Dear Member,

The Italian Society for Obesity Surgery has endorsed the 2nd World Congress on Interventional Therapies for Type 2 Diabetes which will be held in New York City, next March 28-30, 2011.

What is the World Congress on Interventional Therapies for Diabetes?
The 2nd World Congress is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary forum with a faculty of leaders including Nobel laureates, policy makers including health ministers and government agencies with the hope to inspire changes in policy.

This will be a 2+1/2 day congress. The first two days are dedicated to the review and discussion of scientific data while the last (half) day will be devoted to interactive discussions and generation of the “white paper on surgical treatment of diabetes.” The white paper is intended to provide an authoritative report to guide and educate physicians, policy makers, and public at large. The content of the white paper will include a summary of current evidence, identification of current gaps in knowledge, indication of research priorities, and a call for appropriate health policy initiatives to improve patients’ access to surgical treatment when indicated.

Both faculty and attendees will help formulate the white paper on surgical treatment of diabetes. A real-time electronic audience response system will be used to capture opinions of the Congress attendees and measure the degree of support for a set of conclusive statements from the Congress. Following the meeting, all conclusions supported by the faculty and the audience will be included in the white paper.

The Congress also welcomes the submission of abstracts (http://wcidt.org/call-for-abstracts/) — the best 4 abstracts will be selected for an oral presentation in one of the plenary sessions. All other accepted abstracts will be presented as posters during the poster sessions of the World Congress.

The Organizers are offering a special registration rate to all members of the Italian Society for Obesity Surgery as an endorsing Society, who will receive a $100 discount on registration fees. Registration is open at www.wcidt.org where you can also find more information and updates. If you register early you will receive the double benefit which includes both the early bird discount as well as the endorsing society discount!

We invite you to participate in this very exciting and important event.

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