



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

**IFSO-EC General Council meeting**  
**Malaga, Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 18.15-19.15**  
**Room: Hall Tauromakia – NH Hotel**

## **MINUTES**

**Invited Voting members:** Executive Council members (N. Di Lorenzo, P. Salminen, C. Copaescu, M. Felsenreich, C. Parmar, V. Moize, L. Ocana) + one delegate from each Society

**Non-voting:** M. Bueter, E. Aarts, C. Stier, T. Pintar, A. Casajoana, J. Himpens, R. Zakeri, M. Fried, R. Peterli, C. Borg, G. Prager, R. Liem + one delegate from each Society

1. **Apologies & proxies (quorum)** – The quorum is met.
2. **Minutes from last GC meeting in Venice** – The minutes are approved
3. **IFSO EC Scholarships certificates** to the winners of the scholarships and a **Recognition Plaque** to Nicola Di Lorenzo
4. **IFSO EC Activities report 2025-2026** (see link to the report in the appendix below)
  - 32 national societies, 3027 members
  - Infrastructure for creating the IFSO EC congress scientific program: scientific committee in collaboration with the local organizing committee and the executive council
  - European Registry project: 2025 – 2030
  - "New" committees: Endoscopy, Multinational, UEMS
  - Annual in-person strategy meeting (Barcelona 2025, Rome 2026)
  - Active participation in big IFSO activities
5. **Report of the second UEMS Exam + Certificates**  
EA: 16 examinees this year; min. 70% of correctness to pass the exam.
6. **Financial report 2024-2025**  
CP: Current balance: 94,000 Euros. The profit from Venice was 48,000 Euros. The expected profit from the Malaga congress is 41,000 Euros, but it will be confirmed after the Congress.
7. **Committees' Activities** (see links to the reports below in the Appendix)
8. **IFSO-EC Meeting 2026 Malaga** (see link to the report below in the Appendix)
9. **IFSO-EC/EASO Meeting 2027, Munich, Germany:** Congress President: Ralph Peterli and Carolina Pape
10. **IFSO World Congress 2027: Paris, France:** Congress Presidents: Francois Pattou and David Nocca
11. **IFSO-EC Meeting 2029 : Porto, Portugal:** Congress President: John Preto.
12. **AOB** – No other business

## APPENDIX

COMMUNICATION C. <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/1853-casajoana-hall-a-thu.pdf>

ENDOSCOPY: <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/1851-stier-hall-a-thu.pdf>

INTEGRATED HEALTH: <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/1850-moize-hall-a-thu.pdf>

MNAC: <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/1847-borg-hall-a-thu.pdf>

YOUNG IFSO: <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/1849-zakeri-hall-a-thu.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: <https://www.ifso.com/pdf/salminens-report-ifsoec2026-activities.pdf>

CONGRESS PRESIDENT'S REPORT: <http://www.ifso.com/pdf/ocanas-report-malaga-congress.pdf>