

Message from the President

12/14



Rudolf Weiner

President of IFSO

Dear Colleagues,

The obesity epidemic has been showing a tremendous increase in the last few decades. Surprisingly, developing countries are not spared. Data from the WHO suggest that countries with a sedentary life style as well as those suffering from an evidently lower social status are showing a rapid flourish in the incidence of their morbidly obese citizens. This epidemic continuously pushes research institutes worldwide to find the optimal solution for this life-threatening state. However, surgery proved over the past decades to be the most effective solution, in terms of both weight loss and remission of obesity-associated debilitating diseases. Analysis of the currently existing data showed that by the start of the current decade, the yearly performance of surgical procedures to treat obesity and metabolic disorders has been exceeding 300,000 procedures, performed by more than 10.000 surgeons worldwide. The number of national societies within IFSO rose up to 58 and the number of IFSO members up to about 8.000. Morocco and Qatar have recently applied to become IFSO members.

The acceptance of our daily work became a new quality. Long-term follow-up studies showed that the outcome of this type of surgeries exceeds and tends to be more durable compared to the conventional dietary and medical regimens.

The astonishing effect of several level-I evidence-based studies which showed a superior effect of surgery on serious debilitating metabolic diseases (of those diabetes seems to be the most distressing) has been a corner-stone upon which the role of metabolic surgeries has been standardized. It is time to change the name of our daily work from "bariatric surgery" to the term "metabolic surgery". Therefore we will start a project to create new international guidelines for metabolic surgery to stay away from the Body Mass Index (BMI) as the main indication criteria. The Edmonton Score, established by Arya Sharma (Canada) describes, in my opinion, the best way to go into the future.

Controversies exist however regarding several questions in the field of obesity surgery; for example which procedure has the best weight-reducing and metabolic outcome? Which procedure is associated with long-term outcome? How to manage the expected complications and how to standardize an algorithm for a failed procedure? Despite all these questions, which till now lack a definite answer, the achieved outcome of these interventions is sufficiently convincing for both the surgeon and the patient and is more and more paving the way towards a further rise in the performance rate and a better outcome of these procedures.

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The World Congresses are the forum to discuss these topics in a scientific manner. Montreal was a great experience with high scientific level and close to 2000 attendees. Based on these excellent experiences I'd like to stimulate all our members to submit abstracts for our next Congress which will be held in 2015 in Vienna. It will be the 20th congress of our Federation. For more information please visit www.ifso2015.com or our new website www.ifso.com.

In the future we will use a legal advice and we are looking for a PCO, which will organize our World Congresses in the future.

Once again, I invite you all to be more and more active in IFSO in order to make our Federation stronger and bigger.

See you in Vienna!

Yours

Rudolf Weiner



IFSO President



Prof. Dr. Rudolf Weiner at the IX IFSO World Congress in Montreal , August 2014

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IFSO'S NUMBERS

- **58 NATIONAL SOCIETIES**
- **8.200 MEMBERS**
- **2.180 OBESITY SURGERY SUBSCRIBERS**

Welcome to our new Societies:

Azerbaijan Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Association (ABMSA)

Canadian Association of Bariatric and Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS)

Chinese Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Group Of HKASO

Iranian Society for the Surgery of Obesity

Norwegian Society for the Surgery of Obesity

- **European Chapter (EC)**



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European Chapter NEWS



Alberic Fiennes

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European Chapter



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Development
Committee

IFSO-EC Report; December 2014.

IFSO European and middle East Chapter has been very active. It is really a risky task to select some events among a bunch of interesting activities that have been organized within our members. Let us mention for example the Noninva International Symposium that took place in Lyon at the end of April which was brilliantly organized by Jérôme Dargent and Karl Miller or the excellent Frankfurter Meeting that took place at the historic Zoo Congress Center in Frankfurt, Germany on November and where 592 participants were counted from more than 53 countries from all around the world. The core of the meeting was again the live surgery but besides, International experts were discussing in scientific sessions during the main meeting in the plenary hall while small sessions from the Young IFSO, the IBC and the surgeons for adolescents took place in parallel sessions.

But there is no doubt that the best is yet to come because the next World Congress of IFSO, regarded as one of the primary events on Bariatric and metabolic Surgery, is going to be held in the Viennese Hofburg, Imperial Palace, next August. It will be indeed a must for all of us.

Let me finally announce you that the European and Middle East chapter is working on its new website which will be provided with the latest digital technology. This online platform which will soon be operational is expected to become an important benchmark and a connecting link where all the professionals and people who might be interested in bariatric and metabolic surgery could find, proven, evidence based scientific data together with useful information about our great family.

On behalf of the IFSO – European Chapter

Joan Pujol Rafols

Chairman

Communications & Development Subcommittee



European Chapter NEWS

8th Frankfurter Meeting – Congress Report

The **8th Frankfurter Meeting** on “Laparoscopic Surgery in Obesity and Metabolic Disorders” took place at the 20th+21st of November 2014 in the historic building of the old Frankfurt Zoo Congress Center.

Despite a huge industry exhibition, which was surrounded by catering facilities we were able to organize a high level scientific meeting. 592 participants took the advantage discuss with international experts and to watch extraordinary live surgery. On the 20th there were standard procedures live transmitted from the new obesity clinic of Rudolf Weiner in Offenbach. Dieter Birk from Zweibrücken (Germany) performed a gastroplication with the help of a camera-assisting robot – so that there was absolutely no unneeded camera move. Furthermore Martin Winterthur (Switzerland) demonstrated a gastric bypass and Konrad Karcz (Germany) showed a revision after gastric bypass placing a ring on the pouch. In the late evening we could discover the little highlight having Manoel Galvao Neto (Brasil) and Gontrand Lopez-Nava (Spain) performing an overstich procedure in a patient with dumping syndrome after Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass. Funnily Michel Gagner (Canada) was in the theatre as well, as he was supposed to meet his patient for the next day in the hospital – a probably unique situation. Unfortunately the planned intestinal transposition could not take place as far we finally discovered that the patient’s type 2 diabetes was most likely to be a type-1 diabetes and therefore the surgery was not indicated. This example showed everyone that careful patient selection and critical evaluation of lab data is mandatory for metabolic surgery. A lesson to learn for everyone !

Moreover we had a well-visited press conference of the german expert group for metabolic disorders, as well as a special session on surgery in adolescents. The experts, who came mainly from central Europe agreed that substantial data of results in this special patient group is missing and that a registry of adolescents will be mandatory for the future.

In the surgical skills course young surgeons could train their abilities for performing intracorporal knotting and sewing of anastomosis under supervision and training of Thomas Carus (Germany). Again, the participants of the course were excited about the good training opportunity.

In the session of the IBC (International Bariatric Club) the focus was settled on the topics of registries, too. Interestingly Eddy Neugebauer (Germany) reported on how to gather clinical study data out of registries, so called registry embedded clinical trials. The discussion enclosed the requested need for registry data and did show the difficulties, which are to be expected such as what happens to outliers. Shaw Somers reported on that from the U.K. experiences.



During the Special Course “Allied Health”



Congress Venue Zoo Palais

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The evening ended up with the traditional cup of wine with music underlying the always appreciated "Highway to Hell" session with extraordinary stories, pictures and videos.

The second day on the meeting started with another unique situation. The upcoming ASMBS president Raul Rosenthal (USA) and the current IFSO president Rudolf Weiner (Germany) were performing together in the OR! For the old colleagues from the Frankfurt Nordwest Hospital (Germany) it seemed to be a very comfortable situation.

During the day there were excellent presentations and plenty of discussions from the podium, so that unfortunately (again!) the time was sometimes too short for all questions. Jacques Himpens (Belgium) and Jean-Marc Chevallier (France) performed live Redo cases. There was another overstich transmission with Christine Stier (Germany) and a Aspire Placement with Evzen Machytka (Czech Republic). For the first time there was a Young IFSO Meeting hosted by the Frankfurter Meeting. 5 young surgeons from Europe were sponsored to join the (complete) meeting by the company "Fit for Me" , which should be signal to the whole community to support more young surgeons to join meetings.

During the whole day a German course was held simultaneously not only to teach surgeons, but also bariatric nurses, ecotrophologists and other specialities.

The Meeting ended up with 1 hour delay, but was still crowded in the evening as far as the last session was on Redo-Surgeries and Complications. Elena Sioka (Greece) reported about the Dumping after Sleeve, which is still an issue in some patients and Peer Neergard (Norway) reported on the possible indications for a PEG tube placement in the remnant stomach after RNYGB.

All in all, there were 592 participants at the meeting, joining in from more than 53 countries of the world. The 8th Frankfurter Meeting was probably the best meeting in the history of the Congress, which is probably due to the immense personal impact of the organizer Sylvia Weiner and her family.



Dr. Sylvia Weiner and Prof. Dr. Rudolf Weiner

Asia Pacific Chapter NEWS

April 9-11, 2015 KINTEX, Goyang, Korea



Wej-Jei Lee

President of the Asian Pacific Chapter



Seung Ho Choi

Congress President of the IFSO-APC Meeting

Time is flying and IFSO-APC 2015 is quickly approaching!

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting (IFSO-APC 2015) will be held at the KINTEX exhibition center in Goyang, Korea, from April 9-11, 2015.

**IFSO
-APC 2015**

April 9^{THU} - 11^{SAT}, 2015
KINTEX, Goyang, Korea

International Federation for the Surgery of
Obesity and Metabolic Disorders-Asia Pacific
Chapter Meeting



The congress will provide an excellent opportunity to learn and explore the many areas of the Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery field. Many distinguished speakers from the Asia-Pacific Region will be in attendance to bring us up to date on the most recent developments.

If you have not registered yet, you still have a chance to join us. Come and enjoy Korea at the IFSO-APC 2015 Congress!

Key Dates

Deadline for Abstract Submission: Jan 16, 2015

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: Feb 6, 2015

Deadline for Early-Registration: Jan 30, 2015

Deadline for Pre-Registration: Mar 20, 2015

For further details, please visit the official website: www.2015ifsoapc.com Contact Info: ifsoapc@2015ifsoapc.com

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■ Program at a Glance

	April 9 (Thu)			April 10 (Fri)			April 11 (Sat)		
	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C
7:00									
8:00				Meet the Expert 1	Meet the Expert 2		Meet the Expert 3	Meet the Expert 4	
9:00				Arrangement of surroundings			Arrangement of surroundings		
10:00	Opening Remark			Symposium 3	Video Presentation 1	Oral Presentation 1	Panel Discussion 2	Multi-Disciplinary Session	Oral Presentation 5 (flexible)
11:00	Top 5 Papers			Coffee Break 3			Coffee Break 5		
12:00	Coffee Break 1			Panel Discussion 1	Video Symposium 1	Oral Presentation 2	Asking for the opinions (M Gagner vs. F Rubino)		
13:00	Keynote Lecture			Luncheon Symposium			Future of APMBSS		
14:00	Luncheon Symposium			IFSO-APC Executive Board Meeting			President Lecture		
15:00	National Report from APC Countries			IFSO-APC General Assembly			IFSO-APC Consensus Meeting		
16:00	Symposium 1	Bariatric Education and Training 1	Post-graduate Course for Allied Health Professionals 1 (In Korean)	IFSO-APC Consensus Meeting	Video Presentation 2	Oral Presentation 3	Coffee Break 4		
17:00	Symposium 2	Bariatric Education and Training 2	Post-graduate Course for Allied Health Professionals 2 (In Korean)	Symposium 4	Video Symposium 2	Oral Presentation 4			
18:00									
19:00	Welcome Reception			Gala Dinner					
20:00									

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1. Call for Abstracts

Under the main themes of “Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery beyond the Continent” and “Growing Impact of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery in Asia Pacific,” IFSO - APC 2015 will cover research and activities across all fields related to Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery. General categories include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- + Epidemiology, Physiology
- + Gastric Bypass Procedures
- + Sleeve Gastrectomy
- + Adjustable Gastric Banding
- + Malabsorptive Procedures
- + Novel Surgical or Non-standard Techniques
- + Minimally invasive and Reduced-port Procedures
- + Radiologic, Endoscopic and Interventional Procedures
- + Anesthesia and Perioperative Setting
- + Integrated Health
- + Metabolic Surgery for Diabetes
- + Bariatric Surgery for Metabolic Disorders
- + Low BMI Strategies
- + Bariatric surgery in Adolescents

Authors who are interested in IFSO-APC 2015 topics are invited to submit their abstracts by **Jan. 16th, 2015**. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of IFSO-APC 2015 and notifications of acceptance will be sent **Feb. 6th, 2015**.

Submission at <http://www.2015ifsoapc.com/sub/abstracts.html>

2. Registration

Participants are advised to register in advance (by January 30, 2015) to receive the Early-Registration discount. Go to: <http://www.2015ifsoapc.com/sub/registrations.html> to register.

Registration Fees

Category	Early-Registration (By Jan. 30, 2015)	Pre-Registration (By Mar. 20, 2015)	On-Site Registration
IFSO, KSMBS Member	USD450	USD550	USD650
Non-Member	USD500	USD600	USD700
Co-Medical	USD300	USD350	USD350
Accompanying Person	USD250	USD250	USD250

3. Tours

The beautiful city of Goyang has outstanding tourist attractions filled with breathtaking natural landscapes. We encourage you to come with your colleagues and family and enjoy a refreshing and beautiful day trip around Goyang. It will be pleasant way for you to get over the fatigue from your journey. Various optional tour programs will be provided, so please add them to your itinerary in advance. For more: <http://www.2015ifsoapc.com/sub/tour.html>

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4. Introduction to Goyang

Goyang city is located north of Seoul (capital of Korea), and is easily accessible by car, bus, subway or train from anywhere in the country. Goyang is conveniently located close to both Incheon and Gimpo International Airports.

Goyang is becoming one of Korea's 21st century representative cities but still retains the country's time-honored history and tradition. Thanks to its new and highly developed infrastructure, Goyang has become an environmental friendly residential area with a convenient public transportation system, making it a wonderful location for both business and entertainment. There are world-class cultural and sports facilities as well as many options for dining and shopping.

5. Transportation

a. From Incheon International Airport to KINTEX in Goyang

- INCHEON International Airport: <http://www.airport.kr/eng/>



* It is highly recommended overseas participants going to KINTEX take either bus No. 3300 or 7400 in front of Gate 8B.

Category	No.	Boarding Point	Bound for	Frequency	Travel Time	Fare (KRW)
Bus	3300	Arrivals Floor 8B	Daehwa Station	15-20 min.	80-90 min.	9,000
Bus	740	Arrivals Floor	KINTEX	25-30 min	60-70 min.	8,000
Taxi	-	Arrivals Floor 5C-8B	KINTEX		40-50 min.	20,000
Deluxe	40,000					

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b. From Gimpo Airport to KINTEX in Goyang

From Gimpo International Airport, please take either bus No. 150 or 7300 or taxi to KINTEX. For more information, please refer below.



Category	No.	Boarding Point	Bound for	Frequency	Travel Time	Fare (KRW)
Bus	150	Domestic Terminal	Daehwa Station	15-20 min.	70-80 min.	1,300
Bus	7300	International Terminal	KINTEX	30-40 min.	30-40 min.	3,000
Taxi	-	Domestic Terminal	KINTEX		25-30 min.	20,000
Deluxe Taxi	-	International Terminal				40,000

6. Webmail

Information about the congress is regularly updated in our monthly webmail. If you wish to receive or add your name to the list, please e-mail us at ifsoapc@2015ifsoapc.com

Your participation will make IFSO-APC 2015 a wonderful congress. We really look forward to seeing you next year in Goyang!

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TSMBSS (Taiwan)

<http://minshenginternational.blogspot.tw/2014/11/5th-asian-diabetes-surgery-summit-held.html>

The 5th ADSS (Asian Diabetes Surgery Summit) was held in Taipei on Saturday, October 25. The event, endorsed by IFSO, was organized by The Taiwan Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (TSMBS), the Diabetes Association of the Republic of China, and Min-Sheng General Hospital. This year's event was presided over by Professor Lee Wei-Jei and featured a couple of eminent specialists from the USA who shared their experience with surgeons from Taiwan, Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore.



At the first ADSS in 2010 the participants launched an Asian initiative to study the effects of metabolic surgery on diabetic patients. The participating centers have since enrolled and followed about 2,000 metabolic patients from six Asian countries and territories, who underwent surgery, enabling them to compile a valuable database to be used for research on the subject.

OMSSS (Singapore)

A pre-congress workshop on Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery hosted by the Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of Singapore (OMSSS) took place in Singapore on 21 November in conjunction with the IDF-WPR Congress 2014. There were 3000 registrants to the main IDF-WPR meeting and 200 attendees for the pre-congress workshop on bariatric - metabolic surgery



The special guest speakers included Dr David Cummings from USA who discussed the IDF guidelines for appropriate utilisation of metabolic surgery and provided mechanistic insights for the treatment of diabetes in obese individuals. Professor WJ Lee from Taiwan drew on his extensive database of surgery to show how the different "restrictive" and "malabsorptive" components impact on weight loss and diabetes control.

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Endocrinologist Dr Khoo Chin Meng from the National University Hospital brought the discussion to a more practical level by looking at how patients should be selected for bariatric surgery and Dr. Tham Kwang Wei from the Singapore General Hospital shared 2-year outcome data from a nation-wide study on diabetes and weight-loss outcomes following bariatric surgery.



OSSANZ (Australia-New Zealand)

The recent OSSANZ Conference held on 20-21st November in Wellington, New Zealand was a huge success, attracting 200 delegates. The theme of our meeting was "working together for our patients" and we are very grateful for the contributions of all our speakers, in particular our Keynote speakers were Professor Joe Proietto and Professor Arya Sharma.

OSSANZ and ANZGOSA (Australia and New Zealand Oesophago Gastric Surgery Association) will be holding a combined Conference 7-9 October 2015 and will be held in Hamilton Island, Queensland. This is our first collaborative meeting. We see this as an important initiative as it recognises the points of common interest between our two societies and the opportunity this offers to learn from each other, and improve patient care. There will be a series of sub-specialty workshops, a day of common program focusing on issues of common interest and a separate day for specific Upper GI and Bariatric topics. The Confirmed Keynote speakers include Professor Scott Shikora and Professor Jeff Peters. More information may be found on our website <http://www.anzgosaossanz2015.com.au>.

Three Bariatric Surgery Workshops have been held over the last 18 months, the last being held in Singapore prior to the RACS Congress. The primary audience for these workshops are Bariatric and Upper GI fellows, although they have also been attended by advanced general surgical trainees and surgeons wishing to update. We plan a basic workshop in May in Perth prior to the RACS annual scientific meeting, and an advanced workshop in late November in Sydney, combined with the SUGS meeting.

Changes to Private Health Insurance for Bariatric patients have seen OSSANZ run a Private Health Insurance Campaign. All members have been provided with posters to put up in their rooms, and flyers for their patients, explaining what has been happening and urging them to contact their local MP, Minister of Health, and the Health Ombudsman, to name a few. This campaign has led to media stories, and has successfully improved patient understanding of the need to ensure that they have adequate coverage.

The roll out of the Binational Bariatric Surgery Registry is going well, with sites now active in most states and territories of Australia, and planning well underway in New Zealand. There are now over 3000 patients on the Registry, and we are achieving >95% follow-up at 12 months. As the roll out is limited by the need to gain ethical approval at each hospital site where patients are accrued, we anticipate that full binational coverage will take us another 6-12 months.

In addition to these activities, OSSANZ has been active in many other areas including: contributing to the curriculum of General Surgery training, contributing to surgical leadership for, and providing advice to funding bodies.

OSSANZ is a strong society. Assoc Prof Wendy Brown's term as President of OSSANZ came to an end at the Annual Conference, with the new President being Dr George Hopkins who will serve a two year term. We are confident that the Society will continue to thrive under his leadership.

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EOSIG, SASMBS (Gulf Region)

The second Gulf Obesity Surgery Society (GOSS) Meeting will take place in Dubai December 10 to 13, 2014. For more details and registration go to the conference website at www.goss2014.com. The national societies from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates established GOSS in 2013 to unify their efforts in combating obesity in the gulf region

In other news from the Gulf Region, the United Arab Emirates' Society has won the bid to host the IFSO 2018 Annual Conference of IFSO in Dubai during the Board meeting held at Montreal in August. The UAE Society has also become a National member Society of World Obesity Federation in June 2014.

In Saudi Arabia, Dr. M.K.Mirza , President of the Saudi Arabia Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery was lamenting the lack of registrations to the national society and the fact that although the incidence of obesity in the country is increasing, the number of bariatric surgeons is actually decreasing.



2nd Annual GOSS Meeting

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Ninh Nguyen

President of the North American Chapter

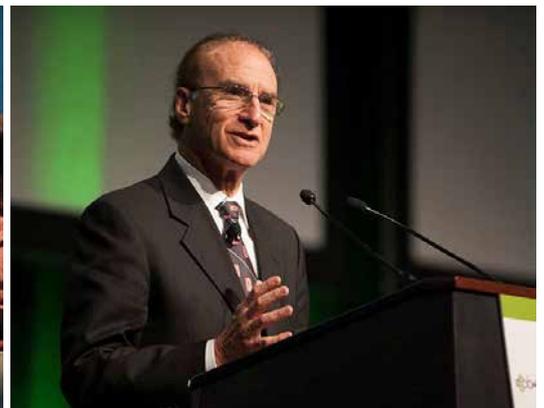


The ASMBS annual meeting is an incredibly important event for our members. It is the time of year when members and colleagues come together to learn what's new, what we are doing right in our practices, what we could be doing better, and what thought leaders have to say about trends and issues that are important to the field. The 2nd Annual ObesityWeek Conference in Boston, which hosts both the AMSBS and The Obesity Society (TOS) annual meetings, was all this and more. With over 5000 attendees from around the world, this meeting continues to be one of the most influential annual meetings for professionals working to prevent and treat obesity.

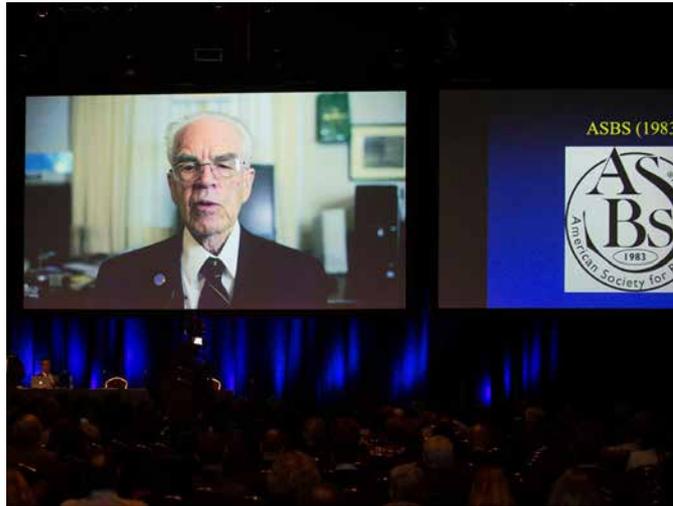


After two days of Pre-Scientific Courses on a wide variety of topics, ObesityWeek 2014 officially kicked off on Monday evening, November 3rd, with a fun opening reception at the Boston Museum of Science.

The Scientific Sessions opened on Tuesday morning, November 4th, with TOS and AMSBS attendees coming together for the first keynote address given by Dr. C Ronald Kahn.



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On Wednesday afternoon, the 2014 Mason Lecture was given by our own Dr. Edward Mason. Dr. Mason's presentation via telecast was a definite highlight of the meeting. Following the address, a tribute video for Dr. Mason, accompanied by comments from his colleagues, was shared with the audience and Dr. Mason for the first time. Our members were moved to see their ASMBS founder, Dr. Mason, and to have the opportunity to honor him with a tribute. It was a great moment in ASMBS history.

The Presidential Address, delivered by ASMBS President, Dr. Ninh T. Nguyen, highlighted his key theme for 2014, *Achieving our Vision*.



The impressive ASMBS motivational video, one of the initiatives to move the needle forward, was unveiled during the presidential address. The video highlights the reasons for choosing bariatric surgery, its safety and effectiveness and the many health benefits. The video is designed for widespread distribution to bariatric healthcare providers and patients. You can find a copy for your own website at <http://asmbs.org/it-starts-today>



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Dr. Nguyen (right) and Dr. Ponce (left) stand with Dr. Wiener (middle), after he was presented with a complimentary copy of the new ASMBS textbook of Bariatric Surgery. The book was introduced first during the presidential address, and is composed of two volumes that provide a comprehensive source of information for surgeons, integrated health members, bariatric physicians, behavioral specialists, residents, students, and all other health care providers that treat the severely obese. Both volumes were top sellers at ObesityWeek 2014

marketplace. To purchase your copy, visit <http://www.springer.com/medicine/surgery/book/978-1-4939-1205-6> and <http://www.springer.com/medicine/surgery/book/978-1-4939-1196-7>



Each year the International Reception provides an opportunity for our international colleagues to network and to present the International Scientific Paper award. The photo above (left) shows Dr. Miguel Herera (holding plaque) receiving the award and being honored by (left to right): Dr. Jaime Ponce, Dr. Rudolf Weiner, Dr. Ninh Nguyen, Dr. Natan Zundel, Dr. Samer Mattar and Dr. Marina Kurian.

In the photo on the right are leadership who were enjoying the reception (left to right): Dr. Jaime Ponce Dr. Luigi Angrisani, Dr. John Morton, Dr. Ninh Nguyen, Manuela Mazzarella, Dr. MAL Fobi, Dr. Natan Zundel, and Dr. Rudolf Weiner.



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At the ASMBS business meeting on Wednesday, November 6, it was time for Dr. Nguyen to pass the ASMBS presidential gavel to Dr. John Morton who will serve as President of the ASMBS until the end of ObesityWeek 2015. Other newly elected officers include Dr. Raul Rosenthal, President Elect, and Dr. Stacy Brethauer, Secretary/Treasurer. Plaques were presented with many thanks to Dr. Marc Bessler and Dr. Matt Brengman, who served their terms as Executive Council Members at Large, and Dr. Robin Blackstone, 2011-2012 ASMBS President. We welcomed Drs. Aurora Pryor, Eric Demaria and Ranjan Sudan, who were elected to serve on the Council. For the official 2014-2015 Executive Council roster, visit <http://www.asmb.org/about/executive-council>



The end of the meeting may have marked the end of era but the Three Amigos' camaraderie will live forever.



AfterDark 2014, the closing ObesityWeek party, was the best ever. The band was amazing. There was never a time when the dance floor was not packed. Now we have next year to look forward to and plan to see everyone in **Los Angeles, California, November 2 -7, 2015 for ObesityWeek 2015!**

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[IFSO NAC MEETING & ASMBS SPRING EVENT](#)



JUNE 25 – 27, 2015. Make your plans now! Come to Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas for great new courses, a full day of live surgeries, networking and fun with colleagues. This year’s Spring Event will also include the IFSO North American Chapter Meeting on Thursday, June 25. Full details will be unveiled in January.

[OBESITY COORDINATED CARE SUMMIT](#)



On September 19, in Chicago, Illinois, the ASMBS hosted a summit that brought together high-level representatives from a variety of medical and surgical organizations to bridge the gap in obesity treatment and integrate obesity treatment across practices. Over 20 organizations of various disciplines were represented at the meeting.

The summit marked a great beginning of dialog between the ASMBS and our medical colleagues. We plan to make this summit a yearly event and will be working to propose achieving consensus statements/guidelines for treatment of obesity in each subspecialty fields. The next obesity summit meeting will be in Chicago in September 2015.

Latin American Chapter NEWS



Natan Zundel

President of the Latin American Chapter,
President elect of IFSO

On behalf of the Executive Direction of the Latin American Chapter of IFSO, it is my pleasure to report you what are the main achievements of our chapter, in the last five months, from June to November 2014.

We have had 6 communications with our member societies, they were to invite all of them to participate in the World Congress of IFSO in Montreal, Canada on August 2014 and to remind them the necessity of their presence in this meeting to participate and represent their countries in the election of our next President.

As I mentioned in my last report our next **IFSO LAC Congress will be held in Los Cabos, BAJA CALIFORNIA, Mexico from July 8th to July 12th. 2015**, this is a beautiful

place to visit. This beautiful city has all the facilities to make a successful meeting and the have paradisiac places to visit. Our Mexican members are so excited to receive all of the IFSO members. Please enclosed find a PDF of this future meeting.

It is important to notify that several countries will need a Visa to get in to Mexico, in our website www.ifsolac.com it will appear a special letter with the instructions of how to obtain the visa.

On August 28th. 2014, in Montreal, Canada we have had our Board of Governors meeting, during the World Congress. In which it was elected our next IFSO LAC President. Unanimously the Member Societies elected Dr. Juan A. Lopez-Corvala from Tijuana, Mexico. We congratulate Dr. Lopez-Corvala on his new charge. During this Board Meeting we discussed several topics related to the Bylaws, New Members, the effectiveness of our communications.

During the World Congress of IFSO in Montreal, at the Board of Governors meeting of IFSO, all the Chapter Members elected the Next President of IFSO, and one of our IFSO LAC members was elected to this charge, Dr. Natan Zundel FACS FASMBS., Congratulations to Dr. Zundel.

It is an honor and a privilege for Latinamerica.

As part of our intention to increase and maintain active participation of our Chapter , I want to inform you some of our activities:

1. During the Obesity Week in Boston and in the ACS in San Francisco the IFSO LAC members have had an active participation in several symposia and conferences, Including our own IFSO LAC Chapter Symposia.

2. From November 20th. To 22nd. 2014 I had the opportunity to participate in the **1st. Caribbean symposium of the Psychological and Nutritional Disorders, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.**

On this same dates our President of IFSO LAC participated in the Obesity Surgery Meeting in Frankfurt, Germany.

Future Activities:

IFSO LAC (with IFSO NAC Chapter) has been invited to actively participate in the Spring Meeting of the ASMBS in Las Vegas in 2015., Argentina this year.

We also Accepted to be to hold not one but 2 Intermediate meetings next year (as we did the first one in Mendoza, Argentina this year.



Estuardo J. Behrens

Executive Director
IFSO LAC

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1. During FELAC Congress in Dominican Republic with our friends and Colleagues (members of IFSO) the Dominican College of Obesity Surgery in June 2015. (2nd Intermediate Congress IFSO LAC)
2. With The Brazilian Society of Obesity Surgery pin their Congress on October 2015. (3rd Intermediate Congress IFSO LAC)

We encourage all our members to send us emails regarding their intention to be present on any of those 4 activities, so we can try to include them in the program.

IFSO LAC VI CONGRESO LATINOAMERICANO DE CIRUGÍA BARIÁTRICA Y METABÓLICA XVII Congreso Nacional de Cirugía para la Obesidad y Enfermedades Metabólicas CMCOEM 8 al 12 de Julio de 2015, Los Cabos BC, México



*** Profesores Invitados:**

Luigi Angrisani
Brian Dunkin
Martin Fried
Edward L. Felix
Mathias Fobi
Michel Gagner
Dan Herron
Kelvin Higa
Santiago Horgan
Tracy Martinez
Samer Mattar
John Morton
Ninh Nguyen
Jaime Ponce
Alfons Pomp
Raul Rosenthal
Antonio Torres
Nicola Scopinaro
Samuel Szomstein
Rudolph Weiner
Alan Wittgrove

*** Más de 60 profesores latinoamericanos invitados.**

*** Conferencias magistrales, simposios y video sesiones:**

- Resultados actuales de la cirugía bariátrica en la Diabetes y síndrome metabólico
- Cirugía Bariátrica en adolescentes
- Tratamiento endoscópico de la obesidad y sus complicaciones
- Diagnóstico oportuno y su tratamiento de las complicaciones en Cirugía Bariátrica
- Diagnóstico y manejo de la falla de la cirugía bariátrica
- Educación a través del video, Cirugía Bariátrica en situaciones difíciles e inesperadas.
- Nutrición y Psicología Bariátrica
- Actividad física y ejercicio en cirugía de obesidad
- Administración de clínicas bariátricas
- Avances tecnológicos en enfermería quirúrgica

*** Cursos precongreso:**

- Calidad en la atención y seguridad del paciente obeso
- Balón Intragástrico Workshop
- Bypass gástrico de la A a la Z
- Cuidados críticos en el paciente bariátrico
- Endoscopia Bariátrica Avanzada Curso - Taller
- La educación del paciente bariátrico

*** Cursos transcongreso:**

- Endoscopia Bariátrica tópicos selectos, Curso teórico
- Manejo anestésico en el paciente obeso y taller de vía aérea difícil
- Manga Gástrica de la A a la Z
- Soporte nutricional artificial en el paciente bariátrico complicado

*** 1er. Consenso latinoamericano de ciencias afines a la cirugía de obesidad**

*** 1er. Encuentro de Centros de Adiestramiento en Cirugía Bariátrica**



Latin American Chapter NEWS

IFSO Latin American Chapter 2014 , Mendoza, Argentina

Our I Intermediate Congress of IFSO LAC was a real success, in Mendoza, Argentina, together with the VIII International Congress of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

Participation of all of the 15 member societies.

All the Board of Governors of IFSO LAC participated actively in the Scientific Program.

1163 participants, from 21 different countries, 111 of them as speakers.



The Board of Governors Meeting was held on May 22nd. 2014 from 12:45 to 15:00 hrs.

All the member societies were represented.

We had 3 proposals for the site of our VII IFSO LAC Meeting 2015: Bolivia, Ecuador and Mexico.

Ecuador retired their candidature, so Bolivia and Mexico presented their sites, after the election the result was Mexico..

This is all what have occurred in the last five months. Please if you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,
Estuardo J. Behrens MD MACG FACS FASMBS

Executive Director IFSO LAC ebehrens@comnetsa.com



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Michel Gagner

President of the XIX
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The 19th World Congress of International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) was successfully held in Montreal, QC, Canada between August 26th– 30th, 2014. We are grateful for your participation and contribution to the congress' success.

Key highlights of this year congress:

- **16% increase in attendees.** The registration numbers for IFSO 2014 increased significantly from 1720 (2013) to 1988.
- This is the **first time** the congress has been held in Canada. It is the second time the congress has been held in North America.
- The congress has expended the educational program this year with a total of **51 sessions** and is valid for **33 CME credits**. This year the congress featured **48 live procedures**, which is the largest ever in IFSO history.
- This is the first time the congress had a **mobile application**.
- IFSO Successfully collaborated with local association: **ASMBS** (American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery), **CABPS** (Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons), **CON** (Canadian Obesity Network), **IBC** (International Bariatric Club) and **WOF** (World Obesity Federation).



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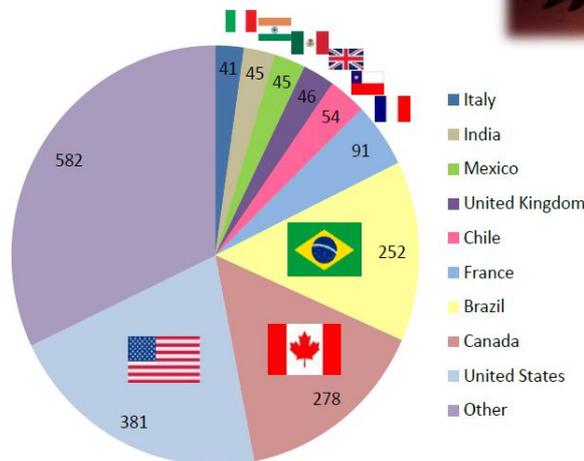
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Registration Summary:

- Total attendance: **1988**
- Countries represented by attendees: **75** countries
- Number of Attendees at IFSO 2014 Congress (excluding Postgraduate only): **1788**
- Number of Attendees of the 5th ICSG (International Conference on Sleeve Gastrectomy): **422**
- Number of Attendees by Country (see pie below):



Delegates by Countries



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Educational Program Summary:

This year IFSO 2014 expanded the scientific program to provide better opportunities for all interested to share their experiences, knowledge, and to seek practical solutions.

The congress had 8 Postgraduate courses, 14 Symposia, 23 sessions with oral presentations, 6 video sessions, 594 posters presented, 3 Meet the Expert Luncheons and nearly 50 live surgery procedures were presented.

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES PER POSTGRADUATE COURSE	
Course	Attendees
PG 1 – 5 th International Conference on Sleeve Gastrectomy	422
PG 2 – Bariatric Endoscopy	37
PG 3 – Single Anastomosis Gastric Bypass	76
PG 5 – Robotic Bariatric Surgery	47
PG 6 – Metabolic Surgery	55
PG 7 – Duodenal Switch	29
PG 8 – Scientific and Medical Writing	12
PG 9 – Allied Health	11

IFSO 2014 featured the largest number of live surgeries in the congress' 19 year history. There were 5 live surgery sessions; 43 surgeries, and 43 surgeons from 12 different countries.

Country	Number
Canada	13
USA	12
Brazil	4
Spain	3
France	2
India	2
Belgium	1
Chile	1
Colombia	1
Lebanon	1
Mexico	1
Qatar	1



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Oral & Poster PRESENTATION INFORMATION		
Submission Process:	On-line	
	Pres. type	No. of submitted Abstracts
Total Abstracts Submitted: 933	Concurrent Session	339
	Poster Presentation	594
Total Abstracts Accepted for Orals:	206	
Total Abstracts Accepted for Videos:	133	
Total Abstracts Accepted for Posters	594	
Total Abstracts Rejected:	0	
The Best Posters were awarded to:	Martino Guenzi, France Jean Marc Chevallier, France Colleen Cook, USA	
Call for Presentations Launch Date:	December 19 th , 2013	
Abstract Submission Closing Date:	April 7 th , 2014	

Thank you everyone for your participation to make IFSO 2014 a huge success.



Michel Gagner, M.D. FRCSC, FACS, FASMBS, FICS, AFC (Hon.)
Clinical Professor of Surgery
President, IFSO 2014 19th World Congress, International
Federation For The Surgery Of Obesity & Metabolic Disorders

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Key Sponsor & Exhibit Summary:

IFSO 2014 attracted a total of 9 sponsors and 48 exhibiting companies and organizations to support the congress.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION	
Level/Contribution	Company
Platinum	Ethicon, Covidien
Gold	Apollo Endosurgery, Gore & Associates, Karl Storz Endoscopy
Bronze	Bariatric Fusion, Baxter, MID SAS, Olympus
Supporting Organizations	The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) The Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) The Canadian Obesity Network - Réseau canadien en obésité (CON-RCO) International Bariatric Club (IBC) World Obesity Federation



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Karl Miller

President of the XX IFSO Congress

IFSO15

20th WORLD CONGRESS

IFSO GOES TO VIENNA – COME AND JOIN US

The Austrian Society for Obesity and Metabolic Surgery invites you to the **20th IFSO World Congress** to be held at the Hofburg Imperial Palace in Vienna, Austria, from **August 26th – 29th, 2015**.



In the glittering state rooms of the Imperial Palace, the former winter residence of the Habsburgs, the tradition of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders will be continued to focus on the newly growing discipline of metabolic surgery, endoluminal and mini invasive approaches as well as the concept of team management.

For developing a scientific program of the highest standard covering global perspectives of this ever-evolving discipline that attends to our modern world epidemic that Obesity and Metabolic Disorders have

come to represent, **a wide range of issues will be covered:**

• Advanced Nursing and Follow-up of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Patient.
• Alternative and Risk Reduction Treatment Options
• Anesthesia of Bariatric/Metabolic Patient in Perioperative Setting
• Basic Science and Molecular Research
• Bariatric and Metabolic Surgical Techniques
• Metabolic Surgery In and Out of the Abdomen
• Ethics and Malpractice in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery
• Preoperative and Postoperative Nutritional Status
• Live Surgery and Video Sessions
• Hands-on Training
• Radiology and Digital Diagnostic – Percutaneous Interventions
• Management of Complications and Difficult Scenarios in Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery
• Epidemiology of Obesity, Diabesity and Adiposity and Impact on Surgical Treatment
• Emerging Technologies and Minimal Invasive and Novel Concepts in Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery and Treatment
• Impact of Social Media and Public View of Bariatric Metabolic Surgery
• Surgical Training Modalities – Mental Training in Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery
• Psychological Issues, Assessment and Surgical Management of Morbid Obese Patients
• Diagnostic and Interventional Endoscopy (Stenting – Suturing – Draining) – the Gastroenterologist in the Obesity/Metabolic Management Team

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Special attention is paid to Hands- on Training by providing various Post-Graduate Courses as well as Animal Labs targeting the topic of Anastomosis and SILS and Anastomosis and Haemostasiology.

Vienna is not only known for its cosmopolitan flair and for being one of the world's leading convention destinations, it will also provide the perfect location for an unforgettable and enjoyable **IFSO Congress Dinner in the tradition of the famous Viennese Ball**. Make sure that you join us for an evening not to be missed.

Abstract **SUBMISSION** and congress **REGISTRATION** are now open:

<http://www.ifso2015.com>

Take advantage of the special Early Bird Discounts and secure your desired hotel and travel arrangement!



2016 IFSO World Annual Meeting



Ricardo Cohen

President of the XXI
IFSO Congress

XXI World IFSO Congress

7-11 September, 2016 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Obesity Surgery Journal



Scott Shikora
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Members,

Effective from 1st January, Obesity surgery and SOARD will use the same terminology for weight loss outcomes for all articles submitted to either journals. These changes were approved by the leadership of both IFSO and ASMBS

- **Mandatory**

Weight loss must be expressed as change in BMI or %total weight loss (%TWL)

- **Optional**

Weight loss can be expressed as % Excess Weight Loss (%EWL), with the calculation of ideal body weight as that equivalent to a BMI of 25 kg/m² and/or % Excess BMI Lost (%EBMIL) with excess BMI > 25 kg/m² AS WELL AS % total body weight loss.

Data extending beyond 30 days MUST INCLUDE lost to follow-up information in the Abstract and Results section, including all tables and figures, with the denominator provided as to how many patients were available at EACH TIME POINT and the number of patients actually seen.



Michel Suter
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Committees Reports



Blanca Rios

Chairman of the Integrated Health Committee

INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Activities 2013-2014:

- Elaboration and publication of 1er Latin American Psychological Consensus in www.bmilatina.com with participation of IFSO members.
- 8 On line Courses in bariatric since 2010, over 200 students from Iberoamerica in Psychology and Nutrition.
- Invitation to participate of the IH members in IFSO LAC Congress in Mendoza, Argentina, On May and IFSO World Congress in Montreal, Canadá, On August, 2014.
- Integrated Health meeting in 19th World Congress in Montreal, Canadá, on August, 2014, with the participation from India, México and USA.
- Advice and support for the design of scientific programs in multidisciplinary teams in regional and local conferences bariatric surgery



Poonam S. (India), Shultz K. (USA), Rios B. (México), Stapleton C. (USA) and Pedraza L. (México)

INVESTIGATIONAL SURGICAL AND ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

This committee was created to evaluate the new bariatric procedures (surgical and endoscopic) under the scrutiny of evidence-based medicine but also to screen it as soon as the first researches are published. Committee activities included the Bariatric Endoscopy courses for the last and the next IFSO congress were all those innovations are presented by its authors and discussed in deep. White papers are also being prepared over Gastric Plication (coordinated by Dr. C-K Huang) and Bariatric Endoscopy (coordinated by Dr. Josemberg Campos) to be latter submitted to the EC.

On this year IFSO meeting at Montreal the committee with the support of Drs Micheal Gagner and Natan Zundel and chaired by Drs Manoel Galvao and Christopher Thompson organized the very first Bariatric Endoscopy

Course that was very successful on attracting the IFSO delegates and industry representatives in a full theater. A full day course covered the endoscopic treatment of bariatric surgery complications and the endoscopic treatment of obesity and type 2 diabetes with expert speakers integrating surgery and endoscopy.



Manuel Galvao Neto

Chairman of the Investigational surgical and endoscopic procedures Committee

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Iconic bariatric surgeons like Natan Zundel, Alfonse Pomp, Michel Gagner and Almino Ramos presented and debated with true bariatric endoscopy pioneers like Gontrand Lopez-Nava, Josemberg Campos, Alex Escalona, Caetano Marchesini, Nicole Pena, Silvana Peretta, Abu Dayyeh, Roman Turro and Eduardo Grecco. There were also four live broadcasted procedures from USA (Mayo Clinic – Rochester and Bingham Women's Hospital – Harvard), Spain (Tecknon Clinic) and Brazil (Mario Covas Hospital – ABC University). To note that the audience was very participative with sharp and clever inquiries that challenged the speakers.

This committee expects to keep the hard work and another Bariatric Course is granted for Vienna next year under the guidance of Dr. Karl Miller.



Abdelrahman

Nimeri

Chairman of the
Communication
Committee

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

- IFSO members are requested to give us their comments on the new look of our IFSO website. Suggestions, and comments are welcome. www.ifso.com
- It will be available soon an educational obesity public lecture for patients on our website. This lecture will help in patient education and it will be made in several languages.
- All IFSO members should join the IFSO Facebook group. We would like to have all IFSO members as members of our IFSO Facebook group and to use it to share knowledge, ask the experts and enhance the dialogue.

METABOLIC COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE GOALS – METABOLIC COMMITTEE

Context



Marco Bueter

Chairman of the
Metabolic Commit-
tee

Currently 205 million patients in the world suffer from severe and complex obesity together with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), often referred to as "Diabetesity". The personal, social, and economic consequences of this "Diabetesity" epidemic can be disastrous and put enormous pressure on health systems worldwide. At this stage, the available anti-obesity drugs provided to patients with T2DM are moderately effective at achieving weight loss, whilst their side effects remain problematic. Other conservative treatment options such as dieting or lifestyle interventions deliver also results of limited success.

In contrast, bariatric procedures are not only effective in reducing body weight, but also in the treatment of T2DM, hypertension, hyperlipidemia. They are further associated with a 25% reduction in 10-year all-cause mortality and improvements in quality of life. Interestingly, recent evidence suggests that patients with T2DM or with a very high risk to develop T2DM have a greater mortality benefit from surgery. The fact that post-bariatric T2DM improvement occurs frequently prior to significant weight loss, has induced a gradual ideological shift among bariatric specialists. Consequently, the term "bariatric surgery" is increasingly being substituted by the term "metabolic surgery" to acknowledge the fact that these bariatric procedures don't merely reduce body weight, but ameliorate the deleterious metabolic burden of T2DM. Unfortunately this advance in knowledge has not been translated into routine management algorithms for T2DM, as patients with "Diabetesity" still represent only less than 25% of the patient population in bariatric surgery practices.

Despite these recent developments, the decision whether an obese individual is considered eligible for bariatric surgery or not, rests predominantly upon the individual's Body Mass Index (BMI) calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared. Such criteria allow surgery for patients with a BMI above 35.0 kg/m² if they have diabetes or other major obesity-related comorbidity.

However, specialists increasingly criticize the choice of BMI thresholds as arbitrary and lacking evidence. Such criticism is based on the observation that factors other than BMI such as diabetes may be more important in predicting the mortality risk in patients eligible for bariatric surgery.

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Remit

The IFSO Metabolic committee seeks to combine patient focused basic and translational healthcare research, diagnostic care and education to create state of the art improvements in the field of bariatric surgery, by creating a "clinical academic group" of colleagues within the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and metabolic disorders (IFSO).

Objectives

1. To increase exposure

The committee aims to promote the distribution of the metabolic surgery concept among IFSO members, bariatric and metabolic surgeons, non-surgeons, policy makers and payers. The IFSO Metabolic committee therefore considers research, education and training as important task for the future. Members and non-members, surgeons and non-surgeons, policy makers and insurers need to be informed regarding the concept of metabolic surgery and its underlying mechanisms to eradicate traditional concepts which have been proven wrong to further improve and optimize patient selection and treatment.

2. To build bridges

The committee seeks to establish a close collaboration with national and international diabetes organizations with the ultimate goal to change the eligibility criteria for bariatric surgery based on presence or absence of T2DM. Only through an interdisciplinary approach it will be possible to accelerate the translation of metabolic surgery into practical treatments and therapies and establish metabolic surgery as part of routine management algorithms for T2DM, *alongside* lifestyle interventions and pharmacotherapy.

Aim

The committee aims to organize both regular pre congress courses as well as at least one main session on Metabolic Surgery during each IFSO world congress as well as each Regional Chapter meeting (European Chapter, North American Chapter, Asian Pacific Chapter and Latin American Chapter). Furthermore, the committee seeks to participate in international meetings of the most important and influential international diabetes associations such as the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) or the Asian Association for the study of Diabetes (AASD). Such meetings will be used to present and discuss recent key findings in the field and to make the concept of metabolic surgery available to a broader surgical and non-surgical audience. It will be therefore a key element to do this in close conjunction with representatives of national and international diabetes organizations to increase interdisciplinary and to ensure transparency and intellectual exchange. This is reflected by the number of non-surgical members of the committee which will help to establish and maintain links to the above mentioned diabetes associations. The committee is convinced that this interdisciplinary approach represents the only realistic way to reach the ultimate goal which is to change the eligibility criteria for bariatric surgery based on presence or absence of T2DM. Only through integration and involvement of our diabetological and endocrinological friends it will be possible to accelerate the translation of metabolic surgery into practical treatments and therapies and establish metabolic surgery as part of routine management algorithms for T2DM, alongside lifestyle interventions and pharmacotherapy.

Another focus of the committee will be to publish regularly review and original articles in form of a periodical column addressing new developments in the field of metabolic surgery in the Obesity Surgery Journal. The committee considers the purpose of such a column in knowledge distribution rather than self-promotion. Thus, the column should not be primarily authored by members of the metabolic committee, but should be written by invited specialists such as metabolic surgeons, endocrinologist, epidemiologist or basic scientists with a proven track record in the field. Content and authorships of the column will be appointed in close collaboration and communication between the committee, IFSO and the Editorial Board of the Obesity Surgery Journal.

Committees Reports



Jacques Himpens

Chairman of the Position Statement and Standards Committee

POSITION STATEMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Colleagues,

bariatric surgery has known worldwide a large expansion with an increased numbers of operations. The number of bariatric surgeons increased too. This is a complex surgery, patients often delicate and with indications always shared with other medical figures.

For this reason it is essential to define the parameters that can guarantee safety for patients and can establish principles of updating and interdisciplinary.

IFSO considered to upgrade the criteria for credentialing general surgeon to perform bariatric and metabolic surgery worldwide.

This document was shared with the members of the IFSO Executive Board, Board of Trustees and the members of the IFSO Committees. A special thank to their valuable contribution.

It will be published soon on *Obesity Surgery* and then circulated among the IFSO National Societies. These IFSO guidelines will give our members the basic principles, but each national society will evaluate it according to its needs and resources.



Maurizio De Luca, Jacques Himpens, Rudolf Weiner, Luigi Angrisani



Natan Zundel

Chairman of the Corporate Committee

CORPORATE COMMITTEE

IFSO is proud to partner with some of the medical industry's premier companies and aims to better facilitate communications and feedback between the Federation, our members and industry professionals.

Support from industry professionals helps IFSO further our goal of providing continuing education resources to our members and other bariatric professionals.

IFSO provides appropriate opportunities for communication and exchange of ideas with our members through our conferences, member communications, and other collaborative ventures.

The IFSO Corporate Committee is organized to develop and enhance the joint strategies and efforts of bariatric surgeons, healthcare professionals and industry professionals. The Corporate Committee offers opportunities to work with industry peers in appropriately influencing the healthcare of the morbidly obese.

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“YOUNG IFSO” NEWS



**Karin
Dolezalova**

Young IFSO
Chapter President

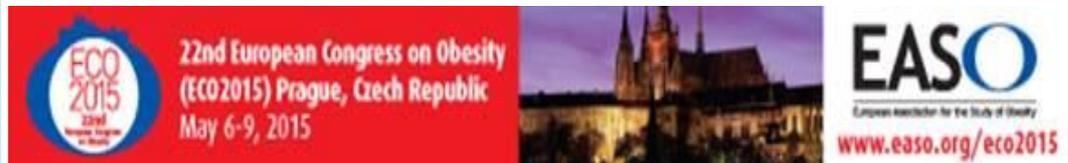
NEWS FROM THE YOUNG-IFSO



Young IFSO actively participated at the November 2014 Frankfurter Meeting. Almost 100 attendees participated at a Young IFSO dedicated session in Frankfurt.

There were 7 talks delivered at this vibrant and lively session. The topics were wide and covered a wide range of Bariatric Surgery, such as patient expectations from bariatric operation, to outcomes of different types of bariatric procedures up to robotics in bariatrics. Special thanks to Sylvia Weiner, who was mostly responsible for the Session and for a successful organization.

During the next year 2015 there are several activities planned for the Young IFSO.



At the beginning of May the Young IFSO is going to play an important role at the European Congress on Obesity ECO, which is going to be held on May 6-9 in Prague, Czech Republic.

For the first time in the history, the Young IFSO is going to be jointly involved and participate at the EASO's Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award. It aims to recognize younger scientists and their contribution to the obesity field. Younger scientists are encouraged to apply for the award to gain recognition for their thesis at an international level.

Three Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award finalists, including one who will be nominated by Young IFSO, and will be presenting a topic pertinent to Obesity surgery will be invited to present their researches during the Young Investigators United Evening at the annual European Congress on Obesity. The Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award Winner will be judged and announced during the session. The winner will receive an award certificate and a cash prize of €1.000.

At the end of August, the Young IFSO is honored to participate at the IFSO World Congress in Vienna, Austria.

It is planned, that Young IFSO is going to run its own dedicated Session, where Young IFSO members will be given opportunity to deliver the best selected talks, as well as to informally discuss different topics of interest.

Young IFSO is looking forward to continuing indeed fruitful cooperation within the IFSO, as well as expanding its activities to other scientific events i.e. organized by EASO which are dealing with a wide range of obesity topics.

“YOUNG IFSO” NEWS

During the IFSO-EC Congress in Brussels, the Young IFSO Chapter General Council met and approved the officers of the Young IFSO Chapter.

The approved Young IFSO Chapter officers for the period 2014 -2016 are:

- President - Karin Dolezalova (Czech Rep.)
- President -Elect – Sylvia Weiner (Germany)
- Secretary – Eren Taskin (Turkey)
- Young IFSO Chapter representative to the IFSO – Sylvia Weiner (Germany)
- Young IFSO Chapter representative to the IFSO- European Chapter – Alexander Neimark (Russia)

The 3rd Young IFSO Chapter scientific meeting/session is to be held during the IFSO World Congress in Montreal in August 2014.

Young IFSO showed so far its great viability and leveraged substantially close exchange of young, fresh ideas in obesity – bariatric – metabolic field, as well as has documented important role of the young medical and nonmedical generation in the endeavour of tackling obesity epidemic.

Young IFSO activity enables young IFSO members to participate more actively in IFSO day to day live and to possibility to influence IFSO future.

Similarly to the ongoing initiatives between Young IFSO within the IFSPD and IFSO-EC, Young IFSO is following the IFSO-European Chapter and EASO focus on closer cooperation on both, scientific and organizational levels.

The Young IFSO already initiated discussion about different possibilities of closer cooperation with the EASO Young Investigator group.

At this point, it has been already agreed that there will be a dedicated, mutual scientific Session held at the annual EASO 2015 Congress, the ECO 2015, organized in May 2015 in Prague, Czech Republic. Of course, there will be continuous talks between the two groups in regards of potentially advantageous cooperation focus areas for the future.

Karin Dolezalova

Young IFSO Chapter President

IFSO Endorsement



IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF IFSO ORGANIZING A CONGRESS/COURSE/WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM ON BARIATRIC SURGERY YOU CAN APPLY FOR IFSO ENDORSEMENT AND GET THE GREAT ADVANTAGES OF BEING ADVERTISED THROUGH IFSO COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Benefits:

1. Endorsed Congresses will be:
 - listed on IFSO's Website on the Endorsed meetings page
 - included in IFSO's E-newsletters
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2. The Course Director may include IFSO's Endorsement statement and IFSO Logo on promotional brochures and course materials with the text "*Endorsed by*"

Individual Endorsement

- Course must be directed or coordinated by an IFSO member, or have as its primary faculty, at least one IFSO member
- Endorsed Courses should offer CME credits (if not, an explanation must be provided)
- Course Director must ensure that disclosure of conflict of interest are enforced
- Reduced course fee must be granted to IFSO Members
- The fee for individual course endorsement is **400,00 US\$**

Institutional Endorsement

- More than two (2) courses must be held per year at the same physical institution
- Course must be directed or coordinated by an IFSO member, or have as its primary faculty, at least one IFSO member
- All brochures and faculty lists must be submitted to the IFSO-CC for annual review
- The centre must be equipped with adequate facilities
- Endorsed Courses should offer CME credits (if not, an explanation must be provided).
- Course Director must ensure that disclosure of conflict of interest are enforced
- Reduced course fee must be granted to IFSO Members

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If you think your meeting fulfils the below mentioned requirements please send your endorsement requests to **info@ifso.com** together with a PDF file of the scientific program of the Congress. IFSO-Communication Committee will carefully review the concepts and objectives of the course as well as the faculty, the structure and content of the course. Endorsement does not in any way offer credentialing or grant approval to the participant regarding future skills or outcomes.

After the approval of the Communication Committee, you will receive from our Secretariat further instructions about the payment of the endorsement fee.

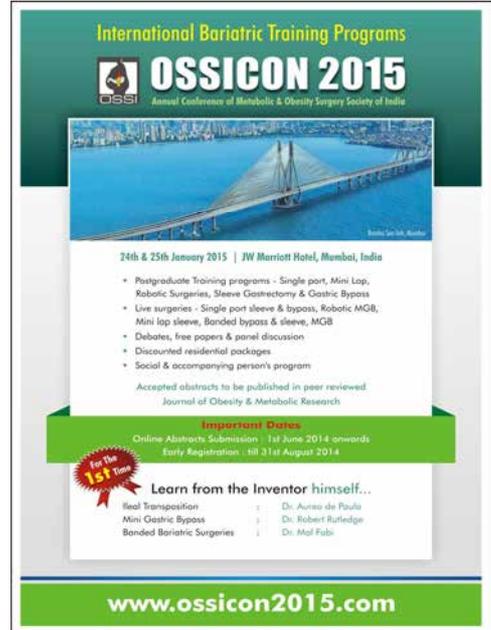
2014-2015 Endorsed Meetings

Sixth National Symposium of Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery – Continuous Progress in Metabolic Surgery
 Bucharest, Romania
 December 6th, 2014
www.chirurgiemetabolica.ro

2nd Annual GOSS Meeting
 Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 11-13 December 2014
www.goss2014.com

Annual Conference of Obesity Society of India – OSSICON 2015
 Mumbai, India
 24-25 January 2015
www.ossicon2015.com/

Minimal Invasive Surgery Symposium
 MISS 2015
 Las Vegas, USA
 February 25-28, 2015
www.miss-cme.org



2014 Endorsed Congresses

2015 Duke Masters of Minimal Invasive Bariatric Surgery
 Orlando, Florida (USA)
 March 19-21, 2015
innovation.surgery.duke.edu

Congreso Internacional de Cirugía Bariátrica y Metabólica
 Mendoza, Argentina
 7-9 May, 2015
<http://www.congresobariatrica.com.ar/>

1st International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch
 Montreal, Canada
 22-23 June, 2015

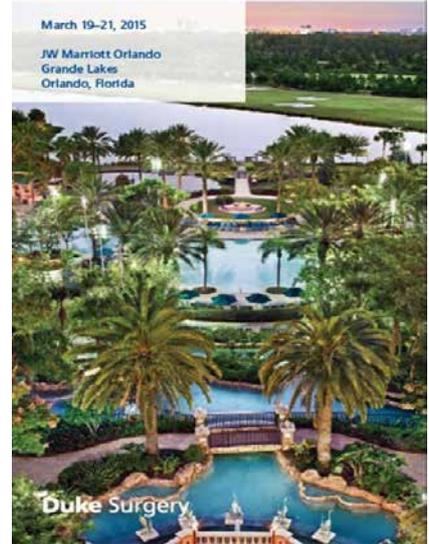
Reversing end organ damage through diabetes surgery
 Dublin, Ireland
 24 August 2015
<http://www.ucd.ie/medicine/>

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2015 Duke Masters of Minimally Invasive Bariatric Surgery

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Enfoque Quirúrgico e Interdisciplinario

7, 8, 9 de mayo 2015, Hotel Intercontinental, Mendoza - Argentina

Save the Date!

1st International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch

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Reversing end organ damage through diabetes surgery

Monday 24th August 2015
 09.00 - 17.00
 UCD Conway Lecture Theatre

This study day, hosted by UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science is targeted towards all health care professionals interested in treating diabetes and its complications. The programme brings together experts in diabetes, metabolic surgery and diabetic kidney disease from across the world. The format is designed to update and inform participants with regard to the latest developments and best practice in this working area.

Topics include:

- Updates from the randomised controlled trials in diabetes surgery
- what mechanisms after surgery are responsible for the reversal of end organ damage
- Updates from cohort models of diabetes surgery
- Medical Devices and Metabolic Surgery: Guidelines on emerging new treatments for diabetes
- Health economic benefits of reversing end organ damage

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Key Topics / Speakers

- PROF FRANCESCO RUSSO** King's College London
"Reversing the impact that obesity exerts on diabetes"
- DR WENDY BOWEN** Monash University
"How do randomized controlled trials change our practical management of diabetes?"
- PROF PAUL SCHAUER** Cleveland Clinic
"Using genotyping to guide bariatric for preventing complications of diabetes"
- DR CARLOS ROSA** Carlos University of Chile
"Does genotyping in gastric bypass for treating complications of diabetes?"
- DR RICHARDO COHEN** Cleveland Clinic
"What can Medical Devices add?"
- DR THOMAS UEBERS** University of Erlangen
"Should we consider complications by treating diabetes?"
- DR MARCO MULLER** University of Zurich
"How does the glucose-lowering delivery of surgery?"
- PROF ALAN SPECTOR** Monash University
"How does bariatric surgery change kidney performance?"
- PROF THOMAS UEBERS** University of Zurich
"Practical models of health care delivery: complications"
- PROF LEE RAPHAEL** Harvard
"The role of gut microbiota and bile acids after surgery"
- PROF DAVID LAPPIN** Washington State University
"The role of gut hormones in weight regulation after surgery"
- DR ALEX HIGGS** Imperial College London
"The metabolic impact of bariatric surgery"

How to join IFSO

2015 FEES

IFSO Regular Membership (complimentary subscription to *Obesity Surgery*): **100,00\$**

IFSO Integrated Health Membership only for non surgeons: **20,00\$**

From this year it is not possible anymore to subscribe to SOARD through IFSO. If you want to subscribe to SOARD please contact ASMBS.

- **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 either by bank transfer or credit card/Paypal on <http://www.ifso.com/join-ifso>

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- Eligibility to IFSO endorsement for meeting/workshop/course
- Membership in a professional global network
- Listing in the online registry on the IFSO website
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2015 Fees

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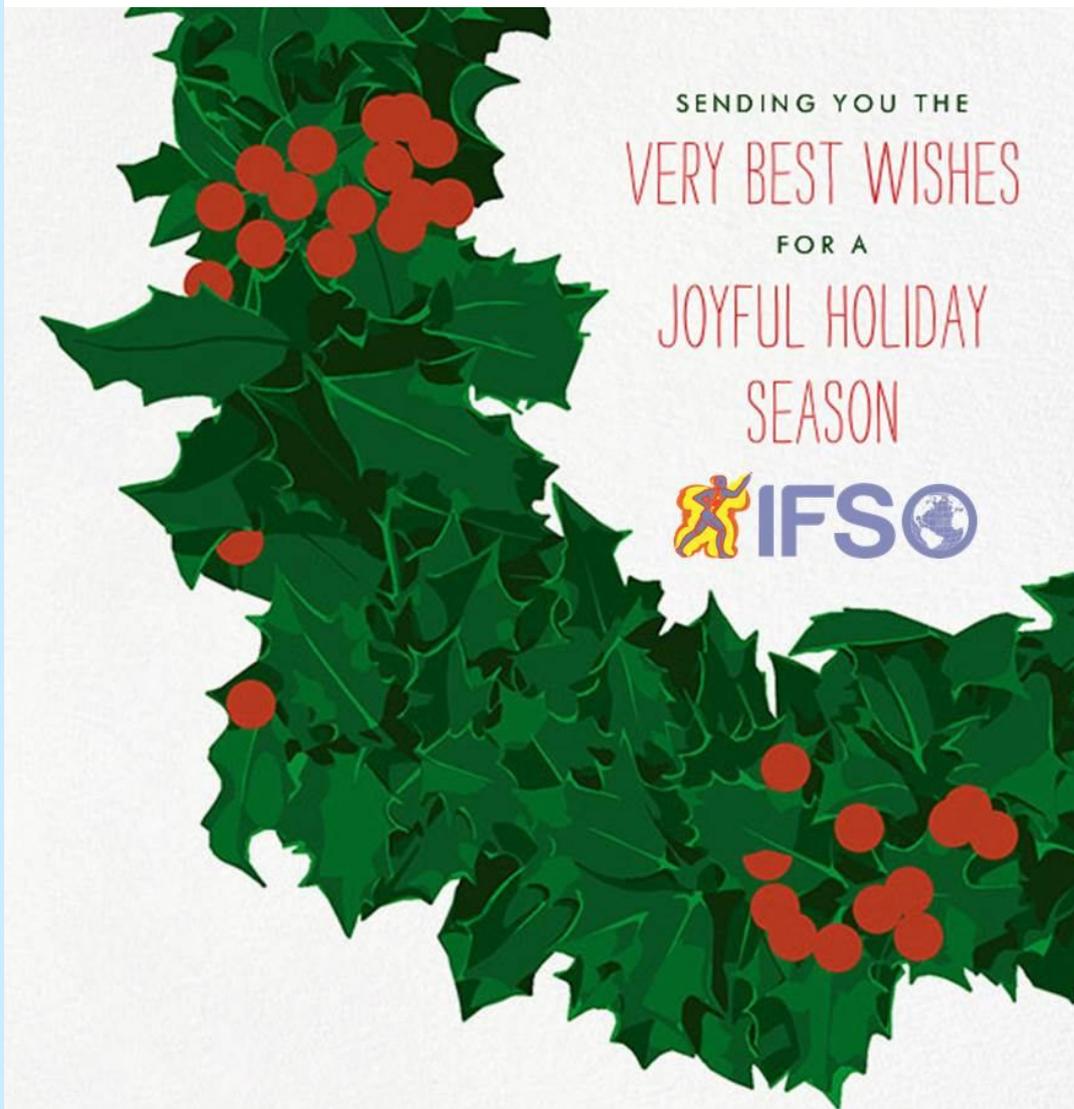




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