



Message from the President



Jacques Himpens
President of IFSO

My Dear Friends,

it seems like yesterday that I started my term as President of IFSO, but this is already my last presidential address. I believe this last letter is meant to summarize all the achievements reached during the past 10 months, but the truth is that it is Kelvin Higa, the immediate past-president, who initiated most of my accomplishments.

The Middle East-North Africa Chapter (MENAC), a new fifth Chapter was born, important changes were made within IFSO, such as the decision to alternate the world congress venue over the 5 Chapters, and some Chapters have agreed with the principle of having our core-PCO organize their Chapter meetings, hereby reducing their financial risks.

It was my first goal to implement a universal Registry, in continuation of the work of -again- predecessors, including especially Michel Gagner and Luigi Angrisani. Many countries have eventually accepted to share their data and make them available for the fourth world-wide registry that will be presented at the upcoming Dubai World Congress. But even though the data of some 400.000 patients will be included, some leading countries, or even continents, will still not be represented. There are many reasons for this, and the ever-increasing privacy protecting rules, such as the European GDPR are just one of them. I, however, remain confident that our data Registry Committee and its controlling counterpart, the Data Protection Committee, will continue moving forward and eventually will find the ways to achieve the right methods to collect fully anonymized, universal patient data and insert them into a scientifically valid registry. No doubt, the discussion on this very subject will be one of the highlights of our Dubai World Congress. I still believe it is of the utmost importance that, thanks to unbiased and transparent outcome data, we can show our political leaders, health care officials but also the public, that we are working well in the fight against adiposity and its related chronic diseases.

At the present stage, with our surgical procedures we help only a minority of candidates suffering from obesity, and the danger exists that in the future even fewer patients will be helped, because the perception of the politic leaders and of the public seems to be moving in the wrong direction.



Message from the President

As I sat down at my desk to write this letter, a paper from the University of East-Anglia, published in the June issue of the Obesity journal came to my attention. (Muttarak R, Obesity 2018; 26(7):1125-29). In this article, based on the self-assessment of 23,459 participants over 16 years of age with BMI>25 kg/m² (2/3 overweight, and 1/3 with obesity), it appeared that the number of individuals underestimating their overweight was on the rise, reaching an astonishing 57.9% of men and 30.6% of women. Importantly, underassessment of weight status (underestimating overweight and obesity status) was negatively associated with attempts to lose weight, with 85% reduction in the odds of trying to lose weight. Of note, the odds of misperception of weight status significantly declined with the level of education and income, making the problem of "weight misperception" typically one of lower socio-economic classes.

This means that, in our "modern society" a great number of individuals, especially in the less-favoured population groups, do not correctly evaluate the problem of their excess weight. We certainly are all in favour of reducing stigmatization of people suffering from obesity, but we should be aware of the fact that nowadays society increasingly appears to find the condition acceptable despite the well-known and sufficiently proven specific weight-related risks.

In other words, we should be on our guards when the fashion industry starts promoting "big sizes are OK": the pejorative consequences in terms of public health may be unsuspected.

I think that with Almino Ramos, my successor, the right person has been chosen to increase the exposure of the multiple future tasks for IFSO. I am confident he will not hesitate to address all the modern means of communication to sensitise the public and indeed the health care professionals.

I thank all the Chapter Presidents, but also the Chapter Members for their efforts to make IFSO a more representative and better effective society.

And above all, I want to thank Manuela and Stefanie for their professionalism, enthusiasm and outright love for the IFSO family.

I am now leaving the IFSO leadership in the best of hands.

Again, thank you all!

Jacques Himpens, IFSO President



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Gerhard Prager
President of
European Chapter

Report from the European Chapter

From May 17th to May 19th 2018 we had a fantastic IFSO-EC congress in Athens with 549 registered attendees. Due to the efforts of the scientific committee (tx to Rachel Batterham and Ralph Peterli) the participants experienced a vibrant professional program. Our local host, congress president Harris Pappis, spoiled the participants from 53 countries (24 European countries) with typical Greek hospitality.

After our annual congress I succeeded Prof. Michel Suter from Switzerland as IFSO-EC President. With the eminent support of our Executive Board and especially our Executive Director, Martin Fried, I will do my best to continue the excellent work of Michel Suter, serving our society.

In the next years we will try to further improve our collaboration with the European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO): In 2016 we had a very outstanding congress TOGETHER with the EASO in Gothenborg. Now we fixed a remake of this joint congress for 2022 – the bidding process will start soon...

The united voice of surgeons (IFSO-EC) AND internists (EASO) is more likely to be listened to by the authorities of the European Community (EC). For our patients we will strive forward the recognition of obesity as a disease and bariatric/metabolic surgery to be approved by the EC authorities as the most effective therapy, enabling our patients unlimited access to this treatment option.

Another goal is to even involve more national societies to participate in the IFSO-EC congresses actively.

Dr. Juan Pujol Rafols, the head of our Communication and Development Committee is working hard to provide more support for our members through IFSO-EC homepage: Soon you will be able to select from a variety of videos on different operation methods and interesting clinical cases. Our next annual congress will take place in Lyon under the patronage of Jerome D'Argent from May 2nd to May 4th - please block these days in your schedule for 2019!

Best wishes, Gerhard Prager



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**Prof. Michael Suter handing over the awards to the
IFSO-EC Scholarship Winners during the Award Ceremony**



Mykola Kryvopoustov, Ukraine



Radu Mihail Mirica, Romania



Tuure Saarinen, Finland



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IFSO-EC 2018 IN ATHENS, GREECE

The 8th Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders – European Chapter (IFSO-EC) took place in Athens, Greece from 17 till 19 of May, 2018.

IFSO-EC 2018 attended 549 registered participants and exhibitors from all over the world:

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

1	Greece	59	6	Belgium	23
2	Netherlands	57	7	Switzerland	23
3	Germany	34	8	France	22
4	Israel	33	9	United Kingdom	22
5	Italy	26	10	Austria	20





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ABSTRACTS

265 accepted abstracts

28 accepted videos – presented in lecture rooms during the sessions and in the foyer at the video stations

93 posters presented in 4 sessions in the foyer



CME ACCREDITATION

8th IFSO-EC has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCMAaE®) with 14 European CME credits (ECMEC®s).



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FARAWELL EVENT

Farewell event took place at the Septem Prive right by the sea. The evening was full of traditional flavours, colours and music that brought a memorable night for all attendees.





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE IFSO-EC ATHENS CONGRESS



... Bariatric surgery and non-alcoholic Fatty liver disease
4-5 p. 164

... Fibrosis stage is the strongest predictor for disease
15-61(5) p. 1547-54

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**The next European Chapter Symposium will be in Lyon
(France) on May 2-4, 2019**

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SYMPOSIUM
2 - 4 MAY 2019**



*See you in Lyon
for 2nd IFSO EC Symposium!*



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FRANCE: Société Française et Francophone de Chirurgie de l'Obésité et des Maladies Métaboliques (SOFFCO.MM)

- The French Society for Obesity and related comorbidities Surgery has taken major steps this year. Because we are under close scrutiny at the moment in France, more than 60.000 operations having been performed in 2017, we have initiated a National Registry since January 2018, with a steady growth till now (more than 3.000 procedures already registered in May).
- We try to enforce our version of accreditation, and promote the notion of "Center of excellence" (more precisely center with a label).
- Scientifically, the National Congress attracts now more than 600 participants each year, the Nancy edition has taken place in May, next one will be Lille (May 2019).
- We decided to setup up a "Integrated Health Committee", as requested by IFSO.
- Several recommendations will be issued in September 2018: 1) Principles of label in accredited centers, minimal number of procedures per center, 2) Full implementation of the National Registry; 3) Recommendations for the fire-workers with a bariatric procedure; 4) Endoscopic surveillance after sleeve gastrectomy and omega bypass.
- We are hosting the IFSO-European Chapter Symposium in Lyon, May 2-4, 2019; and most likely will be candidate for the World IFSO-meeting in 2023.

Jerome Dargent

SOFFCO.MM President



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GERMANY: Surgical Working Group of Obesity Therapy (CA-ADIP)

In the past year the German centers held their "1. National Convention of Certified Centers" in which various mainly "political" problems were discussed and statements concerning pressing health care issues were made:

- Cost compensation for bariatric surgery
- Funding of "follow-up" visits after surgery
- Introduction of the "German Bariatric ChirNet" platform to standardize research in bariatric surgery allowing centers to reach the requirements for certification.

Our most pressing issue is still the lack of political support in order to introduce more structure to the treatment of obesity in Germany. Patients are required to undergo multidisciplinary conservative programs in order to qualify for surgery, however these programs hardly exist and are not being financed by the health insurance. A paradox that has to be overcome.

The board of Directors of the German working group (CAADIP) is facing mainly these "political" tasks and secondly surgical topics.

Let us hope that the fact that "Prevention and Therapy of Obesity" has finally found a place in the coalition treaty of the new found German Government, will make our work easier.

Dieter Birk

President of CAADIP



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THE NETHERLANDS: Dutch Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (DSMBS)

The Dutch Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery is looking back at a very successful year. Surgical volume is not surprisingly rising in the Netherlands. The Dutch Institute for Statistics just published the most recent numbers on obesity in the Netherlands. Although obesity is not as big of a problem in the Netherlands compared to other European countries, obesity class 2 has risen to 2,3% and class 3 obesity to 0,9% (100.000).

DATO, the Dutch Audit for the Treatment of Obesity has had the opportunity to publish it's genesis in Obesity Surgery. DATO just closed it's third year of registration and we are already able to do in registry research. We will demonstrate some results in Dubai during IFSO2018.

Dutch participation at IFSO2017 in London and during IFSO-EC2018 in Athens was very satisfying. Not only the number of delegates, but also the amount of research presented during scientific sessions was impressive. We hope to be as successful in Dubai.

Our own annual congress in April this year was very well attended. During this day we have our DSMBS general council meeting and Dutch research in bariatric and metabolic surgery is presented mostly by young investigators. We are very content and proud of the amount of research that is taking place in the Netherlands. With 12.500 primary bariatric procedures per year and the amount of research performed, the Netherlands and DSMBS are an important added value to IFSO-EC.

We will continue to work on outcome driven care and improvement of existing techniques and new insights.

We hope to be able to welcome IFSO to Amsterdam in 2023!

Enjoy the summer and see you in Dubai,

With very kind regards from the Netherlands,

Ronald Liem

President of DSMBS



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RUSSIA: Society of Bariatric Surgeons of Russia (SBSR)

Together with endocrinologists, an update of clinical recommendations for the treatment of morbid obesity was published. This is the joint work of the Russian Association of Endocrinologists and the Russian Society of Bariatric Surgeons. The new version takes into account all the latest indications for surgical treatment and details.

One of the main goals of the society is to disseminate information about bariatric surgery among specialists and patients. Thus, the society expects to increase several times the number of bariatric procedures in Russia. Under the auspices of the society, various events were held - the Forum of Physicians and Patients, classes within the framework of national surgical congresses. Such activities allow the dissemination of information about bariatric surgery in Russia.

Also, educational events were organized in the format of training seminars and master classes.

In Stavropol from August 23 to 24, 2018, the Russian Bariatric National Congress will be held.

We saw a very large activity of community members in IFSO events. The last IFSO-EC congress in Athens was attended by 12 delegates from Russia.

Aleksandr Neimark

President of (SBSR)





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SOUTH AFRICA: South African Association for Obesity and Metabolism (SASSO)

The first semester of 2018 has brought some changes along, especially in the Centre of Excellence situated in the Netcare Waterfall City Hospital in Midrand, Gauteng. This is the only Internationally accredited Centre and is the training Centre for all the Centers located in Gauteng, the Free State, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Cape Town and KwaZulu-Natal.

The tallies received from all our Centers of Excellence for Metabolic Medicine and Surgery in South Africa for the past year, have shown a sharp increase in bariatric surgery. Obesity and its current rate of increase makes surgical procedure the choice of the morbidly obese person or people with a BMI of 35>. Patients who suffer from Diabetes and have a BMI of 30 are now considered by Discovery Health Medical Aid to have the surgery. Younger patients – 14 yrs. and older, are considered by Discovery Health Medical Aid on a case-to-case basis, depending on the comorbidities of each patient. Though this is only permitted at the Waterfall City Hospital's Centre of Excellence for Metabolic Medicine and Surgery.

The World Obesity Federation estimates that, by 2025, 2.4 billion adults and 270 million school-age children will be above a healthy weight. Of these, 850 million adults and 90 million school-age children will suffer from obesity.

Currently three procedures are performed. The Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass, the BPD-DS and recently the Gastric Plication. However, only 3 Centers in the country are accredited to perform the BPDS. They are Netcare Waterfall City Hospital, Sunward Park Hospital and N1 City Hospital. The Gastric Plication is only performed at the Netcare Waterfall City Hospital.

Highlights and changes:

The South African Women's Health featured articles this year on Fruit Juices and Sugar Tax, as well as Childhood obesity and why it matters what children eat at school, articles written by our Centre's Certified Dieticians respectively. With the recent 11% tax on sugary beverages, these articles were well received.

We were fortunate to receive a request for research collaboration and had a visit from Assistant Professor Dr Emma Börgeson. She leads the research team at the Wallenberg Laboratory for Cardiovascular & Metabolic Research, Institute of Medicine Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.



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responsibility to make everyone aware of the solution to sleep disorders that has become part of our lives. There are many dangers associated with this and the public needs to be made aware of the latter.

SASSO is a member of IFSO (International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders) who has members in over forty different countries and is constantly requesting more surgeons with a passion for obesity surgery to join. We are therefore proud to announce that three newly accredited surgeons have recently join the national CEMMSA team. In South Africa we now have 12 Accredited Surgeons.

Registered dieticians in our International Accredited Centre are involved in the training of ward hostesses and an annual graduation ceremony where VIP's in the Hospital Catering industry are invited as guests, has emanated as a result. These graduates can work at any accredited hospital that performs bariatric procedures. Netcare Waterfall City Hospital is pivotal in being part of this first ever training of ward hostesses in the world.

Our Centre is constantly looking for ways to evolve and this year we have changed the way in which we educate the public. We have two websites, one for SASSO and one for CEMMS at Waterfall City. Visit the SASSO website: www.sasso-online.org as well as the CEMMS website at www.cemmswaterfallcity.com. Our Facebook profile is CEMMS Waterfall and we can be found on Instagram: CEMMS Waterfall City OR @cemmswaterfallcity We urge our patients and interested parties to subscribe to our blog and to follow us on Facebook and Instagram – social media has become the ultimate source in immediate communication and marketing. Myths on obesity and bariatric surgery, procedures available, warnings on fad diets, healthy food, to mention but a few, can be read in the newsletters on the websites.

We hosted several surgeons and dieticians for the 3 day-training sessions in our Centre of Excellence and this comprehensive training is vital for proper accreditation to our bariatric programmes. It is also expected before the trainees arrive, that the hospitals where they are practicing, are accredited by the CEO of SASSO, Prof Tess van der Merwe and Dr Gary Fetter, Specialist Surgeon, with more than 2000 surgeries to his credit.

Tessa van der Merwe
President of SASSO



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SPAIN: Sociedad Española de Cirugía de la Obesidad (SECO)

The Spanish Society of Obesity Surgery (SECO) has always considered the training as one of the pillars for the development of bariatric surgery in our country. Because of this, 10 years ago, we designed a training program in bariatric surgery with 5 phases (theoretical, experimental surgery, live surgery, minifellowship and mentoring).

The program has a great success and more than 2000 surgeons have completed some of the phases. Within the program, in 2018 we have carried out several courses, some of them in our website www.seco.org: the 4th edition of the advanced course in bariatric surgery (with more than 150 participants), the emergency course in bariatric surgery in its third edition in Spanish (more than 170 participants), its second edition in Portuguese and new editions in 2018 in English (still open for registration on www.e-bariatric.com) and in Italian with the collaboration of SICOB in October. We have also made a new edition of our obesity treatment course for nurses and dietitian.

Through our foundation (FUNSECO) we have offered this year 40 scholarships for the course in experimental surgery and 18 scholarships for the rest of the phases of the bariatric training program. 10% of SECO members have received some support for research or training in the form of scholarships or research prizes with a total amount of 125.000 €.

On our website www.seco.org you can also find clinical cases, a newsletter, publications and the clinical path of enhanced recovery in bariatric surgery which is also available in our App for Android (SECO) and IOS (FUNSECO), in this App you can find other useful tools for the bariatric surgeon. In addition to the web, our diverse forms of communication include the BMI journal, where you can find videos, articles and scientific communications from our partners and collaborators from all over the world. BMI journal is already available in English, with a system of peer review and ready to be indexed. We are now working on a system of accreditation of multidisciplinary teams and cooperating with the preparation of the **24th IFSO world congress in Madrid from September 3 to 7, 2019.**

Raquel Sánchez Santos
Vicepresident of SECO

Jose Ramirez Felipe
President of SECO



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John Morton
President of North
American Chapter

NAC Meeting at ASMBS Weekend

The IFSO North American Chapter (NAC) had a great meeting during ASMBS

Weekend in New York City. The president of the chapter, Dr. John Morton, directed the course, *Your Window to the World*, and faculty included Laurent Biertho, MD, Jaime Ponce, MD, Natan Zundel, MD, Cori McBride, MD, and Paul Enochs, MD. Topics included quality initiatives, ambulatory bariatric surgery, endoscopic procedures, fellowship curriculum, duodenal switch, and IFSO future meetings.

Next year, the NAC will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) annual Canadian Obesity Weekend.



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ObesityWeek 2018

November 11-15, 2018
Nashville, TN

ASMBS is now gearing up for ObesityWeek 2018 to be held November 11 – 15 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The theme for this year's meeting is **Getting to the Heart of the Matter**.

We have dedicated a certain portion of ObesityWeek to the heart, with topics that highlight all relevant aspects of managing patients with the cardiac component of obesity. Dr. Steven Nissen, Chairman of the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic, will serve as the opening keynote speaker for ObesityWeek.

Additionally, there will be an abstract session devoted to cardiac issues within the bariatric population and other cardiac highlights during the meeting.

The Edward Mason Lecturer this year will be Dr. Harvey Sugerman, editor of the ASMBS Journal *SOARD* and past president of the ASMBS, and the Integrated Health Keynote is Dr. Randy Seeley who will be speaking on hormones that regulate food intake, body weight and the levels of circulating fuels.

Register today to join more than 4,000 health professionals at ObesityWeek 2018 in Nashville. [Click here](#) to register.

Network with fellow international colleagues throughout the conference. Join us on Nov. 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Music City Convention Center as the night comes to an end.





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After you've registered for ObesityWeek, you will receive an email with a link to book your room at our discounted rate.

We have 10 hotels that you can choose from, giving you the freedom to select the right one for you.

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Register and reserve your room today.

To view the full list of hotels, please visit <https://obesityweek.com/hotel-information>.

John Morton

North American Chapter President



Latin American Chapter Report



Guatemala, June 24th. 2018

Ricardo Cohen
President of Latin
American Chapter

IFSO LAC REPORT 14

Dear Dr. Cohen:

This is my third report to you, and the last one as Executive Director of IFSO LAC. As you know, Mr. President, I am the President-Elect of our Chapter for 2019-2021. One of the greatest honors I have had in my Academic Career is to have been the Executive Director of IFSO LAC for the last 5 years. I have met a lot of new friends all over the world, but the most incredible experience has been serving the Latin-American Obesity Surgery community. Under the Presidency of Natan Zundel (2013-2015), Juan Antonio López-Corvalá (2015-2017) and yours (2017-2019), our chapter has gained credibility worldwide. Actually, IFSO LAC has a Legal Personality, own Bank account, a friendly website, a Presidents Whatsapp Chat and several other benefits that our 16 Country Member Societies enjoy. I am passing the Executive Director position to Sergio Aparicio MD FACS FASMBS from Bolivia, who is an honorable Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeon. Dr. Aparicio has demonstrated in the past his highly organizational skills. Of course, the General Assembly of IFSO LAC has accepted unanimously all of the above mentioned, in our last Extraordinary General Assembly this past June 7th 2018 in Fortaleza, Brasil. So, by now it is my pleasure to report what happened in our Chapter in the last 4 months, from March 2018 to June 2018.

1) We had several communications with our member societies, more of them through our Whatsapp CHAT IFSO LAC, this way of communication has been more effective than the e-mail. It is faster and concise. This Chat helps the Past Presidents of each Member Society to maintain a better and continuing communication. The new Presidents of our Member Societies are now very well connected with us. There have been some changes: the new President of Argentina (SACO) is Felipe Fiolo, instead of Mario Antozzi, from Colombia the New President is Eduardo Silva, instead of Cesar Guevara, and from Ecuador the new President is Glenda Herrera,



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instead of Max Torres. Thank you very much to Mario, Cesar and Max for all those years of friendship and hard work in their respective Society.

2) **International Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery meetings, symposia and courses.** From March 22nd. To 24th. 2018 IFSO LAC participated actively in the BMSS-WOCOM (BARIATRIC METABOLIC SURGERY STANDARDIZATION – WORLD CONSENSUS MEETING), in New Delhi, India at The Taj Majal Hotel, with the participation of representatives of the 5 Chapters of IFSO.



Representatives from all over the world got together to Standardize the Art of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

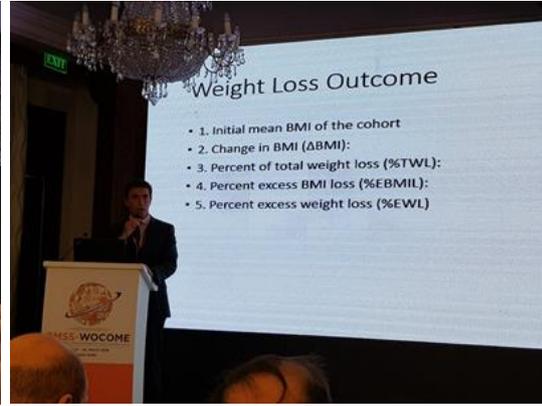
Dr. Nelson Rodriguez from Mexico participated in a round table



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Dr. Natan Zundel covered Small Bowel Anatomy



Dr. Camilo Boza presented Weight Loss Outcome.

BMSS – WOCOME



Those were the leaders of this World Consensus Meeting, under the direction of Dr. MAL Fobi and our host Dr. Mohit Bhandari. Thank you very much. We were treated as Kings in New Delhi.



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This wonderful lady is Ngwebifor Fobi, quietly she helped all of the participants in the arrangement of the logistics of the meeting.
Thank you Ngwebi.

We shared good moments.





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Last but not least, from June 6th to 9th 2018 there was the XIX Congress of the Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia Bariátrica e Metabólica (SBCBM), in Fortaleza, Brasil. IFSO LAC participated actively in the academic program and we have had our Latin-American symposium.



Dr. Caetano Marchesini (President of the SBCBM) kindly invited the Presidents of the IFSO LAC Member Societies to participate in the Brazilian Congress in Fortaleza. It was a great meeting, the Faculty, the facilities, the rooms, the courses, the symposia, the lectures, the Presidential Address, etc.



In the Exhibition Centre



We shared with the Great Masters in the Professor's dinner, in Fortaleza.

Our IFSO LAC SYMPOSIUM was developed on June 7th. 2018 in the Morro Branco room, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The symposium had 3 modules, and at the end we have had the General Extraordinary Assembly.



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Dr. Marcos Berry (Chile) and Dr. Felipe Fiolo (Argentina) were discussing a difficult case during the meeting.



Dr. Tarissa Petry from Sao Paulo gave guidelines to manage the patients with recidivism of Diabetes and other comorbidities after Surgery.



Dr. Ricardo Cohen on how to define "responders" and "non responders" after Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.



Dr. Almino Ramos taught us What to do when the Sleeve fails? Bypass, Redo?

Dr. Luis Ernesto López from Colombia gave us an update in the use of Digital Media for Bariatric Surgeons.





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Finally, we had the IFSO LAC Extraordinary General Assembly with the participation of 11 Country Members. This was a very important meeting, because the previous meeting was on April 2017. In this meeting I passed the position of Executive Director to Dr. Sergio Aparicio from Bolivia, as mentioned before; so from now on I will be in the position of President-Elect and I will take the Presidency in April 2019 in Argentina during the VIII Latin-American congress of IFSO LAC. It was a privilege to work for IFSO LAC.

Another very important topic during this Extraordinary Assembly was the information regarding the advances of the VIII Latin-American Congress. This meeting will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from April 23rd. to 26th. 2019, in the Hotel Panamericano. In order to have a very well-organized meeting 2 joint committees have been designated, one from IFSO LAC and the other from SACO (Sociedad Argentina de Cirugía de Obesidad). Both committees will be directed by Dr. Ricardo Cohen (IFSO LAC) and Dr. Felipe Fiolo (SACO). The last topic of this Assembly was the presentation for Country Hosting for the IX Latin-American Congress in 2021, Dr. Ariel Rivera from Costa Rica proposed his country for this meeting. He made a formal presentation in Multimedia showing that Costa Rica has the infrastructure for this kind of meetings. This is the 3rd time that Costa Rica asked for the opportunity of having the IFSO LAC Congress. They presented in the last 3 IFSO LAC Assemblies. After Dr. Rivera's presentation, Dr. Luis Ernesto López from Colombia, proposed Cartagena as the city for the IX Latin-American Congress. Dr. López, understood that Costa Rica has been looking for this opportunity and he decided to support Costa Rica for being the next host country, asking to the General Assembly for the support to Cartagena, Colombia in 2023. The General Assembly congratulates to Dr. López for his gentleness and supports Costa Rica for his proposition. This must be formally presented and voted in Buenos Aires, Argentina on April 2019.



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Dr. Ariel Rivera from Costa Rica



Dr. Luis Ernesto López from Colombia



IFSO LAC EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 11 Countries represented.

3) Well Mr. President, this is all what happened in the last 4 months of work here in IFSO LAC. It was a privilege to work with you as Executive Director, from now on Dr. Sergio Aparicio will take care of this position, I assure you my full support as President-Elect during your last year as President of IFSO LAC. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,



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Asia Pacific Chapter Report



Report from the Asia Pacific Chapter

Dear Members,

**Muffazal
Lakdawala**
President of Asia
Pacific Chapter

It is my pleasure to report what has happened in our Chapter in the last 3 months, from April 2018 to June 2018.

We had several communications with our member Societies.

Several International Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery meetings, symposia and courses took place in IFSO APC in this period.

IFSO APC participated actively in these meetings, and helped in developing a Bariatric and Metabolic Symposium with a very well attended audience.

Dr. Kazunori Kasama, from Japan, has been appointed as the President Elect of IFSO APC 2018-2020.

We have reached an agreement with APMBSS and its current President Dr. Simon Wong to host IFSO APC every year going forward . The Board has approved that IFSO's core PCO shall be the organising PCO for all further IFSO APC meetings for the next 5 years.

The Board has approved an Accreditation Committee { Dr. M. Lakdawala, Dr. P. Chowbey , Dr. K. Kasama , Dr. C.K. Huang and Dr. Ahmad Aly } to oversee the appointment of IFSO APC Training Centres and Faculty to facilitate more surgeons to be trained from the region.

We have appointed an Integrated Health Committee to be headed by Dr John Dixon and assisted by Dr. Kwang Wei from Singapore and Carlyne Remedios from India. The newly appointed Scientific Committee shall have Dr. Wei Jee Lee from Taiwan heading it to encourage publications and research from the region.



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We have a brand new website www.ifso-apc.com with a special feature of online training modules as well as a representation of all papers published from the region easily accessible for the members . There shall also be a section of learning videos on it. So please check it out!

We have a brand new enthusiastic Secretarial team, headed by Manuela and ably assisted by Stefanie, which was approved at the last Executive meeting held in Tokyo in March 2018.

We have an easy communication between members of the Executive Board through our Whatsapp CHAT IFSO APC Presidents Group as it has been more effective and faster than e-mails. The new Presidents of our Member Societies are now very well connected with us, we intend to extend this to all our members and maybe have a separate We Chat Platform for our Chinese members .

The next IFSO APC meeting in 2019 shall be held in Guangzhou on March 21-23, 2019, under the leadership of Dr. C.C. Wang from China. A special section dedicated to Integrated Health and Young IFSO APC shall be held for the first time at this meeting. Please visit the congress website: www.ifso-apc2019.com

The call for abstract will be opened in autumn so please prepare your papers to be submitted soon and SAVE THE DATE!

Muffazal Lakdawala



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March 21-23, 2019
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- Adjustable gastric banding
- Integrated Health or Multidisciplinary care
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- Banded procedures
- Bariatric registries
- Bariatric surgery in children, adolescents or elderly
- Basic science and research in bariatric surgery
- Emergent technology
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- Enhanced recovery in bariatric surgery
- Fertility, pregnancy and bariatric surgery
- Gastric bypass procedures including Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) and One Anastomosis gastric bypass (OAGB)/MGB
- Gastric Plication
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- Nutrition after bariatric surgery
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- Robotic bariatric surgery
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- New (Non-standard) Surgical Techniques
- Sleeve gastrectomy and sleeve plus
- Surgery and strategies for low BMI or high BMI
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AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND



Australian & New Zealand Obesity Surgery Society (ANZMOSS)

Constitutional Review

The Society has recently undergone a Constitution review. The current constitution was outdated as per current corporate law and requires revision. At a special meeting held 12th July, the new Constitution was ratified.

Policy Reforms

The board has been reviewing, identifying gaps in and developing terms of reference, governance and policy documents for various issues.

ANZMOSS/Medtronic travelling scholarships

Exciting to have been able to offer the ANZMOSS/Medtronic Travelling Fellowship Grants to ANZMOSS members to the value of \$16,500.

Public Bariatric Surgery

Since the summit held in March 2017 several developments have continued to advance the agenda of advocacy for public bariatric surgery. On August 4th, ANZMOSS are convening a broad group of representatives to develop a model for a national framework of service and advocacy.

ANZMOSS conference 2018

<http://www.anzmoss2018.com.au/>

6 -7 September

2018 ANZMOSS Annual Scientific Meeting.

The Organising Group, comprising Jeff Hamdorf (convenor), Paul Burton (Surgery/Scientific Lead), Tony Brancatisano (Medicine), Nazy Zarshenas (Dietetics/Nutrition), Narelle Story (Nursing) and Kylie Murphy (Psychology), are busy preparing a programme of talks and workshops which will be the envy of any international bariatric audience.



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We have secured the services of Professor Jacques Himpens, President of IFSO whose presence we consider a real drawcard. And, we are in the process of inviting further illustrious speakers drawing on the international and regional scientific talent pool.

Bariatric Masterclass

Middlemore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand **Friday 24th August 2018**

A weekend of collaboration and competitiveness in the true spirit of New Zealand/Australia relations. This meeting is to discuss some of the current issues surrounding weight loss and metabolic surgery affecting New Zealanders and Australians. The following day, the trans-Tasman collaboration transforms into healthy competition when the Wallabies take on the All Blacks at Eden Park

Government Policy Development

ANZMOSS have been increasingly requested by government to assist in development in health policy relating to obesity.

ANZMOSS has contributed to a Senate Inquiry into Obesity in children, a review of bariatric surgical service provision and regulation of superannuation access for bariatric surgery.

Bariatric Registry

The Australian National Bariatric Registry is continuing to grow and has been supported by further government funding. It is now producing reliable data on quality and safety of bariatric surgery in Australia.

The registry has now been extended to begin recruiting from New Zealand to make this a truly Australasian registry.

Ahmad Aly

President of the Australian & New Zealand Obesity Surgery Society (ANZMOSS)



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HONG KONG: The Hong Kong Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery



I am pleased to announce that the Hong Kong Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery HKSMBS (formerly known as Metabolic & bariatric surgery group of Hong Kong Society for the Study of Obesity HKASO) is officially established. Our Inauguration Ceremony & Symposium was held on 24 November 2017 and we have invited Dr, Kazunori Kasama - President Elected of IFSO APC, and Dr PY Leung – Chief Executive of Hospital Authority of Hong Kong as the Guest Speaker in discussing the development of metabolic & bariatric surgery in Hong Kong & Asia. Moreover, our first Metabolic & Bariatric Workshop will be held in November 2018 in Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong and we had invited 4 international experts in bariatric surgery – Dr Daniel Jones from USA – Chairman of SAGES; Dr Michael Talbot from Australia – President of ANZMOSS; Prof WJ Lee – Former President of IFSO APC; Dr CC Wang from China – Chairman of CSMBS and Dr H Liang from China – Chairman of China Chapter IEF.

Simon KH Wong

President of The Hong Kong Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery





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INDIA: Obesity Surgery Society of India (OSSI)

Between September 2017 and July 2018, we had the following OSSI endorsed meetings in India

September 2017; Controversies in Bariatrics, Organiser : Dr Arun Prasad, New Delhi, India. A 2 day meeting that had live surgery to discuss techniques, debates and panel discussions to discuss procedures and video sessions to discuss controversies in complication management, Total attendance of 215

February 2018; OSSICON, Organiser : Dr Raj Palaniappan, Chennai, India. A 3 day annual national meeting of OSSI. Post graduate courses, live surgery, abstract based presentations, debates and panel discussions. Total attendance of 350

March 2018; BMSS-WOCOME, Organiser : Dr Mohit Bhandari, New Delhi, India. International consensus meet on techniques standardisation. Represented by 72 countries. Total attendance of 170

May 2018; Organiser : Dr Arush Sabharwal, New Delhi, India.
One Day International Workshop on Obesity and Diabetes Surgeries
Surgical Center for Obesity and Diabetes. Attendance around 100.

June 2018; Organiser : Dr Shashank Shah, Pune, India. B.E.S.T 2018 During the conference, live surgeries and multiple Video presentations in addition to interesting didactic sessions and debates were conducted. Attendance around 250.

Arun Prasad
President of OSSI





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JAPAN: Japanese Society for the Study of Obesity (JSSO)

We are pleased to inform you that the **36th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity** was held in Tokyo from June 15th to 16th, 2018.

It can be easily imagined that the lectures as well as programs attracted many people since it marked a record high of 400 visitors for the two days.

Furthermore, we were honored to host Dr. Muffazal Lakdawala, President IFSO APC, Dr. Thomas Inge, and Dr. Matthew M. Hutter as the special lecturers for the following Congresses:

1) Symposium 3: Precision and integrated obesity medicine

Date: 16th June 2018, Saturday at 10:10–11:40

Venue: Hall 1 of Hitotsubashi Memorial Hall

Chairs: Tomoo Okada, Toshiyuki Mori

Dr. Inge's lecture:

Theme: Child obesity and bariatric surgery in USA

Thomas Inge, Department of Pediatric Surgery Children's Hospital Colorado

2) India/US-Japan Joint Symposium

Date: 16th June 2018, Saturday at 13:20–16:00

Venue: Hall 1 of Hitotsubashi Memorial Hall

Chairs: Takashi Kadowaki, Hisahiro Matsubara

Dr. Lakdawala's lecture:

Theme: Precision and integrated obesity medicine in India -Obesity physicians and bariatric surgery-

Muffazal Lakdawala, President of the Asia-Pacific chapter of IFSO

Dr. Hutter's lecture:

Theme: Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in the USA: Past Present and Future

Matthew Hutter, Department of Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital

3) JSSO congress: Clinical Training in Bariatric Surgery

Date: 16th June 2018, Saturday at 16:10–17:20

Venue: Hall 1 of Hitotsubashi Memorial Hall

Chairs: Hisahiro Matsubara, Kazunori Kasama

Dr. Lakdawala's lecture:

Theme: IFSO-APC training center and its accreditation



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Highlights from the 36th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Treatment of Obesity





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KOREA: Korean Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

In Korea, there are three good things in the field of bariatric and metabolic surgery.

1. National Health Insurance will cover Bariatric Surgery at the end of this year, and now I am in negotiation with the government for details as a President of Korean Society of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (KSMBS)
2. Metabolic surgery has been recognized as a new medical technology and now it has become a National approved surgery. The indication is T2DM with BMI>27.5
3. KSMBS will co-host international Conference named ICOMES 2018 (International Congress on Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome) with KSSO from Sep. 6 to Sep. 9, 2018, like a 'Obesity Week' of US.

Joo-Ho Lee

President, KSMBS

PHILIPPINES: Philippine Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS)

These are the activities we have for the Philippine Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS):

- 1) *Bariatric Surgery Cadaver workshop in St Luke's Medical Center, Global City on July 12, 2018*
- 2) *Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery Session in Philippine Association of Laparoscopic & Endoscopic Surgery (PALES) 8th Annual Convention on July 13-15, 2018*

Guest Speakers: Dr Edward Oliveros, President PSMBS

Dr Suthep Udomsawaengsup, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Dr Miguel Mendoza, Asian Hospital & Medical Center, Muntinlupa

Dr Ian Soriano, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

- 3) *Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery Session in Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) 74th Annual Clinical Congress on December 2018*

EDWARD OLIVEROS, MD, FPCS, FACS

President, Philippine Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (PSMBS)



Middle East North Africa Chapter Report



Dear colleagues,

Abdelrahman Nimeril
President of Middle
East North American
Chapter

I am writing to you to update you on the status of our young IFSO MENAC. It is my pleasure and privilege to announce that our 1st IFSO MENAC Congress in April 2019 will be in Kuwait and the congress president will be Dr Salman Al Sabah.

As you know, our website is now active (www.ifso-menac.com) and our IFSO MENAC Secretariat is the IFSO Secretariat in Naples Italy and our registration country is Lebanon (please email Manuela or Stefanie for matter pertaining to our IFSO MENAC)

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IFSO MENA Chapter Committee structure: We have introduced two new committees (Young IFSO MENAC & Integrated Health Committees led by Mohamed Abouzeid (Egypt) and Nadia Ahmed (UAE)

Communication Committee 2017-2020

Chair: Ahmad Bashir Co Chair: Ali Al-Montashery.

The Committee has been very active, and I would like to thank Ahmad Bashir and the entire Committee for their engagement and great work done so far:



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- 1st & 2nd and 3rd IFSO MENAC webinars with excellent contribution and they are now part of the IFSO virtual academy.

IFSO MENAC on social media (we have a very active presence on social media):

Twitter: (248 up from 177 followers) @IFSOMENAC.

Website (www.ifso-menac.com)

Facebook: (746 up from 668 members)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IfsoMENAC/?ref=bookmarks>

Telegram: (221 members) https://t.me/joinchat/BdmnT0LuAYSCZT_iJ_27kw)

#obsmMENA obesity chat: 4 chats are already done with excellent participation.

Facebook Journal Club: we have a very successful start to the series in collaboration with the scientific committee led by Bassem Safadi presented by Emad Abdalla.

Please join us on Telegram, Facebook and our obesity chats on Twitter.

• **Scientific Committee 2017-2020:**

Chair: Bassem Safadi Co-Chair: Ashraf Hadad

The committee has been active, and I would like to thank Bassem Safadi and the entire committee for their engagement and great work done so far:

OAGB survey abstract will be submitted to IFSO 2018 Dubai.

The use of social media survey (still active) please give us your opinion.

• **Education and Training committee 2017-2020:**

Chair: Aayed Alqahtani Co-Chair: Osama Taha.

• **Membership Committee 2017-2020:**

Chair: Mousa Khoursheed Co-Chair: Mohammed Al Hadad



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• **Registry, Guidelines & Medicolegal Committee 2017-2020:**

Chair: Salman Al Sabah. Co-Chair: George El Hajj

• **Young IFSO MENAC Committee 2018-2021**

Chair: Mohamed Abouzeid (Egypt) Co-Chair: Rodrigue Chemaly (Lebanon)

Members 2018-2020: (please approach Mohamed and Rodrigue if you are <40 years & interested to join)

• **Integrated Health committee: 2017-2020**

Chair: Nadia Ahmad Co-Chair: Nasreen Al Faris.

Members 2017-2019: (please approach Nadia and Nasreen if you are interested to join)

I look forward to a positive collaborative relationship in the future and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Abdelrahman A. Nimeri, MBBCh, FACS, FASMBS

President of the IFSO MENA Chapter 2017-2019



Middle East North Africa Chapter—Member Societies

SAUDI ARABIA: Saudi Arabia Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (SASMBS)

Obesity and DM (type 2) are endemic in Saudi Arabia, prevalent among 20–30% and 25% of the population, respectively.

- The Saudi Arabia Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery (SASMBS) has a long history of struggle by bariatric surgeons (BS) for its establishment.

In 2005 a group of BS communicated with the President of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) to register Saudi Arabia as a member nation; however, he advised to establish a society as a first step.

Subsequently, an obesity surgical club was formed as a pre-local society and registered with the IFSO; it was an active obesity club, conducting the International Bariatric Surgery Congress in 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, and 2016.

The SASMBS was officially established in 2011, with 5-6 members.

Nevertheless, 2018 marks a new epoch in the evolution of the SASMBS, with the society beginning its third three-year cycle. As an organization, it has come forward with a system that guarantees transparency and fairness.

It has come a long way from the initial 5 members to about 95 members, who belong to a dedicated team of qualified doctors with different specialties in bariatric surgery and obesity. The newly elected board includes 9 members, encompassing bariatric surgeons and obesity certified doctors, who come from all over the Kingdom, selected via electronic ballot; collectively, they are a perfect amalgamation of experience and advanced techniques.

The official journal of the society, the Saudi Journal of Obesity, has successfully published 5 volumes with bi-annual issues. Currently, the society has undertaken the sole responsibility of establishing the Guidelines for Bariatric Surgery (updated in 2016). It is also responsible for inducting new members interested in further pursuing a career in bariatric surgery by helping, training, and managing the registration process of all IFSO members (90 members). Moreover, the society has set in place the formation of various committees for purposes such as scientific education, membership, communication, and community awareness.

Furthermore, it has undertaken the challenge of creating a national registry of doctors for bariatric surgery and obesity.

This is a testament to the bright progressive future of the society.

Khalid Mirza Gari
President of SASMBS



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Welcome Video Message:

If you haven't had a chance to view IFSO 2018 welcome video please visit the link <http://www.ifso2018.com/video.html> to hear regarding IFSO 2018 from **Prof. Jacques Himpens** - IFSO President, **Dr. Ali Khammas** - Congress President, **Dr. Abdelrahman Nimeri** – Chairman of Scientific Committee and **Dr. Faruq Badiuddin** - Chairman of Organizing Committee.

Record Number of Abstracts Received:

The response to the call for abstracts for the **IFSO2018 Congress** has been incredible. We have received 1,165 abstract submissions from 61 countries. We thank all of you for submitting your abstracts, thus setting an unprecedented record in IFSO's World Congresses. Such a tremendous number of submissions reaffirms the great value IFSO community gives to researches in this field and can only predict an unforgettable IFSO 2018 in Dubai, UAE. Acceptance notifications has been sent to selected abstracts.

IFSO 2018 Scientific Program:

IFSO 2018 will offer 10 postgraduate courses, multiple symposia and numerous oral, video and poster papers. The program this year will be a lot more focused on debates to address the specific areas of concern including reflux disease, sleeve gastrectomy, long term outcomes after procedures and others. In addition there will be specific sessions on emerging technologies, registries, procedures for patient with body mass index of more than 50 or super obese patients.

For the first time in the exhibition hall there will be a simulation centre to allow participants hands on experience on robotic surgeries, endoscopy, and laparoscopic procedures simulators. IFSO scientific committee has planned to have a large plenary session for 2018 that can be attended by 2,000 participants at one time, in addition to the four parallel sessions.

For the first time, starting from this year, IFSO will offer five Scholarships to IFSO Integrated Health Members from countries whose Bariatric Surgery Societies are members of IFSO and who show strong interests, initial accomplishments and potential for future career development in obesity related specialties. One Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant from each of the five IFSO chapters.

To view Program at a glance please visit: <http://www.ifso2018.com/program-at-a-glance.php>



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IFSO 2018 Postgraduate Courses:

- How to conduct and publish quality research
- Bariatric Registries & their value
- Bariatric Endoscopy for weight loss, weight regain and management of complications
- Metabolic Surgery from Basics to Clinical evidence
- Complications of Bariatric surgery - Prevention and Management
- Revisional surgery for weight regain
- One anastomosis gastric bypass/mini gastric bypass
- Enhanced Recovery in Bariatric Surgery & Perioperative care
- Trans-Disciplinary Team, Basics of Obesity
- Suturing & Stapling Techniques - Theory and Hands on Course
- Bariatric Endoscopy for weight loss, weight regain and management of complications—Theory and Hands on Course

Registration for the Congress & Post Graduate Courses:

Register for the conference and post graduate courses.

For online registration please visit the registration portal link: <https://mcime.eventsair.com/ifso2018/registration>

For postgraduate courses rates and other registration details please visit the link:

Category	Regular Rates 1 July - 24 Sept 2018	Onsite Registration Rates 25 Sept - 29 Sept 2018
Delegate – IFSO Member	\$580.00	\$725.00
Delegate – Non Member	\$685.00	\$850.00
Delegate - Integrated Health Professional, Residents & Students	\$325.00	\$375.00
Accompanying Persons (Only entitled to the welcome reception on 26 September 2018)	\$100.00	\$125.00

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How to conduct and publish quality research	IFSO Member	\$240.00	\$285.00
	Non Member	\$285.00	\$335.00
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Bariatric Registries and their value	IFSO Member	\$240.00	\$285.00
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	Integrated Health Professional / Resident / Fellow / Student	\$140.00	\$165.00
Revisional surgery for weight regain	IFSO Member	\$240.00	\$285.00
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	Non Member	\$285.00	\$335.00
	Integrated Health Professional / Resident / Fellow / Student	\$140.00	\$165.00
Trans-disciplinary team, basics of obesity	IFSO Member	\$240.00	\$285.00
	Non Member	\$285.00	\$335.00
	Integrated Health Professional / Resident / Fellow / Student	\$140.00	\$165.00
Hands on Course on Surturing & Stapling Techniques	IFSO Member	\$240.00	\$285.00
	Non Member	\$285.00	\$335.00
	Integrated Health Professional / Resident / Fellow / Student	\$140.00	\$165.00



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MASON LECTURE:

What we learned from SOS and the adverse and unexpected effects of bariatric surgery

Plenary Hall 1 | Friday 28th September 2018 | 12:00 – 12:20 hrs

Prof. Lena Carlsson Ekander, Sweden

Although bariatric surgery is considered to be an effective treatment for obesity and associated diseases, the anatomical changes caused by this surgery are permanent with life-long consequences. It is therefore necessary to examine both the positive and negative effects of this treatment in studies with very long follow-up. Because of the growing number of patients who have undergone bariatric surgery, we can expect to see more patients who suffer from its side effects. It is important to increase our knowledge of such risks to recognize symptoms that may be related to bariatric surgery and to prevent them if possible. In my presentation I will show recent data from the Swedish Obese Subjects study indicating that bariatric surgery increases the risk of suicide and that gastric bypass surgery is associated with increased risk of serious fall-related injury requiring hospital treatment. Our very long-term data also suggest that bariatric surgery influences interpersonal relationships resulting in an increased incidence of divorce and separation but also increased chances of finding a life partner in those who were single at the time of surgery.



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IFSO | WOF SYMPOSIUM:
Gut as key modulator of bariatric surgery effect
Day 1: 27th September 2018 | 16:30 - 18:00 hrs | Hall 2



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- Gut and glucose homeostasis : what have brought bariatric surgery
- Gastro intestinal changes after bariatric surgery
- Bile acids after bariatric surgery procedures
- Bile and sodium trafficking and link with metabolism

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Indian citizens in possession of a valid US visa (green card or student visa) can apply for 14-day visa on arrival at the airport.

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1. Visa Form - Personal Details
2. Front Page Passport Copy (Colored)
3. Passport Size Photograph with White Background

There may be slightly more documentation and /or time limits for nationals of some countries. If you'd like more information about your status, send us an email at ifso2018@mcl-group.com and we'll revert back as soon as possible

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Located on the Arabian Peninsula, Dubai is the natural meeting place at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, and a global hub for trade, commerce, knowledge exchange and innovation. Dubai has transformed itself into a buzzing international metropolis and has embraced people from over 200 nationalities who live and work in Dubai, calling it home.

Dubai's central location makes it one of the busiest travel hubs in the world and Dubai International Airport is ranked first in the world for international passenger traffic with over 7,000 weekly flights. The organiser of IFSO 2018 has proudly appointed Emirates Airline as the official airline partner. Emirates Airline has excellent connections to all of the six continents with more than 150 destinations worldwide. The participant can avail a 10% discount on regular fares when they book their tickets from Emirates Airline website.

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26-29 September 2018

Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Hotel Accommodation:

The organisers are working hard to make your experience in Dubai as enjoyable and hassle-free as possible so a number of hotel rooms in different price categories have been pre-booked at preferential rates (best rate guaranteed) for the period of IFSO 2018 Congress.

It is highly recommended that you plan ahead your journey and book your accommodation early and organise your stay in Dubai from closer to the venue – Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

For hotel rates and further details please visit <http://www.ifso2018.com/accommodation.php>

Conrad: Head Quarter Hotel



Congress Venue:

The congress venue, Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre (DICEC) is centrally located within the business hub of Dubai amidst the city's iconic landmarks. The city's premier venue and destination welcomes 2.74 million visitors to Dubai each year.

(DICEC) has over 120,000sqm of exhibition and meeting space and is only a 10-minute drive or a Metro Red line ride from the airport. In addition, an array of hotels in Dubai offers high quality and sizeable meeting space.

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For details to commute to the venue when you are here in Dubai please visit link:

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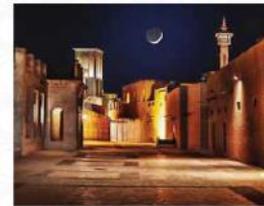


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Social Tours

CULTURAL REMINISCENCE

Experience a cultural journey through time into mini mazes of wind-towered buildings, narrow lanes and meandering pathways of the lively souks in the old part of Dubai. Go beyond the glitzy glamorous city and learn about the rich heritage, art and local cuisine. Stroll across the heritage area of Bastakiya with its labyrinthine lanes lined with restored merchant's houses, art galleries and its wind towers that reflect age-old architecture. Visit a 225 year old fort which houses the Dubai Museum. Ride on the traditional Abra across the Dubai creek to the spice and gold souks to enjoy the tantalising scents and shimmering jewellery.



Tour Dates - Wednesday, 26th September | Thursday, 27th September | Saturday, 29th September

Tour Timing: 09:00 hrs. - 14:00 hrs

Pick-up Location – Dubai World Trade Center - IFSO Registration Desk

ABU DHABI TOUR

Visit the beautiful Sheikh Zayed Mosque, an architectural wonder, and explore The Louvre Abu Dhabi, the world's largest art museum and a historic monument in Paris, France. Enjoy a delicious selection of local and regional speciality dishes at leisure at one of AUH landmark shopping malls. Drive to Union Square, which uniquely displays the heritage of the UAE through various cultural objects. Visit the heritage village, a continual reminder of Emiratis' rich and colourful past.



Tour Dates - Wednesday, 26th September | Thursday, 27th September | Saturday, 29th September

Tour Timing - 09:00 – 17:00

Pick-up Location – Dubai World Trade Center - IFSO Registration Desk

FUTURISTIC TOUR

The journey begins with visit to Burj Khalifa, At the Top followed by a stop near Burj Al Arab, for a great photo opportunity of the world's first seven-star hotel. Followed by a drive on Palm Jumeirah. Drive across the Palm Jumeirah, worlds largest artificially made island, we continue to Dubai Marina, an awe-inspiring city-within-a-city with a cosmopolitan, free-spirited atmosphere and unique, invigorating lifestyle.



Tour Dates- Thursday, 27th September | Friday, 28th September | Saturday, 29th September

Timing: 09:00 hrs. - 14:00 hrs

Pick-up Location – Dubai World Trade Center - IFSO Registration Desk

DESERT SAFARI

The ever-changing patterns of the beautiful sand dunes would last unforgettable impressions on your minds. We first take on the MIGHTY Dunes....an unforgettable roller coaster drive in the desert skimming over the magnificent Sand Dunes



Tour Dates- Wednesday, 26th September | Thursday, 27th September

Friday, 28th September

Timing: 16:00 hrs. - 21:00 hrs.

Pick-up Location – Dubai World Trade Center - IFSO Registration Desk

More info on: <https://mcime.eventsair.com/ifso2018/social-tours/Site/Register>



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WINNERS OF IFSO SCHOLARSHIPS 2018 FOR SURGEONS



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USA



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Egypt



Tetiana Tarasiuk
Ukraine



Ricardo Lopez
Guatemala



Chun-Hai Tan
Singapore

WINNERS OF IFSO INTEGRATED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS 2018



Sally Abbott
UK



Tarek Fouani
Lebanon



Stephanie Sogg
USA



Mariam Lakdawala
India



Silvia Leite Faria
Brazil

BEST POSTERS WINNERS IFSO 2018

1st Best Poster:



Suhaib JS. Ahmad
UK

Citation classics in Laparoscopic
Gastrointestinal Surgery

2nd Best Poster:



Tae-Kyoung Ha
South Korea

Duodenal-jejunal bypass surgery
stimulates the expressions of
hepatic sirtuin1 and 3 and
hypothalamic sirtuin1

3rd Best Poster:



Hélder Fonseca
Portugal

Body composition variation in
physically active or sedentary
patients during the first
6-months following gastric
bypass - BaSEIB clinical trial

WINNER OF THE YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Best Oral Presentation under 40



Ralph Gadiot, MD
The Netherlands

Weight loss results at one year follow up in the
Dutch Common Channel Trial (DUCATI). Does small
bowel length influence results?



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29 July -1 August 2020

Miami, USA

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XXVI IFSO World Congress



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PAST WEBINARS

Recording of the Webinars available on: <http://www.ifso.com/ifso-virtual-academy/>

after the [login](#) on the IFSO webpage

WEBINAR JULY 19:

INTERESTING CASE PRESENTATIONS

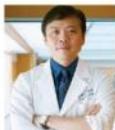


VI IFSO Online Symposium
Virtu@l Academy

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"INTERESTING CASE PRESENTATIONS"

Case Presenters:

 Ahmed Ahmed	 Camilo Boza	 Chi Kun Huang
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Panelists

 Mehran Anvari	 Bruno Dillemans	 Alfons Pomp
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Moderator

 Ahmad Bashir

Fact checker

 Hazem Al-Momani
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19th July 2018
3.00-4.00 pm Central Europe Standard Time

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WEBINAR APRIL 6:

**ONE ANASTOMOSIS GASTRIC BYPASS:
10 YEAR OUTCOMES****V IFSO Online Symposium****"One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass: 10 year outcomes"**Prof. Jean Marc Chevallier
Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou

Jean Marc Chevallier



Natan Zundel



Hayssam Fawal



Kuldeepak Singh Kular



Kamal Mahawar



Almino Ramos

6th April 2018
3.00-4.00 pm Central Europe Standard Time



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WEBINAR FEBRUARY 8: NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTS FOLLOWING BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY



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I IFSO I.H. Online Symposium
W•E•B•I•N•A•R
"Necessary Supplements Following Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery"
 Silvia Leite Faria, PhD Registered Dietitian
 University of Brasilia/Gastrocirugia
February 8, 2018
3.00-4.00 pm Central European Time
 Free registration. Limited number of seats available.
 Secure your seat now registering here:
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2ND IFSO MENAC WEBINAR: DIFFICULT BARIATRIC CASES

WEBINAR JAN. 25: WEIGHT REGAIN AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY



IFSO 2nd IFSO MENAC Teleconference
 Thursday February 8th 2018 at 1PM GMT

Presenters:
 Hayssam Fawal, BGC, Lebanon
 Ahmad Haddad, SBMAC, Jordan
 Mohammed Al Hodad, Healthpoint, UAE

Moderator:
 Ahmad Bahic, Communication Committee Chair (MENAC)

Expert Panel:
 Abdelrahman Nimery, President IFSO MENAC
 Kataro Higa, Past ASMBSS & IFSO president
 Jacques Wangem, IFSO president

Difficult Bariatric Cases:

1. Sleeve gastrectomy with incidental large hiatal hernia
2. Malnourished OAGB/MGB patient with anastomotic perforation
3. Incidental finding of POSE in a planned sleeve gastrectomy

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In Vivo Fact checker:
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"Weight regain after Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy"
 Antonio Torres, M.D, Ph.D, F.A.C.S., FASMBS
 Chief General Surgery Complutense University of Madrid
25 January 2018
3.00-4.00 pm Central Europe Standard Time
 Free registration. Limited number of seats available.
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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/23919150986579683>



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PAST JOURNAL CLUBS

Daniel Riccioppo, Brazil

**IFSO JOURNAL CLUB**

V ONLINE EVENT

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Ahmad Bashir, Jordan

JUNE 21, 2018

2.00-3.00 pm (Central Europe Time)

«Small-Volume, Fast-Emptying Gastric Pouch Leads to Better Long-Term Weight Loss and Food Tolerance After Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass»

Presenter: Dr. Daniel Riccioppo (Brazil)

Moderator: Dr. Ahmad Bashir (Jordan)



Michael Magdy Shenouda, Egypt

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IV ONLINE EVENT

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Cynthia Michelle Borg, UK

APRIL 26, 2018

3.00-4.00 pm (Central Europe Time)

«Bile Gastritis Following Laparoscopic Single Anastomosis Gastric Bypass: Pilot Study to Assess Significance of Bilirubin Level in Gastric Aspirate»

Presenter: Dr. Michael Magdy Shenouda (Egypt)

Moderator: Dr. Cynthia Borg (UK)



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III ONLINE EVENT
[IFSO Facebook Group](#)

FEBRUARY 28, 2018
3.00-4.00 pm (Central Europe Time)

«Groundbreaking Bariatric Studies of 2017»
A review of all the most innovative studies published in 2017
Presenter: Dr. Ali Aminian (USA)
Moderator: Dr. Aparna Govil Bhasker (India)







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II ONLINE EVENT
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JANUARY 10, 2018
3.00-4.00 pm (Central Europe Time)

«Long-Term Results of Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy for Morbid Obesity:
5 to 8-Year Results»
Author: Dr. Ralph Gadiot (The Netherlands)
Obesity Surgery, January 2017
Moderator: Dr. Kamal Mahawar







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NOVEMBER 30, 2017
3.00-4.00 pm (Central Europe Time)

Author: Dr. Ulas Biter (The Netherlands)

«Quality of Life 1 Year After Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy Versus Laparoscopic
Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass: a Randomized Controlled Trial Focusing on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease»
Obesity Surgery, May 2017
Moderator: Dr. Abdelrahman Nimeri





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Abdelrahman Nimeri
Chair of the
Communication
Committee

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An update on IFSO World Congress 2018 in Dubai, Sept 26-29th 2018



World Bariatric Video Championship & Complications of Bariatric endoscopy



Simulation Center: Suturing, Endoscopy, Robotic

Virtual Surgical Reality: First AIS-SONY Video-Game for surgeons



Mock Trial: lawyers, judge and a panel of experts to define medical responsibility and its limits

Fencing Match: Sleeve Gastrectomy in GERD patients





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The IFSO Virtual Academy (Highest quality, free at your finger-tips): <http://www.ifso.com/ifso-virtual-academy/> **#IFSOVirtualAcademy** (please use the hashtag on Twitter) & check the website link. The IFSO Virtual Academy in collaboration with AIS includes Surgical Open Classroom, IFSO-AIS World Surgery, IFSO World Congress edited lectures, IFSO Webinars & the IFSO Facebook Journal club.

IFSO Surgical Open Classroom (SOC) SOC contents can be: surgical videos, case reports, short presentations, article comments, short lectures, clinical images, news or review of position statements (8-10 minutes is the ideal duration, maximum length is 15 minutes). Invitations were already sent to faculty. In addition, AIS generated IFSO 2017 content edited lectures at AIS and IFSO 2018 talks

IFSO 2017 lectures (<http://www.ifso.com/ifso-virtual-academy/>):

- April 26 2018: Endoscopic therapies for obesity by Barham Abu Dayyeh USA.
- April 10 2018: Virtual reality in surgical training by Shafi Ahmed.
- April 5 2018: The vagus nerve in bariatric surgery by Scott Shikora USA.
- March 27 2018: Managing addiction after bariatric surgery by Stephanie Sogg USA.
- March 1 2018: Should all patients stop Smoking Ali Aminian USA.
- February 21 2018: Nutritional deficiencies after bariatric surgery by Tair Ben Porat.
- February 19 2018: Presidential address by IFSO President Kelvin Higa USA.
- January 19 2018: Hypoglycemia after bariatric Surgery by Andrea Pucci.
- January 9 2018: Swedish Obesity Subject study by Lena Carlsson Sweden.
- December 28 2018: Are VTEs a problem in bariatric surgery by Stacy Berthauer USA.
- December 28 2018: STAMPEDE trial 5 year results by Phil Schauer USA.
- December 19 2018: Endoscopic metabolic surgery by Manoel Galvao Neto Brazil.
- November 30 2018: SMBOSS 5 year results of RCT by Ralph Peterli Switzerland.
- November 23 2018: Scopinaro lecture by Sir Ranulph Fiennes.
- November 23 2018: The role of metabolic surgery by Ricardo Cohen Brazil.
- November 16 2018: The ideal sleeve gastrectomy by Michel Gagner Canada.
- November 9 2018: Linx endoscopic treatment for GERD by M. Reddy, S. Mattar, K. Higa.
- November 6 2018: Do limb lengths matter by Jacques Himpens Belgium.
- October 19 2018: DSS II and it's impact on Diabetes Care by Francesco Rubino UK.
- October 17 2018: Brain changes after metabolic surgery by Carel La Roux Ireland.



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IFSO-AIS World Surgery full length recorded surgery with moderation:

from "step by step" procedures to technical comments about surgical strategy, movements and manoeuvres. Also, short comments and reflections/insights about current hot topics in bariatric and metabolic surgery would be included in this section.

1st IFSO-AIS World Surgery "Laparoscopic reversal of Roux en Y gastric bypass" J. Himpens January 17th, 2018 13.843 live viewers from 112 countries.

2nd IFSO-AIS World Surgery Kelvin Higa

3rd IFSO-AIS World Surgery Natan Zundel "Conversion of LAGB to LSG in one stage".

4th IFSO-AIS World Surgery JM Chevalier "One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass"

IFSO Quarterly Webinars (started in 2017):

1st Webinar November 24th 2016 "The right procedure for the right patient" Moderator: Kelvin Higa – NAC **Discussants:** Jacques Himpens - EC Antonio Torres – EC Natan Zundel – NAC Muffazal Lakdawala - APC

2nd Webinar July 6th 2017: High incidence of Barretts esophagitis after LSG, A. Genco. Moderator: K Higa **Discussants:** (Lakadawala, Ramos, Zundel, Angrisani) **107 Attendees.**

3rd Webinar October 12th, 2017: "New Scoring System Helps Guide Surgical Choice for Patients with Obesity and Diabetes" A Aminian. Moderator: J. Himpens. **Discussants:** WJ Lee, S Shikora, R Cohen, C Le Roux, D Cummings. **106 Attendees.**

4th Webinar January 2018: Weight regain after LSG Moderator: Almino Ramos Speaker A. Torres **Discussants:** Jean-Marc Chevallier, Michel Gagner, Muffazal Lakdawala, Raul Rosenthal. **195 Attendees.**

5th Webinar April 2018: OAGB JM Chevalier as the speaker: Kular from APC, K. Mahawar EC, Fawal from MENAC, C Boza LAC, Higa NAC. 80 Attendees.

6th Webinar July 19th 2018: Interesting case presentations. Speakers: Camilo Boza, Ck Huang. **Panelists:** Bruno Dillemans, Mehran Anvari, Abdelrahman Nimeri. **Moderator:** Ahmad Bashir. **Fact Checker:** Hazem Al-Momani. **65 Attendees.**



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IFSO Quarterly Journal Club: led by Kamal Mahawar, we discuss important articles from Obesity Surgery Journal and other journals. This is a pre-recorded short presentation available on the Facebook page followed on the day of the journal club by a one hour discussion in the presence of the author & moderator through the chat box. Then the discussion follows for the next 24 hours with a wrap up by the moderator (This allows you to come back and follow the entire thread at your convenience).

Please look for the poll every month with suggestions for articles to discuss on Facebook and Twitter:

5th JC June 21st 2018 Ahmad Bashir & Daniel Riccioppo (Brazil) Pouch size and RYGB emptying Obesity Surgery.

4th JC April 26th 2018 Cynthia Borg & Magdy Shnouda (Egypt) Bile gastritis after OAGB.

3rd JC February 28th 2018 Aparna Govil & Ali Aminian (USA) Ground breaking bariatric surgery studies in 2017

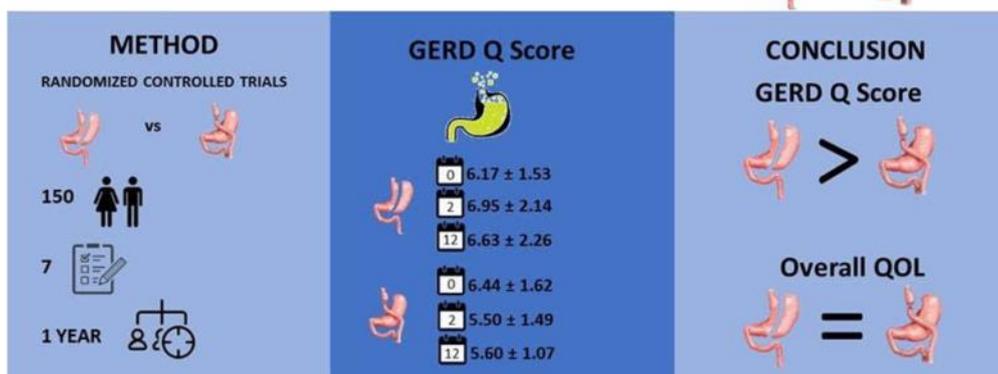
2nd JC January 10th 2018 Kamal Mahawar & Ralph Gadiot (Netherlands) Long term results of LSG. Obes Surg Jan 2017

1st JC November 30th 2017 Abdelrahman Nimeri & Ulas Biter (Netherlands) QOL 1 year after LSG vs RYGB RCT Obes Surg May 2017

IFSO-Obesity Surgery Journal Visual Abstract:

VA for 1st JC done by Ulas Biter, Manuela & A. Nimeri QOL 1 year after LSG vs RYGB RCT Obes Surg May 2017

GERD AND QUALITY OF LIFE 1 YEAR AFTER: VS



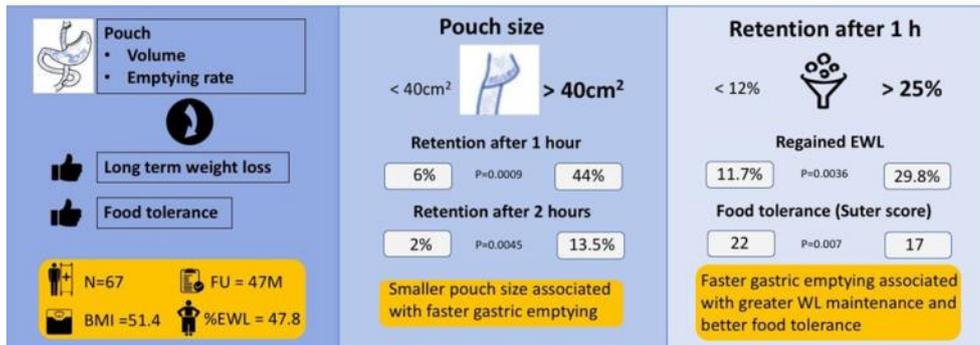


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VA for the 5th JC done by Bart and Saber Small pouch volume & emptying after RYGB Riccioppo et al 2018;28: 693-701.



Small-Volume, Fast-Emptying Gastric Pouch Leads to Better Long-Term Weight Loss and Food Tolerance After Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass

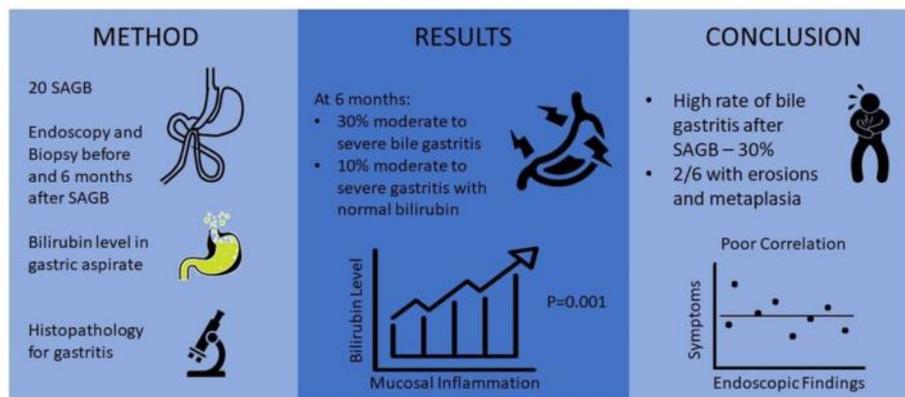


Daniel Riccioppo et al. OBES SURG (2018) 28:693-701



VA for 4th JC done by Bart and Saber Bile gastritis after OAGB Shenouda et al Obes Surg Aug 2017

Bile Gastritis After Laparoscopic Single Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (SAGB)



Shenouda et al. Obes Surg. Aug 2017.

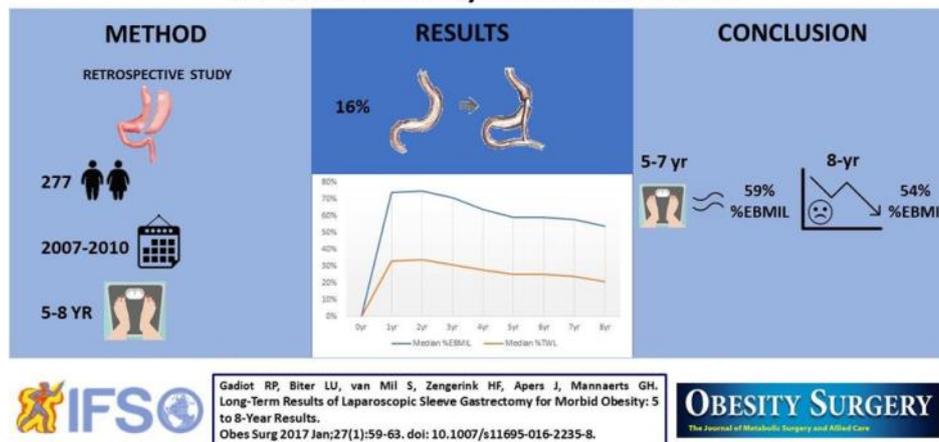




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VA for 2nd JOURNAL CLUB done by Ralph Gadiot & A. Nimeri Long term results of LSG Obes Surg 2017;(1): 59-63

Long-Term Results of Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy for Morbid Obesity: 5 to 8-Year Results



Selected readings in bariatric surgery: Please look for this tab on the IFSO website. It will include recent relevant publications with comments from experts. It is another way we are trying to keep you up-to-date.

Meetings endorsed by IFSO:

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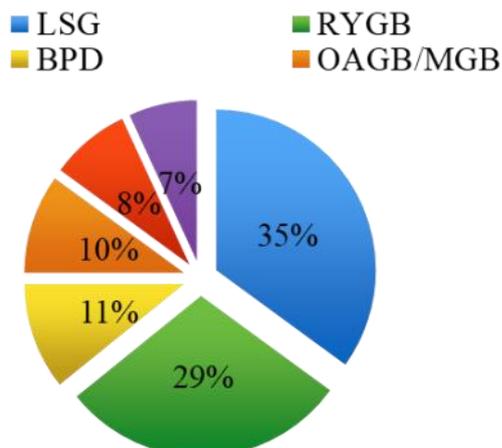
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IFSO Facebook Group (started in 2013): Helps us cross 2000 members. This is a closed professional social networking group to discuss complex cases and receive updates about important events in the IFSO calendar, IFSO Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/396874800435861/>



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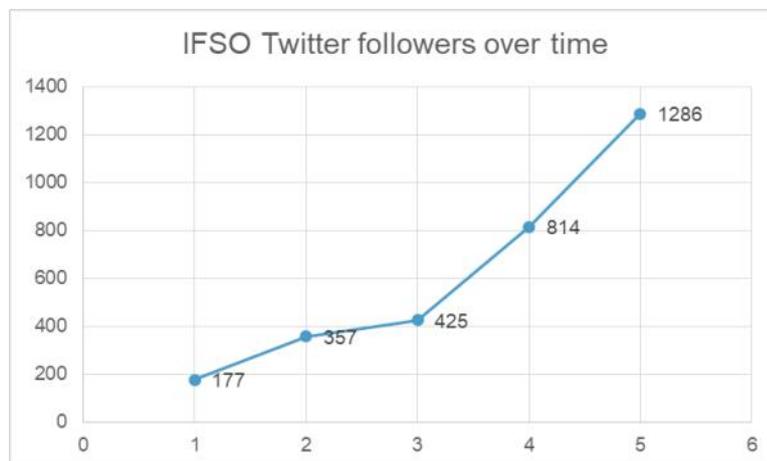
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April 2017 357 followers

Sept 2017 425 followers

Feb 2018 814 (Thank you for helping us pass 1000 followers)

July 2018 1286 followers (Please help us cross 2000 followers).



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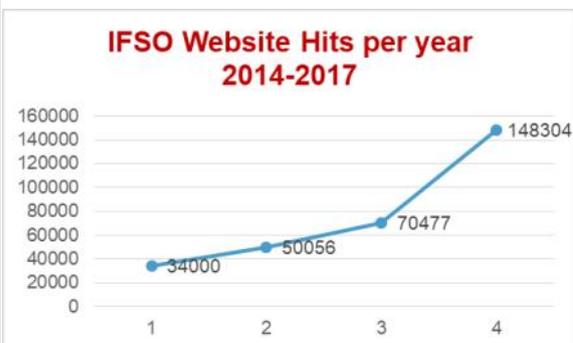
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Hits in 2015 (50,056 hits) 47% increase.

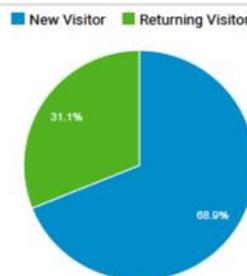
Hits in 2016 (70,477 hits) 30% increase.

Hits in 2017 (148,304 hits) 110% increase.

Hits in 2018: (33,377) Jan-June 2018



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2.	India 1455	India 4094	Brazil 4415	India 5169	India 1.568
3.	Brazil 1385	Brazil 3573	India 3580	UK 4528	UK 1.291
4.	UK 1226	UK 2954	UK 2909	Brazil 3403	Brazil 1.269
5.	Italy 885	Italy 2219	Italy 1860	Italy 2603	Australia 924
6.	Mexico 863	Mexico 2042	Australia 1751	AUS 1957	Spain 771
7.	France 595	France 1492	Mexico 1458	MX 1597	NL 673
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Committees' Report



Tracy Martinez
Chair of the
Integrated Health
Committee

Integrated Health Committee

We are looking forward to our IFSO meeting in Dubai. Integrated Health will have two half days dedicated to Integrated Health topics among days of interesting presentations from speakers around the globe.

For the first time ever IFSO has granted 5 scholarships for Integrated Health members to help with their travel expenses to the congress.

This year's recipients are:



Sally Abbott
UK



Tarek Fouani
Lebanon



Mariam Lakdawala
India



Silvia Leite Faria
Brazil



Stephanie Sogg
USA

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Committees' Report

We understand that many IH members will not be attending our meeting in Dubai. We will be offering our next IH webinar in October. We plan to move forward with four webinars annually.

The IH committee is reaching out to our members through an on-line survey to learn how we can bring more value to our members. Please encourage your colleagues to participate in the survey. The survey can be found at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T3HNGR>

Integrated Health focus is:

Education outreach through webinars and webpage links.

Four annual educational webinars

Continue to add more committee members as openings occur so that we have a thorough discipline representation.

Continue to enhance our Integrated Health webpage.

Enhance the IH presentations and content at IFSO congress meetings annually.

We would appreciate current members helping us reach more international integrated health professionals. Please have them contact IFSO to get on our email lists.

We look forward to continuing a productive year. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact me at TMartinezrn@lapbypass.com

Sincerely,

Tracy Martinez RN, BSN, CBN

IFSO Integrated Health Chair



Committees' Report



Scientific Committee

Wendy Brown
Chair of the
Scientific Committee

The IFSO Scientific Committee membership currently includes Miguel Herrera, Alex Escalona, Jeff Hamdorf, Scott Shikora, Almino Ramos, Jacques Himpens, Wei Jei Lee, Michel Suter, Moshe Rubin, Rachel Batterham, Ricardo Cohen, Francesco Rubino, Carel Le Roux and David Cummings. I would like to thank each of them for their enthusiasm and support.

The Scientific Committee has been very active over the past few months. It is our aim to ensure that the information provided by IFSO is to the highest scientific standards. To fulfil this aim we have undertaken the following activities:

Development of an algorithm for IFSO position statements. Following on from this we have prepared position statements on One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass (OAGB) and Single Anastomosis Duodenal-Ileal Bypass with Sleeve Gastrectomy (SADI-S)/ One Anastomosis Duodenal Switch (OADS). These have now been published in Obesity Surgery.

Liaison with the Scientific Organizing Committee for the Dubai Scientific Congress. This is shaping up to be a very successful meeting with a record number of abstracts received.

Development of the first Post-Graduate Programme addressing Registry Science at the IFSO 2018 meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 26 September and we hope to have broad representation from all national societies. This is a unique opportunity to meet together and develop a shared vision for better data sharing and routine outcome reporting. Please come along!

Review of the scientific content of the IFSO website.

We are always happy to receive feedback and look forward to any suggestions on other activities we could be contributing to.

Wendy Brown
IFSO Scientific Committee Chair



Committees' Report



Manoel Galvao Neto
Chair of the Bariatric
Metabolic Endoscopy
Committee

Bariatric Metabolic Endoscopy Committee

The IFSO Bariatric Metabolic Endoscopy Committee after its first (virtual) meeting will begin its activities with the Postgraduate Course: *Bariatric Endoscopy for weight loss, weight regain and management of complications* at Dubai Congress on September 26th combined with a hands-on lab. The course will be directed by Dr. Manoel Galvao Neto, Aayed AlQahtani, Cristopher Thompson and Salman Al Sabah with a stellar group of faculty.

Following on the committee activities the next target is the creation of a position statement and consensus about endolumenal approach to sleeve gastrectomy stenosis and leaks coordinated by Dr Barham Abu-Dayyeh. He will review the literature together with his team and prepare the latter meeting in order to discuss the matter in a consensus manner to be submitted to IFSO executive Board and presidency with intention to be published in Obesity Surgery journal.

The IFSO Bariatric Endoscopy committee is formed by .

Manoel Galvao Neto (Brazil), Barham Abu Dayyeh (USA) , Christopher Thompson (USA), Gontrand López-Nava (Spain), Natan Zundel (USA), Josemberg Campos (Brazil), Christine Stier (Germany), Mousa Khoursheed (Kuwait), Muffazal Lakdawala (India), Almino Ramos (Brazil).

Manoel Galvão Neto

Chair of IFSO Bariatric Metabolic Endoscopy Committee



Committees' Report



Aleksandr Neimark
Young IFSO President



Young IFSO Report

A Young IFSO scientific session was held at the IFSO-EC Congress in Athens in May 2018.

About 50 people took part in the session.



For the near future we have planned two sessions:

At **IFSO Dubai 2018** in September and at the **Frankfurt Meeting** in November 2018.

During the session of YOUNG IFSO in Dubai we will discuss the prospects for the development of our Group. We invite you to take an active part in shaping the future of YIFSO. Who wants to know more about the YIFSO development program and has some ideas, please contact me Aleksandr Neimark

neymark1977@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Aleksandr Neimark



IV IFSO Global Registry Report



2018 Global IFSO Registry Report recruits record numbers

The Fourth Global IFSO Registry Report from the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO), published by Dendrite Clinical Systems, will report data from 51 countries on over 380,000 operations records including baseline obesity related disease, operation types, operative outcomes and disease status after bariatric surgery. The previous 2017 report included analysis on 196,188 operation records from 42 countries so the number of records contributed this year has almost doubled.

"I would like to thank all those surgeons, centres and national registries who have kindly contributed their data for inclusion in this latest report. We at IFSO are convinced that one of our prime tasks is to provide global guidelines for safe and effective surgery to the benefit of the patient with adiposity. Critical appraisal of what we do is essential to achieve this goal. More than ever we must share our data with the world. More than ever we must contribute to a global and complete registry."

Jacques Himpens IFSO President

The latest in the series of reports from the IFSO Global Registry Project will be launched at the XXIII IFSO World Congress in Dubai, UAE (26th -29th September 2018). The Fourth Global Registry Report is the culmination of years of research and analyses from the IFSO Global Registry Project, which was first established in January 2014 to demonstrate that it is possible to merge and analyse bariatric and metabolic surgical data from different countries and centres.

"We are delighted to have report the landmark figure of more than 380,000 operations records from over 50 countries (and from 15 major national registries) will be included in The Fourth Global IFSO Registry Report," said Dr Peter Walton, Managing Director, Dendrite Clinical Systems. *"We would like to encourage all bariatric and metabolic surgeons who have not yet contributed their data to the IFSO Global Registry to consider submitting their data for the fifth report to be published at the XXIV IFSO World Congress in Madrid, Spain."*

A limited number of copies of The Fourth IFSO Global Registry Report will be available to IFSO members. To collect your copy, please visit the **IFSO stand or Dendrite's stand in the Exhibition Hall in Dubai.**

If you are interested in participating in the Fifth IFSO Global Registry Report 2019, please email: ifsoregistry@edendrite.com for more information.



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

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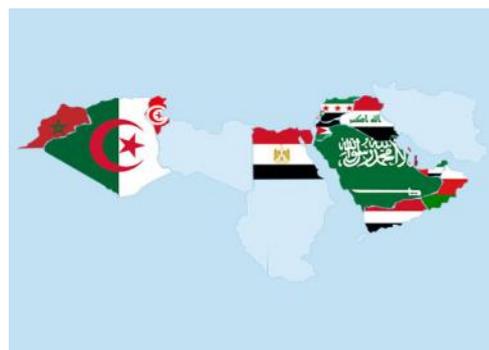
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Dr. Almino Ramos and Dr. Michel Gagner



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