



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR YOUNG IFSO OPEN POSITIONS

### **General criteria:**

#### Mandatory Requirements

- Age: Must be **max 43 years old** at the time of application (IFSO standard for the "Young" category).
- Active Membership: Must be an **IFSO member in good standing** through their national bariatric surgery society.
- Specialty: **Medical degree** specializing in General/Digestive Surgery or be an **Integrated Health professional** (Nutrition, Psychology, etc.) with demonstrable expertise in bariatrics.
- Language: Advanced proficiency in English (spoken and written), as it is the official language for meetings and documents.
- Time Commitment: Availability to attend bimonthly virtual meetings and at least one annual face-to-face meeting during the IFSO World Congress and develop and promote actively Young IFSO activities during the term.
- Previous Experience: Preferably having previously served on committees of your national society or on IFSO Chapters Committees.

### **Chapter Representatives (LAC, EC, NAC, MENAC, APC)**

#### 1. EC-Representative:

- Young surgeons (max 43 years old)
  - Promote research and facilitate global networking.
- Mission: To serve as a bridge between the global leadership and the specific needs of Europe.
  - Key Functions:
    - o Promote Young IFSO activities at the European level to increase membership.

- o Organize regional events or sessions for young surgeons at European congresses.
- o Building up a Young IFSO chapter taskforce with young members from each country in the chapter.
- o Actively participate in the IFSO chapter Executive Board meetings and the Young IFSO Executive Board meetings.

2. NAC-Representative:

- Young surgeons (max 43 years old)
  - Promote research and facilitate global networking.
- Mission: To serve as a bridge between the global leadership and the specific needs of North America.
  - Key Functions:
- o Promote Young IFSO activities at the Northern America level to increase membership.

- o Organize regional events or sessions for young surgeons at North America congresses.

3. LAC-Representative:

- Young surgeons (max 43 years old)
  - Promote research and facilitate global networking.
- Mission: To serve as a bridge between the global leadership and the specific needs of Latin America.
  - Key Functions:
- o Promote Young IFSO activities at the Latin America level to increase membership.

- o Organize regional events or sessions for young surgeons at Latin America congresses.

4. MENAC-Representative:

- Young surgeons (max 43 years old)
  - Promote research and facilitate global networking.
- Mission: To serve as a bridge between the global leadership and the specific needs of Middle East countries.
  - Key Functions:

o Promote Young IFSO activities at the Middle East level to increase membership.

o Organize regional events or sessions for young surgeons at Middle East congresses.

5. APC-Representative:

- Young surgeons (max 43 years old)
- Promote research and facilitate global networking.

• Mission: To serve as a bridge between the global leadership and the specific needs of Asian and Pacific countries.

• Key Functions:

o Promote Young IFSO activities at the Asian and Pacific level to increase membership.

o Organize regional events or sessions for young surgeons at Asian and Pacific congresses.

- **Term of office: 2 years plus potential renewal for a further 2 year term.**
- **Elections for chapter representatives will be held at the IFSO World Congress in Toronto in September 2026.**
- **The term will begin in September 2026.**

## 6. JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COMMITTEE'S CHAIRS

### Scientific Committee:

- Design the academic program for the Young IFSO World Congress and promote collaborative research.
- Research and Publications: have published at least 3-5 articles in indexed journals (such as *Obesity Surgery* or SOARD).
- Conference Participation: have presented papers (oral or poster) at at least two IFSO World Congresses in the last 4 years.
- motivate the young ifso community to perform scientific work and start, coordinate or lead scientific projects.

### Communication Committee:

- Manage social media (Facebook, X, LinkedIn), the blog, and keep the Young IFSO page on IFSO's website updated.
- Digital Skills: Ability to manage project management tools and social media communication.

### Education Committee:

- Develop webinars, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, and mentoring programs.

### Integrated Health Committee:

- To act as a bridge between surgeons and integrated health professionals, fostering alignment in delivering the multidisciplinary approach required to manage obesity as a disease.
- To lead projects and educational activities among bariatric surgeons and Integrated Health obesity professionals.
- **Term of office: 2 years plus potential renewal for a further 2 year term.**
- **Elections for committee chairs, will be held at the IFSO World Congress in Toronto in September 2026.**
- **The term will begin in September 2026.**