



IFSO 2020

IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS

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New York (NAC)
08:00 am/11:00 am

São Paulo (LAC)
09:00am/12:00 pm

Rome (EC)
02:00 pm/05:00 pm

Dubai (MENAC)
04:00 pm/ 07:00 pm

Sydney (APC)
10:00 pm/01:00 am



WELCOME LETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

we have been experiencing over the last few months a really unprecedented "health crisis". The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged our model of face-to-face meetings as authorities have imposed travel restrictions and physical distancing which are currently still stringent.

While we all can't wait to meet each other again LIVE in Miami on August 3-7, 2021, our responsibility as a Federation is to reach out to all our member Societies and individual members to take all possible measures to provide the safest possible environment for themselves and their loved ones. According to this policy all our Congresses have been postponed to the next year.

Nevertheless we want to assure our Members the possibility for educational exchanges, scientific news and best practice updates.

For this reason we have decided, until we meet again in person in Miami next year, to organize an IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS, so as not to miss the opportunity to meet, even if only on the web, and exchange opinions on our profession.

*We are glad to invite you to join our first **IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020** which will take place on **September 12 and 13, 2020** while continuing to take care of yourself, your family, your colleagues and those around you.*

We thank you in advance for your support in making the IFSO VIRTUAL WORLD CONGRESS 2020 a great success !

THE IFSO SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

ABOUT IFSO

The International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and metabolic disorders (IFSO) is a Federation composed of national associations of bariatric surgeons and Integrated Health professionals. Currently, there are 67 official member societies of IFSO. There are also individual members from countries that thus far have not formed a national association.

IFSO is a scientific organization that brings together surgeons and integrated health professionals, such as nurse, practitioners, dieticians, nutritionists, psychologists, internists and anaesthesiologists, involved in the treatment of morbidly obese patients.

One of IFSO's main goals is to support its members in aspects directly related to their profession. One of IFSO's main activities is the organization of the yearly World Congress, which provides a forum to exchange knowledge on surgical treatment of severely obese patients, to present new techniques, research and concepts, and to meet the experts in the field.

An international obesity surgery meeting was held annually in various countries throughout the world, under the leadership of Nicola Scopinaro. At the Stockholm meeting in 1995, the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity (IFSO) was formed. The first International Congress of IFSO was held in Prague in 1996, followed by Cancun in 1997, Bruges in 1998, Salzburg in 1999 and Genoa in 2000. The first President was Nicola Scopinaro (Italy), followed by George Cowan (U.S.A) and Emanuel Hell (Austria).

VISION

"To optimize the control of adiposity-based chronic diseases."

MISSION

"To unify the global scientific, surgical and integrated health communities, for the purpose of dissemination of knowledge, collaboration and establishing universal standards of care for the treatment of individuals with adiposity-based chronic disease."

COMMITTEES

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REGISTRATION

Registrations will be possible only online through the website www.ifsovirtualworldcongress.com by **September 8, 2020**.

REGISTRATION FEES

Surgeons	€ 45,00
Integrated Health, Students, Residents*	€ 20,00

*Please note that a certification or proof of your status should be uploaded when registering (PDF or jpeg file). Make sure to have it ready before going on with the registration process.

Registration will entitle to:

- Virtual badge
- Access to all scientific sessions and live debates
- Access to the exhibition area and to each single exhibitor booth
- Access to the coffee lounge area to network and chat with other participants
- Attendance certificate
- EACCME/AMA credits (released to participants who have attended the congress and who have sent the evaluation form after the Congress, only)

PAYMENT METHODS

Payments are accepted only by credit cards: Paypal, Visa, American Express or Mastercard.

BILLING

The receipt for registration will be issued with the personal details of the registered participant only after payment is received and will be sent by email.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

The registration fee cannot be refunded.



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