

IFSSH Newsletter

September 2007

IFSSH Congress - Sydney, March 2007

The IFSSH meeting in Sydney attracted 1050 delegates to the surgeons' scientific programme and 513 to the therapists' scientific programme. The combination of surgeons and therapists in one venue allowed collaboration between the organisers of scientific sessions so that all delegates had a wide choice. A combined therapists and surgeons session entitled "Problems of the proximal interphalangeal joint" was particularly well attended and confirmed our belief that the two groups should hold their meetings concurrently and within the same venue

Symposia, invited lectures and free paper sessions were supplemented by two special guest lectures, the first delivered by Dr Jeff Ayton from the Australian Antarctic Medical Division and the second being the inaugural IFSSH Swanson Lecture, delivered by Professor Göran Lundborg. Dr Ayton provided an insight into the medical difficulties, particularly as they pertained to the extremities, in the polar climates. Göran Lundborg's lecture was inspiring in its pursuit of an understanding and a manipulation of the brain's ability to adapt to and compensate for limb deficiency.

The scientific programme was complemented by a social programme blessed by good weather and the beauty of Sydney harbour. Many considered the Opening Ceremony to be the best ever - a combination of entertainment and the necessary formality of the official occasion. Our Pioneers were honoured, a new IFSSH Executive was sworn in and plans are well underway for the 2010 Congress in Seoul, Korea.

IFSSH Executive

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President-Elect:	Dr Ulrich Mennen
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Future IFSSH Congresses:

XIth IFSSH Congress - Seoul, Korea.

31st October - 4th November, 2010.

www.ifssh2010.com

XIIth IFSSH Congress - New Delhi, India.

March, 2013

IFSSH Website:

The new IFSSH website is now in service and all can gain access. The information will be continually updated and will become the main means of communication between member societies. The Executive welcomes information from all member societies, including notice of national meetings and matters of interest, both current and historical, for distribution to our members.

The website address is **www.ifssh.info**.

We are in the process of publishing the IFSSH Scientific Committee reports on this website, another important means of providing access to peer opinion and knowledge.

Those societies wishing to place information on the website should forward that information to the Secretary-General.

The IFSSH Executive wishes all member societies good health and academic and clinical prosperity.

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