



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

New Year's letter from President - 5th January 2023

Dear Friends,

Once again it is my pride and great pleasure to wish all of you a Happy new Year 2023, hoping for Peace, Health and Performance.

The worldwide pandemia has finally decreased in most of our European countries and should be anyway more properly anticipated with the improved knowledge brought by the recent past.

For our Federation it was a real pleasure to meet again on person.

The IFSO-EC Meeting in Maastricht was a great success, it was the second Joint Congress with EASO, the Program was outstanding thanks to our Scientific Committee and we remain very grateful to our dutch friends for their very academic and friendly support.

After having been twice postponed, the IFSO World Congress could finally take place in Miami end of august. It was also a great moment with surgeons and Allied Health participants from all over the world and we finally enjoyed sharing this event thanks to the obstinacy of the presidents.

In our IFSO-EC Chapter we must be proud to have achieved some of the targets we were pointing at last year, especially in trying to make members from 31 different countries closer.

Thanks to our Communication and Development committee, our Digital Campus is improving: the video platform is being updated and three more very well attended webinars took place. Two of them were on pharmacological treatment accompanying bariatric surgery. This is actually the beginning of a new era of collaboration between physicians and surgeons. Some of us, as older bariatric surgeons, can remember the past where we were a bit lonely with our surgery, trying to prove its efficiency and eager to work together with the nutritionists. We have now finally data confirming that pharmacological treatment around surgery improves the results and make them sustainable with time.

This year we plan to improve our website, collect and promote the different Training Programs developed in our European countries and open social media platforms with a postcast project to post news on our Chapter activities.

Our Multinational Advise Group has been extended to new experts friends: an Emergency Room Poster will soon be translated by the national societies and distributed online.

The Integrated Health Group received determinant new helps of very active nutritionists and researchers, completely in the mood of the developing cooperation. And our Young IFSO-EC Chapter has been very present in the congresses and in the Facebook group!

Let us hope that these projects could be rapidly achieved and our IFSO-EC keep on spreading.


More than ever, we shall appreciate any input you might propose for further development. You are welcome to visit the IFSO-EC website and give your ideas and appreciation.

All the different chapters of IFSO are nowadays very active but do not forget that the European One was IFSO founder +++

Be sure that everyone in the IFSO-EC Executive Council is at your site, as closely as possible, in our fight against obesity.

Next appointment is the IFSO-EC meeting in Zurich in May. The Scientific Program is expected to be great and friendly. I look forward to meeting you then. The postponement due to the COVID infection settled that we must have the World Congress in Europe the same year: in Naples on the end of August. This is a great opportunity in this city that remains part of the History for the foundation of our Bariatric surgery; before three years during which big IFSO will take place faraway from Europe.

On behalf of the IFSO-EC Executive Council I wish you a
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!



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