

## **IFSSH Newsletter October 2008**

### **IFSSH Executive Committee and Delegates' Council Meetings Lausanne, June 18 and 19, 2008**

The IFSSH welcomed Bangladesh as our 50<sup>th</sup> member society and look forward to their contribution over the ensuing years.

The Delegates' Council confirmed that, where possible, IFSSH triennial congresses would be accompanied by IFSHT congresses. However, it was also recognised that a significant number of IFSSH member societies did not have associated therapy societies. The IFSSH Charter does not allow exclusion of these societies from the bid process and, therefore, the decision to hold a combined congress could only be decided following selection of the host society. In this selection process, consideration will be given to a fair geographic rotation of host countries, with the final decision to be made by a vote at the Delegates' Council Meeting.

### **IFSSH Educational Bursary**

The Executive Committee calls for applications for the IFSSH Educational Bursaries which are available to train prospective hand surgeons and to support workshops and seminars in hand surgery.

Sponsorship is only available to further hand surgery in historically disadvantaged communities, or to establish a hand surgery service. An undertaking must be signed that "medical migration" will not take place i.e. a trainee moving/establishing him/herself after qualification in a "developed" area. A total of US \$10 000-20 000 per year may be allocated to one or more projects. The allocation and discretion will rest with the Executive Council of the IFSSH.

For further details, see the IFSSH website - [www.ifssh.org](http://www.ifssh.org)

### **IFSSH Executive**

President: Dr James Urbaniak  
Past President: Dr Arlindo Pardini  
President-Elect: Dr Ulrich Mennen  
Secretary-General: Dr Michael Tonkin  
Secretary-Elect: Dr Zsolt Szabo

Historian: Dr William Cooney

The Executive welcomes Bill Cooney back to his position as Historian, following a brief retirement. We look forward to his continued, invaluable contribution.

**Future IFSSH Congresses:**

*XIth IFSSH Congress - Seoul, Korea.*

31<sup>st</sup> October - 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

[www.ifssh2010.com](http://www.ifssh2010.com)

*XIIth IFSSH - IXth IFSHT 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.org](http://www.ifssh.org)**.

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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