons and 300 allied health.

The Board 2009-2010 is composed by:

President: Thomas Szego
Vice President: Marcos Leão Vilas Boas
Secretary: Carlos José Saboya Sobrinho
Vice Secretary: Marco Tulio Costa Diniz
Treasure: João Caetano D. Marchesini
Vice Treasure: Álvaro Antonio Bandeira Ferraz

In 2009 we organized in São Paulo the XI Brazilian Congress together with the First Pan-American Meeting of T2DM surgery. More than 1200 people discussed during 5 days all the main aspects of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

Seventeen international speakers joined us in this meeting that was a great success.

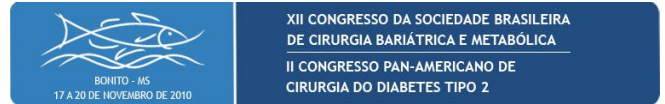
This year, 2010, our meeting will be from November 17 to 20 in the Center of our Country in a City called Bonito (www.portalbonito.com.br) well known for its natural beauties.

The Program will be:” State of Art – what can and what should we do in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery” (www.sbcbm2010.com.br)

Hope to see you all in Bonito.



Thomas Szego.





The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and metabolic disorders (IFSO) encourages all IFSO Member Societies to take advantage of the reduced group subscription rate to *Obesity Surgery*, IFSO's official journal. The benefits of subscribing to the journal through IFSO include:

- A full year's subscription (12 issues) at the low rate of only US \$80 (including shipping and handling)
 - Online access to the current year's subscription as well as all previous years
- Individual members interested in subscribing through IFSO are asked to contact their Member Society for further details.

Membership

Individual Members are those Surgeons or Allied Health Practitioners who are members of IFSO national societies and their dues of \$US20 have been paid to the IFSO Treasurer either through their society or individually. So if you are a financial member of these societies you are a member of IFSO.

Affiliated Individual Members are those from countries who do not have their own Societies at this time. These members pay their dues directly to IFSO.

The big advantage of IFSO Membership is reduced registration at IFSO sponsored meetings (much more than \$20) and a significant reduction in subscriptions to the *Obesity Surgery* Journal of \$80. IFSO members also receive the journal SOARD at a discounted rate of \$90.

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Not Yet a Member of IFSO?

The reduced subscription rate to *Obesity Surgery* is only one of the many benefits of IFSO membership.

Further benefits include:

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