

# **The International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO)**

[www.iaso.org](http://www.iaso.org)

## **Mission Statement**

**"To improve global health by promoting the understanding of obesity and weight-related diseases through scientific research and dialogue, whilst encouraging the development of effective policies for their prevention and management."**

**The International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO), is a not-for-profit organisation linking over 50 regional and national associations with over 10,000 professional members in scientific, medical and research organisations. It is an umbrella organisation for national obesity associations which comprises 52 member associations, representing 56 countries.**

**Members of [SPEO](#) are automatic members of IASO, and join the global network of clinicians, scientists and allied health care professionals working in the rapidly evolving field of obesity research and education.**

## **IASO Membership benefits include:**

- Discounted registration fees to OIT organized events including ICO, ECO, Bjorntorp symposium. educational meetings and more
- Discounted subscription rates for the three official IASO journals; International Journal of Obesity, Obesity Reviews and International Journal of Pediatric Obesity
- Special discounted subscription rates for the journal Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism
- Opportunities to be nominated for IASO International Awards of Excellence Awards
- Opportunities to apply for IASO Traveling Fellowship Awards
- Access to international policies, project updates and statistics on obesity
- Access to the SCOPE online learning course and educational material
- International news and events calendar
- Opportunities for global networking with experts in the field of obesity
- Obesity Newsletter- keeping members in touch with developments and major events
- IASO.ORG - the latest online information

## **Events:**

**1st SCOPE Summer School**  
**Clare College, Cambridge, UK**  
**August 2- 5 2009**  
[www.scope-online.org](http://www.scope-online.org)

**11th International Congress on Obesity**  
**11th-16th July 2010**  
**Save the date!**  
[www.ico2010.org](http://www.ico2010.org)

## **IASO Awards for Scientific Excellence 2010:**

Four awards will be presented during the 11th International Congress on Obesity (ICO) in Stockholm, Sweden, 11-16 July 2010.  
These include:

- **Clinical Research Award (The Willendorf Award)**
- **Basic Research Award (The Wertheimer Award)**
- **Population Science and Public Health Award**
- **The André Mayer Award**

**The deadline for receiving nominations for the IASO Awards for Scientific Excellence is 7th November 2009.**

## **Traveling Fellowships:**

IASO travel bursary awards are also available to assist scientists and clinicians who would otherwise be precluded from participation at ICO for financial reasons. Self nomination is permitted.

Criteria:

- There is no age limit
- Applicants for this award must demonstrate their financial need for such support to attend the ICO meeting
- Preference will be given to applicants from developing nations – as defined by the world bank criteria

**The deadline for receiving applications for the IASO Traveling Fellowships is 7th November 2009.**

## **Projects:**

### **HOPE**

**Health Promotion Through Obesity Prevention Across Europe**

[www.hopeproject.eu](http://www.hopeproject.eu)

### **The PolMark Project**

**Policies on Marketing Food and Beverages to Children**

[www.polmarkproject.net](http://www.polmarkproject.net)

### **DYNAMO - HIA**

**Dynamic Modelling for Health Impact Assessment**

[www.dynamo-hia.eu](http://www.dynamo-hia.eu)

## **New Projects:**

### **IASO Online Knowledge Management System**

**Latest statistics on obesity prevalence across the globe**

([www.iaso.org/OnlineKnowledgeManagementSystem.htm](http://www.iaso.org/OnlineKnowledgeManagementSystem.htm))

**Coming soon!**

If you would like to get involved, please contact [cmall@iaso.org](mailto:cmall@iaso.org)

## **Publications:**

**Reduced subscription fees available to **SPEO** members!**

([www.iaso.org/IASOjournalreducedrates.htm](http://www.iaso.org/IASOjournalreducedrates.htm))

- **Obesity Reviews**
- **International Journal of Obesity (IJO)**
- **International Journal of Pediatric Obesity (IJPO)**
- **Diabetes Metabolism and Obesity**