Editorial

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The Frankfurt Meeting has become in the past 10 years one of the most famous meetings in the field of metabolic surgery worldwide. I wish to thank every member of the German Society and the International Federation for Surgery in Obesity and Metabolic Disorders for the contributions and commitment to the societies and to our congress to make it a success.

New technological initiatives such as N.O.T.E.S. and organizational changes such as the merging of the Gastroenterology Society, Diabetology Society, and Surgical Societies mark a new phase.

The multidisciplinary approach has become the main aim in the fight against the diseases of the metabolic syndrome not only in adults but also in adolescents. Therefore, we appreciate the cooperation of our colleagues of the associated fields.

Nevertheless we should not forget about the lessons learnt in the onset of laparoscopy in obesity surgery and we must still aim to

guarantee the security of our patients when performing new procedures. Therefore, we need to invest not only in training and education but also in the review of quality standards in care, procedures, and outcome.

The Frankfurt Meeting aims to cover all of these aspects in order to establish as a joint venture between different medical fields and the industry. Once again, this turned out very well and once again, the Frankfurt Meeting was one of the most important meetings on the metabolic syndrome not only in Germany but also abroad.

The Executive Committee of the Frankfurt Meeting wishes to encourage all participants to join the German Society of Surgery in Obesity and Metabolic Disorders and to participate in every task of the society in order to contribute to research projects in the growing and exciting field of metabolic surgery.