

# IFSO Newsletter



## IFSO current Affairs

Dear IFSO members,

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity is a growing society that in its 11th year of existence is preparing for the future. With the introduction of a professional secretariat, the start of a new website and a new structure of the organization that incorporates representatives of the new regional chapters in the executive council you as members of IFSO will get more and more feedback of what is going on. High on the agenda is the installation of an accreditation committee guided by the upcoming president John Melissas. IFSO is not only a scientific organization but is also preparing to support you as professionals by setting up national organizations for review of obesity surgery centers and bariatric surgeons. It has been an exiting year as your president, hope to see many of you in Sydney,

Jan Willem Greve,  
President of IFSO

### UPDATE ON IFSO 2006 - SYDNEY

The venue is great, the program is set and the registrations are pouring in. IFSO 2006 is on track to be the one of the great obesity surgery congresses. If you haven't yet registered, be reassured we still have space in Australia and at the Sydney Convention Centre for you.

The program for the meeting is in press and will be within the August edition of Obesity Surgery. It contains a mix of

offerings including:

Free paper sessions - A total of 6 sessions with 52 free papers to be presented.

Video sessions - 4; a total of 34 video presentations.

Posters - 162 in total; there will be a prize for the two best posters.

Symposia - 7; Plenary =5 and concurrent = 2.

Debates on technique - 3

There will be two workshops on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August :

"Advanced Bariatric Surgery"

"Bariatric Patient Management for Health Professionals"

All registrants are invited to attend the workshops for no additional cost.

The International Congress on Obesity (ICO), the quadrennial meeting of the International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO) will be held at the same convention centre immediately after IFSO. This provides an excellent opportunity to join with our non-surgical partners in seeking to know more of the disease of obesity and its prevention and treatment.

Sydney and Australia are looking forward to your visit. We are able to provide a fine range of activities and entertainments for you. Please check the IFSO 2006 website

[www.ifso2006.com.au](http://www.ifso2006.com.au) for all the details.

I look forward to welcoming everyone of you to Australia and to Sydney.

Paul O'Brien, congress president

## IFSO

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# IMPORTANT MESSAGE SYDNEY 2006 Participants

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## Who is Member of IFSO

Individual Members are those Surgeons or Allied Health Practitioners who are members of IFSO national societies and their dues of \$US10 have been paid to the IFSO Treasurer either through their society or individually. This is done automatically by most IFSO Societies e.g. Brazil, ASBS, Austria 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, such as Lithuania, South Africa, or Honduras

and these members pay their dues directly to IFSO.

The big advantage of IFSO Membership is reduced registration at IFSO sponsored meetings (much more than \$10) and a significant reduction in subscriptions to the Obesity Surgery Journal (see [www.obesitysurgery.com](http://www.obesitysurgery.com)). ASBS members also receive the journal SOARD as part of their dues. Another advantage in the near future will be listing on the new IFSO website.

Andrew Jamieson, executive director

## IFSO is Changing!

Since its formation in 1995 until now, IFSO has been a federation of obesity surgery societies mainly concerned with running the annual International Congress and run by IFSO surgeon members in their spare time. To bring IFSO into its rightful position as a major international health focused organization, IFSO is currently undergoing a major change which will involve [outsourcing many functions to Medconnect an experienced association management company based in Germany](#) who along with the usual financial and administrative roles will be responsible for maintaining communications between ordinary surgeon and allied health members and the IFSO Council and Executive. A [new IFSO website](#) is in development by Your Practice Online, a company very experienced in medical websites and based in Australia, India and the USA. This will list all paid up

IFSO members in an extensive worldwide electronic directory and fulfill many other important role in disseminating information. It will also allow the electronic submission of abstracts for the IFSO scientific meetings and cater for the interests of the newly formed IFSO Regional Chapters. [The Latin American and European Chapters have already met and the Asia-Pacific Chapter of IFSO will be formed at the Sydney meeting.](#) North America is already [effectively represented by the ASBS.](#)

Thanks to profits from the IFSO International and also now the Regional meetings, generous support particularly from Johnson & Johnson and Inamed, regularly paid dues by most (but not all Member Societies) and minimal spending by the IFSO administration, IFSO is now in the financial position to make these long awaited changes.

## IFSO Scholarships 2006

The three IFSO Scholarship winners for 2006 are Dr Yuri Bazhov (Russia), Dr Brijesh Panchal (India) and Dr Andriy Zgonnyk (Ukraine) and they will receive financial support to allow them to attend the IFSO Meeting in Sydney thanks to the very generous support of Johnson and Johnson and Inamed.

# Latin American IFSO Chapter Congress 2007

Dear Colleagues:

The impressive growth of bariatric surgery all over the world is evident, and Latin American area is not an exception; thousands obese patients already receive the benefits of excellent bariatric procedures in every Latin American country.

Under the Presidency of professor Arthur Garrido we successfully celebrated the First Latin American Symposium in Iguazu Falls in 2005, and now I want to extend and invitation for the **Second Latin American IFSO Congress** in the beautiful Mayan resort of Cancún.



The Congress will take place in the magnificent **Gran Meliá Cancún Hotel** from **April the 26<sup>th</sup>. to 29<sup>th</sup>. , 2007.**

We have prepared a complete program under the theme: **Total Patient Care**, and that means the invitation is not only for surgeons, but internists, endocrinologists, psychologists, nutritionists, nurses and all professionals involved in the care of our obese patients.

Official languages will be Spanish and Portuguese, -with translation for our English speaking colleagues-, so our Latin American surgeons may present their surgical experiences in their language.

A complete scientific program has been prepared for you to attend, with an interesting tourist program as well.

You may visit our website [www.latinoamifsocancun.com.mx](http://www.latinoamifsocancun.com.mx) to get more information, to register and to enjoy beautiful Cancún next April.

Rafael Alvarez-Cordero



## IFSO Website

### **WANTED** IFSO MEMBER WITH JOURNALISTIC TALENT

We need an enthusiastic surgeon to work with the Communications Committee and the Executive Director to edit this electronic newsletter and enhance communication within this international society. For details contact Dr Jamieson [acjammo@ozemail.com.au](mailto:acjammo@ozemail.com.au) or Prof Dr Greve [J.Greve@AH.unimaas.nl](mailto:J.Greve@AH.unimaas.nl)

## IFSO Executive Board

The executive board of IFSO for 2005-2006 is as follows:

President: Jan Willem Greve (Netherlands)  
President-elect: John Melissas (Greece)  
Junior Past-President: Arthur Garrido (Brazil)  
Senior Past President: Henry Buchwald (USA)  
Secretary-Treasurer: Harry Frydenberg (Australia)  
Executive-Director: Andrew Jamieson (Australia)  
2006 congress organiser: Paul O'Brien (Australia)  
Honorary President: Nicola Scopinaro (Italy)

**Additional members:**

**Chapter Representatives:**

Europe: Martin Fried

Latin America: Raphael Alvarez Cordero (interim)

North America: MAL Fobi

Asian Pacific: (not yet founded)



## Upcoming IFSO meetings

2006: Sydney, Australia

([www.ifso2006.com.au](http://www.ifso2006.com.au))

2007: 5-8 September, Porto, Portugal

([www.ifso2007.com](http://www.ifso2007.com))

2008: October 1-4, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2009: August 26-29, Paris, France

2010: USA / India (to be decided in Sydney)

XIII World Congress IFSO 2008

Sociedad Argentina de Cirugía de la Obesidad

The "Argentine Society for the Surgery of Obesity" Sociedad Argentina de Cirugía de la Obesidad (SACO), organize in the name of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO), the XIII World Congress. It is a great pleasure and honour to welcome you to Buenos Aires for IFSO 2008.

Apart from sharing information and experience in the decade where the surgical treatment of morbid obesity is accepted all over the world, we would like you to know that at the southern end of America there is an extensive nation that offers visitors natural and cultural wonders: traditions, cuisine, ways of life that can be as wonderful as the scenery to be visited.

A well known expression assures that "All the world can be found in Argentina".

Welcome to the beauty of South America

Prof. Carlos A. Casanuovo, MD, FACS  
SACO President



XIII World Congress IFSO 2008

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
FOR THE SURGERY OF OBESITY

IFSO 2008

XIII World Congress

24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008 - Buenos Aires  
Argentina

IFSO 2008 Buenos Aires

## IFSO Member Associations



**ARGENTINA**  
 Sociedad Argentina de Cirugia de la Obesidad (SACO)  
**AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND**  
 Obesity Surgery Society of Australia and New Zealand (OSSANZ)  
**AUSTRIA**  
 Österreichische Gesellschaft für Adipositaschirurgie  
**BELGIUM - NETHERLANDS - LUXEMBOURG**  
 BeNeLux Association of Bariatric Surgeons (BABS)  
**BRAZIL**  
 Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia Bariátrica (SBCB)  
**CHILE**  
 Depatamento Cirugia Bariatrica Chile  
**CZECH REPUBLIC**  
 Czech Obesity Society (COS)  
**EGYPT**  
 Egyptian Society for Bariatric Surgery (ESBS)  
**FRANCE**  
 la Société Française de Chirurgie de l'Obésité (SOFCO)  
**GERMANY**  
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Chirurgie der Adipositas  
**GREECE**  
 Greek Society for Bariatric Surgery  
**HUNGARY**  
 Hungarian Bariatric Surgery Foundation  
**INDIA**  
 Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI)  
**ISRAEL**  
 Israeli Association for Obesity Surgery (ILA)  
**ITALY**  
 Società Italiana di Chirurgia dell'Obesità (SICOB)  
**JAPAN**  
 Japanese Society for the Study of Obesity/Malnutrition (JSSOM)  
**KUWAIT**  
 Kuwaiti Society for Bariatric Surgery KSBS)

**MEXICO**  
 Sociedad Mexicana de Cirugia de la Obesidad, A.C. (SMCO)  
**PANAMA**  
 Asociación Panamena de Cirugia Bariatrica (APCB)  
**PARAGUAY**  
 Sociedad Paraguaya de Cirugia de la Obesidad (SPCO)  
**PERU**  
 Surgical Association of Obesity in Peru  
**POLAND**  
 Polish Association for Prevention and Treatment of Obesity  
**PORTUGAL**  
 Portuguese Obesity Surgery Society  
**ROMANIA**  
 Romanian Association of Bariatric Surgeons  
**RUSSIA**  
 Russian Society of Bariatric Surgeons  
**SPAIN**  
 Sociedad Española de Cirugia de la Obesidad (SECO)  
**SWITZERLAND**  
 Swiss Study Group for Morbid Obesity  
**TURKEY**  
 Turkish Obesity Surgery Society (TOSS)  
**UKRAINE**  
 Ukrainian Association of Bariatric Surgery (UABS)  
**UNITED KINGDOM**  
 British Obesity Surgery Society (BOSS)  
**USA/CANADA**  
 American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS)  
**YUGOSLAVIA**  
 Yugoslav Obesity Surgery Society (YOSS)



Palais des Congrès de Paris

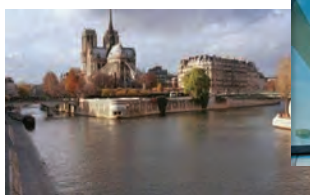


In 2005, the "Palais des Congrès de Paris" received the IAPCO National Supplier Award (International Association of Professional Congress Organisers)

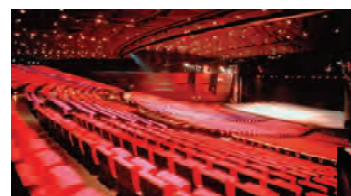
**IFSO 2009 to be held in Paris, France**  
**August 26-27-28-29**



Paris IFSO 2009  
Congress  
August 26 - 27 - 28 - 29



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## IFSO Regional Chapter Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Symposium  
2007 Cancun, Mexico  
3<sup>rd</sup> European Chapter meeting,  
2008, Capri, Italy

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity was initiated in 1995 (Stockholm). The first official IFSO congress and founding meeting took place in Prague, Czech Republic 1996.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION FOR IFSO EUROPEAN CHAPTER IN LYON

By Nicola Scopinaro

The IFSO EUROPEAN CHAPTER (IFSO EC) General Council (GC) met at the 2nd IFSO EC Congress, April 27-29, 2006, Lyon, France

The Representatives of the following Regular Body Members were present (in alphabetical order): Austria, Benelux, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Obesity Surgery Journal, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine

After agreeing on the definitive proposed Bylaws to be submitted to the next IFSO GC in Sydney for official approval (The IFSO EC Proposed Bylaws were published in the July issue of Obesity Surgery), the IFSO EC GC made, by unanimous elections, the following decisions:

**Nicola Scopinaro** (Italy) left his office of First President and was elected Honorary President;

**Jerome Dargent** (France) was moved to his office of new IFSO EC President; **Luc Lemmens** (Benelux) was approved as new President Elect; **Martin Fried** was elected as IFSO EC Representative to the IFSO Executive Council.

Therefore, the new IFSO EC Executive Council is composed as follows:

Honorary President Nicola Scopinaro  
President Jerome Dargent  
President Elect Luc Lemmens  
Past President Nicola Scopinaro  
Upcoming IFSO Congress President Antonio Sergio Bastos Silva  
IFSO European Chapter Representative to the IFSO Executive Council Martin Fried  
Treasurer Karl Miller  
Executive Director Martin Fried  
Editor-in-Chief of the IFSO European Chapter Official Journal: Mervyn Deitel

The General Council will meet every year, either at the IFSO.....(continued next page)



European chapter continued: (probably 2012).

Congress, when it is being held in Europe, as it will happen next year in Porto, or at the IFSO European Chapter Congress, which will be held every second year, when the IFSO Congress is being held out of Europe.

The General Assembly will meet every second year at the IFSO European Chapter. The Third IFSO European Chapter Congress will be in Capri (Italy, Luigi Angrisani) in 2008, and the fourth in Switzerland (Michel Suter) in 2010. We have an application from Spain

**PORTO 5>8 SEPT. 2007**

**XII WORLD CONGRESS**

OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE SURGERY OF OBESITY

**XXI INTERNATIONAL SIMPOSIUM ON OBESITY SURGERY**

Sociedade Portuguesa de Cirurgia de Obesidade

[www.ifso2007.com.pt](http://www.ifso2007.com.pt)

**MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR OF PORTO TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE XII WORLD CONGRESS OF IFSO**  
**DR. RUI RIO**

**MESSAGE OF THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT**  
**DR. ANTÓNIO SÉRGIO**

*Dear Participants,*

The town of Porto proudly and excitedly welcomes all Congresses of the International Federation for Surgery of Obesity, honored by being elected as a Member by its organization. The town of Porto brings with it a long history of welcoming foreign guests and from its characteristic buildings will be offering you a warm, pleasant, and safe environment. The town of Porto is a city of history and tradition, with a rich cultural heritage, and a long history of welcoming foreign guests. The town of Porto is a city of history and tradition, with a rich cultural heritage, and a long history of welcoming foreign guests. The town of Porto is a city of history and tradition, with a rich cultural heritage, and a long history of welcoming foreign guests.

*Dear Participants,*

It is a great privilege and honor to welcome you to the XII World Congress of IFSO which will take place, in Porto, from the 5th to the 8th September 2007, at Porto Convention Centre, Porto, Portugal.

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