Dear Colleague, Friends and Members of IFSO,

It is my pleasure to be able to present you an update of IFSO since my inauguration in September 2010 in Los Angeles. I assumed the office of the President of IFSO, realizing the challenges that lay before me. In my presidential address in Long Beach I started with a quote from Picasso namely: „it is difficult to make it simple”.

IFSO is a large organization with a Board of Trustees, an Executive Council, a General Council, four Regional Chapters, over forty two member societies with more than seven thousand and growing members. IFSO in order to run efficiently needs not only the voluntary efforts from its members but a secretariat to keep up. We have now a full employed, most efficient secretary which in the first three months of my president ship assisted, helped and organized all my duties perfectly. Manuela Mazzarella will be introduced in this Newsletter. Our first activities in this period was to establish an online voting system for the World Congress 2015 - more than 40 members of the General Council voted and the majority decided for Montreal with Michel Gagner, the Congress President.

One of my greatest intention in this year of president ship will be to bring people together and to strengthen IFSO. Committees which shall examine issues concerning standards of patient care and safety for example will be introduced in this issue. IFSO will maintain and extend its role in the challenge of bariatric surgery. All activities beginning from the strategic planning Committee running up to Center of Excellence Program need international participant collaboration. I invite all colleagues who are interested to support IFSO activities. Chairmen and contact possibilities will be announced also in this issue.

One of the highlights in this Newsletter will be the upcoming World Congress in Hamburg, Germany. 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. The Congress President Rudolf Weiner and the German Scientific Committee are planning an excellent scientific program. I take the liberty to wish all members, friends and colleagues a successful upcoming year.

Karl Miller, MD, FACS
IFSO President 2010/2011
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We are glad to welcome in IFSO the following **New Societies**: 

- Lithuanian Bariatric Surgery Society (LBSS)
- Finnish Obesity Treatment Expert Group (FOTEG)
- Belgian Section for Obesity and Metabolic Surgery (BeSOMS)
- Dutch Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (DSMBS)
- Asociacion Costarricens de Obesidad Metabolismo y Trastornos Alimentarios
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Only two Committees are still to be formed: Foundation Committee and Credentialing Committee. Please send us your proposal or suggestions and help us to strengthen IFSO!
The General Council, in November 2010, through an online voting system, has chosen Montreal, Canada as location of the IFSO World Annual Meeting in 2014.

For more information download the e-brochure clicking on:

The EU-Chapter of IFSO includes 25 societies for surgery of obesity and metabolic disorders and 1 affiliated body: ESPCOP (European Society of Perioperative care of the Obese Patient) from Europe, North Africa, Middle East and Israel. In 2010 Lithuania and Finland became new members of the EU-Chapter. There are 25 countries now. The BABS divided itself into two new societies: the Belgian and the Dutch societies (BeSOMS and DSMBs) that were also included in the EC.

The Fifth EU-Chapter meeting will be organized in Barcelona, Spain on 26-28 April, 2012. In 2014 the Benelux Society will be responsible. The presidency undertook Rudolf A. Weiner (Germany) from Luc Lemmens (Belgium). The next president of the EU-Chapter will be Yury Yashkov (Russia).

The Society of Bariatric Surgeons of Russia will organize the Sixth Russian Symposium “Surgery for obesity and metabolic disorders” June 30 – July 2, 2011 in Kaliningrad.

On behalf of IFSO on 20 May 2010 in Kiev (Ukraine), the first workshop on topic “BIB system usage in treatment of morbid obesity” took place and was organized with support of “UABS” and “ALLERGAN”. This workshop was conducted by Prof. Alfredo Genco (Rome, Italy). The online broadcasting from the operating room was performed. Results of Workshop’s work was highlighted by some of the Ukrainian National TV channels. On 23-24th of September, 2010 in Dnipropetrovsk UABS held 4th Ukrainian Conference "Surgical treatment of obesity and related metabolic disorders". More than 100 participants from Ukraine, Russia and Latvia attended the conference. The next 5th Ukrainian Conference "Surgical treatment of obesity and related metabolic disorders" will take place in September, 2012 in Yalta (Crimea).

The Italian society for the Surgery of Obesity will organize the XIX National SICOB Congress on 11_13 May 2011 in Reggio Calabria, Italy.


The Portuguese Society will organize the National Meeting of the Portuguese Society in May 2011 in Lisbon. This meeting will be an important place to share news and experiences between all the Surgeons and related specialties.

In collaboration with the Spanish Society (SECO) they are organizing the “First Iberic Meeting in Bariatric Surgery” to be held in Barcelona the 25_26 April 2012, just before the European Chapter Meeting of IFSO.

Dr. Tess van Merve (South Africa) has been accepted to present : “Presurgical psychiatric evaluation of patients seeking Bariatric Surgery” at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting in Hawaii in May 2011. APA is a national medical speciality society whose 39,000 plus physician and student members - throughout North America and countries around the world - specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, mental retardation, and substance use disorders. The oldest medical
The next 7th FRANKFURT MEETING will be held on

15_16th November 2012

The presentations will be published in a supplement of Obesity facts

(European Journal of Obesity).

During the Frankfurter Meeting on November 19th was held the first European Chapter Council with the participation of most of the Countries’ representatives of the Chapter.

The next European Chapter Council will be held in Saafelden, Austria, during the 9th Expert Meeting in April 2011 (3_6 April).
President's Invitation to the IFSO-APC & JSSO Congress 2011

The IFSO-APC (Asia Pacific Chapter) was established two years ago with the inaugural meeting held in Cairns, Australia. It is my pleasure to announce the 2nd IFSO-APC International Congress will be held from February 22nd to 25th 2011 in Hokkaido, Japan during the snow season and will be co-hosted by the Japanese Society for Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (JSSO) and The Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity (JSTO).

Hokkaido is located in the most northern part of Japan and is well renowned for being one of the most attractive ski locations in Japan. It attracts many visitors from the Asia Pacific region who come to enjoy the many winter activities that are available to them – ranging from skiing to dog sled riding.

The Congress will be held at the Rusutsu Resort Hotel & Convention Centre which has been the location for many international meetings and was also used as the Press Centre for the last SUMMIT meeting. Rusutsu not only boasts some of the most sophisticated and dedicated Conference facilities available in Japan, but also encaptures the mountain scenery and provides visitors /delegates access to many snow leisure activities.

The main theme of the Congress is Multidisciplinary Therapy – Key to the success of Surgical Treatment for Morbid Obesity.

The goal of both the Japanese Society for Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (JSSO) and The Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity (JSTO) is to combine the knowledge of surgeons and other specialised medical staff members in order to be able to practice bariatric surgery on a more comprehensive basis.

Despite a 30 year history, Japan has fewer bariatric surgery cases for severe obesity patients compared to western countries. Yet, as severe obesity problems become a social focus, the Japanese are turning to bariatric surgery as a solution to these problems.

We are therefore delighted to invite you to this Congress which will consist of surgeons and surgical staff, Allied Health representatives (including psychiatrists, anaesthesiologists, nurses, nutritionists and exercise therapists) and all those people involved in the treatment of obesity and bariatric surgery.

For information on the Congress, the Congress Program, Early Registration and accommodation please visit the following site - [http://www.ifso-apc.jp/index.html](http://www.ifso-apc.jp/index.html)
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 next **28th ASMBS meeting** will be held in **Orlando, Florida on June 12_17, 2011**.
Estimados colegas,

Es un grato honor para nosotros, extenderles una invitación al IV Congreso Latino-Americano de Cirugía Bariátrica y Metabólica, que se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Cartagena de Indias – Colombia del 15 al 18 de marzo del año 2011.

En este evento, que es de la mayor importancia para nuestra región, tendremos la oportunidad de escuchar a las figuras más destacadas de nuestro continente en el área de cirugía Bariátrica y Metabólica, al igual que a profesores invitados de otras partes del mundo. Haremos énfasis en las discusiones y en las mesas redondas para poder aprender de nuestra experiencia latino-americana.

Ya la Cirugía Bariátrica es reconocida por toda la comunidad científica como la mejor opción terapéutica en el manejo de la obesidad severa actualmente, pero todavía nos queda un largo camino para lograr este mismo objetivo con las enfermedades metabólicas.

Las bellas playas del Caribe colombiano y su cálido clima nos permitirán compartir agradables momentos donde podremos intercambiar opiniones sobre este tema que tanto nos apasiona. Los invitamos a conocer y disfrutar de nuestro país en el marco del encuentro regional más importante del continente en el tema de la Cirugía Bariátrica y Metabólica.

Dr. Rami Mikler – Dr. Nathan Zundel Presidentes

**IV Congreso Latino-Americano de Cirugía Bariátrica y Metabólica**

Dear Colleagues

It is a great honor for the Mexican Society of obesity surgery and metabolic diseases to invite you to our **13th Congress** that will take place in **Baja California México from 6 to 9 July, 2011**.

During the meeting you will find solid presentations of leading experts, lectures, posters and video sessions, consensus meetings and a highly professional exhibition of valuable companies specialized in the field of bariatric surgery.

We have chosen the city known as the "Cinderella of the Pacific". Ensenada is located 70 miles south of the international border, a 90-minute drive from San Diego. It's warm Mediterranean climate, friendly atmosphere and accessibility by land, air, and sea have made Ensenada a favorite tourist destination for many years, and Mexico's second most-visited port-of-call for major cruise lines and pleasure boats.

We are looking forward to see soon!
XVI World IFSO Congress

31 August_3 September, 2011 - Hamburg, Germany

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

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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) and 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 in 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 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. GASTROENTEROLOGY ( 2 sessions on Thursday and 1 one session on Friday)
5. HEALTH ECONOMICS, POLITICIANS, INSURANCES (2 sessions)
All addressed physicians have to inform their peers and partners from other fields about the topics and targets of this XVI World Congress. They should be motivated to join this important meeting (active or passive).

**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.

- **a** Advocacy and access
- **b** Anesthesiological aspects of obesity surgery
- **c** Center of excellence
- **d** Complications and their management
- **e** Cost-effectiveness and regional differences
- **f** Clinical pathways
- **g** Chronic disease management
- **h** Chronic diseases
  - Hypertension and cardiac Function
  - Sleep apnea and obesity hypoventilation
  - Asthma
  - Polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS)
  - Arthritis and bone disease
  - Cancer
  - Dyslipidemia
  - Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
  - Pseudotumour cerebri
  - Urinary incontinence
- **i** Diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome
- **j** Education and training in surgery for obesity and metabolic disorders
- **k** Endoluminal techniques in the treatment of obesity and metabolic disorders
- **l** Integrated Health_PRE- AND POSTOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT
  - Evaluation and follow up
  - Obesity-adapted activity, sports?
  - Preoperative: Behavioural Issues and testing
  - Postoperative: Behavioural Issues and testing
  - Nutrition and supplementation
**Late results**

**Life expectancy after obesity surgery**

**Obesity surgery**

- Gastric banding
- Gastric bypass
- Banded gastric bypass
- Sleeve gastrectomy
- BPD
- BPD-DS
- Electrical stimulation
- New techniques (gastroplication, ...)
- Reinterventions, failed procedures
- Restoration of restriction
- Multiple step treatment in superobese

**Intensive care aspects of obesity surgery**

**Metabolic surgery**

**Miscellaneous topics**

**New approaches: N.O.T.E.S. S.I.L.S., ...**

**Psychological aspects of obesity and obesity surgery**

**Teaching and novelities**

**Postbariatric plastic reconstruction**

**Psychological aspects of obesity and obesity surgery**

**Pregnancy after obesity surgery**

**Public health impact**

**Surgery for obesity in adolescents**

**ABSTRACTS.** The abstract submission has started online in November 2011. All abstracts received will be forwarded for review and consideration by the program committee and the Scientific Committee of IFSO.

The **abstract deadline is March 1, 2011.**

The information about abstracts’ acceptance will be done in May 2011. All accepted abstract will be sent to Springer for publication in *Obesity Surgery* at the end of May 2011. Abstracts must adhere to the following format:

**Introduction:** This should give background regarding the topic that you are writing about. This may include what promoted this study and what you are examining, studying or reporting.

**Objective:** This is a statement explaining what you south to establish, measure, observe or prove.

**Materials and/or Methods:** This should include how you carried out your study, what you examined and how you measured or analyzed the material or data.

**Results:** This should include what your analysis revealed and what it might lead to.

**Conclusions:** In one or two sentences, summarize what you proved or disapproved. This may reiterate your discussion.
Other considerations:

All studies involving the use of animals must conform to the July 2000 revision of Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals (American Physiological Society: www.the-aps.org). Authors who have a financial relationship with supporting companies or organizations about products or services they are reporting must disclose this information. If the author or any co-authors have such a financial relationship, a disclosure statement must be made on the presentation.

Any study involving human subjects must conform to the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association (www.wma.net) and must meet all of the requirements governing informed consent of the country in which it was performed. Permission to use patient photographs is the responsibility of the author(s). Authors will be notified of their status of their abstract on July 1, 2011. If accepted, a time will be set up for you to present your abstract from Thursday, September 1st and Saturday, September 3rd.

**SPEAKERS, PRESENTER OF VIDEOS and POSTERS:** All speakers have to register, before the abstract handling can start.

**MODERATOR GUIDELINES** will be published on www.ifos2011.de

**DISCLOSURE** In compliance with CME regulations we require each speaker to include disclosure information as the first slide of their presentation. If this slide is not included, the speaker must verbally disclose.

**HOTEL and TRAVEL** look at the web-site. Official carrier is LUFTHANSA. Hotels can be booked by contact of INTERPLAN (congress organizer).

**PAYMENTS AND FEES:** IFSO pays for the current President only. The congress organization covers the registration and costs of the executive board of IFSO.

**REGISTRATION**

Early registration fees until April 29th 2011. All others have to register, arrange hotel and travel without any reimbursement, except Life members who will get free registration.

Other few exceptions are:

1. **active teachers during the Postgraduate Courses** (there is an extra fee for attendees)

2. **invited speaker from other fields** (internal medicine, nutritionist or others), but these are limited past congress presidents (the last two: MAL FOB and Jean-marc Chevallier) (they were invited guests during the last meetings as well with free registration and hotel accommodation)

These above mentioned categories 1 and 2 will get:

- free registration and hotel accommodation

- a maximum reimbursement for their travel expenses of 300,00 Euros for "Europeans" and 1.000,00 Euros for "Overseas" (all Countries not included in the European Chapter + South Africa are considered as "Overseas"). If the cost of their ticket will be lower, the reimbursement will be done according to the provided receipts of payment.

Reimbursements will be done after the congress by the organizing company INTERPLAN.

In 2011 we will cover live-translation into Spanish and Portuguese (for the first time) and live-surgeries for the first time (all with additional important costs). Additionally we will offer training units (50 places for training, simulators etc). In summation, we will handle the registration, hotel and travel expenses as usual during the last congresses. All Chairmen, Moderators and Speakers, except the above mentioned exceptions (see above), will have to register and to cover their hotel and travel expenses. If they can get support by sponsors, they will have to declare the relationship.
XVI World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

August 31 – September 3, 2011
at the CCH-Congress Center Hamburg, Germany
Congress President: Prof. Dr. Rudolf A. Weiner

Highlights of the IFSO 2011 in Hamburg:
→ Post-Graduate Courses including Live-Surgery and with translation into Spanish and Portugese on Wednesday
→ Oral Presentations will be translated into Spanish and Portugese
→ Live Surgery on Saturday directly from a OR of University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf
→ Hands-on Courses and skill training during the congress
→ Abstract Submission starts in November 2010
→ Registration will open in November 2010

For further Information please see the homepage
www.ifso2011.de

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to ask me.

Yours
Rudolf

Prof. Dr. Rudolf A. Weiner
President XVI World Congress IFSO 2011
President EU-Chapter 2010-2012
XVII World IFSO Congress

13_16 September, 2012 New Delhi, India

www.ifso2012.com

Dr. 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 13 – 16 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 Dr. 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.
The General Council, in November 2010, through an online voting system, has chosen Montreal, Canada as location of the IFSO World Annual Meeting in 2014.
In the month of November 2010 the General Council members have voted online to choose the location of the Annual World Meeting which will be held in 2014. The majority voted for Montreal, Canada. Below are the responses for each question of the questionnaire (accessibility of the city, attractiveness of the city and the congress venue and overall impression).

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### 2014 IFSO Meeting Voting Results

#### Q7. Location 2: Johannesburg - South Africa  The attractiveness of the proposed congress city is:

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**Q13. Location 3: Montreal - Canada  Overall impression**

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**Q14. Location 4: Santiago - Chile  The accessibility of the proposed congress city is:**

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**Q17. Location 4: Santiago - Chile  Overall impression:**

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2011 Upcoming endorsed Congresses

JAPAN

IFSO-Asian-Pacific Chapter’s Meeting & JSSO Congress
Rusutsu, Hokkaido
Japan 22_25 February 2011 www.ifso.apc-jp

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Congreso latinoamericano de Cirugía Bariátrica y Metabólica
Cartagena de Indias
Colombia 15-18 March, 2011 www.ivcongresoifsolat.com

INDIA

National Conference of OSSl
Indore
9th International Meeting

“Expert Meeting”
Saalfelden, Austria 3_6 April 2011

www.obesity-online.com/Expertmeeting

13th Congress of the Spanish Society for the Surgery of Obesity (SECO)
San Bartolomè de Tirajana, Gran Canaria
Spain 6_8 April 2011

www.seco2011.com

National Meeting of the Portuguese Society
Lisbon, Portugal - May 2011

www.sitpo.pt

XIX National Congress SICOB
Reggio Calabria, Italy 11_13 May 2011

www.sicob2011.org

“Surgical Treatment and Multidisciplinary Approach in morbid obesity Conference”
Cordoba, Argentina June 2011

www.saco.org.ar
2011 Upcoming endorsed Congresses

28th Annual ASMBS Meeting
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www.asmbs.org

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

1st Congress of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and Related Diseases and the IV International Symposium, a Multidisciplinary approach
Buenos Aires, Argentina - November 2011
www.saco.org.ar
2012 Upcoming endorsed Congresses

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www.ifsobcn2012.com

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