



IFSSH Newsletter

May 2015

Dear friends:

Time flies and the IFSSH XIII congress in Buenos Aires is around the corner. Our Argentinean colleagues are working hard to overcome the obvious difficulties that a meeting this size brings about. If dedication, enthusiasm, imagination and huge amounts of generosity are the basic ingredients for a successful meeting, this one will be a smashing success. It will be, no doubt, a meeting to remember, an event not to be missed. If you are a busy person and your 2016 calendar already has post-it notes on it, place a big one on the fourth week of October. You will not regret it.

2015 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting

The annual IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting will be conducted in Seattle, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

The meeting will be held on Thursday September 10th, 10:00-11:30, in Room 310 of the Washington State Convention Center, Seattle.

We invite the delegate from each IFSSH member society to attend. If your society's delegate is not able to attend, we hope an alternate representative can join the meeting. Please forward the contact details of your society's attendee to the secretariat: administration@ifssh.info.

Educational Sponsorship Update: Regional Courses

The IFSSH Committee for Educational Sponsorship has recommended the provision of financial support to two upcoming regional courses. These assessments have been approved by the Executive Committee and we are pleased to provide our support to the following courses:

1. The **IFSSH - South Asian Regional Course in Hand Surgery** will be held from July 3rd-5th 2015 in Coimbatore, India. Dr Raja Sabapathy will chair this three day workshop consisting of lectures and operative demonstrations. The IFSSH has committed \$20,000 of funding to assist with the costs of the course, which in turn allows for the registration fees for 100+ surgeons from the region to be kept to a minimum. For full course details, please refer to the website: www.gangaplasticandhandcourses.com

2. A second Eastern European IFSSH sponsored course - **Hand Reconstruction in Trauma and Rheumatoid Arthritis** - will be held in Hajdúszoboszló, Hungary, on September 4-6, 2015. The programme is being organised by the current IFSSH Scientific Committee on Arthritis, with Daniel Herren (Switzerland) and Kevin Chung (USA) as Course Chairmen. Dr Zsolt Szabo is the local convenor. The IFSSH has allocated \$15,000 to allow the gratis registration of 30-50 participants.

We thank the organisers and faculty of these courses for providing further hand surgery education programmes to these region.

Future Meetings

A detailed list of national and regional hand surgery meetings is available on the IFSSH website.

The triennial **IFSSH Congresses** are as follows:

XIIIth IFSSH – Xth IFsHT Congress – Buenos Aires, Argentina
October 24-28, 2016
www.ifssh-ifsht2016.com

XIVth IFSSH – XIth IFsHT Congress – Berlin, Germany
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