



Message from the President



Jacques Himpens
President of IFSO

Dear Members of IFSO,

the third month of the new year is already coming to an end. The New Year's resolutions and good wishes for peace and prosperity are long gone. The world politics have not changed, wars are still being fought across the world, and senseless killings continue to happen. Feuds and fights occur every day, everywhere. Societies and organizations unfortunately do not escape from this reality.

IFSO, as a Federation of Societies, is the common denominator of the Societies from all-over the world that aim for the wellbeing of patients suffering from adiposity. It is the common denominator, the unifier.

IFSO does not strive for financial profit and its bylaws are such that individuals with an official position within the organization cannot cling to power.

IFSO world is at your service to facilitate the task of the national Societies as well as the Chapters and to harmonize the interaction and cooperation between them.

But we cannot help without your input.

As you know, IFSO has a professional administrative staff that is fully at your disposal to deal with organizational and communicative issues. Manuela and Stefanie are extremely motivated and ready to answer your questions and to react to your messages.

At this day and age the new means of communications such as e-mail, Facebook, Twitter etc. help us all in getting our message across at the speed of light. Consequently, if you have remarks or objections of any kind related to the functioning of IFSO you can let us know in real time.

I encourage you to speak up, to use the numerous channels that are at your disposal, and help us make IFSO a dynamic and truly democratic Federation of Societies.



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In another domain, you are not without knowing that one of my goals for IFSO is to continue and, if possible, to enhance the international Registry.

Later this year, at the world congress in Dubai, the fourth international IFSO Registry, representing data on 1/3 million records from 50 countries will be presented.

I thank the national Societies, and, for some non-participating countries, the individual surgeons who have participated to this important task.

I understand there are local, national and cultural differences in laws and customs that may hamper the success of the endeavour. It is to address these issues that a data collection committee was created. In addition, to ensure the impartiality and the bias-free character of data collection, a Data Protection Committee has now been established as well. I think the instruments have thus been set up to guarantee patients' privacy rights and at the same time to make the registry scientifically more robust.

The instruments are there, you must just be willing to use them.

The world is changing at an ever-accelerating pace, and the medical world is no exception.

New drugs, procedures and treatment modes emerge every day, including in the field of adiposity based chronic diseases. What is common practice in one part of the world may still be unusual in another. One particular metabolic-bariatric procedure may flourish in one continent and be discarded in another.

A reliable and transparent registry informs us, without bias, about what is truly going on in the world of adiposity treatment and allows us to compare our practice with the experience of others across the planet.

The bottom line is our desire to help our patients benefit from the knowledge of a large community of professionals dedicated to the care of the patient suffering from obesity.

This is one good reason why we must share our clinical experience in all honesty and thus work towards accomplishing IFSO's mission.

Sincerely,

Jacques Himpens, IFSO President





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Report from the European Chapter

Michel Suter
President of
European Chapter

The Executive Board of the Chapter, its scientific committee and the local organization committee have finalized the program of the forthcoming biennial [IFSO-EC Congress](#) that will take place in **Athens May 17-19th**.

The [program](#) will include plenary sessions with formal presentations and discussions about most of the current “hot” topics in our specialty, as well as paper and video sessions for presentations from a large selection of the numerous abstracts received.

Posters will be displayed and some videos not selected for formal presentation will be visible in the exhibition hall.



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CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR
THE SURGERY OF OBESITY AND METABOLIC DISORDERS
- EUROPEAN CHAPTER -

IFSO-EC 2018

MAY 17-19, 2018

ATHENS, GREECE
Megaron International Conference Centre



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One of the highlight of this congress will be two sessions jointly organized by **IFSO-EC and EASO** on two important topics:

1. How to build an effective and safe clinical pathway for bariatric surgery patients?
2. How to tackle specific bariatric problems: clinical cases.

These joint sessions between surgeons and obesity specialists from other fields will once more provide an opportunity for exchange between our societies and hopefully also help improve patient care and follow-up across specialties.

We are proud to announce that our negotiations with our medical partners have resulted in the common decision between IFSO-EC and EASO to repeat the great experience we had in 2016 in Gothenburg: a common IFSO-EC-EASO (European Obesity Summit) congress will again be organized in 2022. The bidding process for the organization of this event will begin soon after Athens, and the decision about the location should be made before the end of this year. This will allow ample time to carefully plan the congress. Both societies will put their efforts together to build up a solid common scientific program that should be attractive for everyone involved in the treatment of obesity, with both common sessions and sessions dedicated more to one or the other side. The most important thing is that it will once more be a platform for in-depth exchanges between surgeons and non-surgeons dealing with obesity, from basic scientists to purely clinicians.

Next year's **IFSO-EC Symposium** will be organized **in Lyon** jointly with the **NONINVA symposium April 25-27th 2019**. Jerome Dargent will be the President of the Symposium, and our scientific committee will once more do its best to build up an attractive program. Lyon in spring is a beautiful city that is likely to attract numerous participants. As has become a tradition, one or two IFSO-EC-EASO joint sessions will be organized during this symposium, and repeated during the EASO congress in Glasgow.

Prof. Michel Suter

IFSO-EC President



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After the success of the IFSO European Chapter Symposium which was held last year in Naples, Italy, IFSO-EC's Scientific Committee and Executive Board are preparing for you next biennial IFSO-EC congress that will be held in **Athens May 17 – 19, 2018.**

8th IFSO-EC Congress is being prepared in cooperation with local organizing committee under the presidency of Dr. Harry Pappis, and together we all work hard on ensuring rich scientific programme and activities that will attract renowned professionals from the field all over the world.

The application to EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event has been made.

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CONGRESS OF THE

IFSO-EC 2018

MAY 17-19, 2018



IMPORTANT DATES:

February 18 – May 7, 2018

Standard Registration Fee

from May 8, 2018

On-site Registration Fee



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

TIME	NIKOS SKALKOTAS HALL	MC2	MC3
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH			
			SCOPE SCHOOL
18:00	Exhibition and Registration Opening		
19:00	WELCOME RECEPTION		
THURSDAY, MAY 17TH			
09:00 - 09:45	OPENING SESSION NAFLD/NASH	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Surgical Complications	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Metabolic Mechanisms of Surgeries
09:45 - 10:30			
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK		
11:00 - 12:30	BARIATRIC SURGERY AT THE EXTREMES	GREEK SESSION: Surgical treatment of diabetes type II Multidisciplinary approach	ORAL COMMUNICATION:
12:30 - 14:30	LUNCH BREAK & INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM		
14:30 - 16:00	DEBATE: WHICH BYPASS IS BETTER	SURGERY OF DIABETES: A New Era	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Sleeve, RYGB, OAGB, BPD, SADI
16:00 - 16:30	COFFEE BREAK		
16:30 - 18:00	REVISIONAL SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY	YOUNG IFSO	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Metabolic Effects of Surgeries
18:00 - 19:30	OPENING CEREMONY IFSO-EC PRESENTATION AND AWARDS		
FRIDAY, MAY 18TH			
09:00 - 10:30	MECHANISMS UNDERLYING BENEFICIAL EFFECTS	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Miscellaneous	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Revisional surgeries
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK		
11:00 - 12:30	EASO/IFSO-EC Joint Session HOW TO BUILD AN EFFECTIVE AND SAFE CLINICAL PATHWAY FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY PATIENTS	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Sleeve gastrectomy	ENDOLUMINAL & INNOVATIVE PROCEDURES, INCL. ROBOTICS
12:30 - 14:30	LUNCH BREAK & INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM		
14:30 - 16:00	EASO/IFSO-EC Joint Session HOW TO TACKLE SPECIFIC BARIAT- RIC PROBLEMS: CLINICAL CASES	METABOLIC EFFECTS OF SURGERY: CAN WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PROCEDURES?	VIDEO SESSION: Interesting Cases & Conversions
16:00 - 16:30	COFFEE BREAK		
16:30 - 17:30	LONG-TERM TREATMENT OUTCOMES (>10y)	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Miscellaneous	VIDEO SESSION: Redo Cases
17:30 - 18:30	GENERAL COUNCIL.		
20:00	CONGRESS DINNER		
SATURDAY, MAY 19TH			
09:00 - 11:00	DEBATE: Band, sleeve or bypass	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Integrated Health	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Multidisciplinary
11:00 - 11:30	COFFEE BREAK		
11:30 - 13:00	METABOLIC SURGERY FOR T2DM BMI < 35	BEST ABSTRACT SESSION	ORAL COMMUNICATION: Allied Health
13:00 - 13:30	CLOSING CEREMONY		



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(Switzerland)

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(Italy)

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(France)

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(France)

Ralph Peterli
(Switzerland)

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(Greece/ United Kingdom)

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(Austria)

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(United Kingdom)

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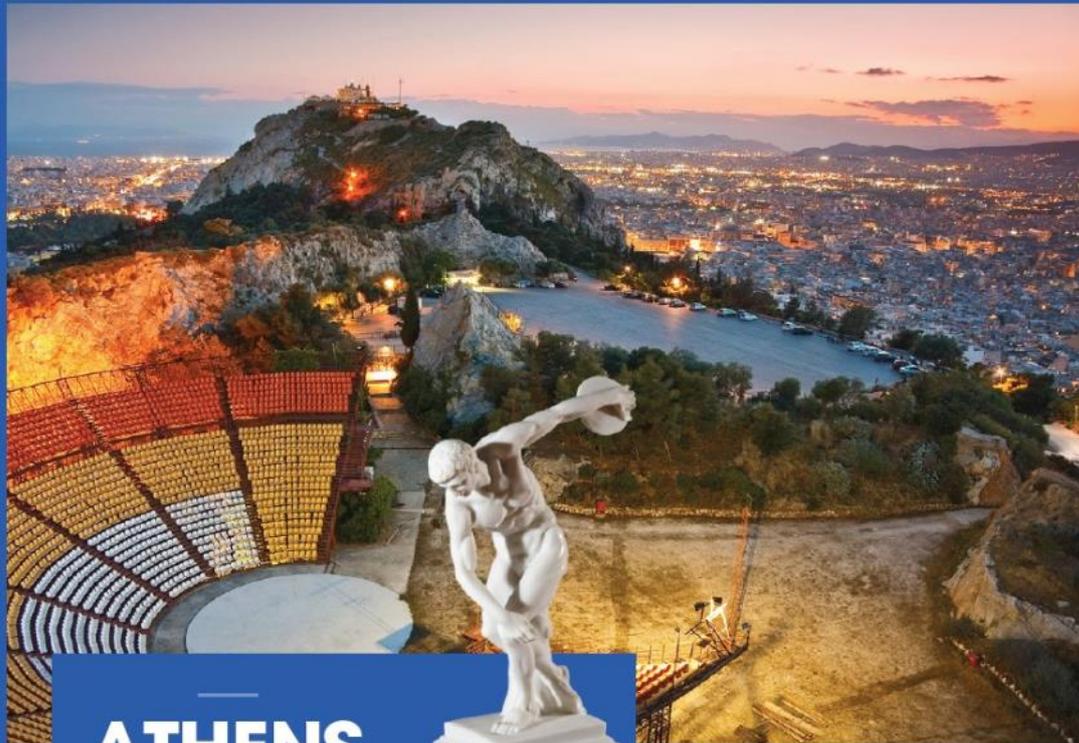
VENUE



8th IFSO-EC Congress will take place at the major cultural centre of Athens, **at Megaron**. The venue has been opened in 1991, and since then has hosted a number of conferences and educational courses but also concerts and exhibitions. It is located in the heart of Athens, and is surrounded by a peaceful green area.



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ATHENS



Apart from the scientific programme, Athens is another reason to come. In May, while the touristic season has not reached its peak and the weather is still moderate, attendees of the Congress will be able to enjoy the ancient heritage accumulated at the crossroads of civilizations. 8th IFSO-EC Congress offers the opportunity to combine scientific and cultural interface in breath taking Athens.

We look forward to seeing you in Athens!





North American Chapter Report



John Morton
President of North
American Chapter



ASMBS Weekend
NEW YORK, NY | JUNE 14-16, 2018

Registration is Open
[ASMBSWEEKEND.COM](http://asmbsweekend.com)

NYC

June 14 – 16, 2018 New York, NY

ASMBS Weekend is a must-attend clinical symposium for surgeons and members of the bariatric team. This intimate meeting balances **self-care, career advancement and networking opportunities.**

On Thursday, June 14th, the **North American Chapter course** will tackle the needs and latest updates in the field of bariatric surgery and endoscopic interventions. This course will be under the direction of NAC President John Morton.

This year, ASMBS Weekend will include abstract sessions dedicated to the latest technology and advancement in the field of obesity.

Throughout this intimate conference, attendees will have the opportunity to earn over **15 CME, MOC and CE educational hours.**

There is limited space remaining, register and reserve your room today. [Click here](#) to register.

To view the full comprehensive schedule, please visit: asmbsweekend.com



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SAVE THE DATE!

May 17-19, 2018
Palais des Congrès de Montréal/
Montreal Convention Center

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER - EMAIL: CONFERENCE@CABPS.CA

CABPS.CA

Joint Obesity Conference of CABPS and ICCDS

5th Annual Obesity Conference
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE
des MEDECINS et CHIRURGIENS BARIATRIQUES
The CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of
BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS

**3rd International Consensus Conference
on Duodenal Switch**
ICCDS
2018

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Canadian Obesity Weekend is a joint Conference of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) and the International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch. The conference will convene on May 17-19, 2018 at Palais des Congrès de Montréal in Montreal, Quebec. This bariatric conference will include a Pre-Conference Workshop on Duodenal Switch (ICCDS). Through the use of riveting, thought-provoking topics, live surgeries, and dynamic and engaging international and Canadian speakers, it is designed to hold your attention and stimulate your mind. You can't afford to miss it!

VIEW THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

[Click here](#) to view the **Program-at-a-Glance** for the Pre-Conference Workshop and the Conference.



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ObesityWeek2018

November 11-15, 2018

Nashville, TN.



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Nashville, Tennessee | November 11-15 OBESITY SOCIETY

Planted in the heart of Music City - Nashville, TN, from November 11-15.
The preeminent international conference provides a comprehensive schedule on obesity surgery, prevention, research, public policy and more.

1,500+
ABSTRACTS

150+
EXHIBITORS

3,500+
OBESITY
PROFESSIONALS

Visit ObesityWeek.com for registration,
latest information and updates.

Join more than 5,000 health professionals and experience the future of obesity treatment and prevention at besityWeek 2018 in Nashville, TN, Nov. 11 - 15.

ObesityWeek offers hundreds of opportunities, including the ability to advance your career with high-quality continuing education.

Visit obesityweek.com for additional information in the upcoming months.





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ObesityWeek 2017

ObesityWeek 2017 was a success! ObesityWeek hosted over 5,000 attendees. ASMBS received a record number of abstract submissions, including over 40 Portuguese Abstracts.

ASMBS held a multitude of joint sessions with other medical societies, including International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) Americas Hernia Society (AHS), Association for Bariatric Endoscopy (ABE), and more.

We are preparing to make ObesityWeek 2018 better than ever. Save the date, ObesityWeek will be held in Nashville, TN from Nov. 11-15, 2018.

International Reception

The International Reception provided opportunities for our international colleagues to network and to present prestigious awards.



IFSO Past President Kelvin Higa and Michel Gagner spent time with fellow attendees at the International Reception.



IFSO Immediate Past President Kelvin Higa (far left), IFSO Senior Past President Natan Zundel (far right) congratulate Yan Y. Gu (left) and Stephan Axer (right) on their International Award.



Latin American Chapter Report



Ricardo Cohen
President of Latin
American Chapter

It is my pleasure to report what have happened in our Chapter in the last 5 months, from October 2017 to February 2018.

We had several communications with our member societies, more of them through our Whatsapp CHAT IFSO LAC as it has been more effective and faster than electronic mails. The new Presidents of our Member Societies are now very well connected with us, we maintain a good communication with both, the Past and the new Presidents to move forward in the development of our Chapter. The only change that happened is in Costa Rica. Our good friend Jorge Esmeral transmitted the Presidency to Ariel Rivera, a very enthusiast Bariatric Surgeon. Thank you Jorge Esmeral for all your support in these last 2 years. This report is short, because our Chapter activities were developed in the first 9 months of 2017, a great year. We expect that 2018 will be great because several of our Member Societies are preparing some local and National Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery meetings, and they want us to be an active part of their meetings.

Several International Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery meetings, symposia and courses took place. IFSO LAC participated in many. In October 2017 the **Brasilian Society for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery (SBCBM)** celebrated their **XVIII Congresso Brasileiro de Cirurgia Bariátrica e Metabólica** in the beautiful city of Florianópolis. From October 4th to 7th 2017.

IFSO LAC participated actively in this meeting, and developed a Bariatric and Metabolic symposium with a very well attended audience.



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A full audience was present. Seven IFSO LAC Member Societies participated.



Dr. Sergio Aparicio from Bolivia shared this picture with IFSO LAC



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Keynote Lecture by Prof. Antonio Torres from Spain.

The next participation of IFSO LAC was during "Obesity Week 2017" held in Washington DC from October 29th to November 2nd 2017. Our Chapter had a very important participation in this meeting, under the leadership of the Brazilian Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery (SBCBM) and Natan Zundel. The session was called Latinamerican Video-Social.



Latinamerican Video-Social. Videos, Wine and Snacks.



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Beautiful Marina Kurian MD FACS FASMBS directed one of the Video stations. Her beauty and her gorgeous presence gave this session an exceptional touch.



This Latin American Video-Social format consists of several Video Stations, with Short Video presentations of 7 minutes, finishing with open discussion.

During the session it was served fine wines, sodas and snacks. It was a successful gathering.



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Other special moment during the ObesityWeek 2017 for Latinamerican was the ASMBS FOUNDATION LEAD AWARDS. This time the Society gave to Natan Zundel MD FACS FASMB, the MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD. Congratulations Natan, we are very proud of you.



Dr. Zundel giving his touching and inspirational

Family and friends sharing with Natan his Award.





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From November 16th. to 18th. 2017 in the beautiful city of Guadalajara, Mexico, Dr. Nelson Rodriguez, President of the Colegio Mexicano de Cirugia de Obesidad y Enfermedades Metabolicas (CMCOEM) and his team organized the Meeting MEJORES PRACTICAS EN CIRUGIA EN CIRUGIA BARIATRICA. It was a very well attended meeting, with the participation of several International and National Speakers. Dr. Rodriguez is a young and very enthusiastic Bariatric and Metabolic Surgeon. This event was attended by Bariatric Surgeons and Allied Health professionals. The CMCOEM is organizing several meetings for the next 2 years.



Dr. Nelson Rodriguez (President CMCOEM) Dr. Estuardo Behrens (Executive Director IFSO LAC) and Dr. Miguel Herrera (President-elect CMCOEM)

Last but not least, from February 22nd. To 24th. the CMCOEM developed the 2nd. National Metabolic Surgery Congress in the BIG CITY of Mexico, at the auditorium of the Hospital Angeles del Pedregal. There were over 600 hundred attendees were present and Faculty was represented by several of the International leaders of Metabolic Surgery of the world.



Dinner with the Faculty of the 2nd. National Metabolic Surgery CMCOEM



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Dr. Rafael Alvarez-Cordero
Past-President CMCOEM



Dr. Ricardo Cohen President IFSO LAC



Dr. Salvador Navarrete
President of the
Venezuelan Society



Samer Mattar MD FACS
ASMBS President



Carlos Zerweck MD
President Scientific

Dr. Mattar, Dr. Behrens and Dr.
Marcos Berry from Chile





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Very well, Mr. President!

This is all that has happened in our Chapter in the last 5 months.

I will keep you posted for the next meetings.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Sincerely yours,



Estuardo J. Behrens MD MACG FACS FASMBS

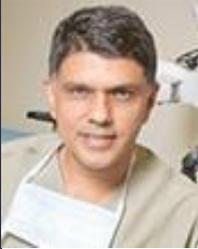
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Asia Pacific Chapter Report



Muffazal Lakdawala
President of Asia Pacific Chapter

Singapore had an annual meeting of surgeons and endocrinologists last year in November. The new President of the society is Dr. Jaideep Raj Rao.

Korean society for bariatric and metabolic surgery had its annual Meeting in March this year and have passed a resolution to start training its surgeons, as Government insurance will cover bariatric surgery in November 2018.



The **Digestive Health Institute in Mumbai** was appointed as first approved centre for training.





Asia Pacific Chapter Report

New Delhi has just hosted the first world congress on Standardisation of bariatric procedures in March 22/24, headed by Dr. Mal Fobi and Dr. Mohit Bhandari.



OSSI had its annual meeting held in Chennai this year.



IFSO APC is planning to approve training centres for workshops and fellowships starting from April 2018.



Middle East North Africa Chapter Report



Abdelrahman Nimeri
President of Middle
East North American
Chapter

The IFSO MENA Chapter was the fruit of the hard work of the Executive Board of the **Gulf Obesity Surgery Society (GOSS)** led by Mohamed Al Jarrallah and the Executive Board of the **Pan Arab Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (PASMBS)** led by Abdelrahman Nimeri. **We are proud & feel privileged to be the youngest child in the IFSO family.**

The IFSO MENA Chapter (MENAC) was inaugurated on the 8th of December 2017 in Dubai at the first general council meeting and **election of Executive Council:**

President 2017-2019: Abdelrahman Nimeri (UAE).

President elect 2017-2019: Khalid Mirza (KSA).

Treasurer: Hayssam Fawal (Lebanon) & office location/bank account are in Lebanon.

Member at Large: Khaled Gawdat (Egypt).

IFSO World Congress èresident, Ali Khammas until Sept 2018.

IFSO MENA chapter General Council: EC plus the following members:

Lebanon: Bassem Safadi (voting), George Elhaji, Egypt: Alaa Abbass (voting), Osama Taha. KSA: Aayed Al Qahtani (voting), Waleed Bukhari, Jordan: Sami Salim (voting), Ahmad Bashir, Kuwait: Mohamed Al Jarrallah (voting), Salman Al Sabah, UAE: Essa Al Mualimi (voting), Abdelwahid Al Wahidi.



Sitting from right to left: H. Fawal, K. Mirza, A. Nimeri, M. Aljarallah, K. Gawdat.
Standing from the right to left: B. Safadi, A. Bashir, A. Abbass, S. Salim, A. Qahtani, S. Al Sabah, Essa Almulaimi



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- ◆ **IFSO MENA chapter committee structure:** includes the following committees:

Communication: Chair: Ahmed Bashir Co-Chair: Ali Al Montasheri.

Scientific & research: Chair: Bassem Safadi Co-Chair: Ashraf Haddad.

Education & training: Chair: Aayed Al Qahtani, Co-Chair: Osama Taha

Guidelines/registries & medicolegal: Chair: Salman Al Sabah, Co-Chair: George Elhalj

Membership: Chair: Mousa Khoursheed, Co-Chair: Mohamed Al Hadad.

Integrated Health: Chair Nadia Ahmed, Co-Chair: Nasreen Al Faris.

- ◆ **IFSO MENAC Committee members 2017-2019:**

⇒ **Communication Committee 2017-2020**

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

Members: 2017-2019: Hazem Almomani (UAE), Tamer Abdelbaki (Egypt), Abdullah Mousa (UAE), Mohamad Jamal (Kuwait), Essam Batayah (KSA), Mu'ayyad Abbas (Iraq), Hasan Hussein (Jordan), Mahmoud Basho (Lebanon).

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

Chair: Aayed Alqahtani Chair-elect: Osama Taha.

Members 2017-2019: Mohammed Hytham Alfawal (Lebanon), Faheem Basuini (Egypt), Abdelrahman Nimeri (UAE), Salman Alsabab (Kuwait), Firas Obaidat (Jordan), Sultan Altemyat (KSA).

⇒ **Membership Committee 2017-2020:**

Chair: Mousa Khoursheed Chair-elect: Mohammed Al Hadad

Members 2017-2019: Falih Mohsen: (Iraq), Khaled Hamdan (UAE), Khalil Zayadin (Jordan), Tahir Yunus (Saudi Arabia), Mohga Elsheikh (UAE), Emad Abdallah (Egypt), Mohamed Abouzied (Egypt).

⇒ **Scientific Committee 2017-2020:**

Chair Bassem Safadi Chair-elect: Ashraf Hadad

Members 2017-2019: Mahmoud Abdel-Al (Egypt), Emad Abdallah (Egypt), Mohammed Alnaami (KSA), Ossama Damra (Jordan), Hussein Faour (UAE), Sulaiman Al Mazeedi (Kuwait), Matthew Kroh (UAE), Rodrigue Chemali (Lebanon).



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- ⇒ **Registry, Guidelines & Medicolegal committee** 2017-2020:
Chair: Salman Al Sabah. Chair-elect: George El Haj
Members 2017-2019: Saud Al Subaie (Kuwait), Asmaa Al Rashed (Kuwait), Abdulmalek Altaf (Saudi Arabia)
- ⇒ **Integrated Health committee:** 2017-2020
Chair: Nadia Ahmad Chair-elect: Nasreen Al Faris.
Members 2017-2019 TBA.
- ◆ **IFSO MENAC** is proud to have the IFSO secretariat office as its official Secretariat (please email Stefanie D'Arco info@ifso.com or Manuela Mazzarella ifso.secretariat@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Coming soon the IFSO MENAC website.**

Activities of the IFSO MENAC Communication Committee in 2018:

- ◆ **IFSO MENAC monthly Webinars (started in December 2017):**
- ⇒ **1st IFSO MENAC Webinar** December 14th 2017 "the story of the Heaviest man in the world" Aayed Al Qahtani KSA President elect of PASMBS.



2nd IFSO MENAC Teleconference Thursday February 8th 2018

 <p>Presenters: Ashraf Haddad, GBMC, Jordan Hayssam Fawal, BSC, Lebanon Mohammad Haddad, Healthpoint, UAE</p>	 <p>Moderator: Ahmad Bashir, Communication Committee Chair (MENAC)</p>	 <p>Expert Panel: Abdelrahman Nimeri, President IFSO MENAC Kelvin Higa, Past ASMBS & IFSO president Jacques Himpens, IFSO president</p>
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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 planned Sleeve gastrectomy

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Committee



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◆ IFSO MENAC on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Telegram): Please join us and stay connected:

- ⇒ **IFSO MENAC Telegram group (222 members):** This is a closed professional social networking group to discuss complex cases and receive updates about important events in the IFSO calendar, https://t.me/joinchat/BdmnT0LuAYSCZT_iJ_27kw
- ⇒ **IFSO MENAC Facebook Group (571 members):** This is a closed professional social networking group to discuss complex cases and receive updates about important events in the IFSO calendar Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IfsoMENAC/about/>
- ⇒ **Please follow IFSO MENAC on Twitter @IFSOMENAC (276 followers).**

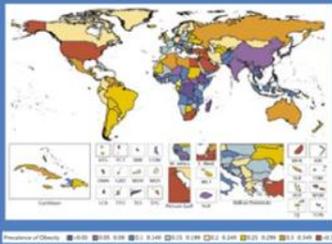
◆ IFSO MENAC Twitter chat [#obsMENA](https://twitter.com/obsMENA)



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شاركونا الحوار في تغريدة الجمعة ١/١٩ الساعة ٣ عصرا بتوقيت جرينش



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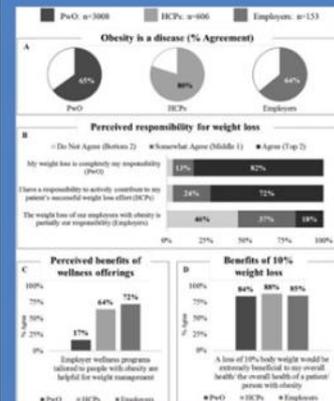
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- ⇒ **Second #obsmMENA chat is about type II Diabetes, Obesity & Bariatric Surgery** <http://obsmmena.blogspot.com.eg/2018/02/diabetes-and-obesity-obsm-mena-chat-on.html> The blog for the next [#obsmMENA](#) chat on 23rd Feb 3pm GMT is out. Please join us. Arabic and English tweets are welcome.



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Authors can submit abstracts for original oral, poster and video presentations in any of the congress scientific topics. All abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee and reserves the right to determine whether a submission is accepted as an oral, video or a poster presentation. The abstract may be scheduled for presentation on any day from 26-29 September 2018.

Abstract Submission deadline ends on April 1st 2018

Abstract Topics:

- Adjustable gastric banding
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- Bariatric registries
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- Emergent technology
- Endoscopic and Percutaneous Interventional Procedures
- Enhanced recovery in bariatric surgery
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- Gastric bypass procedures including Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) and One Anastomosis gastric bypass OAGB)
- Gastric Plication
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- Surgery and strategies for low BMI
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IFSO 2018 Scientific Program

IFSO 2018 will offer 10 Post-graduate 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 who's 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.

Program at a Glance

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 & 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
- Hands on Course on suturing & stapling techniques

Postgraduate Courses



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CONGRESS

Category	Early Bird Rate Until 30 June 2018	Regular Rate 1 July - 24 Sept 2018	Onsite Registration Rates
Delegate – IFSO Member	\$490.00	\$580.00	\$725.00
Delegate – Non Member	\$600.00	\$685.00	\$850.00
Delegate - Integrated Health, Residents & Students	\$250.00	\$325.00	\$375.00

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Category	Until 1 Aug 2018	1 Aug onwards & Onsite
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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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IFSO VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY
I IFSO I.H. Online Symposium
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 Silvia Leite Faria, PhD Registered Dietitian
 University of Brasilia/Gastrocirugia
February 8, 2018
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2ND IFSO MENAC WEBINAR: DIFFICULT BARIATRIC CASES

WEBINAR JAN. 25: WEIGHT REGAIN AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE



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

Presenters:
 Hayssam Fawal, BGC, Lebanon
 Ahmad Haddad, GBMAC, Jordan
 Mohammed Al Hadad, Healthpoint, UAE

Moderator:
 Ahmad Bahic, Communication Committee Chair (MENAC)

Expert Panel:
 Abdelhakim Nimro, President IFSO MENAC
 Yehia Higa, Past ASOMBS & IFSO president
 Jacques Wangen, 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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"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
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**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



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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)



IFSO JOURNAL CLUB
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



IFSO JOURNAL CLUB
FIRST ONLINE EVENT
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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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Members: Saber Ghiassi, Kamal Mahawar, Ali Aminian, Aparna Govil, Asim Shabbir, Ahmad Bashir, Cynthia Borg, Caetano Marchesini

- ◇ **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 Key-note 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.
- ◇ **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.

Upcoming Live Surgeries:

Kelvin Higa, Natan Zundel, Jean Marc Chevallier, Antonio Torres



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- ◇ **AIS IFSO London lectures edited by AIS stored on the IFSO Virtual Academy:**
- ◇ Nutritional Deficiencies after Bariatric Surgery ¿Can they be predicted PRE-OP?" - Tair Ben Porat
- ◇ Presidential Address by IFSO President 2017 - Kelvin Higa
- ◇ Hypoglycemia after Bariatric Surgery recognition and management - Andrea Pucci.
- ◇ Swedish obese subjects study 20-year data - Lena Carlsson
- ◇ Stampede trial 5-year results - Philip Schauer
- ◇ Do limb lengths really matter in Gastric Bypass? - Jacques Himpens
- ◇ Is there an "ideal" Sleeve Gastrectomy? - Michel Gagner
- ◇ Internal hernias after Gastric Bypass – can disasters be avoided? - Johan Ottosson
- ◇ Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy or Roux-en-Y bypass. 5-year results of the prospective randomized Swiss multicenter bypass or sleeve study - Ralph Peterli
- ◇ Endoscopic metabolic procedures targeting the duodenum - Manoel Galvao Neto
- ◇ Are VTE's still a problem in a modern bariatric practice? - Stacy Brethauer
- ◇ **IFSO Integrated Health Webinar:**
 - ◇ **1st Webinar February 8th, 2018:** "Necessary Supplements Following Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery. **Moderator:** T. Martinez.
Speaker: Silvia Leite Faria, Brazil. Discussants: Mary O'Kane, UK, Julie Parrott, US, Shiri Sherf Dagan, IL **195 Attendees.**



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IFSO Quarterly Webinars (started in 2017):

1st Webinar November 24th 2016 "The right procedure for the right patient" **Moderator:** Kelvin Higa – NAC **Discussants:** J. Himpens - EC A. Torres – EC N. Zundel – NAC M. Lakdawala - APC

2nd Webinar July 6th 2017: "High incidence of Barretts esophagitis after LSG" by A. Genco: **Moderator:** K Higa **Discussants:** (Lakdawala, 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:** W.J. Lee, S. Shikora, R. Cohen, C. Le Roux, D. Cummings. **106 Attendees.**

4th Webinar January 25th 2018: "Weight regain after LSG" by A. Torres. **Moderator:** A. Ramos. **Discussants:** JM Chevallier, M. Gagner, M. Lakdawala, R. Rosenthal **195 Attendees.**

5th Webinar April 5th 2018: **OAGB** by JM Chevallier. **Discussants:** K. Kular APC, K. Mahawar EC, H. Fawal MENAC, C. Boza LAC, K. Higa NAC.

6th Webinar July 2018: **VTE prophylaxis in Bariatric surgery.**

7th Webinar Oct 2018: **Enhanced Recovery after Bariatric Surgery.**



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IFSO Quarterly Journal Club: led by Kamal Mahawar, important articles from Obesity Surgery Journal and other journals were discussed. This was 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 followed 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).

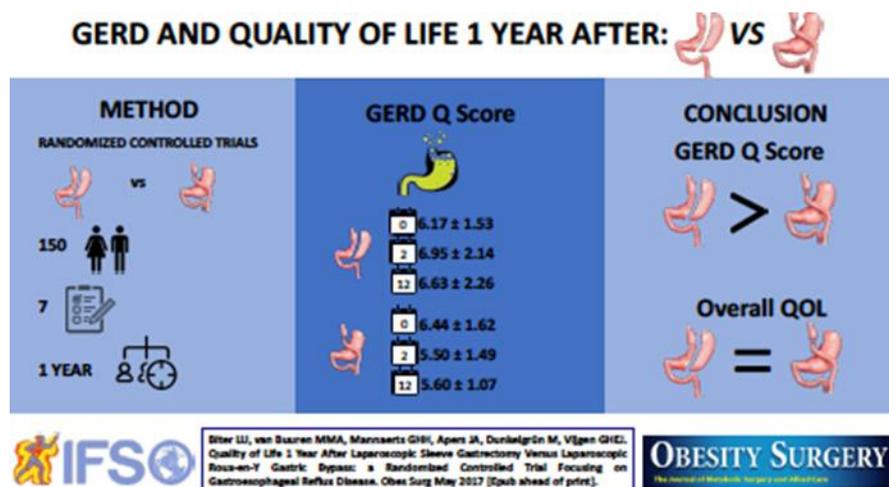
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IFSO Obesity Surgery I Journal Club November 30th 2017: "RCT LSG vs RYGB for GERD QOL". Speaker: Ulas Biter, Moderator: Abdelrahman Nimeri

IFSO Obesity Surgery II Journal Club January 10th 2018: "Long term results of LSG". Speaker: Ralph Gadiot, Moderator: Kamal Mahawar

IFSO Obesity Surgery III Journal Club February 28th 2018: "Review of best studies in 2017". Speaker: Ali Aminian, Moderator Aparna Govil

◇ IFSO-Obesity Surgery Journal Visual Abstract:



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.



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◇ Meetings endorsed by IFSO:

- 2014 (11 meetings)
- 2015 (28 meetings)
- 2016 (24 meetings)
- 2017 (27 meetings)
- 2018 (6 meetings)

◇ The use of a disclosure slide for procedures you perform in your presentations

Bias is not only financial bias, it is scientific and experience bias as well.

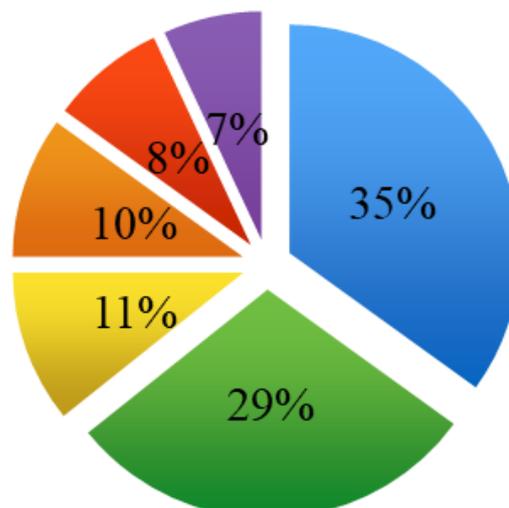
This disclosure slide will show the percentage of procedures the presenter has performed in his/her whole career. This is helpful to show the attendees the presenter's bias for procedures they rarely perform.

This is a requirement for all IFSO endorsed meetings. It must be enforced mandatorily by the Director of the endorsed event and it is recommended for all the other Speakers.

Course directors are required to ask all presenters to add the disclosure slide with the percentage of procedures at the beginning of the presentations.

The presenter is free to add/remove to the suggested list any type of procedure to fully reflect his/her own statistics. For example:

■ LSG ■ RYGB
■ BPD ■ OAGB/MGB



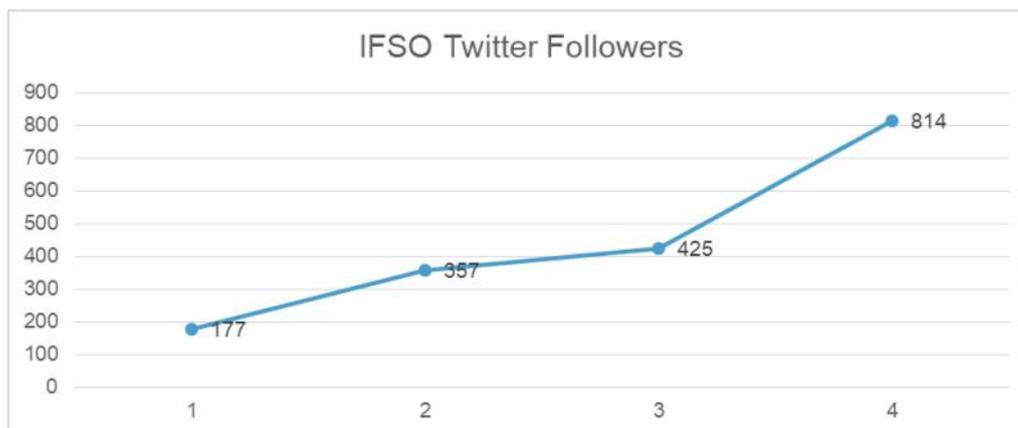


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- ◇ **IFSO on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In):**
- ◇ **IFSO Facebook Group (started in 2013): Helps us cross 2.000 members.**
This is a closed professional social networking group to discuss complex cases and receive updates about important events in the IFSO calendar, IFSO Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/396874800435861/>



- ◇ **Please follow IFSO on Twitter @IfsoSecretariat (started October 2016):**
 October 2016 177 followers
 April 2017 357 followers
 Sept 2017 425 followers
Feb 2018 814 followers (Help us cross 1.000 followers).





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◇ **IFSO Linked In group: 968 members**

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◇ **IFSO Website new look launched in 2014:**

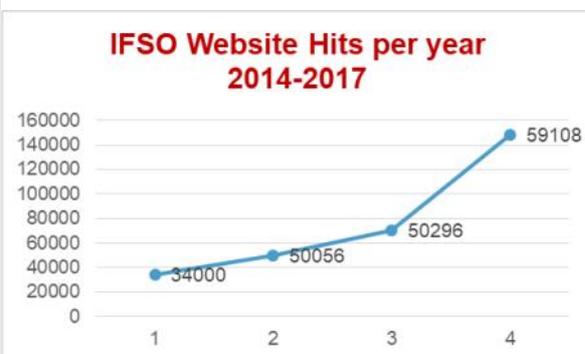
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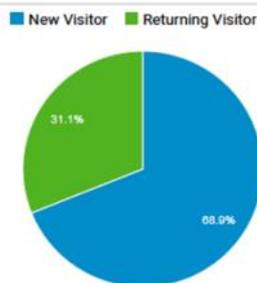
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2. India 1455
3. Brazil 1385
4. UK 1226
5. Italy 885
6. Mexico 863
7. France 595
8. Spain 576
9. Australia 443
10. Netherlands 417

2015

- USA 6397
- India 4094
- Brazil 3573
- UK 2954
- Italy 2219
- Mexico 2042
- France 1492
- Spain 1381
- Germany 1145
- Australia 1100

2016

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Committees' Report



Integrated Health Committee

New I.H. Committee member:

Tracy Martinez
Chair of the
Integrated Health
Committee

Our newest committee member is *Cristina Aquino* graduated in Physical Education in 1995. Currently, she gives support to people who wish to lose weight and improve their life's quality. As she also specialised in Strength Training for Health and Performance, Pilates Method, Functional Training and Health Coaching, she utilises these tools to assist her clients to achieve their ideal body composition and physical fitness. In 2012 she joined a Bariatric Surgery Team led by Doctor Caetano Marchesini and received a certificate of Multidisciplinary Specialist in Bariatric Surgery from the Brazilian Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

I.H. First Webinar

The IFSO I.H. Committee presented the first IFSO I.H. Webinar on February 8, 2018. By all accounts it was very successful. The topic was "**Necessary Supplementations Following Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery**" presented by Silvia Leite Faria Rd, PhD. We had 170 attendees (over 400 registered). The panel discussants were from the United States, Israel and the United Kingdom.



I IFSO I.H. Online Symposium



W•E•B•I•N•A•R

"Necessary Supplements Following Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery"



Silvia Leite Faria
Speaker



Tracy Martinez
Moderator



Mary O'Kane
Discussant



Julie Parrott
Discussant



Shiri Sherf Dagan
Discussant

February 8. 2018
3.00-4.00pm Central European Time



Committees' Report

We plan to offer three webinars this year. This is also a vehicle to gather emails of our members which has been a challenge. Past webinars will be available on our website on <http://www.ifso.com/ifso-virtual-academy/>

IFSO Dubai

Integrated Health will have two half days at IFSO in Dubai with rich content and speakers.

For the first time, starting from this year, IFSO will offer **5 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 5 IFSO chapters Integrated Health Survey. The applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat (info@ifso.com) by **April, 8th 2018**.

[Click here](#) for the complete Scholarship regulations.

The Committee is working on a membership survey to learn more about what makes up our I.H. membership and how can we serve them better. We will send this out using Survey Monkey in April 2018. We invite all Integrated Health practitioners to submit their email to IFSO so we can keep in good communication with our members.

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 Scientific Committee of IFSO has been busy with various activities aimed at ensuring members to have access to the latest evidenced based information to inform their practice.

The Scientific Committee has been working with the Executive Board in order to produce IFSO Position Statements on OAGB and SADI/OADS. These statements will soon be available in Obesity Surgery. Further Position Statements are planned.

We have reviewed the content of the website and tried to provide more up-to-date information on the bariatric procedures we commonly perform for both patients and professionals.

In addition, we have been working with the local organisers of Dubai scientific congress on the Scientific Programme. The local organisers have done a superb job and I would encourage everyone to plan on coming to both meetings and attend some of the courses. The Scientific Committee has endorsed the IFSO Registry Post-Graduate Programme and we hope this will be a great opportunity to work together to improve outcomes for our patients around the world.

Wendy Brown
IFSO Scientific Committee Chair



Committees' Report



Bariatric Metabolic Endoscopy Committee

Manoel Galvao Neto
Chair of the Bariatric
Metabolic Endoscopy
Committee

The IFSO Bariatric Endoscopy Committee was created in December 2017 with a clear mission: integrate the Bariatric Endoscopy field among IFSO community by means of promoting meetings, courses, consensus, position statements and white papers. The Committee vision is to promote the integration of bariatric surgery with endoscopy in a stepwise manner.

The first virtual Committee meeting was held on February 21st and was very productive. We could delineate our activities starting by the Bariatric Endoscopy postgraduate course at Dubai Congress on September 26th.

The group also defined an action plan with the intention of producing position statements and consensus about endoluminal approach to Sleeve Gastrectomy stenosis and leaks, pre-op endoscopy, Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty and Intra-gastric Balloons to be evaluated by IFSO executive Board and presidency with the intention to be published in Obesity Surgery journal.

The IFSO Bariatric Endoscopy Committee is formed by KOLs on the field among the most experienced ones and we expect a very productive term.

Here follows the Committee members; Manoel Galvao Neto (Brazil), Barham Abu Dayyeh (USA) , Christopher Thompson (USA), Gontrand López-Nava (Spain), Natan Zundel (USA), Josemberg Campos (Brazil) ,Christine Stierr (Germany), Mousa Khoursheed (Kuwait), Muffazal Lakdawalaala (India), Almino Ramos (Almino Ramos)

Manoel Galvão Neto

Chair of IFSO Bariatric Metabolic Endoscopy Committee



Committees' Report



Aleksandr Neimark
Young IFSO President



Young IFSO Report

At the end of 2017, it was decided to take a census of all members of Young IFSO. So far we count 226 Young Members in our ranks but we hope many more will join our community. All the members of Young IFSO are surgeons and I.H. professionals up to 45 years.

We provide them with the opportunity to communicate in social networks and participate in our scientific sessions at congresses organized by IFSO.

Two sessions are already prepared for the IFSO-EC Meeting that will be held in Athens in May 2018 and for the World Congress to be held in Dubai in September 2018.

We warmly invite you to participate in these sessions. One more session is also planned for the Frankfurt meeting that will take place in November 2018.

We have also created an active [Facebook Group](#) and we do hope you will all join us.

We share with the members of the Group the most interesting cases on bariatric surgery.

Kind regards,

Aleksandr Neimark

President of Young IFSO



IV IFSO Global Registry Report

Become part of the Global IFSO Registry

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) Global Registry Project was established in January 2014 to demonstrate that it is possible to merge and analyse bariatric and metabolic surgical data from different countries and centres. The global initiative will help the bariatric community establish essential benchmark knowledge about the patients, their age and gender distributions, body mass index (BMI) and comorbidity disease burden, as well as track trends in surgery over time.

In August 2017, the Third IFSO Global Registry Report (2017) was released at the XXII IFSO World Congress in London, UK, and included data from more than 40 countries on over 196,000 operations including baseline obesity-related disease, operation types, operative outcomes and disease status after bariatric/metabolic surgery. The report also demonstrated clear and important differences in bariatric practice between countries. To access the latest report, please [click here](#)

The 'Fourth IFSO Global Registry Report,' will be published at the XXIII IFSO World Congress in Dubai, UAE, and the Federation would like to invite all members to participate in this forthcoming report. All new contributors will be sent an IFSO Global Registry Charter document that will outline and explain:

- The aims of the IFSO Global Registry Project
- Data protection
- Access
- Data ownership
- Publication and other use of the data
- Principles of operation: roles and responsibilities
- Data validation
- Supervising authorities

There are two ways for contributors to submit data - IFSO Upload-My Data portal and IFSO Direct-Data-Entry portal:

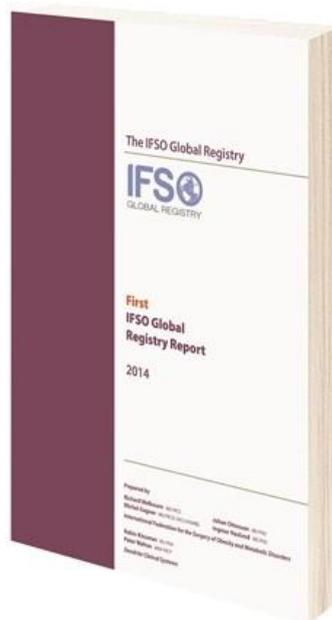
- The IFSO Upload-My Data portal enables a community of surgeons or physicians to create a national or international database; even if there are different database systems being used at the local level, the data from each can be integrated into the central, merged registry.
- IFSO Direct-Data-Entry portal allows contributors to directly enter their data onto a secure portal on a case-by-case basis.



IV IFSO Global Registry 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,” IFSO presiden, Jacques M Himpens. “More than ever we must share our data with the world. More than ever we must contribute to a global and complete registry.”

If you are interested in contributing your data for the ‘Fourth IFSO Global Registry Report’, please email: ifsoregistry@e-dendrite.com for more information.





IV IFSO Global Registry Report

Prior to surgery, 21.8% of patients were on medication for type 2 diabetes, 31.4% of patients were treated for hypertension, 15.3% of patients were on medication for depression, 20.2% of patients required treatment for musculo-skeletal pain, 20.3% of patients had sleep apnoea and 24.8% of patients had gastro-esophageal reflux disorder.

Following surgery, the report states that the average percentage weight loss was 30.1% and after primary surgery 62.4% of those taking medication for type 2 diabetes beforehand were no longer on medication one year after surgery. The proportion of patients no longer treated for diabetes was highly dependent on weight loss achieved. There were also significant reductions in the rates of treatment for depression, hypertension and musculo-skeletal pain, as well as a decline in rates of confirmed sleep apnoea and GERD one year after surgery.

"Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery is unlike any other surgical specialty. We look to the long-term effects and are not satisfied with one or two-year data; even 10 to 20-year data may not be enough to judge if our interventions today should be continued," said IFSO past-President, Dr Kelvin Higa. "If we had data from the past 30 years of surgery to analyse and integrate with our current concepts of the pathophysiology of our operations, I think we would be closer to answering many important questions such as What should be the criteria for surgery? How do I choose the right operation for the right patient? What are the long-term consequences of my intervention? Reporting data and participating in a registry such as IFSO Global Registry is indicative of the serious commitment to the long-term care of our patients and the advancement of the universal standards by which we practice."

"Together with IFSO, we were delighted to publish this third report at the XXII World Congress in London, UK," said Dr Peter Walton, Managing Director of Dendrite Clinical Systems. "I would also like to encourage metabolic and bariatric surgeons from around the world to contribute their data to the next report to be published at the XXIII IFSO World Congress in Dubai."

If you are interested in participating in the Fourth IFSO Global Registry Report, please email: registrations@e-dendrite.com for more information.

If you would like to download a pdf copy of the Third IFSO Global Registry Report, please [click here](#)

There are limited printed copies of the Third IFSO Global Registry Report still available, if you would like to purchase a printed copy (US\$35/€30/£26 +P&P), please email: ifsoregistry@e-dendrite.com



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

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Palais des Congrès de Montréal/Montreal Convention Center
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April 19th at 9am (Chile Time)/ 5:00 AM PDT/ 8:00 AM EDT/ 1:00 PM BST
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Ernie Dillemaers
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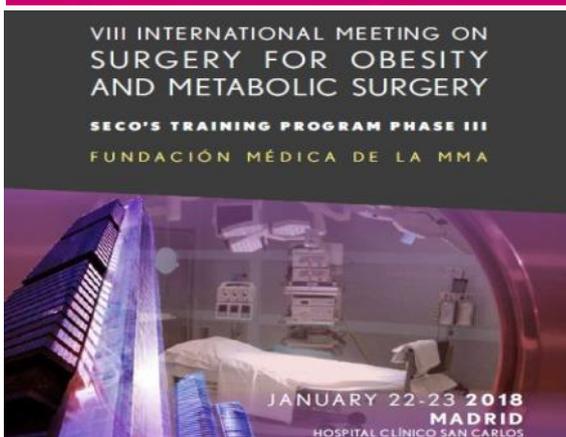
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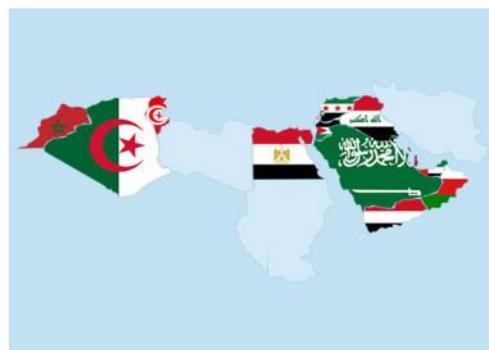
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Pic of the month



**Bariatric Metabolic Surgery Standardization World
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Sketch of the month

It's very important to have a
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Spring Greetings



**A peaceful and happy Spring
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Manuela Mazzarella, Stefanie D'Arco