



Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity

MASO 2017
Scientific Conference on Obesity
“Battling Obesity: Causes, Management and Preventive Actions”

In collaboration with



**First Announcement and
Call for Abstracts**

20th – 21st November 2017

**Premiera Hotel, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

About the Conference

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity (MASO), I am very pleased to invite you to participate in our Biennial Scientific Conference (MASO 2017) to be held from 20th to 21st November 2017 at Premiera Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The theme of this year conference is “**Battling Obesity: Causes, Management and Preventive Actions**”. We believe there is an urgent need for integrating and mobilizing all relevant scientific disciplines to showcase the multi-disciplinary nature in Obesity research.

This Conference will provide a platform for various expertise from the academia, research establishments and relevant food and health-related industries, including policy makers to exchange thoughts on how best to fight the growing obesity epidemic in our beloved country, Malaysia.

I look forward to your active participation and contribution in what promises to be an interesting and informative MASO 2017 Conference.

Best regards,

Emeritus Professor Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor FASc, FIUNS, FNSM
President MASO (2015-2017)

OBJECTIVES OF MASO 2017 ARE TO:

- Provide a forum for the dissemination of knowledge about research advances in the field of obesity
- Identify, debate and promote innovative preventive and treatment strategies to curb the rising prevalence of obesity and its associated burden of diseases
- Connect and harness active multi-disciplinary researchers and practitioners toward collaborating in future obesity research.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Health care providers, including medical and health professionals, nutritionists, dietitians, social scientists, psychologists, exercise scientist, nurses, Academia and students, working within the field of obesity and its related co-morbidities, pharmaceuticals and food industries, fitness and slimming centers and policy makers.

LANGUAGE

The official language for the conference is English.

SCOPE & TOPICS

This conference will include Plenary Lectures, Symposia, Round Table Discussion, Free Communication and Poster sessions. Topics include:

- Bariatric surgery for weight reduction
- Biological determinants of body weight
- Environmental determinants of obesity
- Dietary modification and innovation
- Genetics and obesity
- Pediatric obesity
- Pharmacological approach in obesity
- Physical activity and sedentariness
- Policies in prevention of overweight and obesity
- Socio-cultural aspects of overweight and obesity
- Weight management and treatment

Call for Abstracts

The abstract submission deadline is **Sunday, 1st October 2017**.

Scientific papers can be submitted for oral or poster presentation at the conference. For guidelines on abstract preparation, please visit www.maso.org.my for more details.

Accepted abstracts will be notified by the Secretariat within a week after Abstracts submission deadline. **All presenters must be registered participants**. There will be a poster competition for students during the conference.

Registration fees

Participant category	Early Bird Rate (until 13 th October 2017)	Regular Rate (until 1 st November 2017)	On-site
MASO Member	RM 350	RM 450	RM 600
Non-member	RM 500	RM 600	RM 800
Student**	RM 250	RM 300	RM 500
International	USD 150	USD 200	USD 250

** Students must show proof of student status (e.g. letter from university)

Registration fee includes the following: attendance at all conference sessions, conference materials, two lunches and four coffee breaks. All registrations must be submitted together with payment. Registration fee is charged based on date of payment and not date of registration.

Any cancellation must be confirmed in writing to the Secretariat. Refund of fees less 50% administration charges may be applied for until **1st November 2017**. It is regretted that after this date no refunds can be made.

All payments are to be issued in favor of
MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY (MASO)
Account number : 0140-8433-1516
Swift Code : MBBEMYKL
Bank Name & Branch : Maybank (Bukit Bintang Branch)
Important Note : Scanned copy of TT slip **MUST** be emailed to
maso.obesity@gmail.com

Important Dates

Deadline for abstracts : **1st October 2017**
Early Bird Rate by : **13th October 2017**
MASO 2017 Conference : **20th – 21st November 2017**

For more information

Details of the Conference will be updated from time to time through the official website of MASO (www.maso.org.my).

Acceptance status of your registration or the abstract you submitted will be notified by the Secretariat. For enquiries, please contact us via email at: maso.obesity@gmail.com

How to register

This conference will fully utilize **ONLINE REGISTRATION**. Please register online at <http://www.maso.org.my/cgi-bin/RegisterMASO.cgi> **OR** go to the MASO website at www.maso.org.my and click on the link to the Online Registration Form. Please print out the registration form once you have completed it and submitted online.

Please email your completed registration form, along with proof of registration fees to the MASO Secretariat; attention to Prof Dr Poh Bee Koon or Dr Chin Yit Siew at maso.obesity@gmail.com