



## Message from the President



Lilian Kow  
President of IFSO

Dear Friends and colleagues,

Few of us will ever forget how 2020 has changed our lives. 2020 has been an extraordinary year in which we have all experienced a torrent of unexpected challenges in all aspects of our personal and professional lives.

Despite all these challenges IFSO is approaching the end of 2020 on a remarkably strong and positive position.

IFSO's financial performance has continued to perform well. Despite the unprecedented world crisis, the overall return on the IFSO investment portfolio is positive. This growth is encouraging especially during a challenging global economic performance.

Our IFSO membership has also continued to increase just making to 10,000 members and 69 national societies. We warmly welcome 3 new National Societies to the family of IFSO: Pakistan Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS) with their President Dr Mumtaz Maher, Association of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeons of Uzbekistan (ABMSU) with their President Prof. Oktyabr Teshaev and the Thai Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (TSMBS) with their President Dr. Sutdhachit Linananda.

Our five chapters have also continued to progress despite all the challenges:

IFSO- MENAC cancelled their March 2020 meeting in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, but held a successful virtual meeting in October 2020. IFSO-APC cancelled their October 2020 meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, but held a virtual meeting in November 2020.

IFSO-EC cancelled their annual meeting in May 2020 in Prague, Czech Republic, but organised a virtual meeting in December 2020.

IFSO-LAC congress scheduled for April 2021 will be April 2022 in Costa Rica.

ASMBS annual meeting at Obesity Week November 2020 postponed to May 2021.



## Message from the President

Our inaugural virtual IFSO world congress was held 12-13 September 2020. Whilst we were not able to meet in person, my sincere thanks to all 2100 attendees from 30 countries over the 2 days of the virtual congress. We had 8 scientific sessions, 2 sponsored symposia, networking in the coffee lounge during the break between sessions and attending the 3D virtual exhibition area to meet our sponsors. Overall, it was a good substitute to the "real meeting". For those of you who missed the meeting, the recordings of the meeting can be obtained for a small fee on [www.ifsovirtualworldcongress.com/replay](http://www.ifsovirtualworldcongress.com/replay) on our IFSO website.

In October, we learned of the sad passing of our Honorary IFSO President Professor Nicola Scopinaro after a short illness at the age of 75. He was born on March 6, 1945 in Castgneto Carducci, Tuscany Italy. Professor Nicola Scopinaro was known by many as a great surgeon and innovator, a dedicated and hard worker, a teacher and mentor to several generations of surgeons, and as one of the fathers of modern bariatric surgery. An acknowledged leader and pioneer of Bariatric Surgery, he was best known as the originator of the Biliopancreatic Diversion (the 'Scopinaro procedure') for the treatment of morbid obesity and type 2 Diabetes. With his passing, IFSO has lost one of our founding fathers and our first President of IFSO. He will always be remembered as the surgeon who changed the course of bariatric surgery and his legacy will be for all present and future bariatric surgeons to remember him. On behalf of IFSO, I would like to extend our condolences to Professor Scopinaro's family, his friend Marina Brondo, friends and colleagues. IFSO will be hosting a tribute to the late Professor Scopinaro on Dec 17th 2020 and all are welcome to attend or get the replay if unable to attend from our IFSO website.

The coronavirus COVID-19 has affected 218 countries and territories around the world. To date, 74 million affected, and more than 1.6 million deaths and our way of living has indeed changed.



## Message from the President

Who would have thought how readily we have adopted wearing facial masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. My heartfelt condolences to all members who have personally suffered losses during this pandemic. As a new hope, vaccines are being rolled out and over the course of 2021, we hope to see the impact of the vaccine stopping the spread of the virus and hopefully we can go back to some normality that we were accustomed to. On behalf of IFSO, I would like to reach out to all our member societies and individual members to take all possible measures to provide the safest possible environment for themselves and their loved ones whilst we wait for this pandemic to pass us by.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the IFSO committees and our Chief Operating Office, Manuela Mazzarella, for their hard work and continuing support despite the chaos and uncertainty in their personal lives during the pandemic.

I would like to thank the support of the IFSO Executive Board who have helped me through my first year as President and their confidence to allow me to extend my term to serve the IFSO community for a further year. It is indeed a privilege for me to be allowed to do so.

As the year 2020 comes to an end, I would like to wish all members Happy and Safe Holidays and a Joyful Christmas with families and friends for the festive season. May 2021 bring Hope, Joy, Happiness and Good Health and everything one can wish for all our members.

Please continue to take care of yourselves, your families, your colleagues and those around you. I look forward to the day when we can meet again.

Lilian Kow

IFSO President





IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020



September 12-13, 2020

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IFSO President  
**LILIAN KOW**

Organizing Secretariat



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New York (NAC)  
08:00 am/11:00 am



São Paulo (LAC)  
09:00am/12:00 pm



Rome (EC)  
02:00 pm/05:00 pm



Dubai (MENAC)  
04:00 pm/ 07:00 pm



Sydney (APC)  
10:00 pm/01:00 am





IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020

# 8 SESSIONS

IFSO 2020  
MINIMIZING COMPLICATIONS



MINIMIZING COMPLICATIONS  
Discussion - Q&A 00:35:3

SKY ROOM  
LIVE IFSO 2020 INTEGRATED HEALTH SESSION: KEEPING ON TRACK



INTEGRATED HEALTH SESSION: KEEPING ON TRACK  
Discussion - Q&A 00:26:02

IFSO 2020



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# 2 SPONSORED SYMPOSIA

**“Latest Evidence and Innovation in Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery”**  
*Satellite Symposium, IFSO Virtual World Congress 2020*

**Date**  
 Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time**  
 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM, New York  
 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM, Rome

**Moderator**



**Dr. Carel Le Roux**  
 Ireland

**Panelists**



**Dr. Ricardo Cohen**  
 Brazil

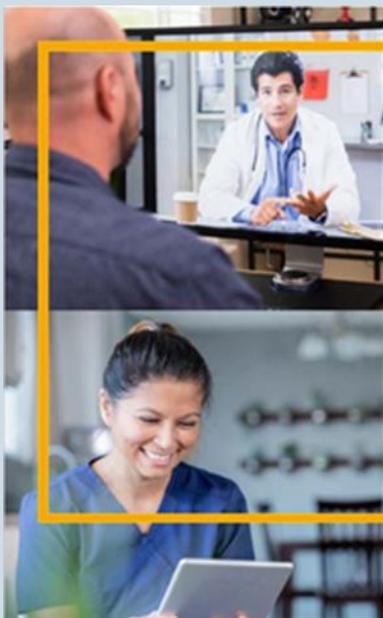


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 AT THE IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020

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 ENGAGEMENT WITH TELEHEALTH**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**  
 06:30 am – 07:15 am Miami (EST)  
 12:30 – 13:15 Roma (GMT +2)  
 18:30 – 19:15 Singapore (GMT+8)  
 20:30 – 21:15 Sydney (GMT+10)

**MODERATOR**  
 Professor Gerhard Prager  
**PANEL**  
 Dr. Elizabeth A. Dovec  
 Dr. Ronald Liern  
 PD Dr. Med. Mirko Otto

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A banner for the IFSO 2020 Virtual World Congress. It features the IFSO logo on the left, followed by 'IFSO' in large blue letters, a globe icon, and '2020' in large white letters. Below this, the text 'IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS' is written in white. The background is dark blue with faint, glowing patterns.

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IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE DEPARTURE OF

**PROFESSOR NICOLA SCOPINARO**

THE SURGEON WHO CHANGED THE COURSE OF BARIATRIC SURGERY

Born in Castagneto Carducci, Tuscany, Italy, on March 6, 1945.  
 Graduated at the University of Genoa Medical School on July 31, 1969.  
 Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Genoa Medical School since 1971. Associate Professor since 1983. Professor of Surgery since 1992.

Originator of the operation "Biliopancreatic Diversion" for the surgical treatment of obesity and metabolic surgery, unanimously recognized as the most effective in terms of weight loss results and type 2 diabetes resolution, as well as metabolic syndrome.

More than 3,500 bariatric and metabolic surgery operations performed.

More than 500 publications (total IF: >400).

More than 700 invited lectures at national and international meetings.

Founder and Honorary President of the Italian Society of Obesity Surgery (SICOB)

First President and Honorary President of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO)

First President and Current Honorary President of the IFSO European Chapter

Former Co-Editor-in-Chief of Obesity Surgery, the Official Journal of the IFSO

Honorary Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (maximum 100 living people in the world).

First Honorary Member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)

Premier Membre d'Honneur de la Société Française et Francophone de Chirurgie de l'Obésité

First Honorary Member of the Japanese Society for the Treatment of Obesity

First Honorary Member of the Greek Society for Obesity Surgery

First Honorary Member of the Turkish Society for Obesity Surgery

Membro Honorario de la Sociedad Brasileira de Cirurgia da Obesidade

Socio de Honor de la Sociedad Española de Cirugía de la Obesidad

Honorary Member of the German Society for Obesity Surgery

Honorary Member of the Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery

Honorary Member of the South African Gastroenterology Society  
 Honorary Member of the Spanish Society for Obesity Surgery

Honorary Member of the Egyptian Society for Obesity Surgery

Recipient of the 2006 ASBS Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award



This is just a very short summary of his professional career and achievements, for which he will remain forever in the history of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

Those who have met him, even just once, will always remember him for his personality, his intellectual generosity, his humbleness.

We wish we could report here all the thoughts and beautiful words you had for him today, but this obituary would be long as a book.

He left so many friends in any corner of the world, for the Great Human Being he was. He was a great Man, a true Professor and a Fighter. Despite the bad health conditions of the last years of his life, he never stopped travelling to attend IFSO meetings and few other meetings that he considered unmissable.

The love for surgery and for life was stronger than any obstacle that life itself confronted him with.

He has been an example of determination and passion, that we should all try to imitate.

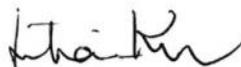
We have all lost a legendary Giant, who refused to accept the word “impossible” and who has left a legacy of seminal achievements that have enriched all of us and thousands of patients and their families.

Even now you will be stronger than death Nicola, and will remain Alive in our hearts.

May You Rest in Peace and Give Us Strength from up above to overcome this terrible unprecedented period for all mankind.

May you, from Heaven, keep on taking pictures of us, hopefully in a better and safer world.

Lilian Kow, IFSO President  
& the Executive Board



Manuela Mazzarella  
Chief Operating Officer & IFSO Team



October 29th 2020



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KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STARS  
AND YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND

IN MEMORY OF

**NICOLA SCOPINARO**  
GREAT MAN, TRUE PROFESSOR AND FIGHTER

DECEMBER 17, 2020



## IFSO European Chapter Report



**Gerhard Prager**  
President of the  
European Chapter

In the last few months another COVID-19 avalanche captured Europe, resulting in a second Lock-Down in almost all European countries. As a result, the planned congresses had/have to be hold virtually and bariatric/metabolic surgery was/is suspended in most European countries.

The traditional Frankfurt Meeting was for the first time virtually and so was the IFSO-EC Symposium on the 11th of December with an outstanding scientific program.

The message that our honorary president and founder of IFSO-EC/IFSO, Prof. Nicola Scopinaro, passed away, shattered the entire IFSO family.

Prof. Scopinaro's pioneer work is well recognized and the history and development of IFSO are inseperably linked with his name.

The virtual IFSO-EC Symposium on the 11th of December was in his memento as well as the „Tribute to Nicola Scopinaro“ on the 17th of December!

What will we see in 2021? Hopefully, Metabolic surgery will come back to normality soon and surgeons all over the world can make up for the postponed operations...

Looking forward to see you in 2021 at the physical IFSO-EC congress in Prague

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Gerhard Prager

IFSO-EC president



Picture: Prof. Scopinaro in 2004 at the ECO in Prague, where IFSO was founded

From left to right: Prof. Nicola Scopinaro, Prof. Martin Fried



IFSO European Chapter Report

## PAST EVENTS

VIRTUAL 2020  
**IFSO-EC**  
CONFERENCE

DATE:

**11 December 2020**



**THE VERY LAST BARIATRIC EVENT OF 2020**

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## IFSO Asia Pacific Chapter Report



**Kazunori Kasama,**  
President of Asia  
Pacific Chapter



# IFSO APC report

Kazunori Kasama MD

# COUNTRIES: 13

Australia/New Zealand, China, Hong Kong,  
Philippines, Japan, Korea, India, Iran,  
Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan,  
Thailand

# MEMBERS: 811



XV IFSO / IV IFSO APC Webinar



Moderator:  
**Asim Shabbir,**  
Singapore



Speaker:  
**Michael Talbot**  
Australia



Panelists:  
**Michel Gagner**



**Luigi Angrisani**



**Camilo Boza**



**Bassem Safadi**

**“De-escalating reflux and leaks in Bariatric surgery”**

Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020  
12.30 – 1.30 pm Central Europe Time

Register here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1901676386943091273>



## IFSO Asia Pacific Chapter Report

### Ongoing activities:

- Position Statement on VTE prophylaxis for Asian patients
- IFSO APC Library – monthly review of publications from APC
  - #1 Only English written, peer reviewed, Pubmed indexed papers are eligible.
  - #2 Research topic should be about bariatric/metabolic surgery/animal experiment
  - #3 Research topic from interdisciplinary health and allied health professionals are also welcome.

### New Society: Thailand

- Thai Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery



Dr. Sutdhachit Linananda  
President



Dr. Suthep Udomswangsup  
Vice President



**7th IFSO-APC meeting**  
November 26-28  
Galadari Hotel  
Colombo Sri Lanka

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ IFSO Singled Academy: Live Surgery
- ✓ Workshops & Exercises on Course & Advanced Bariatric Course
- ✓ Video sessions
- ✓ Debates sessions on hot topics
- ✓ IFSO session on difficult clinical cases
- ✓ IFSO session on a review of the best bariatric surgeon in the year
- ✓ Revision of surgery: what is best for your patient?
- ✓ Intra and post-operative complications
- ✓ Metabolic surgery in low BMI patients
- ✓ Integrated 1 with sessions: origins of Obesity, Pharmacology, Physical Exercise, Sleepology, Endocrinology, Dietetics/ Nutrition
- ✓ Consensus Meeting on VTE Prophylaxis for Asian patients
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Postponed



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**IFSO**  
Asia Pacific Chapter  
**2020**  
**IFSO APC VIRTUAL CONGRESS**

**IFSO APC congress went Virtual**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
November 27 - 28, 2020

Tehran h. 12:30 pm/ 3:30 pm  
New Delhi h. 2:30 pm/ 5:30 pm  
Bangkok h. 4:00 pm/ 7:00 pm  
Beijing/ Kuala Lumpur/ Taipei h. 5:00 pm/ 8:00 pm  
Seoul/ Tokyo h. 8:00 pm/ 9:00 pm  
Sydney h. 8:00 pm/ 11:00 pm

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IFSO APC President  
**KAZUNORI KASAMA**

Organizing Secretariat  
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HILL, AUSTRALIA 1570

**With 1358 Registrations!!**

**APC appreciates all those who registered and participated**



**7<sup>th</sup> IFSO-APC meeting**  
Galleface Hotel

**Postponed to November 2021**

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**See you in Colombo, Sri Lanka!**



## IFSO Asia Pacific Chapter Report

### Domestic congresses reports in APC 2020



ANZGOSA ( AU/NZ Gastric and Oeophageal Surgery Association) , ANZMOSS **virtual** congress 2020 held on 15-16 October.



The 7th Annual Conference of CSMB was held on August 14-16  
**Hybrid meeting**



HKSMBS Annual scientific meeting. **Real meeting** held on 17<sup>th</sup> October



OSSICON was held on 27-29 Feb. **Real meeting**



Japan: JSSO JSTO joint congress was postponed to the next March 2021 as a **hybrid meeting**.



International congress on Obesity and Metabolic syndrome (ICOMES2020) Was on 3-5<sup>th</sup> Sep. **Virtual**

### Domestic congress in APC 2020 (summary)



Two countries : no response



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## IFSO APC VIRTUAL CONGRESS

**THE RECORDING OF THE ONLINE****CONGRESS IS AVAILABLE ON: [https://](https://ifsoapcvirtualcongress.com/replay-apc/)****[ifsoapcvirtualcongress.com/replay-apc/](https://ifsoapcvirtualcongress.com/replay-apc/)**IFSO APC President  
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## IFSO North American Chapter Report



**Raul Rosenthal**  
President of North  
American Chapter

### **The ASMBS 2021 Annual Meeting**

The ASMBS 2021 Annual Meeting will be held **May 23rd-27th, 2021**.

The ASMBS Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of surgeons and integrated health professionals practicing in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery. Attendees can look forward to learning about the latest advances in the surgical treatment for obesity, networking with world-class faculty and industry experts and much more.

The future looks bright for the ASMBS Annual Meeting and for increasing the number of patients who could benefit from this life-saving and transformational surgery. Like & Follow the ASMBS Annual Meeting Page on Facebook for the latest information. We appreciate your continued support and hope you join us in 2021!

### **Abstract Submission**

Submission Window **NOW OPEN!** Submit your abstract for the ASMBS 2021 Annual Meeting. The abstract submission window is open now through **January 5th**.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)



## IFSO North American Chapter Report



**Registration Now Open!**

**RE|VISION ASMBS**  
January 29-30th, 2021  
A VIRTUAL EVENT

VIEW THE FULL SCHEDULE & RESERVE YOUR SPOT

**Abstract Submissions Open!**

**ASMBS 2021 ANNUAL MEETING**  
May 23-27, 2021

NOW ACCEPTING ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS THROUGH JANUARY 5TH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EXCITING UPCOMING ASMBS EDUCATIONAL EVENTS IN THE NEW YEAR! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR **RE-VISION: THE FUTURE OF ASMBS WEEKEND MEETING!** JOIN US, JANUARY 29TH & 30TH, AS WE “RE-VISION” THE FUTURE OF METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY.

[VIEW THE SCHEDULE AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW.](#)

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT FOR **THE ASMBS 2021 ANNUAL MEETING!** THE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION WINDOW IS NOW OPEN THROUGH JANUARY 5TH. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE GUIDELINES.](#) THE ASMBS ANNUAL MEETING IS THE LARGEST GATHERING OF SURGEONS AND INTEGRATED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN THE FIELD OF METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY.

PLEASE EMAIL [ABSTRACTS@ASMBS.ORG](mailto:ABSTRACTS@ASMBS.ORG) FOR ASSISTANCE.

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*We wish you and your loved ones the happiest of holidays  
and a safe, prosperous New Year!*



## IFSO Latin American Chapter Report



**Estuardo Behrens**  
President of Latin  
American Chapter

No big changes have occurred during this period, so all our activities have been through Zoom webinars. These were the activities of our Chapter in the last two and a half months, from September 2020 to November 2020.

1) Our General Council WhatsApp Chat, has no changes. All the members are in permanent and fluid communication.

2) In our Website (<http://www.ifsolac.net/>) the whole list of Presidents with their emails, as always, is up to date.

3) IFSO LAC has decided not to attend to the Brazilian Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery clinical congress this year, that it is going to take place in Sao Paulo during the first week of December and in which we always have a "one day symposium", because almost all of our countries are still in a critical situation because the pandemic, and we judged not a wise decision to take long trips to assist to this meeting, for the safety of our members. We are looking forward to attend the 2021 Congress, as we hope that the COVID 19 is going to be controlled.

4) The continuous medical education, for the members of IFSO LAC is, for the time being thru webinars, and we decided that the second Thursday of every month we will have a surgical theme organized by one of the countries, and the fourth Thursday of every month, we will have a clinical theme organized by the allied health care professionals.

The Scientific ZOOM webinars organized by IFSO LAC were:

- a) Multiple leaks in RYGBP (October 8th)
- b) Challenges and opportunities of psychological interventions in bariatric and metabolic surgery (October 22nd)
- c) Surgical management of weight regain after sleeve gastrectomy and RYGBP (November 12th)
- d) What to do in patients with weight regain after gastric bypass from endoscopic, nutritional and physical points of view (programmed for November 26th)



## IFSO Latin American Chapter Report

- 5) IFSO LAC also participating in every scientific virtual activity organized by every country member. The Executive Board has been very active in this issue, always supporting and encouraging to all of our members.
- 6) The Executive Board is still working hard to have an online IFSO LAC magazine, published in Spanish. The name will be REVISTA LATINOAMERICANA DE CIRUGÍA BARIÁTRICA/METABÓLICA Y CIENCIAS AFINES.
- 7) We also organized an Accreditation Committee with Dr. Natan Zundel as the president. It is very important for us to have an instrument of accreditation that can be used in Latin American countries, as we have very similar working and living conditions. Brazil and México are very active in this committee and we hope to have good news very soon.
- 8) Finally, almost all of the IFSO LAC members attended the VIRTUAL WORLD IFSO CONGRESS on September 12-13, 2020. That was a great event.

Sergio Aparicio, MD FACS  
Executive Director IFSO LAC  
saparicio@clinicalosolivos.com





IFSO Middle East—North African Chapter Report



**Khalid Mirza Gari**  
President of Middle  
-East North African  
Chapter

**IFSO MENAC VIRTUAL CONGRESS 2020**  
**OCTOBER 30-31**

**4 SESSIONS**  
**2 SATELLITE SYMPOSIA**  
**993 REGISTRANTS**

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



KHALID MIRZA GARI  
IFSO-MENAC PRESIDENT



KHALED GAWDAT  
IFSO-MENAC PRESIDENT ELECT



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IFSO-MENAC  
MEMBER AT LARGE

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## IFSO Middle East—North African Chapter Report

### DEBATE SESSION: REVISION OF SLEEVE



### TOP PAPERS





## IFSO Middle East—North African Chapter Report

### BARIATRICS FOR GENERAL SURGEONS



**IFSO 2020**  
IFSO MENAC VIRTUAL CONGRESS

October 30 – 31, 2020  
Makkah h. 5:00 pm/8:45 pm

**BARIATRICS FOR GENERAL SURGEONS**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020  
MAKKAH H. 7:15 PM/8:30 PM

**SPEAKERS**

- Moderator: Ali Almetwally (Saudi Arabia)
- Panelist: Estuardo Behrens (Guatemala)
- Khalid Mirza Gari (Saudi Arabia)
- Mohy El Soona (Egypt)
- Abdelrahman Nimeri (USA)
- Tahir Yousif (Pakistan)

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### CLINICAL CASES



**IFSO 2020**  
IFSO MENAC VIRTUAL CONGRESS

*second day*

IFSO MENAC Virtual Congress  
**CLINICAL CASES MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN BARIATRIC SURGERY**



### SATELLITE SYMPOSIA



**IFSO 2020**  
IFSO MENAC VIRTUAL CONGRESS

October 30 – 31, 2020




**IFSO 2020**  
IFSO MENAC VIRTUAL CONGRESS

*second day*

IFSO MENAC Virtual Congress  
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December

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01 May 2021 Early Bird Registration Closes	30 July 2021 Pre-Conference Registration Closes
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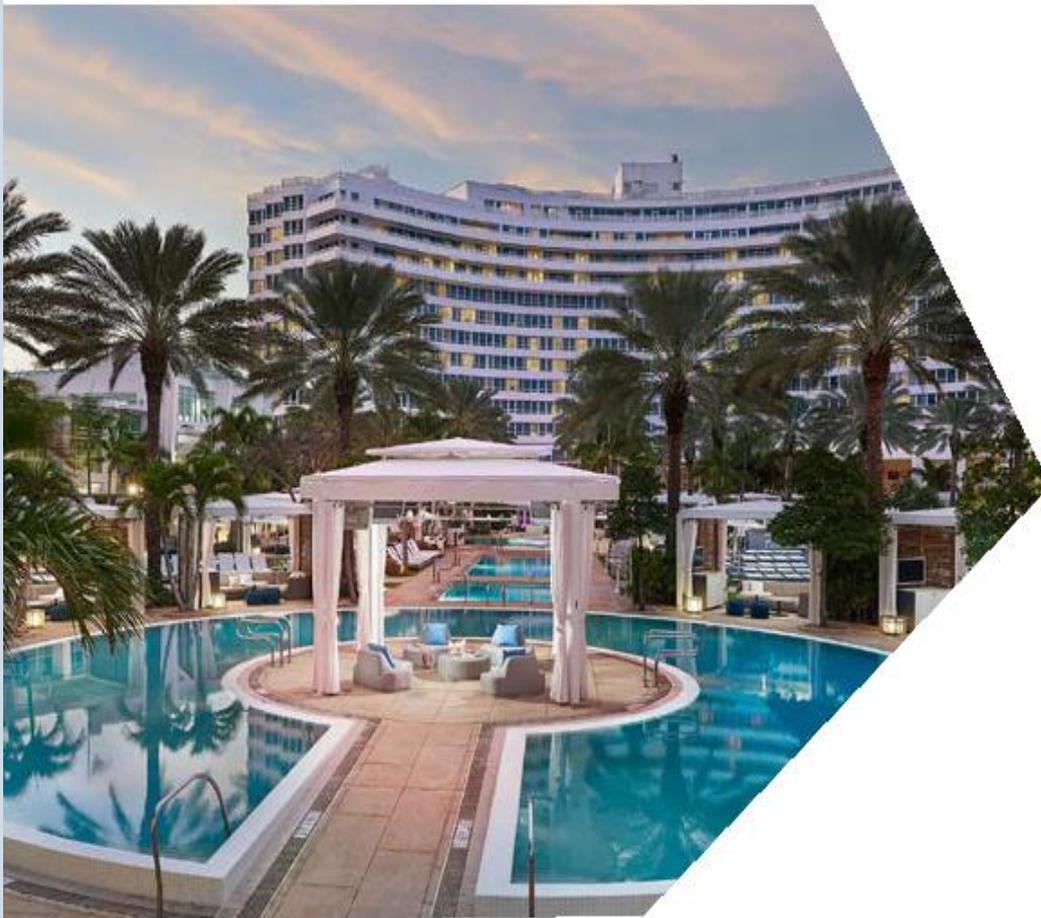


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3-7 August, 2021 | Fontainebleau, Miami, Florida

**2021 Meeting Location** will be held in its entirety at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach from 3-7 August 2021. Situated on oceanfront Collins Avenue in the heart of Millionaire's Row, Fontainebleau Miami Beach is one of the most historically and architecturally significant hotels on Miami Beach, Florida. Its iconic design is a spectacular blend of Miami's glamorous golden era and stylish modern luxury. A revered Miami Beach landmark for more than half a century, Morris Lapidus' emblematic curvilinear building sets a new standard for business and pleasure. The 22-acre oceanfront Miami Beach hotel features signature restaurants by award-winning chefs; two chic nightlife venues; a two-story spa, a virtually endless poolscape, miles of pristine beach and state-of-the-art conference and event facilities.





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## Simulation Center

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## Networking Opportunities

**Opening Ceremony + Welcome Reception:** Wednesday, 4 August 2021. Opening Ceremony is from 5:30 - 6:30pm on Wednesday evening in the Main Plenary Hall and features welcome speech by the president of IFSO as well as the President of LAC. Welcome Reception follows in the Exhibit Hall from 6:30 - 8:00pm and is an exciting event for all meeting attendees, attracting the highest attendance of all of the evening receptions. Cash bar available and hors d'oeuvres provided. Will consider shared sponsorship. Opening reception is open to all attendees.

**Charity Tennis:** Thursday, 5 August 2021. IFSO LOVES our charity sponsors. Back hand, forehand or just giving your favorite attendee a hand, please join us at the Fontainebleau Tennis Courts for our charity tennis match/tournament.

**Networking Reception:** Friday, 6 August 2021 from 4:30 - 5:30pm. The final official event for IFSO 2021! Enjoy final memories of 2021 before adjourning until 2022. Cash bar available and hors d'oeuvres provided. Networking reception open to all attendees

**Farewell Dinner:** Friday, 6 August 2021 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm. Join fellow attendees for a fantastic dinner. Fontainebleau's premiere chefs have planned a world class dinner that will cap off a great week.





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### Potential Exhibitor and Sponsor

Don't miss the chance to display your company's newest innovation or service; IFSO is expected to attract over 3000 bariatric surgeons and integrated health professionals in 2021. What better venue to showcase your company's products and services than a meeting attended by the key thought-leaders and decision-makers in the field of bariatrics? Do not miss the opportunity to be part of this important gathering of the bariatric and metabolic disorders community.

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### Become a Sponsor or Exhibitor

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Registration Information

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Conference Fees

CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD FEE (UNTIL APRIL 20, 2020)	REGULAR FEE (MAY 1, 2020 - JULY 28, 2020)	ON-SITE FEE (JULY 29, 2020 - AUGUST 1, 2020)
Delegate - IFSO / ASMBS Members	\$500	\$600	\$650
Delegate - Non Member	\$750	\$700	\$750
Integrated Health	\$275	\$325	\$350
Residents and Students	\$275	\$325	\$350

Post Graduate Courses

COURSE NAME	CATEGORY	EARLY BIRD FEE (UNTIL APRIL 20, 2020)	REGULAR FEE (MAY 1, 2020 - JULY 28, 2020)	ON-SITE FEE (JULY 29, 2020 - AUGUST 1, 2020)
2 Day Courses	Delegate - IFSO / ASMBS Members	\$325	\$375	\$450
	Delegate - Non Member	\$375	\$425	\$475
	Integrated Health	\$200	\$240	\$300
	Residents and Students	\$300	\$275	\$350
1 Day Courses	Delegate - IFSO / ASMBS Members	\$250	\$300	\$350
	Delegate - Non Member	\$300	\$400	\$500
	Integrated Health	\$175	\$225	\$300
	Residents and Students	\$200	\$250	\$350

Cancellation Policy

All modification or cancellations must be made in the online registration system.

Cancellations made by 28 May 2021 will be refunded 80% of the registration fees.

Cancellations made by 28 June 2021 will be refunded 50% of the registration fees.

Cancellations made on or after 29 June 2021 will be non-refundable.

No refunds will be made in the event of cancelled sessions or program changes.



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Early registration fees must be paid prior to the deadline for early registration, otherwise your registration fee will be updated to the current fee.



Full payment is required prior to the start of the conference. A confirmation email will be sent after payment has been received. Please review your confirmation email carefully and take note of your registration number. This number will be required to make any changes to your registration.

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Hotel reservations can be booked using the hotel booking link, however anyone without a conference registration may have their hotel registration canceled by the registration authority. Please book your conference registration prior to booking your hotel.



MeetingAdvice has blocked rooms for the dates of the Congress. Hotel requests for dates before or after the conference are subject to hotel availability.

All rates are per room per night and do not include local or state taxes.

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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



You are invited to submit abstracts for original oral, poster, and video presentations on any of the congress' scientific topics. Please visit the [www.ifso2021.com](http://www.ifso2021.com) website to see submission rules and to submit an Abstract. **Submission Deadline: March 15, 2020**

## Abstract Topics

- Adjustable gastric banding
- Anaesthesia and bariatric surgery
- Banded procedures
- Bariatric surgery in children, adolescents, and young adults
- Bariatric surgery in the over 65's
- Bariatric surgery tourism
- Basic science and research in bariatric surgery
- Cardiovascular risk and bariatric surgery
- Emergent technology, New Non-standard, and bariatric surgery
- Endoscopic and Percutaneous Interventional Procedures
- Enhanced recovery in bariatric surgery
- Physical activity, sedentary behavior, and bariatric surgery
- Fertility, pregnancy, nutrition and bariatric surgery
- Gastric bypass procedures including Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) and One Anastomosis gastric bypass (OAGB)/MGB
- Gastric Plication
- GERD and bariatric surgery
- Hernia surgery in the bariatric patient
- Integrated Health
- Investigational procedures
- Long term results (> 10 years)
- Hypo-absorptive procedures
- Management of weight regain after surgery
- Multidisciplinary care (Primary care, Medical Management)
- NASH and bariatric surgery
- Nutrition, eating behaviors before and after bariatric surgery
- Perioperative management
- Plastic surgery after weight loss
- Post-operative complications
- Behavioral health and bariatric surgery - pre and post-op challenges
- Registries and Quality in Bariatric Surgery
- Revisonal surgery
- Robotic bariatric surgery

- Sleeve gastrectomy
- Surgery and strategies for low BMI
- Type 2 diabetes and metabolic surgery
- Young IFSO session
- Surgical tourism
- Duodenal switch procedures, including Single-anastomosis DS
- Bariatric Surgery and cancer
- Impact of bariatric surgery on other surgical outcomes- transplant ortho and hernia
- Should we offer surgery to patients who smoke or drink excessive alcohol?
- A critical review of the need, or lack thereof, of preoperative weight loss
- Bariatric Surgery in Patients with Severe Heart failure, Pre-heart Transplant and those with LVADS
- Bariatric Surgery in the pediatric age group, how young should we go?
- The Training of Surgeons in Bariatric Surgery. Where are we in 2020?
- The recommendation and role of endoscopy before bariatric surgery
- Endoscopy and surveillance after bariatric surgery
- GERD and the sleeve – how to manage.
- Sleeve plus
- Bariatric training
- Pre and post-transplantation and bariatric surgery
- Sleep and bariatric surgery
- Behavioral, psychosocial, and environmental predictors of bariatric surgery outcomes
- Adjunctive interventions to enhance weight loss and prevent weight regain
- Transplants (liver, kidney)
- SADs
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## Young IFSO



**Eren Taskin**  
President of Young  
IFSO



Dear Young IFSO members,

It has been a tough year for all of us.

Many of us have to work outside of our clinics either in ICU or Covid wards. I would like to embrace you all for the efforts and self-sacrifices that you have made during these times for the whole humanity. Especially young surgeons and training surgeons were under pressure and work load these times. As young IFSO community we will be preparing a virtual winter seminar which we have planned for the January right after Christmas. It will be a very interesting concept with some key lectures also from the world class pioneers. We will bring together the seniors and will make a great discussions with the most junior surgeons to make some controversial debates.

Furthermore we made a collaboration with the online bariatric teaching platform Barialink. The 5th year anniversary of Barialink will take place in January and one best video chosen from the young IFSO members will be able to be presented in this prestigious platform. We will make the announcement soon.

We will create our Instagram account and video library in YouTube, so we can exchange more experience and techniques in this young and dynamic platform

I wish you all a merry, happy Christmas and healthy new year ahead. Please be safe and take care in the upcoming year.

Best and warmest regards,

Eren Taskin, MD

Young IFSO president on behalf of Young IFSO executive board.



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Prof. Scott A. Shikora  
*Obesity Surgery*  
Editor in Chief

This past year, *Obesity Surgery* witnessed the greatest number of manuscripts ever submitted. In the first 11 months of 2020 **1441 manuscripts** were submitted. Adjusted for a full year, we estimate receiving **1572 manuscripts** for the year. Despite the dramatic increase in submissions, we managed to reduce the processing time for a submitted manuscript to the lowest ever. Time from submission to first decision (21 days), submission to final decision (47days) and submission to Acceptance (68 day), all lowest ever.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2020

1. Last week we had our **first virtual Editorial Board Meeting**
2. Addition of visual abstracts and key points
3. First time submissions from 3 countries
4. Introduction of an "**IFSO Best paper**" monthly competition.
5. 96% overall author satisfaction
6. 70 articles published in *Obesity Surgery* are downloaded every hour
7. Greatest number of published articles 644 in 2019 compared with 399 in 2016
8. Revamped Instruction for Authors section and upgrades to the Editorial Manager web site
9. There was a slight drop in the impact factor attributed to the increased number of published papers. At the Board meeting we discussed options to raise the impact factor and tin particular to be more critical with paper selection for publication.
10. We promoted several of our best reviewers to the Editorial Board and a few of our best editors to Associate Editors

*Prof. Scott Shikora*

*Obesity Surgery* Editor in Chief



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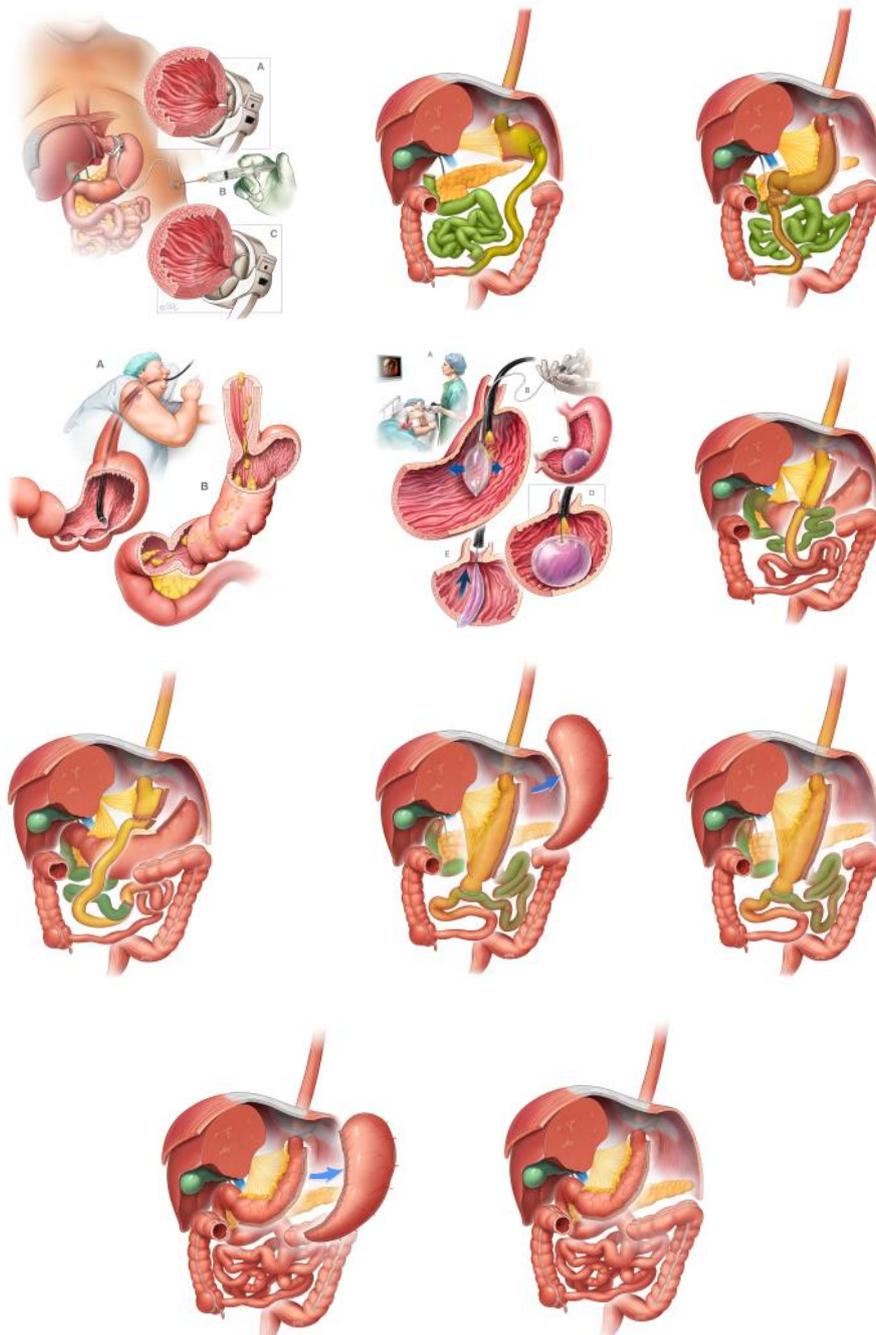


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**ATLAS OF BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY****ATLAS OF BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY**

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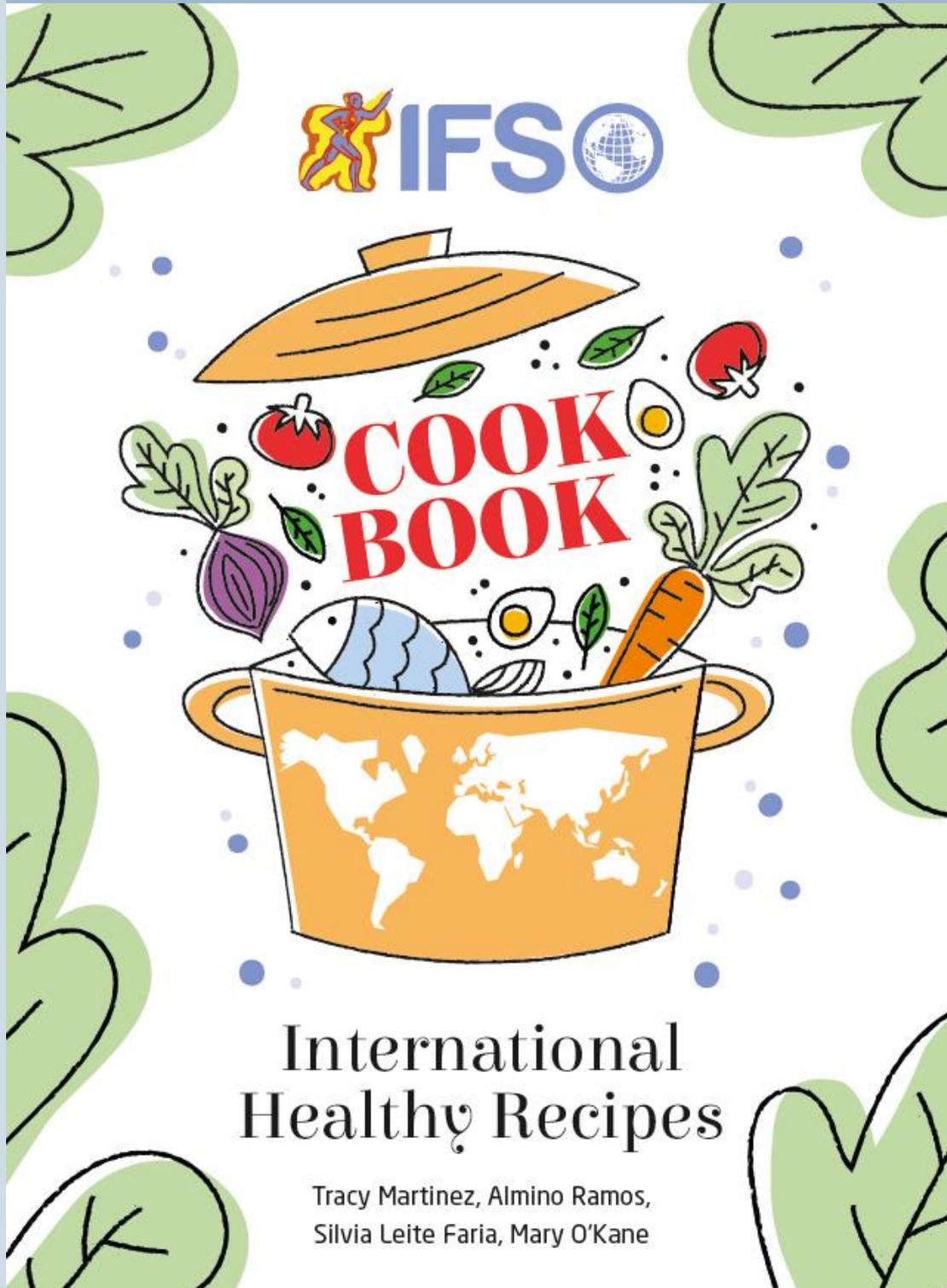


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## FACEBOOK MENTORSHIP

## MENTORSHIP ON IFSO FACEBOOK GROUP



A new mentorship programme has been added to the [IFSO Facebook Group](#) so that you can build skills and share knowledge with another member of our big community. Share your experience or learn valuable skills from someone in your group.

Here's how the programme works:

You sign up, match yourself with a partner and get helpful conversation starters each week so that you get to know each other better. It's up to you how much time you want to spend together and what goals you want to work towards.



## FACEBOOK MENTORSHIP

- **Who can request a mentor?**

Any group member can ask someone to mentor them when they see that person listed as a mentor. Group members can also offer to mentor people.

- **Who can become a mentor?**

Anyone who has experience and a skill to share can offer support in the mentorship programme. Your mentor's advice is their own opinion and not that of Facebook or your admin(s). All participation is voluntary. Your mentor's advice is not meant to substitute professional advice.

- **How much experience should mentors have?**

Mentors should have enough knowledge about the topic to give good advice to someone with less experience.

- **How do I communicate with my partner about the mentorship?**

Once you've been paired with someone, you'll be connected in Messenger and in a one-to-one mentorship programme.

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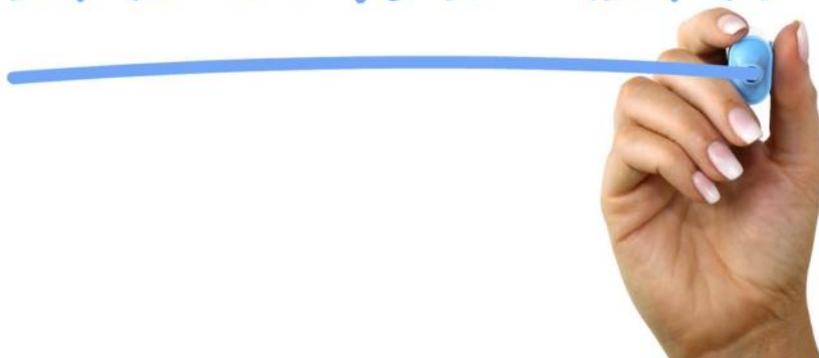
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# ENDORSEMENT



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Endorsed events will be:

- listed on IFSO’s Website on the “Endorsed meetings” page, with a link to the congress website
- included on IFSO’s E-newsletter
- E-mailed twice to IFSO Members
- advertised once on IFSO Facebook page
- the Director may include IFSO’s Endorsement statement and IFSO Logo on promotional materials among the endorsing institutions, exclusively with the following text: “Endorsed by” before the logo of IFSO.

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## Endorsement of Webinars

### IFSO ENDORSEMENT OF WEBINARS

Endorsement requests must be sent to [IFSO Secretariat](#) together with the scientific program of the Webinar. IFSO-Communication Committee will carefully review the concepts and objectives of the Webinar as well as the faculty, the structure and content of the Webinar, in deciding about the endorsement.

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If you think your Webinar fulfils the above mentioned requirements, please send your request to [info@ifso.com](mailto:info@ifso.com) by filling the applicaton form together with a PDF file of the scientific program.

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

#### Fees

INDIVIDUALS: \$100,00

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## Endorsement of Survey

### IFSO ENDORSEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEYS

IFSO can assist its members who would like help with the content and / or distribution of surveys to the broader membership of IFSO. This is in keeping with the mission of IFSO:

**TO UNIFY THE GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC, SURGICAL AND INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMUNITIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE, COLLABORATION AND ESTABLISHING UNIVERSAL STANDARDS OF CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ADIPOSITY-BASED CHRONIC DISEASE.**

IFSO can assist by reviewing the content, suggesting changes and distributing materials (e.g. background to the survey, letters of invitation, questionnaires) to its members. However, IFSO will not be responsible for the follow up of responses, response rate, nor for the collection/analysis of responses/data. The surveys and their analyses will be the sole responsibility of the issuing member.

However, IFSO has a responsibility to ensure that the purpose of the survey is relevant and that the internal validity of the methodology is sound and of a high standard. Accordingly, absolute criteria have been developed to ensure that these requirements are met.

Distributing the survey will be pending review and approval of IFSO scientific committee.

Detailed info about the application guidelines are available [here](#)  
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IFSO Endorsed meetings/webinars



Webinar  
**E-BARI Debate:  
 "Bariatric Surgery in an Ambulatory  
 Care Setting"**

Tuesday, January 26  
 16:00 -17:30 CET

Webinar Registration:  
 CLICK HERE to register or scan the QR Code



**Johnson & Johnson  
 Institute Webinar  
 E-BARI Debate January:  
 Bariatric Surgery in an  
 Ambulatory Care Setting**

Tuesday, January 26  
 16:00 -17:30 CET

Download programme  
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January 21, 2021

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**21st  
 January  
 2021**

**17.00 – 19.00**  
 (Brussels Time)

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Webinar Topic  
**"Five good reasons why we should abandon the old 'Bariatric' label and replace it with the 'Metabolic' instead"**

08:00 AM EST | 03:00 AM CST | 07:00 AM PST

**Wednesday December 16, 2020**

Five Distinguished Speakers

Moderators: Dr. Walter Pories, Dr. Antonio Gargano

Speakers: Dr. William Anthony, Dr. Erik Nordmark, Dr. Nathan Sengen, Dr. Michael Engelen

**Five good reasons why  
 we should abandon the  
 old "Bariatric" label  
 and replace it with the  
 "Metabolic" instead"**

**December 16** at 9-11 am  
 Central Time  
 4-6 pm Central Europe  
 Time



**IFSO Endorsed meetings/webinars**



**Johnson & Johnson Institute Webinar**

Webinar  
**E-BARI Debate December:  
 "Revisional Surgery in Bariatric  
 Non-Responders"**

E-BARI Debate November:  
 Revisional Bariatric Surgery  
 Tuesday, December 3 - 5, 2020  
 16:00 -17:30 CET

Tuesday, December 15  
 16:00 -17:30 CET

Webinar Registration:  
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**POSTPONED TO THE  
 SECOND SEMESTER OF 2021**

**XXI Brazilian Congress of  
 Bariatric and Metabolic  
 Surgery**

December 3-5, 2020  
 São Paulo, Brazil



**ESBS 2020 Online Conference**  
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 2020**

November 19-20, 2020  
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**BARIlink online course:**

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JOIN THE NEXT BARIlink ACADEMY VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

**19th November 2020**

14.30 – 16.30 (Brussels Time)



Webinar  
**E-BARI Debate November: Safety of Metabolic Surgery during COVID/Pandemic**

Tuesday, November 10  
18:00 - 17:30 CET

Webinar Registration: [CLICK HERE](#) to register or scan the QR Code



**Johnson / Johnson Institute Webinar**

E-BARI Debate November: Safety of Metabolic Surgery during COVID/Pandemic  
Tuesday, November 10

**WOF SCOPE SCHOOL Global and 2nd UAE Obesity Conference (UOC) Joint Conference**  
October 22nd-24th and November 26-28th



Held in conjunction with World Obesity's Strategic Centre for Obesity Professional Education (SCOPE) School.

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**UAE Obesity Conference**

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October 15-16, 2020



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Webinar  
**E-BARI Debate October SADI-S**

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**E-BARI Debate October SADI-S**  
Tuesday, October 13 at 16:00 - 17:30 Central Europe Time

**Advanced Skills in Bariatric/ Metabolic Surgery**

October 4-6, 2020

**3rd Advanced Bariatric/ Metabolic Postgraduate Course**

October 7-30, 2020

**4th Advanced Bariatric/ Metabolic Postgraduate Course**

November 2-27, 2020



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Dr. Sergio Verboonen

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**Online Bariatric Nutrition Course**  
October 3rd - December 5th, 2020

**Johnson / Johnson Institute Webinar**

**E-BARI Debate September OAGB-MGB**

Monday, September 14 16:00 -17:30 CET



Johnson & Johnson INSTITUTE

Webinar  
**E-BARI Debate September OAGB-MGB**

Monday, September 14 16:00 -17:30 CET

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2020 International Congress on Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome  
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**ICOMES 2020**  
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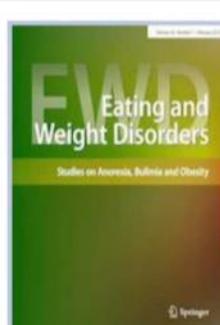
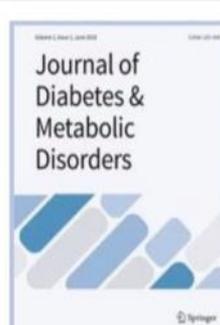
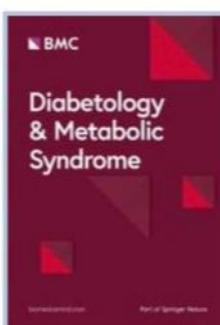
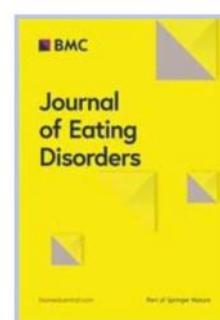
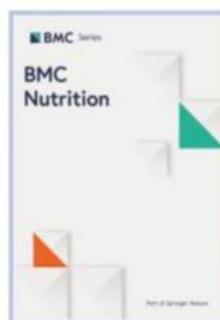
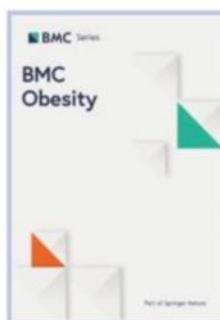
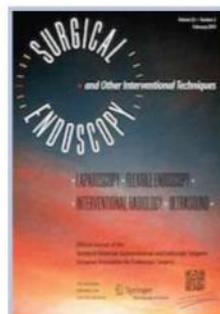
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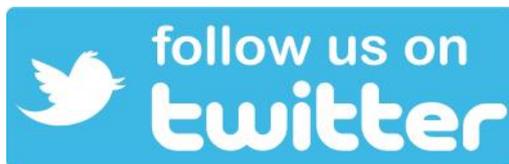


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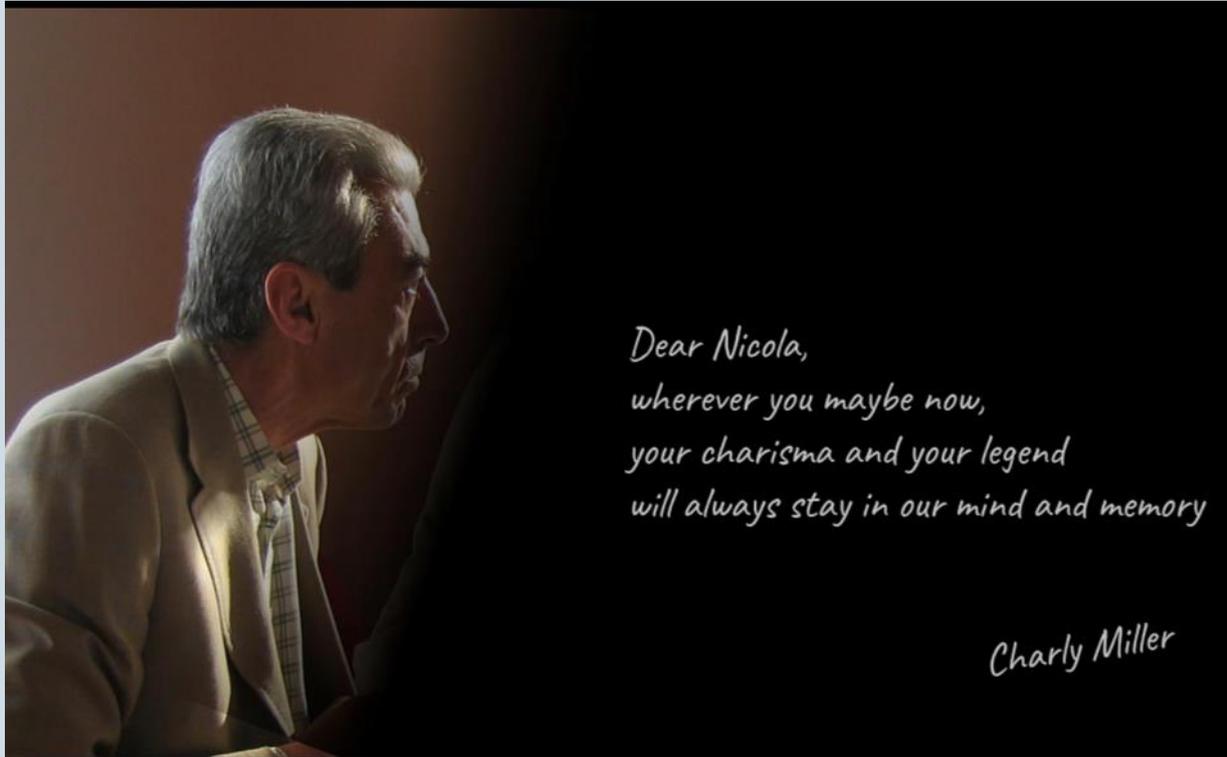
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