

International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and metabolic disorders
European Chapter

IFSO-EC General Council meeting
Maastricht, Thursday May 5th at 18.00-19.00

MINUTES

Voting: G. Prager, M. Fried, J.M. Chevallier, M. De Luca, N. Di Lorenzo, M. Felsenreich, P. Salminen, R. Liem, one delegate from each society

Non-voting: R. Peterli, J. Pujol, E. Aarts, one delegate from each society

In attendance: M. Mazarella (IFSO), V. Kinkova (Guarant)

1. Apologies & proxies (quorum)

No apologies

2. Approval Minutes from last GC meeting in Prague

The minutes are approved as they are

3. Report from EAC-BS

Reported – JM Chevallier:

Participation. There are 110 Centers (31 Academic Hospitals - 28%, 12 State Hospitals -11%, 67 Private Institutions - 61%) and 177 Surgeons from 29 countries in the area of Europe, Middle East and Africa (IFSO-EC) accepted to participate in the COE program by the end of April 2022. Fifty-four (54) Centers and 86 surgeons have already been evaluated and have received the COE designation. Five (5) surgeons have been evaluated and have received the Surgeon of Excellence (SOE) designation and 14 more surgeons are under evaluation.

Reported patients. By the end of April 2022, 105,085 patients were entered prospectively into the IBAR™. Out of those 93,384 (88.9%) were subjected to primary bariatric procedures, 7,324 (6.9%) to re-do procedures and the rest 4,377 (4.2%) to 2-stages operations. In the geographic area of IFSO's EC the primary procedures performed were Sleeve gastrectomies: 50,661 (54.25%), Gastric bypasses: 24,861 (26.62%), MGB/OAGB: 10,730 (11.50%), Adjustable gastric banding: 2,905 (3.11%), BPD-DS: 877 (0.93%), Gastric plication: 322 (0.34%), Biliopancreatic diversion Scopinaro: 178 (0.19%), Gastroplasty: 55 (0.06%) and other bariatric procedures: 2,795 (3%).

Complications and Mortality. For primary operations, intra-operative reported complications' rate is 0.87%, post-operative complications 2.14%, re-admissions for early complications 1.21% and re-admissions for late complications 1.36%. The reported overall mortality rate is 0.03%. Verification of data by site-visitation was performed for 86 COE surgeons and 5 SOE surgeons.

Noted - The contract with EAC-BS and Dr. Melissas will expire in 2025, and in 2023 the negotiation phase will start. No site-inspections have been done during the pandemic, and none will be done in the next months, until IFSO EC will take over the accreditation program.

4. Financial report

Reported – M. De Luca

Initial Status 25.4.2017	€	55.931,73
• Profit share IFSO-EC, EOS Goteborg 2016	€	9.139,00
• Service fees to IFSO-EC, EOS Goteborg 2016	€	31.738,91
• Profit IFSO Rio 2016	€	7.278,38
• Profit EAC BS	€	2.155,85
• Profit IFSO London 2017	€	22.192,00
• Profit share Guarant Goteborg	€	4.753,00
• Profit EAC BS	€	2.505,45
• Status (Income + Expenses) Nov 2018	€	99.925,54

Site visits, promotion

Consulting and support in sponsorship Athens 2018 € **36.426,23**

• Account Status 30.08.2019	€	136.332,93
• IFSO EC (Lyon) (12.09.2019)	€	2.912,92
• EAC BS European (25.09.19)	€	500,68
• IFSO Congress 2018 Dubai (13.12.19)	€	12.400,00
• Grant MasterClass OAGB MGB 2020 (06.04.20)	€	3.159,00

Account Status 07.12.2020 € **155.180,17**

2021 Income

• IFSO Congress Madrid 2019 (08.04.2021)	€	15.721,00
• EAC BS European (29.09.2021)	€	5.922,00

Account Status 03.11.2021 € **159.144,23**

Account Status 05.05.2022 € **155.256,38**

2017-2020 Expenses

IFSO-EC Secretary	€	5.375,00
IFSO-EC Porto	€	600,00
IFSO Scholarship 2017	€	3.000,00
Legal advise IFSO-EC	€	2.190,00
Swedish Society BS	€	9.874,00
IFSO EC Naples	€	2.368,00
Vienna 6.2.18	€	723,90
IFSO Scholarship 2018	€	3.000,00
IFSO-EC Secretary and gifts	€	8.080,00
Travel expenses	€	279,00
Bank fees	€	671,66
Total Expenses	€	35.719,79

2021 Expenses

• IFSO-EC Congress Athens 2018 → LOCAL SOCIETY 30 %	€	6.467,79
• IFSO Secretary	€	7.320,00 (January 1st to December 31st 2020)
• Educational Grant MasterClass OAGB	€	3.150,00
• Emergency Room Bariatric Poster	€	647,00

2022 Expenses

• Transperfect Emergency Poster		
Translation Dutch – English (14.1.22)	€	200,00
IFSO Secretary Fee (14.1.22)	€	3.660,00 (July 1st to December 31st 2021)
• Bank Expenses (3.11.21 – 5.5.22)	€	44,70

5. IFSO-EC Symposium 2023 Zurich

Noted – R. Peterli: the registration fee should stay the same as it was in Prague 620 euros/ 600 euros for non members.

A 1 day fee should be created, especially for the physicians who want to attend only one day.

The first meeting to discuss the program will be done after the summer.

The meeting of the Swiss society will be done in the autumn.

Moved - Starting from Zurich all the IFSO EC Meetings will be called “meetings” and not “Symposium”.

All in favor.

6. IFSO EC Meeting in Vienna 2024

Noted – M. Felsenreich: 2-4 May 2024 at the Hilton Vienna Park, Am Stadtpark, 5 min walking distance from the centre. Local Organizing Committee: Prager, Felsenreich, Beckerhinn, Langer, Jedamzik.

7. IFSO-EC Symposium 2025

Noted – The location for 2025 has to be decided.

Action – Manuela to call for bids among all the Presidents of the national Societies to be submitted by July 10th.

Guarant will examine all the bids, and the final decision will be made in Miami by the Executive Council.

8. Future collaboration with EASO

Noted – M. Fried: we don't know when it will be done the next joint meeting with EASO. Maybe in 2026 or in 2027.

Action – JM. Chevallier to approach the EASO President to make future agreements.

9. Committees' reports

a) C&D Committee

Reported – J. Pujol

Current members:

Edo Aarts, Anna Casajoana, Yitka Graham, Tigran Poghosyan, Roxanna Zakeri.

The aims of the digital Campus are to enrich IFSO-EC with scientific and educational content, taking advantage of digital technology.

The 4 different areas are: picture and video gallery (including video and photos of conferences and interviews), training programs (scholarships and partnership with companies), webinars, social network (opening a twitter account to post news on the chapter activities).

- 1) The video and picture's gallery coordinators are Edo Aarts and Anna Casajoana. The design of the video platform needs to be updated. For example to create a customized video library, to rate the videos, sponsors banner in the header. Estimated cost: 1.000 Euro.
- 2) Training scholarships offered by external companies. This companies will be offered a space in our digital platform, where they can insert banners and a description of the educational events along with a link to their website. A registration form will be available on IFSO-EC website to apply. The training program team will be responsible for collecting and selecting the applications. The training program team could be composed by President, Past President, Executive Director, Chair of the Scientific Committee, Chair of Communication and Development Committee and Company representative. The requirements to be eligible could be: members in good standing, preferably young, proved interest on the training topic, partnership conditions.
- 3) The Webinar Project coordinators are: Juan Pujol and Yitka Graham. The group helps the Presidency in planning programs, speakers, format and promotion of the webinar. Next webinar, June 16 “Medications and Supplementations consideration following bariatric procedures”. Cost for the potential sponsors: 2.500/3.000 euro.
- 4) Social network: a twitter IFSO-EC account has been opened. Tigran Poghosyan and Yitka Graham will be the responsible for posting news about the Chapter.

b) MNAG report

Reported – R. Liem:

Emergency Room Poster sponsored by J&J, to be translated in different languages by the national societies. The translation will be checked at Council level to make sure the content hasn't been altered.

The digital version of the poster will be distributed online and printed by the individual centres/hospitals.

The poster is meant for hospitals for postbariatric patients presenting with acute symptoms:

- to assist emergency care physicians (without bariatric experience)
- to avoid preventable delay/harm
- to be translated by national societies (not adopt/change)

Future task of the MNAG: improve involvement of national societies with IFSO-EC

- what are the needs of national societies?
- what is the existing criticism of IFSO-EC?
- how can we further democratize IFSO-EC?

Action – R. Liem to replace some members of the MNAG

c) **OBSU report – Action:** E. Aarts to circulate the OBSU report as soon as possible

d) Young IFSO report

Reported – M. Felsenreich: 1.078 members in the Facebook Group. Our mission is:

- Connection of young bariatric surgeons all over Europe
- Transfer of knowledge, experiences and presentations skills (Journal Club, Congress Sessions, etc.)
- Supporting new members by means of scholarships, grants, fellowships, etc.
- Organizing of interdisciplinary and multicentered research projects
- Connection to young divisions of associated societies (Young investigators of EASO, UEMS of EAES, etc.)

Future Young IFSO-EC activities:

- 9th Young IFSO JC (organized by EC) on 1st of July 2022 / 12:00 CET (online)
- Young IFSO-EC Session at 13th Frankfurter Meeting on 11th of November 2022

10. IFSO EC Symposium in Miami on Friday August 26th

Chairs: Jean-Marc Chevallier, France, Gerhard Prager, Austria, Jacques Himpens, Belgium

Using pharmacotherapy before and after surgery – evidence from RCTs (25' + 10')

Rachel Batterham, UK

How to define a better composite endpoint to compare different bariatric surgery series (15' + 10')

Paulina Salminen, Finland

Refining metabolic endpoints following bariatric surgery (20' + 10')

Francois Pattou, France

11. Date and time of the next General Council meeting in Zurich

Noted – date and time to be confirmed

12. Any Other Business

No other business

****The meeting is adjourned until August 25th ****