



IFSO-EC General Council Meeting Agenda – Bruxelles, May 2, 2014

Palais de Congres 12.30 – 14.00 – Room: “ARC” (3rd floor)

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1. Presidential Report

YASHKOV: *presents a scheme of structure of The IFSO-EC and changes made during last two years.*

we have now 3 committees: Bylaws C. chaired by Rudolf Weiner; he will be replaced because he is now president elect of IFSO; Scientific C. chaired by Marco Bueter who will be replaced because he is now chairman of a committee of IFSO, and Communication & Development C. chaired by Mikael Wiren, who will also be replaced because his term is finished.

The new President of the Chapter is Alberic Fiennes (2014-2016) and the member at large in IFSO is Jacques Himpens (2014-2016).

There were 7 Executive Council meetings during last two years: 4 informal and 3 official.

The Chapter represents 25% of members, and more than 50% of the societies of IFSO.

We have recently accepted Lebanon and Azerbaijan societies.

Nadir Zeynalov, the Treasurer of the Azerbaijan society, thanks for accepting them as member of the European Chapter.

The 3 winners of the IFSO-EC Scholarships are: Sylvia Weiner, Edo Aarts, Eleni Sioka.

We have endorsed many meetings held in the European Chapter.

We had 2 joint workshops with EASO in Liverpool and here in Bruxelles.

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Position statement on BMI<35, initiated by Luigi Angrisani, was approved and published on *Obesity Surgery* last month.

We have two city candidates for the next meeting in 2018: Athens and Berlin. We'll vote later on.

Our official candidate as President elect is Michel Suter, for the period 2016-2018.

The motion is seconded. No one opposed. The nomination is approved.

Michel Suter thanks for the election.

Two positions are elapsed: Secretary/Treasurer: Karl Miller and Executive Director: Martin Fried. We would like to reconfirm them.

The motion is seconded. No one opposed. Both positions are re-confirmed for one more term.

2. Financial Report

Prof. Miller shows the financial report in details.

MILLER: We are still waiting for the endorsement fees pending from big IFSO. The finances are going down so we are looking for creative ideas to increase the incomes of our Chapter. We had in past a lot of money from the Capri, Lausanne and Barcelona meetings.

YASHKOV: I have proposed to increase the fee for endorsement meeting. So we will take now from every endorsed meeting 350,00\$.



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MILLER: That's not very much but that's something. We should have more from the Centres of Excellence. We would be more motivated to promote the centres of excellence if we get a higher percentage.

FRIED: we are exploring possible scenarios to increase the incoming. Centres of Excellence, a PCO that could guarantee an income for the congress and other options.

FIENNES: Yes, while we are studying how to make more money, the Executive Council has decided, irrespective of what the MOPP says, to suspend the travel expenses for all of us, except for Francesco and Manuela.

MAZZARELLA: Regarding the profit of the World Congress, the Executive Board of big IFSO approved that the chapters will take the 5% of the net profit, no matter where is the congress.

MELISSAS: Regarding the Centre of Excellence, I think that we should reduce the fees and ask for the support of the European Union. This is the only program in Europe for obesity. We can apply for millions of euros.

No objections to the financial report. The budget is approved.

3. Report of the Chairmen of the Committees

WEINER: we have appointed Yuri Yashkov as new Chairman of the Bylaws C. because I am now President elect of IFSO.

Our Bylaws was done by Martin Fried and published in 2006 on *Obesity Surgery*.

We have asked the national societies to propose amendments but we have received no proposals.

We have proposed some minor changes during last 2 years. Just before this meeting some essential changes regarding positions of IFSO-EC officers were done by ad-hoc working group and we'll send you the final document for approval when it is ready.

At the beginning in 2011 the secretary was paid with the funds from the Hamburg congress, now it is paid by the Chapter.

WIREN: Communication Committee wants to improve our communication and make our Chapter bigger, including more countries from east Europe and the Middle East. Maleckas, Lavryk, Viktorzon, Wylezol, Vilallonga, Naslund have been working with me. Potential societies have problems with membership fees and expenses of travel and the language problem. So we need to improve communication, especially in Eastern Europe. It was not easy to meet in person, but we met in Liverpool last year and in Rome. Our goal is to obtain scholarships for the members of these regions to attend the congresses and support regional congresses. This is my last report as chairman. Thank you.

E.TASKIN: maybe we can use part of the money we raise for the publication to help members of these countries.

YASHKOV: Marco Bueter, Chair of the Scientific C. is not here. He'll be replaced because he is now chairman of a committee in IFSO. We've received some nominations from the Presidents of the Societies and we'll make a selection.

FIENNES: before we chose among the candidates for Chairs of Sub-Committees, we need to define clearly what the committees are for.

YASHKOV: Prof. Weiner will be replaced because soon he will be the big IFSO President. In the Executive Council we decided the last past president will be the Chairman of the committee, and the current president and the last 3 past presidents will be members of the bylaws committee.

EKELUND: How works the election of the Scientific committee?

FIENNES: Under our current bylaws the chairmen are elected by Executive Council.



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We remain very open to suggestions about how to make better the bylaws, but no suggestions were received about this. Now we will request CVs from each candidate to make selection more objective

YASHKOV: all proposed candidates can be members of the Scientific Committee.

4. Report on “Obesity facts”

FRIED: first of all thank you for confirming me as Executive Director of this Chapter. A quick report on Obesity Facts: The Editor-in-Chief is changed, now is Hans Hauser from Germany. The journal is only online. The impact factor is 1.2. The publisher, Karger, wants to remove the fee for the publications charged to the authors. *Obesity Facts* together with *Obesity Surgery* is the official journal of the Chapter.

FIENNES: I’ll collaborate with Martin, and the Editor-in-Chief and will send you a message to strongly encourage authors to submit their papers to *Obesity Facts*.

5. Amendments in the Bylaws and MOPP

YASHKOV: shows a short presentation regarding upcoming changes in the Bylaws and MOPP. After this meeting you will receive the amendments to bylaws and MOPP. You will have the opportunity to give us suggestions. Then we will vote for the approval of this changes by electronic vote.

FIENNES: For the first time, we will define well all the roles, terms, positions, privileges.

YASHKOV: It is very important that all the members of the General Council will vote for this changes. We need a majority of 2/3 of positive votes.

6. Bruxelles meeting

LEMMENS: We had a lot of financial problems. Few weeks ago we were under the budget. Now we are going better. We have now about 621 people registered. 347 paying doctors. Thank you for being here.

7. Joint workshop IFSO-EASO in Bruxelles. Next joint meeting with EASO

FRIED: we would like to organize a joint meeting with surgical parts and joint sessions; we want a much closer cooperation with EASO. Alberic and I will meet the Executive Director of EASO in London. We’ll have the position of “EASO rapporteur” in our Executive Council. The next combined meeting will be next year in Prague, hosted by EASO, in May 2015.

WIREN: there were more surgeons in Liverpool than internists here.

FRIED: unfortunately there is another meeting in Sofia in two weeks, that’s why it is difficult to attract people to each congress. We’ve to organize it better in the future.

FIENNES: in Liverpool there was less competition because it was not within the congress.

8. IFSO meeting in Moscow 2016

Prof. Yashkov shows a presentation about the next meeting in Moscow.

9. European Chapter congress in 2018: Athens or Berlin?

YASHKOV: We have two candidatures for the European Chapter Congress in 2018: Athens and Berlin.

Dr. Pappis presents the candidature of Athens and Dr. Horbach presents the candidature of Berlin.

After a secret ballot Athens wins. It will host the European Chapter Congress in 2018.

10. Report from the European Accreditation Council-BS

MELISSAS: We have now 118 participants from 22 countries. We have to expand the program, and apply to receive funds from the European Union.



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Prof. Melissas shows data of operations and patients.

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