



IFSO LIFE MEMBERSHIP 2023

Jacques Himpens





Professor Jacques Himpens is recognized worldwide as a pioneer of MBS and in particular minimally invasive surgery. He had a key role in the evolution of bariatric and metabolic surgery – which eventually resulted in the Presidency of our Federation in 2017-2018.





- ▶ He performed the world's first robotic surgery in 1997 in Belgium and the first laparoscopic Belgian nephrectomy.



Performing the first robotic human operation with a da Vinci prototype, a robotic cholecystectomy, in 1997





He taught, mentored and trained dozens of fellows from around the world. He has changed the lives of several generations of new surgeons worldwide and has contributed to the shift from laparoscopy to robotics.





He became Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and received the ASMBS outstanding lifetime achievement award in 2021

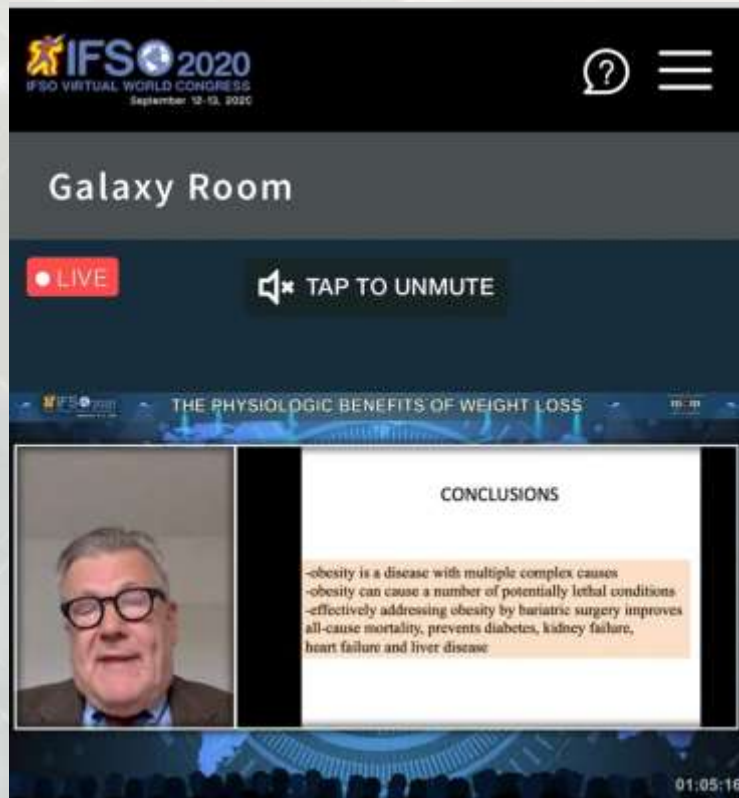




...He got his PhD in Maastricht....



Apart from this academic side he is also very «digital»...in fact over the covid era he tirelessly attended online events, putting the speakers in troubles with his spot on questions.....





- ▶ And then after the sessions he enjoys the company of his colleagues and good friends from all over the world.....







►He is so famous that there is a British movie star who tries to look like Professor Himpens.....



...CAN YOU TELL WHO IS THE «REAL ONE»?....





...AND EVEN HER
MAJESTY THE
QUEEN WANTED A
PICTURE WITH HIM
AT IFSO 2017 IN
LONDON....



...this is his happy expression when he knew about the IFSO Life Membership!





► ...on a more personal note...his favourite things in life are(NOT IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE) :

GOOD WINE AND FLOWERS





HIS BEAUTIFUL HOUSE IN BELGIUM





..HIS CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN....







...HIS FAMILY....



...AND HIS BELOVED ROSE



JACQUES HIMPENS IS A
MAN OF SCIENCE, BUT
EVEN MORE HE IS A GREAT
HUMAN BEING.
HE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A
PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF
METABOLIC AND
BARIATRIC SURGERY AND
THAT'S WHY
**IFSO IS PROUD TO AWARD
HIM WITH THE
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