

**Symposium Director: Ms. Cynthia-Michelle Borg, MD, FRCS (UK)**  
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**13.30 - 13.40** **Welcome: Dr. Luc Lemmens (Belgium),** President of the 6th IFSO-EC Congress  
**Introduction: Ms. Cynthia-Michelle Borg, MD, FRCS (UK), Symposium Director:**  
Update on Future IBC symposia/website/journal

**13.40 - 14.20** **Keynote Lectures:**

**Chairpersons:** Dr. Luigi Angrisani (Italy), Prof. Dr. Rudolf Weiner (Germany)

**1. Robotic bariatric surgery update** – 15 minutes  
Presenter: Dr. Ramon Vilallonga Puy (Spain)  
Discussion: 5 min

**2. Endoluminal management of weight regain after primary bariatric surgery** – 15 minutes  
Presenter: Dr. George Eid (USA)  
Discussion: 5 min

**14.20 – 15.20** **Debates**

**1. Staple line reinforcement should be always be used when performing sleeve gastrectomy**  
Pro: Prof Dr. Michel Gagner (Canada) 7 minutes (3 minutes rebuttal),  
Against: Dr. Catalin Copaescu (Romania) 7 min (3 minutes rebuttal),  
Moderator: Dr. Surendra Ugale (India)  
10 minutes – audience participation and vote

**2. Malabsorptive bariatric surgeries will be obsolete in 10 years time**  
Pro: Dr. Martin Freid (Czech Republic) 7 minutes (3 minutes rebuttal),  
Against: Dr. Antonio Torres Garcia (Spain) 7 min (3 minutes rebuttal),  
Moderator: Dr. Jacques Himpens (Belgium)  
10 minutes – audience participation and vote

**15.20 – 16.20** **Expert panel discussion**

**Expert Panel Members:** Sanjay Agrawal, Luigi Angrisani, Jean-Marc Chevallier,  
Catalin Copaescu, Bruno Dillemans, Evangelos Efthimiou, George Eid, Michel Gagner,  
Jacques Himpens, Antonio Torres Garcia, Surendra Ugale, Rudolf Weiner

**1. Leader: Dr. George Eid (USA)**

**The role of the adjustable band in revisional surgery** (15 min)/5 min – audience

**2. Leader: Dr. Evangelos Efthimiou (UK)**

**Investigation and management of extreme weight loss after gastric bypass** (15 min)/5 min – audience

**3. Leader: Dr. Catalin Copaescu (Romania)**

**Ileal interposition – is there a future for this procedure?** (15 min)/5 min – audience

**16.20 – 16.50** **Two interesting case discussions from IBC FB page**

Leader: Dr. Marius Nedelcu (France)

**16.50** **Close**

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