

MASO's bid to host the International Congress of Obesity, ICO 2014 in Kuala Lumpur

MASO has submitted a bidding document to organize ICO 2014 in Kuala Lumpur to IASO in December 2007. MASO's bid was supported by three Ministries, namely Ministry of Health, Youth and Sports as well as MOSTI. MASO also received support from various Professional Organizations locally and internationally to help organise Satellite Symposia in conjunction with ICO 2014. International bodies include ILSI, SNDA and QUT, Australia.

Following the submission, MASO received an invitation to make a formal bid presentation to IASO Executive Committee who met on 14 May 2008 during ECO in Geneva, Switzerland. MASO's bidding team comprises of Prof Ismail, Dr. Nik Mazlan and Dr. Norimah. On behalf of MASO, Prof. Ismail presented the ICO 2014 bid to the IASO Exco. With the withdrawal of Mumbai, it was a straight fight between Kuala Lumpur and Cape Town. After a closed voting, the IASO Executive Committee declared Kuala Lumpur to be the host of the 12th.ICO in 2014. Stockholm will play host to the 11th. ICO in July 2010.

MASO would like to place on record our gratitude to all the Ministries (MOH, MYS and MOSTI) and Professional bodies that has pledge their support to help MASO win the bid.





Prof Ismail with Assoc. Profs. Nik Mazlan and Norimah at ECO in Geneva, 14-18 May 2008



Prof. Ismail showing off the bidding document prior to his presentation.