

Minutes IFSO-EC General Council meeting

Zurich, Friday May 5th at 18.00-19.00

Room: Hall 1

Attendees:

Voting: G. Prager, J.M. Chevallier, M. De Luca, C. Copaescu, N. Di Lorenzo, P. Salminen, R. Peterli, L. Angrisani, M. Felsenreich + 1 delegate from each national society

Not voting: J. Pujol, R. Liem, M. Fried, M. Bueter, R. Zakeri, S.S.Dagan + 1 delegate from each national society

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

Noted - The meeting begins with a minute of silence on Alberic Fiennes's memory and an obituary done by M Fried; a written obituary will be published in IFSO EC website and in *Obesity Surgery* journal.

1. Approval Minutes from last EC meeting in Maastricht

Noted - Minutes are approved as they are.

2. Report from EAC-BS

Noted - See attached 2021 report. The 2022 Financial Report will be available end of May 2023.

4. Financial report MDL

Reported - MDL summarizes the financial situation since 2017, when the new account in ČSOB Bank in Czech Republic was opened.

Account status 25.4.2017 – 55 931,73 EUR

Account status Nov 2018 – 99 925,54 EUR

Account status 30.8.2019 – 136 332,93 EUR

Account status 7.12.2020 – 155 180,17 EUR

Account status 3.11.2021 – 159 144,23 EUR

Account status 5.5.2022 – 147 595,70 EUR

Account status 2.5.2023 – 109 126,22 EUR

5. Election of the President

Paulina Salminen is nominated as the new President elect 2023-2025

All in favour

6. Election of the Member at Large

Chetan Parmar is nominated as the new Member at large 2023-2025

All in favour

7. Two new not voting positions

1) Digital Communication Advisor - Juan Pujol

2) IFSO EC Ambassador - Ralph Peterli

Term of office: 3 years renewable for one term (3+3)

Elected by the Executive Council of IFSO EC

8. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) - changes

Chair: elected by the SAB (not re-electable). The Chair is a not voting member of the Executive Council.

Membership: Former IFSO Executive Council Members and/or IFSO-world presidents. Appointed by Executive Council (do not have to be in active service in the Executive Council at the time when they are appointed). Maximum 8 (eight) Members (including the chair) at a time (appointment period).

Term of Office of the Chair: 3 years not renewable. The entire SAC should not be changed entirely at the same time.

Term of Office of the Members: 3 years renewable for maximum one additional 3 year period (so in total max. 6 years)

Purpose:

- To support continuity of IFSO EC and its policy
- To act as an advisory resource for policy decisions to be made by ExCo / GenCo.
- To advise on Probity and Patient Safety issues
- To advise on meetings
- To advise on Guidelines/ endorsement / proscription of new procedures

Process:

- SAB suggests the candidates

The Executive Council confirms the candidates

Benefits: Free registration for the IFSO EC Congresses/Symposia, travel and hotel accommodation reimbursement, social events during the congresses.

The current composition of the SAB is: Martin Fried (Chair), Luigi Angrisani, Rudolf Weiner, Michel Suter, Jacques Himpens, Antonio Torres, Jan Willem Greve

All in favour

9. IFSO-EC Meeting 2024 Vienna

Reported – The next IFSO-EC congress will be in Vienna on 2-4th May 2024 at the Hilton Vienna Park. DMF presents details about the congress and venue, such as location, venue map, social events and registration fees proposal.

10. IFSO-EC Meeting 2026: Malaga or Reykjavik

Noted – The Executive Council has voted for Malaga, mainly because of budget reasons and easier access. There is an intention to support Reykjavik by having a symposium here.

All in favor.

11. IFSO-EC Zurich Report

Reported -

- 436 registered participants
- sponsorship overview: 200.500 EUR
- 195 submitted abstracts
- 20 CMEs

The date of the meeting in Venice 2025 is confirmed: 14-16th May 2025

12. Future collaboration with EASO

Noted – There is no agreement at the moment re the next joint meeting with them. Maybe in 2027. The tradition of sessions at reciprocal meetings will go on. IFSO EC will have a session at their congress in Dublin on 17-20 May, 2023.

Action – R. Peterli to be the liason between IFSO EC and EASO, and negotiate in Dublin at ECO 2023 about the next joint meeting and to report to the EC.

13. Committees' reports

Reported -

a) Scientific Committee

MDL introduces his proposal for the new members of his committee:

Cynthia Borg	UK
Sonja Chiappetta	Italy
Jacques Himpens	Belgium
David Nocca	France
Rui Ribeiro	Portugal
Nasser Sakran	Israel
Christine Stier	Germany
Eren Taskin	Turkey
Elen Ruiz Ucar	Spain
Ramon Vilallonga	Spain
Simon Nienhuijs	NL
Marloes Emous	NL
Eric Stenberg	Sweden
Tadeja Pintar	Slovenia

Action: MDL to talk to them to check their availability. Manuela to officially inform them, and thank the outgoing members.

Projects for the future:

- Monthly article of greatest interest in MBS. Each member takes care of an article with her/his comments. It should be advertised on our website.
- European Guidelines adopting GRADE methodology on specific topics (indication for bariatric endoscopy, drugs in bariatric patients, transit bipartition etc) in cooperation with other European societies
- IFSO - EC Academy:
 - Obesity Management
 - Course on nutritional, psychological/psychiatric, pharmacological, endoscopic and surgical management for patients with obesity

b) C&D Committee

- Juan Pujol introduces the new IFSO-EC website
- On the website there is a „Training programs“ area where European courses and possibly even non-European courses can be promoted for a fee.
- New podcast project will be initiated shortly.

c) MNAG report RL

The ER poster was launched in Maastricht in 2022. It needs to be disseminated and, where needed, translated in other languages.

Due to Covid the MNAG has not been meeting as planned earlier; this EC Congress will be the first live meeting again, since 2019.

To avoid discontinuity, it is proposed to have all current members in the group for one more year. New members will be added after the Zurich meeting, and most long serving members will resign next year.

Action – Manuela to invite new members.

d) OBSU report – Edo Aarts: Data will be available in June 2023.

d) Young IFSO report

Roxana Zakeri presents update about Young IFSO:

- Chair of Scientific Committee – Sonja Chiappetta
- Chair of Communications committee – Daniel Gero
- 1100 Facebook members, 106 LinkedIn followers
- Young IFSO reflection article in Bariatric Times
- Global training research study – Moritz, Sonja – submitted
- In November 2022 there was a Meet and Greet in Frankfurt
- Upcoming activities: Mentorship programme, Young IFSO fellowships, Young IFSO Journal Club – Eren Taskin

e) I.H. Committee

Shiri Sherf Dagan presents update about IH committee activities:

- 3 meetings per year
- 1 webinar per year – plan for 2023: Revisional Procedures
- annual conferences – Zurich 2023: Increasing adherence in bariatric therapy: A multidisciplinary approach
- projects in progress: Podcasts
- projects initiated: Research project, Pharmacist expert workgroup – sub-committee (led by Camil Azran and Lindes Callejas Diaz)

14. IFSO EC Session in Napoli at IFSO World Congress

The session will be held on Thursday August 31st at 16.30. The passing of the Presidency to Prof. Di Lorenzo will be done at the end of the session.

15. Date and time of the next Ex Co. meeting in Napoli

The Executive Council meeting will be held on Thursday August 31st at lunch time for 2 hours.

16. Any Other Business

No other business