

The Role of IFSO-APC

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IFSO-APC was the last one to be established among its 4 sections from IFSO.

However, it is expected to expand the scale and be well enough to occupy an even superior position in the future to ASMBS in North America which is the biggest section of the world at this moment. It is because of the size of its background of APC. More than a half of the world's population lives in this area and the rate of DM morbidity is high for their BMI. Moreover, it is easily assumed that the number of surgical operations explodes while metabolic surgery is certainly spreading hereafter. Preparing for this era, IFSO-APC has great responsibility. In the first place of our Rusutsu congress, the participants from each country should report their current conditions to each other and make sure we coordinate this closely with the IFSO guidelines 2008 for bariatric surgery for morbid obesity issued by IFSO. The result of this work should be released as a consensus statement of IFSO-APC. We have to learn from the tragedy in USA, 2003 caused by the existence of too many surgical techniques, a double standard and lack of registration of operation data and analysis capability, etc... A clear message of bariatric/metabolic surgery of the new era should be sent from IFSO-APC to the world. (Let's send a clear message of bariatric/metabolic surgery of the new era from IFSO-APC to the world.)