

IFSO Newsletter

Dear Colleagues, Friends and Members of IFSO,

I am glad to present you an update of IFSO's activity over the last months. My term as President is almost coming to an end and I do hope, although in a brief period of time, I have been able to fulfil one of my most challenging aims which was to bring people together and to strengthen IFSO.

IFSO has now 48 member societies and one affiliated body and many other national societies for the surgery of obesity and metabolic disorders are in the process of applying to join IFSO.

The 12 Committees are developing their activities to examine the different issues concerning all the aspects of the Federation to improve its functioning and try to grant always higher standards of patient care.

The Asian Pacific Chapter organized a very successful meeting in February in Japan, which I personally had to pleasure to attend, and the Latin American Chapter an outstanding meeting in March in Colombia thus showing the growing interest all over the world towards bariatric surgery.

The European Accreditation Council Centre of Excellence Program and the Surgery Review Committee's International Centre of Excellence Program, that we have endorsed in 2009, are continuing and expanding their activities throughout Europe and at an international level.

As regards the cooperation with other societies and activities IFSO has endorsed many national meetings all over the world and will be one of the sponsors of the International Travel Award which will be held in Orlando on June 13 during the ASMBS meeting. I take the opportunity to invite all the IFSO members which will attend the meeting to the International Reception on June 13 at the Orange Blossom Ballroom.

Our annual meeting is also fast approaching. It will be held this year in Hamburg, Germany, and I wish to encourage you all to attend, to meet your colleagues and to share your ideas and experiences thus improving the practise of our surgery to grant our patients always better results.

The Congress President, Rudolf Weiner, has built an exciting and very interesting scientific program with symposia, lectures, live surgeries and sessions dedicated to multi-disciplinary team members and anesthesiologists in order to widen our knowledge and our horizons.



IFSO World Congress 2010 Los Angeles I.t.r. President Elect Antonio Torres (Spain), President Karl Miller (Austria), Past President Harry Frydenberg (Australia), Congress President MAL Fobi (USA)

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New Member Societies

We are glad to **Welcome** in IFSO the following **New Societies**:

- **Bolivia** - Sociedad Boliviana de Cirugia Comite Cirugia Bariatrica Y Metabolica
- **Iceland** - The Icelandic Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ISMBS)
- **Singapore** - Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of Singapore

IFSO'S NUMBERS

- **48** ADHERING BODIES
- **1** AFFILIATED BODY
- **6.400** MEMBERS
- **1.160** OBESITY SURGERY SUBSCRIBERS
- **255** SOARD SUBSCRIBERS





Chapters' Reports

European Chapter NEWS



Rudolf Weiner

President of the
European Chapter

- The European Chapter Board has recently met in Saafelden, Austria, on April 5th during the 9th **Expert Meeting** organized by Dr. Karl Miller.

16 representatives of the European member societies attended the meeting and many significative topics have been discussed.

- The official **EC Board meeting** will be held during the World congress in Hamburg on **Wednesday August 31, 2011 at 3.30 pm**.

All the National societies are invited to send one representative to that meeting. Please communicate the name of the representative writing **by June 30** to the secretary of the European Chapter: Manuela Mazzarella at **secretariat@ifso.com**

- The new name of the Swiss society (SMOB) is: **Swiss Society for the study of morbid obesity and metabolic disorders**
- The new President of the Spanish society for the surgery of obesity (SECO) is: Carles Masdevall, MD
- A **joint meeting IFSO—EASO** will be held on **December 5_6, 2011 in Munich, Germany**.

This European workshop, jointly organised by EASO and IFSO-EC, in collaboration with the German Obesity Association, will address key current challenges in the medical and surgical care of severely obese patients. The workshop will combine keynote lectures by international experts and smaller group sessions on practical issues. The ambition of the workshop is to provide a unique forum for education and discussion of management and research issues related to the medico-surgical care of obese patients. The programme of the workshop will be relevant to both experienced and junior physicians specializing in internal medicine, diabetology, endocrinology, clinical nutrition, gastroenterology...and surgeons together, willing to learn and exchange questions and experiences in this rapidly evolving field of obesity management.

For more information please visit www.easo.org/meetings

- The **V European Chapter meeting** will be held in Spain, in **Barcelona**, on **14_17 March, 2012**. It will be the **first Iberian congress** jointly organized by SECO and SPCO: the Spanish and Portuguese societies for the Surgery of Obesity www.ifsobcn2012.com



EC Chapter Board

Saafelden, Austria, April 2011



Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS



Pradeep Chowbey

President of the APC

The **Second Asian Pacific Chapter Meeting** jointly organized with the Japan Society of Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO-APC & JSSO 2011) was successfully held on **22~25th February, 2011 at Rusutsu Resort Hotel, Hokkaido, Japan** with the congress Presidents Dr. Isao Kawamura (IFSO-APC) and Dr. Iwao Sasaki (JSSO).

IFSO consists of four chapters and Asia Pacific chapter has the biggest population of the world, which contains more than 60% of world population and also there is the biggest number of diabetes population in Asia.

IFSO-APC & JSSO 2011 had more than **250 participants from 25 countries**, including 50 Allied health professionals. Laparoscopic Advanced Suturing and Anastomosis Hands-on Course and Post-graduate course for Allied health professional were provided as Pre-congress course on 22th Feb. and both courses were full booked and well organized. On the first day, Sleeve Gastrectomy symposium and national reports from 17 countries were highlighted. Sleeve Gastrectomy is growing rapidly in Asia Pacific region and national reports of each country could reveal the difference among counties and reality of Asia. On the second day, "Metabolic surgery in Asia" symposium was held and followed by "IFSO-APC consensus statement" session. IFSO-APC consensus statement was decided by 45 faculties including IFSO President, with voting system. The results will be presented in IFSO 2011 Hamburg. It is the first consensus statement for indication of bariatric and metabolic surgery for their own region from IFSO chapter. At the Gala dinner, many delegates could enjoy traditional Japanese dinner and entertainment of Japanese drum play with local kids and the congress executives. On the third day, "Bariatric surgery training system" was discussed. Number of bariatric surgery in APC is not as big as other chapters so that proper training system in the chapter is one of the most important issue of APC.

Demand for metabolic surgery is getting bigger in Asia. IFSO-APC will play significant and important roll for the progression of this treatment and safety of our patients.

During the Congress, IFSO-APC held its Annual General Meeting during which election of Office Bearers took place. The current composition of the Board now consists of:

- Pradeep Chowbey, President
- Wei Jei Lee, President Elect
- Harry Frydenberg, Founding President
- Lilian Kow, Secretary / Treasurer and IFSO-APC Representative on the IFSO Executive

The **XVII World Congress IFSO 2012** will be held in **New Delhi on 11-15 September 2012**

and the next **IFSO-APC Congress** in **Taiwan** in **February/March 2013.**

With warm regards

Dr. Pradeep Chowbey MS, MNAMS, FIMSA, FICS, FACS

President IFSO – Asia Pacific Chapter



Second Obesity Conference

Dammam, Saudi Arabia March 5-6, 2011



APC Chapter Board

Rusutsu, Japan February 2011





North America Chapter NEWS



Bruce Wolfe

President of the
ASMBS

In 2010 the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) has continued to pursue its core missions of education and research. The last annual meeting of the ASMBS is the primary event for carrying out this mission. The meeting in Las Vegas was attended by a record number of 2500 attendees. As in the past, the meeting was composed of a mix of primary research and postgraduate courses on a variety of topics, from clinical or applied bariatric surgery and related obesity care to research methodology. In addition, the ASMBS continues to advance its online educational presence with the comprehensive Obesity Compendium including eight learning modules with over 26 hours of continuing education that encompass all disciplines.

The ASMBS has been increasingly active the area of advocacy for access to bariatric surgical and related healthcare services. The Society has increased its involvement in lobbying the U.S. Congress and Executive branch in Washington, D.C., primarily by providing educational materials and direct meetings with select leaders. Advocacy at the state and local levels has also been accomplished whenever issues of access to bariatric surgery (insurance coverage) have arisen.

The ASMBS State Chapters program continues to grow and there currently 17 active chapters. Our advocacy effort involves a continual campaign to overcome prejudice against obese persons and provision of effective treatment and included a close cooperation with The Obesity Society and the Obesity Action Coalition.

We have many projects and initiatives underway and look forward to another productive year.

The **28th ASMBS meeting** will be held in **Orlando, Florida on June 12_17, 2011.**

IFSO members attending the ASMBS meeting are invited to the International Reception on Monday June 13 at 5.30-7.00 pm in the Orange Blossom Ballroom of the Gaylord Palms Resort.





Latin America Chapter NEWS



Carlos Casalnuovo

President of the Latin American Chapter

During the **IV Congress of the Latin American Chapter** of the International Federation for the Surgery of the Obesity (IFSO) that took place in **Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in March 2011**, Prof. Dr. Carlos A. Casalnuovo was appointed IFSO-LA President, for the period 2011-2013. Dr. Marco M. More was appointed as Secretary.

Dr. Carlos A. Casalnuovo is currently Founding Member, Honorary President and Executive Director of the Argentine Society for the Surgery of the Obesity (SACO) and Chief of the Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Section of the Hospital de Clinicas, University of Buenos Aires.

At the Latin American Chapter we are working hard on our first 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 so it is necessary to have all the information we have requested in a form that will soon be incorporated into the Latin American Chapter website, www.ifsolatinoamericano.com

The information that will be included in the Latin American database is important not only for IFSO but also for all Bariatric Colleagues; for an active participation in upcoming National Courses and Congresses in Latin American and Worldwide; to participate in Cooperative Studies; internships in different credited Bariatric Surgery services specially in Latin America and the rest of the world; to improve communications and make them more fluid. Our “Inclusive System” proposal for all Bariatric Surgery teams in each country, will allow them to be represented in the Latin American Chapter and in IFSO, and also to foster the growth of the Latin American Chapter inside IFSO.

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.

In order to follow the bariatric team multidisciplinary work criteria, and being IFSO a multidisciplinary society with its Allied Health Professionals’ committee, we believe that integrating the psychologists and nutritionists is a priority. If they are enlisted in each of IFSO’s local societies in each country and consequently in IFSO itself they would be under this International Federation umbrella with the objective of supporting their members in all aspects related directly to their profession, therefore giving greater scope to the team work involved in the improvement of severe obese patient’s treatment.

This item has been discussed in the General Assembly of the Latin American Chapter of IFSO in Cartagena, Colombia, and was approved unanimously.

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 3 Bariatric Societies from Central America (Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica) and 8 societies from South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela) are IFSO members.

The **Pre-Congress Post-Graduate Course, in Hamburg**, has been organized for August 31, 2011 (XVI IFSO World Congress) where well known Latin American professionals of our specialty, as well as from Spain and Portugal, will be participating. The course will be in Spanish and Portuguese.

Election of the Chapter’s President Elect for the period 2013-2015.

All Societies member of the IFSO Latin American Chapter are invited to submit their candidates for this position. They should send:

A brief CV of the candidate with a focus on Bariatric Surgery and his relationship with IFSO

A brief project for his future involvement as President of the Chapter

Candidates must be proposed by their local Societies and may be endorsed by other Chapter’s Societies

Deadline for proposals’ submission: June 15, 2011.
ifsolatinoamerica@gmail.com

The election and voting (1 representative for each Society) are planned to take place in Hamburg during the Chapter’s meeting (to be confirmed).

Next Congress of the Latin American Chapter, 2013 will be held in Peru, city to be decided: Cuzco or Lima.

Revision of the Latin American Chapter Bylaws in order to evaluate eventual modifications.



Dr. Baltasar, Dr. Torres, Dr. Fobi at IFSO LAC meeting in Cartagena, Colombia— March 2011

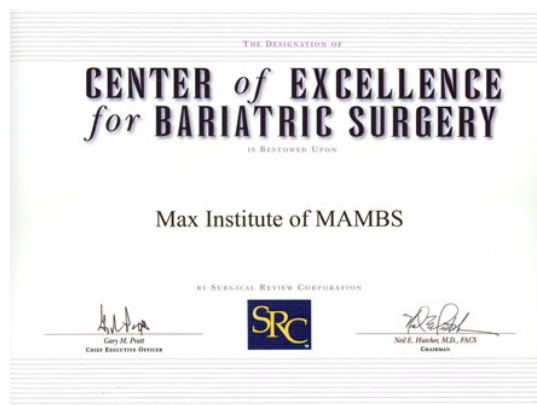


Accreditation as “International Centre of Excellence (ICE) for Bariatric Surgery by SRC, USA”

The **Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (MAMBS)** has been awarded a special title of “Founder” and accredited as an “International Center of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery (ICE)” by Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), USA. Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the safety, efficacy and efficiency of metabolic and bariatric surgical care worldwide and a leading administrator of center of excellence programs for surgical specialties. SRC recognized the importance of widening the horizon to implement a center of excellence program outside of the United States and Canada. Leading bariatric surgeons in Latin America, Europe and Asia-Pacific govern the ICE program in their respective regions through the International Bariatric Surgery Review Committee (IBSRC). The ICE designation awarded to the facility in which they perform metabolic and bariatric procedures and fulfill the following criteria:



- Institutional commitment to Excellence
- Surgical experience and high volumes
- Designated Medical Director
- Responsive Critical Care support
- Appropriate equipment and instruments
- Surgeon dedication and qualified call coverage
- Clinical pathways and standardized operating procedures
- Bariatric Nurses, Physician extenders and Program coordinator
- Patient support groups
- Long-term patient follow-up





Jan Mulier

President of ESPCOP

The Obese Patient in the Peri-operative Period – Three new Societies working together

History

The UK Society of Bariatric Anaesthetists (SOBA) was founded in December 2008. Shortly thereafter the European Society for the Peri-operative care of the Obese Patient (ESPCOP) was formed on February 3rd 2009, when a group of twelve Anaesthesiologists from nine different European countries, including three SOBA representatives, met in Bruges, Belgium.

The International Society for the Peri-operative care of the Obese Patient (ISPCOP) was founded in 2004, but did not reach a critical mass support to achieve its goals, and lay inactive for several years. Following a meeting in San Diego last year, a large international group of enthusiastic anaesthesiologists, including representatives from the UK and European societies has joined together with the aim of re-establishing the ISPCOP.

Each society's structure provides sufficient independence, but at the same time seeks collaboration. When a critical mass of members from one continent or country wish to form a sub society to better achieve their local needs, they will be supported and encouraged given that they support the larger society and work together wherever possible.

Function

The aim of these societies is to promote excellence in clinical management, research and education in the peri-operative care of the obese patient, and to encourage exchange of information between all anaesthetists, intensivists and physicians who are engaged in the care of the obese surgical patient.

Scientific meetings are a key aspect of these societies. The first scientific meeting of the ESPCOP "Obesity: a challenge for anaesthesia." took place during November 2009 in Ostend Belgium, and was a great success. The second meeting during September 2010 took place in Pordenone Italy, and focused on the multidisciplinary approach to the anaesthetic management of the obese patient.

The third scientific meeting of the ESPCOP will take place jointly with the UK Society of Bariatric Anaesthetists (SOBA) and will be hosted at the Chichester meeting in Southern England, on September 26th and 27th this year. The focus will be very much on anaesthesia for bariatric surgery. For details please see www.chichesterbariatrics.org

SOBA organises two or three educational meetings every year in London and Manchester, and through it's affiliation with *Anaesthesia* supports the scientific session of oral and poster presentation of abstracts at Chichester each year, with the best 30% being published in the journal.

ESPCOP is also supporting a first symposium of bariatric anaesthesia and critical care in Vienna on May 5th and 6th 2011. (www.esbacc.org)

During the World Congress of Anaesthesia (WCA) in 2012, ISPCOP will have its first large scientific meeting.

ESPCOP has organised a live session of bariatric anaesthesia together with a scientific discussion on Saturday September 3rd, during this year's international IFSO meeting in Hamburg, Germany, (www.ifso2011.de) and we invite all interested anaesthesiologists to attend.

At a local level we aim to stimulate excellence in clinical care by facilitating local lectures, training courses, training visits to their units and encouraging research, particularly by the increasing numbers of bariatric anaesthetic fellows.

Structure

ESPCOP is a member society of the ESA and is working hard together with the ESA developing aspects of the scientific programme of the ESA 2012 Paris meeting. The ESPCOP will have his board meeting and general assembly during this ESA meeting on Sunday June 12th 2011 at 4pm. All representative members and those interested in joining and supporting the ESPCOP are welcomed. Please announce your attendance. The ISPCOP members will vote in the coming months for a new board. During the ASA meeting in Chicago on October 2011 this board will come together and have its first general assembly meeting. UK anaesthesiologists can become members through the Society of Bariatric Anaesthetists SOBA (www.sobauk.com) All other European anaesthesiologists can become members through the (www.ESPCOP.org) All other non-European anaesthesiologists can become members through the ISPCOP (www.ISPCOP.com)

Adrian Alvarez

Jan P Mulier

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Founding President ISPCOP

Founding President ESPCOP

Founding President SOBA



World Meetings

2011_IFSO World Annual Meeting

GERMANY



XVI World IFSO Congress

31 August_3 September, 2011 - Hamburg, Germany

www.ifso2011.de

All **political meetings** will be held on **Tuesday, 30th August 2011**:

Tuesday, 30 th August 2011	
Time	
07:30 - 09:00	Board of Trustees / Breakfast Meeting
09:30 - 11:30	Editorial Board Obesity Surgery
12:00 - 15:00	Executive Board / Lunch Meeting
15:30 - 17:30	General Council Meeting
19.30	General Council Dinner
	Buses from CCH at 7.00 pm

The **European Chapter Board meeting** and the **European Accreditation Center of Excellence** will be held on **Wednesday August 31, from 3.30 to 5.30 pm**.

The **POSTGRADUATE COURSES** start on **Wednesday 31st August at 8 a.m.** Please note: All attendees have to register (online or at the desk) for the Postgraduate Courses. The fees are shown on the web-site. Coffee breaks and Lunches will be provided. For the IFSO congress all attendees have to be registered. The registration for the Postgraduate Courses does not cover the IFSO-Congress (1st - 3rd September) while the registration for the IFSO-Congress allows the participation of the Postgraduate Courses. The Courses A (Advanced Obesity Surgery with Live-Surgery), B (Metabolic Surgery), D (Med Writing) and E (Center of Excellence) will be in English. The Course C is a Latin-American Postgraduate Course in Spanish without live-translation into English.

Opening of Industrial Exhibition and **Welcome Reception** will be held on **Wednesday, August 30th 2011** afternoon. First Satellite Symposia will start at the same time.

The **IFSO CONGRESS** starts on **Thursday, 1st September at 8.00 am**. During the Congress until Saturday September 3rd 2011 1 p.m. **LIVE-TRANSLATION in Spanish and Portuguese** during the main sessions and the live-surgery will be provided.

INTEGRATED HEALTH is integrated into the scientific program on **Friday, September 2nd 2011** (full day), followed by consensus conferences and workshops on **Saturday, September 3rd 2011**.

ADDITIONAL TARGET AUDIENCES:

1. **INTEGRATED HEALTH** (4 sessions on Friday and workshops on Saturday)
2. **ANESTHESIOLOGY & INTENSIVE CARE** (2 sessions on Saturday)
3. **DIABETOLOGIST & ENDOCRINOLOGIST** (4 sessions on Thursday and Friday)
4. **GASTROENTEROLOGIST** (2 sessions on Thursday and 1 one session on Friday)
5. **HEALTH ECONOMICS, POLITICIANS, INSURANCES** (2 sessions)

LIVE SURGERY will be on **Saturday, September 3rd** transmitted from 4 or of the University Hospital Hamburg. 10 surgeons from all over the world will demonstrate different techniques and procedures.



2011_IFSO World Annual Meeting

REGISTRATION FEES <i>(in Euro)</i>	Registration before August 19	Registration on-site
Member of IFSO, ALFEDIAM, SFN, AFERO, SFNEP	€ 600,00	€ 650,00
Non-Member	€ 700,00	€ 750,00
Allied health professional	€ 480,00	€ 520,00
Student <i>(Please submit a copy of your student ID)</i>	€ 250,00	€ 300,00
Accompanying Person	€ 240,00	€ 240,00
Day Ticket for non-surgeons only September 2.	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Day Ticket for non-surgeons only September 3.	€ 75,00	€ 75,00
Day Ticket for non-surgeons only September 2.&3.	€ 200,00	€ 200,00

CME CREDITS

The **XVI IFSO World Congress** has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) and by the Hamburg Chamber of Medical Doctors (**16 CME credits**)

AMA PRA CREDITS

EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA).

For more information on how to convert EACCME credit to AMA PRA category 1 credit, please visit: www.ifso2011.de

REGISTER NOW!

Lower Rates: Deadline August 19th 2011

Bring your anaesthesiologist, endocrinologist, gastroenterologist, dietician & bariatric nurses with you. Day tickets for non-surgeons available.

Program ONLINE NOW!

www.ifso2011.de



2012_IFSO World Annual Meeting

INDIA




XVII World IFSO Congress

11_15 September, 2012 New Delhi, India www.ifso2012.com


Prof. Pradeep Chowbey was elected President of the Asia Pacific Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Society (APMBSS) during the 6th International Congress of APMBSS held at Singapore, 21-23 October 2010.

The **XVII World Congress IFSO 2012** will be held on **11 – 15 September 2012** in **New Delhi**, India in association with the Obesity & Metabolic Surgery Society of India (OSSI) and the Asia Pacific Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Society (APMBSS). The Congress will be hosted by Prof. Pradeep Chowbey, Congress President, President-APMBSS, President Elect-IFSO (APC), Past President-OSSI and Director - Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket New Delhi, India.




XVII WORLD CONGRESS IFSO 2012

**(International Federation for the
Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders)**
September 11-15, 2012 • Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, India





OSSI
Obesity & Metabolic Surgery Society of India
(OSSI)



APMBSS
Asia Pacific Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Society
(APMBSS)

Dr Pradeep Chowbey
Congress President
President, IFSO, Asia Pacific Chapter
President, Asia Pacific Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Society (APMBSS)
Past President, Obesity & Metabolic Surgery Society of India (OSSI)





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2013_IFSO World Annual Meeting

TURKEY



XVIII World IFSO Congress

29 August_1 September 2013 Istanbul, www.ifso2013.com

Dear colleagues,

We are glad that time passes so fast that less than 2 years left for the 13th Congress of IFSO which will be held in Istanbul which is the only city that connects Europe and Asia and forms Eurasia. We are working with our team for preparing a unique, vast and exciting scientific and social program for an unforgettable congress. The European congress of EASO will also be held in Istanbul between 25-28th of May of this year. I will chair a bariatric surgery session in this congress and we will have a special booth in this congress that will advertise the upcoming IFSO congress in Istanbul.

I will also join the EAES congress in Torino 15-18th of June this year before the Hamburg congress of IFSO. It would be great opportunity to meet with our colleagues in advance and discuss the upcoming events and advertise the 2013 congress.

We are also advertising our upcoming meeting in the local congresses throughout Turkey. We will be holding our **3rd National Congress on Obesity Surgery and Metabolic disorders** with international participation in Antalya between 21-24th of September this year which will be a small rehearsal of the big event in 2013. We will also have opportunity to evaluate the advancement of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery in Turkey by organizing this event.

I would like to invite all of you to our local congress which would be a joint congress with Turkish Minimal Invasive Surgery Society which will be organized 21-24th of September in Antalya. I would like to thank all my friends for their participation and their support for this local event in advance. Please check our website <http://www.minimalinvaziv2011.org/en/>

I hope to meet with you in Hamburg,

Prof. Mustafa Taskin, MD

President of Turkish Obesity Surgery and 18th International Congress of IFSO

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Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic
Disorders (IFSO)
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XVIII WORLD CONGRESS
18th WORLD CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
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2014_IFSO World Annual Meeting

CANADA



IXX World IFSO Congress

26_30 August, 2014 - Montreal, Canada

<http://www.congresmtl.com/Communications/IFSO2014/IFSO2014.pdf>



2015_IFSO World Congress

The location of the XX World Congress to be held in 2015 will be decided in Hamburg by the General Council on August 30, 2011.



2011 Upcoming endorsed Congresses



National Meeting of the Portuguese Society

Lisbon, Portugal - May 2011

www.spcg.pt

2nd EAROC Meeting “The morbidly obese adolescent:
is bariatric surgery the only option?”

Vienna, Austria 6-7 May 2011



XIX National Congress SICOB

Reggio Calabria , Italy 11_13 May 2011

www.sicob2011.org



Jornada Internacional Anual de Actualización

XIV Obesidad y Nutrición, 25 de Junio de 2011,
Hotel Holiday Inn, Córdoba, Argentina.

“Nutrition, Obesity, Psychology and Bariatric
Surgery Conference”,

June 25th 2011, Holiday Inn www.saco.org.ar

Jornada Internacional Anual de Actualización

XIV OBESIDAD Y NUTRICIÓN

II CIRUGÍA BARIÁTRICA

I PSICOLOGÍA APLICADA A LA NUTRICIÓN

DIFICULTADES EN EL ABORDAJE DE LA OBESIDAD

25 de Junio 2011 - Hotel Holiday Inn - Córdoba



28th Annual ASMBS Meeting

Orlando, Florida, USA 12_17 June 2011

www.asmb.org





2011 Upcoming endorsed Congresses



Sixth Russian Symposium "Surgery for obesity and metabolic disorders"

Kaliningrad, Russia June 30_July 2 2011

www.bareo.ru

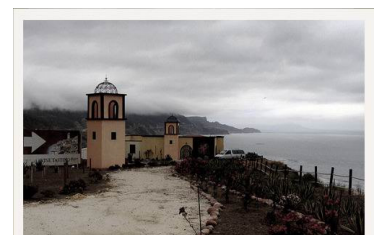


13th National Congress of Bariatric Surgery and Metabolic Diseases

Ensenada, Baja California

Mexico 6_9 July 2011

www.cmcoem.org



XIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY & METABOLIC DISEASES

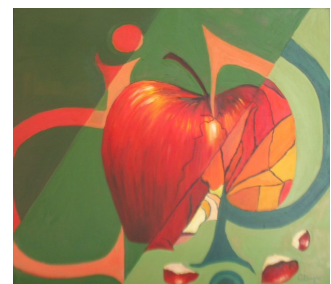
July 6th—9th, 2011
Ensenada, Baja California, México
Both National and International Speakers
Main Topic:
Bariatric Surgery Complications

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Psychological aspects of obesity Congress. Therapeutic Strategies, November 10-11th, 2011, Buenos Aires Psychoanalytic Association (APdeBA), Buenos Aires, Argentina

www.saco.org.ar



European Association Surgery of Obesity (EASO)

Munich, Germany — 5_6 December 2011

www.easo.org/meetings

European Obesity Medico-Surgical Workshop
Medicine and surgery in optimising the care of obese patients

5-6 December 2011
Maritim Hotel, Munich
Jointly organized by EASO and IFSO-EC

This European workshop, jointly organized by EASO and IFSO-EC in collaboration with the German Obesity Association (DGO), will address key current challenges in the medical and surgical care of severely obese patients. The workshop will combine keynote lectures by international experts and smaller group sessions on practical issues. The ambition of the workshop is to provide a unique forum for education and discussion of interdisciplinary management and research issues related to the medico-surgical care of obese patients. The programme of the workshop will be relevant to both experienced and junior physicians specialising in internal medicine, diabetology, endocrinology, clinical nutrition, gastroenterology, anaesthesiology, intensive care, and surgeons together willing to learn and exchange questions and experiences in the rapidly evolving field of obesity management.

Main topics

- Obesity surgery and
 - Diabetes - metabolic surgery
 - Adolescents and the elderly
 - Pregnancy and fertility
 - Evaluation of co-morbidities
 - Eating disorders
 - Quality of life issues
 - Preparation and follow-up
 - New and old surgical techniques

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2012 Upcoming endorsed Congresses



International Congress on Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and Related Diseases and the IV International Symposium, a multidisciplinary approach,

July 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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**"First Iberic Meeting in Bariatric Surgery"
Barcelona, Spain 25_26 April 2012 ????**

5th IFSO EUROPEAN CHAPTER MEETING

1º congreso Iberico de Cirugía bariátrica y metabólica (SECO-SPCO)

Barcelona, Spain 14_17 March, 2012

www.ifsobcn2012.com



5th Ukrainian Conference "Surgical treatment of obesity and related metabolic disorders"

Yalta (Crimea), September 2012

www.obesitysurgery.org.ua



7th FRANKFURT MEETING "Laparoscopic Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic disorders"

Frankfurt, Germany 22_23 November 2012

www.frankfurter-meeting.de

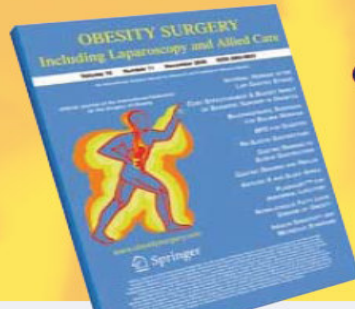


The Journals

Obesity Surgery



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Reduced *Obesity Surgery* Group Subscription Rates for IFSO Member Societies

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 USD \$80,00 (including shipping and handling)**
- **Online access to the current year's subscription as well as all previous years.**

Surgery of Obesity and Related Diseases



Becoming a member of IFSO you can subscribe the Journal **SOARD** at the discounted rate

of **USD \$92,00**



HOW TO JOIN IFSO

2011 FEES

IFSO Membership: **20,00\$**

IFSO Membership + Obesity Surgery: **100,00\$**

IFSO Membership + Obesity Surgery + SOARD: **192,00\$**

Individual Membership

Only members who live in Countries where there is no National Society for the Surgery of Obesity can apply to become "Individual affiliated members", writing to the Secretariat and asking for the application form.

Payment can be made by bank transfer or credit card/paypal on www.ifso.com (with a surplus fee of 4%)

Membership through the National Society

All national societies must send the list of their members (using the "Model list" provided by the Secretariat) **by December 15th, 2010.**

Payment from the society must be made by bank transfer, after receiving the invoice by the Secretariat.

The reduced subscription rate of **USD \$80,00** to the Springer Journal **Obesity Surgery** is only one of the many benefits of IFSO membership. Further benefits include:

- An official IFSO Certificate of Membership
- Subscription to the Elsevier journal **SOARD** at a discounted rate of **US \$92,00.**
- Use of the new website to advertise national society activities
- Links to national society websites on the IFSO website
- Reduced entrance fees to international and regional meetings
- Membership in a professional global network
- Regular E-newsletters
- Listing in the surgeon's registry on the IFSO website

For details on how your National Obesity Surgery Society can become a member of IFSO, for Individual membership requests and for any other information feel free to contact:

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