

On behalf of the Executive Council of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) we are pleased to invite you to attend the ASMBS 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting that is being held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino.

We look forward to hosting the pre-eminent meeting focused on obesity. The agenda will feature scientific and educational session topics and presentations that will provide the latest information and resources in obesity to international scientists, clinicians, physicians, surgeons, policymakers, and others looking to learn more about the advances in the prevention, treatment, causes, and health consequences of obesity.

The conference will include scientific and educational sessions, key lectures, pre-conference Continuing Education courses, policy, and public health discussions, and abstract presentations.

Foreign nationals from some countries must obtain a temporary travel visa (B-1) to attend this meeting. This is normally done through the US Embassy or Consulate in their host country.

Meeting attendees should visit the US Department of State Business Visa Center website at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/business.html> for detailed instructions on visa application procedures.

To assist foreign visitors in obtaining visas for attending the ASMBS 39th annual meeting, The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is in the process of registering this conference with the Department of State. Please submit a copy of this letter, along with copies of your meeting registration and hotel reservation confirmation to help speed up the visa application and approval process.

Travel visa applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The Department of State recommends applying at least 3 months before the meeting. Some consulates may have backlogs in scheduling visa interviews, so applicants should first contact the consulate to find out how long the wait is for an interview.

Contact the appropriate Consular section at the Embassy or Consulate at <http://www.usembassy.gov/> for answers to questions about procedures for scheduling interview appointments, required fees, and more.

In addition to obtaining travel visas, all foreign attendees are fully responsible for the costs of meeting registration, travel, lodging, and related expenses associated with attending this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



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