

EASAPS panel

EASAPS organized a successful panel during the ISAPS congress in Miami this month. The panel discussed the impact of Medical Tourism in Europe and the consequences for plastic surgeons as well as patients. Difficult issues such as VAT, Accreditation of facilities, differences in training of plastic surgeons and legal issues were discussed. The second topic was on social media: Are influencers and bloggers a blessing or a hindrance. Ethical aspects of paying for a good review, the influence of industry, forum websites such as Estheticon and RealSelf and pre/post-op photographs were mentioned. As last topic of this interactive panel the impact of Nurses injecting toxins and fillers on our reputation was debated. In some countries they are allowed in others not. How well are they trained, do they know the anatomy well enough? Or do we abuse them to make money without being present? Some countries successfully stopped them by passing the argument that a filler is an implant to government authorities and thus having regulation restricting this to doctors. In all a great panel with panelists Carlos Parreira, Iris Brito, Violeta Skorobac, Magnus Noah, Birgit Stark, Gianluca Campiglio and Michel Rouif moderated by president Ivar van Heijningen

