



MINUTES

DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

10:30am-12:30pm, Thursday 5th October

Room 603, Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building
222 Bremner Blvd, Toronto ON M5V 2T6, Canada

David Warwick, IFSSH Secretary-General, opened the meeting at 10:35am

1. Present

Daniel Nagle	President
S. Raja Sabapathy	President Elect
Marc Garcia-Elias	Immediate Past President
David Warwick	Secretary-General
Jin Bo Tang	Communications Director; Chinese-Speaking Association
Greg Bain	Member-at-Large (Asia-Pacific)
Francisco del Piñal	Member-at-Large (Europe/Africa)
David Shewring	Member-at-Large (Europe/Africa); IFSSH 2022 London
Jorge Clifton Correa	Member-at-Large (North/Central America)
Belinda Smith	Administrative Secretary
Jorge Boretto	Argentina (proxy)
Roland Hicks	Australia
Filip Stockmans	Belgium
Marcelo Rosa Rezende	Brazil (proxy)
Dominique Tremblay	Canada (proxy)
Pamela Vergara	Chile (proxy)
Luis Naquira	Colombia (proxy); Peru (proxy)
Fidel Cayón	Ecuador; IFSSH 2024 Mid-Term Course Quito
Markus Pääkkönen	Finland (proxy)
Nikolaos Darlis	Greece (proxy)
Margaret Fok	Hong Kong (proxy)
Anil K. Bhat	India
Shai Luria	Israel
Andrea Atzei	Italy
Satoshi Ichihara	Japan (proxy)
Ji Sup Hwang	Korea (proxy)
Ahmad Bouskandar	Kuwait (proxy)
Efrain Farias	Mexico - SMCM (proxy)
Preben Olsson Dovland	Norway (proxy)
Jose Bautista	Philippines (proxy)
Bernice Heng	Singapore (proxy)
Higinio Ayala Gutiérrez	Spain
Simon Farnebo	Sweden
Esther Vögelin	Switzerland (appointed proxy for Poland)
Tien-Ching Lee	Taiwan (proxy)
Ömer Berköz	Turkey (proxy)
Gillian Smith	UK
Julie Katarincic	USA - ASSH

Daniel Herren	Allied Organisation - FESSH (proxy)
Marcelo Rezende	Allied Organisation - FLACM (proxy)
Zong-Ming Li	Allied Org - HWBI
J.J. Trey Crisco	Allied Org - HWBI
Peggy Boineau	Allied Org - IFSHT
James Chang	IFSSH 2025 Washington D.C.

2. Apologies / Proxies

Aida Garcia Gomez	Member-at-Large (South America)	
Eduardo Zancolli	Argentina	
Rohit Arora	Austria	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Milton Bernardes Pignataro	Brazil	
Kalin Dimitrov	Bulgaria	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
David Tang	Canada	
Sebastian von Unger	Chile	
Otoniel Diaz	Dominican Republic	
Nash Naam	Egypt	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Pasi Paavilainen	Finland	
Aram Gazarian	France	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Jörg van Schoonhoven	Germany	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Charalampos Dinopoulos	Greece	
Koo Siu Cheong Jeffrey	Hong Kong	
Theddeus O.H. Prasetyono	Indonesia	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Ryosuke Kakinoki	Japan	
Goo Hyun Baek	Korea	
Husam Basheer	Kuwait	
Mārtiņš Kapickis	Latvia	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Alejandro Espinosa	Mexico - SMCM	
Anne JH Vochteloo	Netherlands	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Robert Rowan	New Zealand	
Rasmus Thorkildsen	Norway	
Bruno Pietrapiana	Peru	
Nathaniel Orillaza	Philippines	
Ireneusz Walaszek	Poland	
José Alexandre Marques	Portugal	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Alexandru Georgescu	Romania	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Sreedharan Sechachalam	Singapore	
Grant Biddulph	South Africa	<i>No proxy appointed</i>
Yin-Chih Fu	Taiwan	
Özgün Barış Güntürk	Turkey	
Peter Amadio	USA - AAHS	
David Ruch	USA - AAHS	
Jefferson Braga Silva	Allied Organisation - FLACM	
Brigitte Van Der Heijden	Allied Organisation - FESSH	

3. Confirmation of previous minutes – 8th June, 2022

Motion: To accept the minutes as a true record of the 8th June 2022 Delegates' Council Committee Meeting

Proposed: Marc Garcia-Elias

Seconded: Jin Bo Tang

Carried unanimously

4. IFSSH membership

The ExCo have recommended the IFSSH membership of an existing Georgian Society - the Hand Surgery Branch of Medical Foundation "Mkurnali" - be terminated, noting no communication has been possible and financial commitments are outstanding since 2014, to allow the Georgian Society for Surgery of the Hand to pursue their current membership application.

Motion: To remove Hand Surgery Branch of Medical Foundation "Mkurnali" from IFSSH membership

Proposed: David Warwick

Seconded: Daniel Nagle

Carried unanimously

The ExCo has reviewed applications from Emirates Hand Surgery Society and Georgian Society for Surgery of the Hand. Both applications have satisfied the IFSSH bylaws criteria for membership - providing their foundation documents, charters, and Board and membership details. Emirates has sponsorship letters from our member societies of Kuwait, Egypt and India; Georgia from Finland, India and Israel. The ExCo recommend their membership applications to the Delegates' Council.

Motion: To accept the Georgian Society for Surgery of the Hand to IFSSH membership

Proposed: Raja Sabapathy

Seconded: David Warwick

Carried unanimously

Motion: To accept the Emirates Hand Surgery Society to IFSSH membership

Proposed: Filip Stockmans

Seconded: Roland Hicks

Carried unanimously

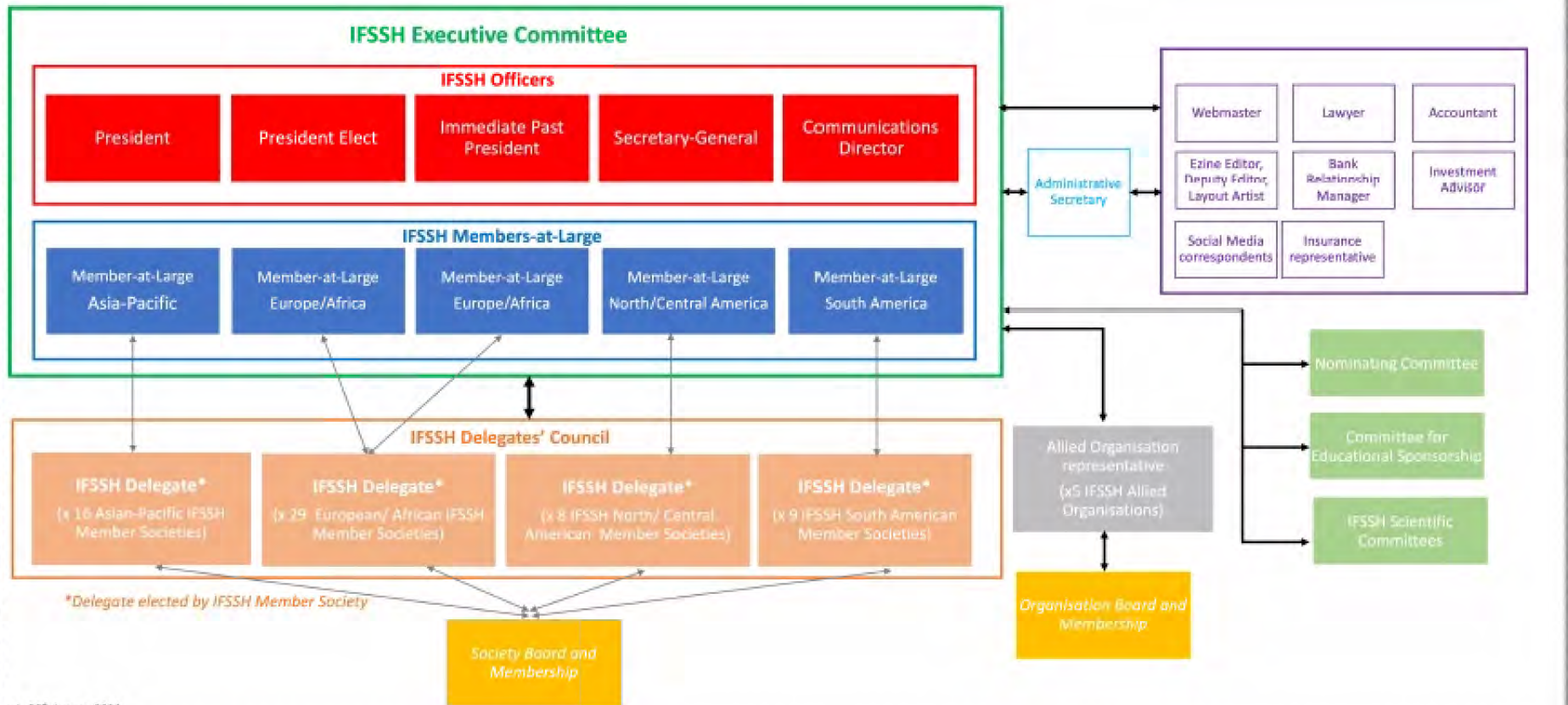
5. President's Report

Daniel Nagle reminded the delegates that, in the period between the 2022 annual meeting and this annual meeting, the Delegates' Council had participated in an online review of the bylaws. These amendments were presented electronically, voted upon and accepted. The current Bylaws are dated **15th November 2022** and available on the IFSSH website. These Bylaws realign the duration of the ExCo members to a triennial term and include increased detail of duties and succession plans for each position.

Daniel Nagle detailed the organisational structure of the IFSSH, with the Delegates being the pivotal role between the membership of individual societies and the IFSSH. With the introduction of five Member-at-Large positions (increasing from the one Member-at-Large in the previous ExCo term, and now based on geographical representation) at the 2022 IFSSH Delegates' Council meeting, there is now also a point person that IFSSH Delegates can raise issues or provide feedback. Delegates are also encouraged to keep in regular communication with the IFSSH Administrative Secretary and the Executive Committee officers.

The next Executive Committee organisational change to come into effect under the current Bylaws will be the dissolution of the President-Elect position. This will occur in 2027 to reduce the leadership time in office.

IFSSH Structure



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6. Secretary-General's Finance Report (*Appendix A*)

David Warwick informed the Delegates' Council that the value of the IFSSH treasury at August 31st 2023 was US\$2,389,708.70. This comprises \$425K in the Wells Fargo bank accounts and \$1,955K in the Fidelity investment accounts.

The IFSSH treasury has been consistently increasing for many years though fluctuates (e.g. investment accounts reduced by \$90K in past few days) and can be impacted by world events at any time. The IFSSH honours many commitments through the treasury - congresses, courses, CES, operational expenses.

Income sources are the IFSSH annual member dues, triennial congress profits and other smaller items (e.g. donations of book royalties).

Expenditure is incurred through the running of the IFSSH - e.g. legal and accountancy consultants, webmaster/IT costs, Ezine production (editor, layout artist and distribution costs), ExCo travel expenses and the salary of the secretariat. These costs are kept to a minimum and work provided by e.g. the webmaster (Santhosh Kumar, Coimbatore) is provided for a very reasonable annual honorarium.

The Committee for Educational Sponsorship utilises IFSSH funding to support worthy projects. The IFSSH Mid-Term Course also receives guaranteed funding through the CES. The overall CES funding has increased in recent years and, in combination with the increasing investment portfolio, it is anticipated that the interest related to \$1,500K of this will assist with supporting increased expenses and CES funding.

Funds currently in the accounts with designated purposes include:

- \$100,000 that is available to each upcoming IFSSH triennial congresses as a seed grant (to be repaid two weeks before the commencement of the congress)
- \$500,000 provided through a legacy donation, kept in a Fidelity investment account specifically to be used for the IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship scheme. This corpus will hopefully generate income that allows the future IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professors to be funded from the interest.

As the IFSSH grows, the expenses will increase - e.g. administrative, legal, IT costs will be incurred. The ExCo has implemented a sub-committee to investigate options to increase income and so to support more activities in future. - *refer to Item 13.*

7. Committee for Educational Sponsorship (CES) Report

Raja Sabapathy, CES Chair, reported on recent sponsorships provided since the 2022 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting. These include:

- US\$10,000 to assist low-middle income registrants to attend the 2023 World Symposium on Congenital Malformations of the Hand and Upper Limb (Minneapolis, Minnesota, 16-19 May 2023). An application process was administered by the congress organisers and successful applicants were from Bangladesh, the Philippines and Tunisia. Two further awardees were unable to attend for visa/travel reasons.

- US\$10,000 to assist attendance of surgeons, trainees and therapists from developing nations to attend the 13th APFSSH Congress (Singapore, 31 May - 3 June 2023). This was shared amongst 25 successful applicants, chosen by the congress organisers.
- US\$10,000 to continue WALANT education in Africa, through a workshop in Mombasa (April 2023).
- US\$18,000 towards the production of a textbook: "Current Practice of Hand Surgery". This will be published by Elsevier and be available for purchase at the 2025 IFSSH Congress.
- Up to US\$20,000 to the 2023 IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship program. This was awarded to the Polish Society who hosted Prof Jin Bo Tang for an intensive program in September 2023 - refer to Item 14.

The IFSSH has gained reports from the grant recipients and individuals that are sponsored. These are all placed on the IFSSH website (<https://ifssh.info/ifssh-sponsored-educational-projects.php>) and published in the Ezine. The reports show the impact of the activity on the recipients - improving their hand surgery education and building networks of colleagues.

Raja Sabapathy appealed to the Delegates to share the news of the CES to their societies. Good applications are required to ensure hand surgery education increases around the world. These should be relevant to the hand surgery activities undertaken in the region and appropriate for the infrastructure available. Information for interested applicants is available on the website: https://ifssh.info/educational_sponsorship.php

8. Communication Director's Report (inc. website and social media)

Jin Bo Tang reported on updates to the IFSSH website. Alterations will be released shortly that will have the website more focused on current and important items.

A series of 30+ educational videos from the IFSSH London 2022 Congress will be uploaded to the educational tab - coordinated by David Shewing (IFSSH Member-at-Large, Europe/Africa). Consent has been gained from the presenters; the IFSSH is now working on the technical aspects for the upload.

Improvements to social media have occurred, led by Aida Garcia (IFSSH Member-at-Large, South America). Posts are now placed regularly, often in themes, and explain the components of the IFSSH (history, congresses, Pioneers, member news and meetings, etc) as well as items of general interest (e.g. hand art).

Jin Bo Tang requested the delegates to contribute news of international relevance, stories from Pioneers, advertisements and photographs from national meetings, etc.

Individuals can follow the IFSSH on X (Twitter) and Instagram via @IFSSHHand and should be encouraged to look at the wide range of educational material and news on the website: www.ifssh.info.

9. Newsletter / Ezine

David Warwick reminded Delegates that the IFSSH Newsletter is published quarterly: within the Ezine, in the JHS(American) and JHS(Asian-Pacific), and on the JHS(European) website.

The IFSSH Ezine continues to be edited by Prof Ulrich Mennen (IFSSH Past-President). The publication has now been produced for over 12 years (51 issues available).

Delegates are asked to ensure their society contributes to the Ezine at least annually - an invite is sent out to each delegate once a year, rolling through the 60+ IFSSH societies over the 4 issues. Content is always needed. This could be an updated member history, local news from the society/region or a piece of interest about an IFSSH event/sponsorship/Pioneer/etc. Pieces should be forwarded to ezine@ifssh.info.

The Delegates' Council Meeting agenda was paused while IFSSH Members-at-Large were introduced and addressed the Council:

Gregory Bain (Asia-Pacific)
Paco Pinal (Europe/Africa)
David Shewring (Europe/Africa)
Jorge Clifton Correa (North/Central America)
Apologies from Aida Garcia Gomez (South America)

Greg Bain requested that Delegates engage with their Member-at-Large, through routine requests (e.g. updating society histories on the IFSSH website, providing Ezine news) and with ideas for future activities and improvements. Delegates were asked to group into their regions at the conclusion of today's meeting to meet their Member-at-Large and regional colleagues.

10. 15th IFSSH Congress - London, 2022 (Appendix B)

David Shewring (Chair, IFSSH 2022) provided the final congress report to the Delegates' Council, thanking all for their attendance at the London Congress during which the Council last met.

The 2022 Congress was a combined event of the IFSSH, IFSHT and FESSH - held at ExCeL in June 2022. The final tally was 3700 registrations with 630 online participants.

Highlights included:

- the congress travelling fellowship program (32 fellows from 30 countries visiting 18 UK centres and then joining the congress)
- honouring 28 IFSSH Pioneers
- 1700 presentations, 960 free papers
- the IFSSH Swanson Lecture (Tim Davis, "Current concepts on management of scaphoid injuries"); the President's Lecture (Gus McGrouther, "A battle between germ, host and surgeon) and the BSSH Douglas Lamb Lecture (David Ring, "The influence of psychological factors on outcomes")
- the "Tendon disorders of the Hand and Wrist" textbook, included in the registration
- participation in the social events - pub night and the Gala dinner at Old Billingsgate, plus the invitation-only President's dinner.

- the Closing Ceremony with the handover of IFSSH Presidency from Marc Garcia-Elias to Daniel Nagle, with the younger generation of congress fellowship recipients watching on.

The meeting had the support of 45 companies, providing GBP £654,425.

Financially the congress ended with a surplus of GBP £211,734. The congress organisers had undertaken a financial commitment to FESSH and provided US\$81,778 to the IFSSH with the same amount also going to FESSH.

Overall, the highlight for many participants was the opportunity to meet face-to-face again after the pandemic. It was a meeting of high-quality exchanges and reunited friendships.

11. 16th IFSSH Congress – Washington D.C., 2025 *(Appendix C)*

Jim Chang (Co-Chair, IFSSH 2025) addressed the Delegates' Council. The 2025 Congress will be a meeting hosted by the ASSH, AAHS and ASHT. The USA has not hosted an IFSSH Congress since 1983 making this opportunity an honour for the combined surgical/therapy colleagues to showcase their country and hospitality.

The Congress will be held 23-28 March 2025, providing a setting in Washington, D.C. during cherry blossom season and distanced in time from the AAHS, FESSH and ASSH meetings of that year.

The Marriott Marquis has been chosen as the meeting site. This has a conference capacity of 3500 people, is on-site for hotel rooms (easy accessibility) and is within walking distance of the major city sights.

The 2025 hosts have maintained their bid promise to deliver the congress at the same registration rate as London 2022. Early surgeon rates will be US\$750 (increasing to \$850 regular rates and \$950 on site). Specific rates are available for Residents/Fellows, Allied Health and Therapists.

The congress organisers have developed a “BOGO” plan: Buy One, Get One Free registration. This applies to countries specified by the World Bank's as low and lower middle income countries and embodies the IFSSH objective to be inclusive and develop education worldwide.

The schedule will run from Sunday (pre-meetings) through to the closing ceremony on Friday and include social events such as the Opening Ceremony (Monday, Marriott Marquis), President's Dinner (Spy Museum), event TBA on Wednesday evening (likely music or sport venue) and the Gala Banquet at the National Portrait Gallery on Thursday evening.

A congress textbook will be published: “Trauma Reconstruction”, edited by Warren Hammert, David Ruch and Fraser Leversedge, written by a variety of international authors.

Similarly to London, a congress travelling fellowship will be organised. This will be coordinated by the AAHS and be concentrated on the US East Coast (planning may include centres such as the Hospital for Special Surgery, New York; Philadelphia Hand Center, Philadelphia; Curtis Hand Center, Baltimore).

Important upcoming dates include;

- Abstract open date: Dec 4, 2023
- Review of abstracts: February 2024 (*>12m prior to meeting to allow for visa applications and processing times*)
- Final program: July 2024

- Meeting: March 2025

On behalf of the hosts, Jim Chang encouraged delegates to join the 2025 Congress - to experience American hand surgery, to witness >50% of program speakers being international, to be able to bring LMIC trainees under the free registration plan, and to enjoy spring in Washington DC, all whilst reconnecting with friends from around the world.

For further information and updates: www.ifssh-ifsht2025.org

12. 1st IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery - Ecuador (Appendix D)

Fidel Cayon, (ECUMANO IFSSH Delegate and Mid-Term Course Convenor) presented the current status of the 1st IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery and introduced Dr Gabriel Alegria, ECUMANO President, to the delegates.

The course will be held 31 January - 3 February 2024 in Quito, Ecuador. The site is the Quito Metropolitan Convention Centre. There are many international speakers joining the meeting to present topics, with the four keynote speakers sponsored by the IFSSH. The program will run in two main rooms with smaller offset rooms for workshops and “meet and greet” sessions.

This is an instructional course comprised of lectures.

The meeting will be conducted in English, with Spanish translation occurring throughout. A large contingent of Latin American registrants are expected, but with the meeting open to all worldwide.

Six hotels have been selected for the housing to allow a range of costs/facilities.

The IFSSH provides a US\$20,000 grant to the host society. This has been supplemented with generous sponsorship from industry. The platinum sponsors are Disortho/TriMed, Medartis, Ortomacx Inquiort, Zoldan Corp and Acumed.

Registration is open - US\$297.50 early bird rate for surgeons, \$170.00 for residents/fellows/therapists and \$85 for pre-graduate students. These rates are available until 31st October, then increase to the regular rates of \$350, \$200 and \$100 respectively.

Fidel Cayon requested that the delegates pass on this news to all in their societies and encourage early registrations.

For further information and registration: www.ecumano.org

13. Business arising from Executive Committee Meeting

a. Hand Surgery Resource

Daniel Nagle announced to the Delegates’ Council that the IFSSH has been offered the opportunity of ownership of “Hand Surgery Resource” (HSR) and, at yesterday’s Executive Committee Meeting, the ExCo have agreed upon this transfer.

The HSR is an online resource available worldwide, free of charge. It was created by - and continues to be run by - Larry Hurst (New York). The resource includes a website, videos,

newsletters, podcasts and more. A link to the HSR is already functioning on the IFSSH website: <https://ifssh.info/hand-surgery-resource.php>

Under the transfer, the IFSSH will now own the HSR but it will remain under Larry Hurst's oversight until he chooses to step down. Previously there was a combined approach from Larry Hurst and the IFSSH to develop an international committee to continue with monitoring and updating the HSR content - known as the International Hand Surgery Resource Advisory Group (IHSRAG). This group will now be expanded. It requires commitment from IFSSH members to continue the updating of topics.

The IFSSH is proud to have been approached by Larry Hurst with this proposal. It is another method of ensuring international hand surgery education is available to the world in accessible formats.

b. IFSSH Finance Sub-Committee

David Warwick introduced the IFSSH Finance Sub-Committee: Greg Bain, Paco Pinal and Jorge Clifton.

Greg Bain explained that this sub-committee would be moving forward with fundraising initiatives to improve the IFSSH treasury and allow the IFSSH to undertake expanded activities and organisational growth. To maintain a positive impact on global education, a funding base is necessary. Many societies have specific financial programs and/or foundations. The IFSSH to date has maintained its treasury through dues payments and congress contributions, but a fundraising model will improve opportunities.

The sub-committee is preparing proposals of ways to raise money and looking at specific groups that may be interested in donating or leaving legacies. The committee is also considering a systematic way to recognise donors - e.g. a "Knights of Hand Surgery" title for those who provide a dedicated financial commitment to the IFSSH. Other considerations being discussed include the possibility of named lectures or fellowships.

The IFSSH represents many countries of disparate income and infrastructure levels so, whilst education needs to be relevant to local circumstances, so do fundraising initiatives - those from wealthier backgrounds may be able to donate more but, regardless of the amount, all will be valued for their generosity towards international hand surgery and education.

The program is planned to be operational for commencement at the 2025 IFSSH Congress.

c. IFSSH Scientific Committee for Congenital Conditions

Raja Sabapathy noted that this committee continues to undertake periodic reviews of the OMT Classification. This classification was endorsed by the IFSSH through the Scientific Committee program with a recommendation that it be regularly reviewed.

The current committee consists of Wee Lam (Singapore), Charles Goldfarb (USA), Wiebke Husselmann (Germany), David McCombe (Australia) and Lindley Wall (USA).

The committee will be commencing a new activity: assisting hand surgeons with difficult congenital classifications. An email address will be activated that allows hand surgeons to contact the committee with deidentified descriptions of congenital presentations; the committee will respond with classification assistance.

d. Global partnerships

David Warwick advised that the IFSSH will be requesting information from all member societies in relation to global work undertaken - this may include countries where outreach programs are active, web resources that assist hand surgeons in non-member societies, etc. Requests for the information will be sent out via email to all delegates and all input will be gratefully received in the hope that a resource can be established on the IFSSH website.

e. IFSSH Member Society histories

Members-at-Large have contacted all societies in their regions requesting updated society histories. These are placed on the IFSSH website and may be published in the Ezine. Delegates are asked to provide a history if one is not already present on the IFSSH website - https://ifssh.info/member_nation-histories.php - or to review/update existing documents. These should be forwarded to the relevant Member-at-Large.

14. New business

David Warwick opened the meeting to new business.

a. IFSSH 2028 Congress - Singapore

Bernice Hong (Singapore Society proxy) greeted the Delegates' Council on behalf of the Singapore Society. She advised that their organising committee has commenced planning, with the operational structures currently being formed.

b. FLACM Congress, 2023

Efrian Farias (Mexican Society proxy) noted that the Latin-American Federation Congress is to be held 6-11 November 2023 in Mexico and extended an invitation to all. *Refer to Item 15: FLACM Report.*

c. Jin Bo Tang - education - textbook and IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship

At the request of Raja Sabapathy, Jin Bo Tang shared news of his recent educational activities for the IFSSH. He advised he is the Editor of the "Current Practice of Hand Surgery" textbook, as earlier mentioned by the CES. The writing is underway and 27 IFSSH member societies are represented by authors involved in the production.

Jin Bo Tang also noted that he had arrived in Toronto this week straight from the IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship. This involved 16 days in Poland, as the guest of the Polish Society. The Professorship was a busy period, incorporating a large geographical tour to reach numerous groups of Polish surgeons and trainees. He gave 25 lectures, performed 10 operations, instructed at 10 cadaver workshops and taught at medical schools. His tour was centred around the annual meeting of the Polish Society. Jin Bo Tang noted the impact of the Professorship on the Polish surgeons, describing the President's 6 hour drive to attend a dinner in recognition.

This is an excellent opportunity if a society has an appropriate program and considering a relevant professor - proposals should be placed to the IFSSH CES at least 12 months in advance to allow the IFSSH to review applications before the professor is invited.

d. Indian Society's 60th anniversary

Anil Bhat, the IFSSH Delegate from the Indian Society, congratulated the IFSSH on its activities and plans. He advised that the Indian Society has celebrated its 60th (diamond) anniversary this year with a notable congress and festivities. He suggested that milestones such as this can be

useful for fundraising/awareness campaigns. The IFSSH was formed in 1966 - currently celebrating its 57th year.

15. IFSSH Allied Organisations

Each allied organisation was invited to submit an annual report to the Delegates, for inclusion in these minutes. These are incorporate as follows:

- International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (IFSHT) - Appendix E
- Asia-Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH) - Appendix F
- Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH) - not received
- Latin American Federation for Hand Surgery (FLACM) - Appendix G
- Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International (HWBI) - Appendix H

16. Next meeting of the IFSSH Delegates' Council

- 2024 – FESSH: June 26 - 29, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2025 – IFSSH: March 23 - 28, Washington D.C., USA

Meeting closed at 11:45am with delegates requested to join their regional Member-at-Large for informal discussions.



Appendix A: Finance report

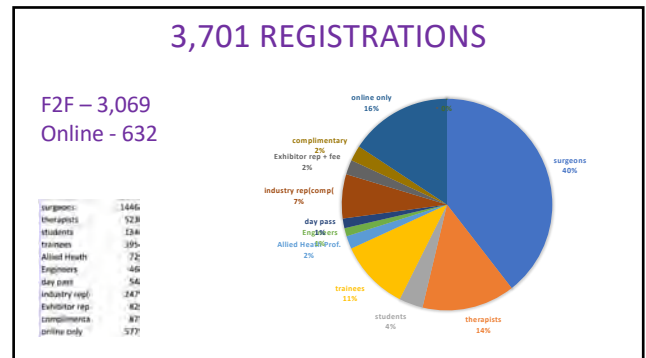
IFSSH Funds
30th June 2006 - 31st August 2023

	PERIOD ENDING																		
	June 30, 2006	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022	August 31st, 2023	
OPENING BALANCE (US\$)																			
Wells Fargo #1		178,469.94	207,934.27	271,238.34	320,018.21	378,457.80	403,121.69	383,725.79	437,624.90	416,992.11	347,723.23	440,886.62	516,551.86	307,547.30	320,461.31	323,085.39	365,589.38	488,360.96	
Wells Fargo #2			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,955.75	1,188.75	2,120.75	1,961.75	1,817.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	
Fidelity #1			479,003.40	307,683.67	401,760.92	426,334.49	421,690.43	460,416.18	485,313.05	537,710.27	528,355.15	515,925.87	590,862.79	773,448.66	969,410.37	1,192,104.66	1,506,800.10	1,251,106.73	
Fidelity #2																	0.00	490,436.10	
N/A - Opened 2022																			
INCOME (US\$) - Wells Fargo #1																			
Membership dues		19,439.00	97,773.42	78,814.42	51,829.92	77,115.02	73,307.91	87,746.85	71,844.21	80,189.37	93,027.46	78,379.17	89,576.63	106,452.57	68,593.98	120,873.01	110,879.32	40,793.50	
IFSSH Congress		44,919.04	0.00	0.00	100,300.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	14,221.57	0.00	89,960.00	106,490.30	0.00	0.00	132,104.31	90.35	175,604.60	101.38	
Ezine		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A - See Wells Fargo #2			1,635.00	2,600.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	6,500.00	2,000.00	500.00	0.00		
Interest - Wells Fargo Bank		4,122.37	2,009.35	97.10	23.73	55.61	36.51	37.13	37.74	13.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Merchandise		100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Misc		4,913.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,629.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total		73,494.31	99,782.77	78,911.52	152,153.65	77,170.63	73,344.42	138,383.98	87,738.52	82,802.63	184,287.46	185,869.47	95,205.79	112,952.57	202,698.29	121,463.36	286,483.92	40,894.88	
INCOME (US\$) - Wells Fargo #2																			
Ezine sponsorship			N/A - Opened 2011			17,975.00	0.00	1,088.00	N/A - see Wells Fargo #1										
Misc (Incorrect acct for deposit)			N/A - Opened 2011			9,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,625.00	0.00	1,088.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
EXPENDITURE (US\$) - Wells Fargo #1																			
IFSSH Triennial Congress		7,596.33	0.00	0.00	67,285.90	0.00	5,283.15	17,410.00	40,000.00	54,889.96	5,053.60	7,080.82	1,242.00	5,053.40	108,327.51	0.00	10,288.62	20,446.84	
IFSSH Annual ExCo/Council Meetings		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	897.91	0.00	1,490.22	0.00	1,976.87	759.00	325.52	0.00	806.44	0.00	
Executive Expenses		31,375.61	21,457.35	29,762.91	22,975.79	36,104.22	25,096.00	23,667.25	18,230.19	21,926.69	19,879.93	36,218.45	30,662.49	21,070.67	0.00	0.00	18,973.75	0.00	
Secretariat			Included in Executive Travel/Wages					11,744.20	13,630.72	12,693.33	11,988.21	15,960.10	13,280.64	13,289.62	17,000.00	15,000.00	20,330.11	11,250.00	
Bursaries and Grants		0.00	15,000.00	0.00	2,850.00	15,000.00	40,999.99	15,050.00	19,350.00	35,000.00	9,500.00	26,000.00	30,900.00	34,100.00	28,300.00	24,254.00	68,822.83	31,376.00	
Ezine		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	See Wells Fargo #2		6,000.00	12,459.00	11,729.98	11,025.29	22,511.48	19,784.44	19,777.11	20,589.70	23,754.99	28,833.54	30,777.44	22,831.00
Lawyer/Accountant Services		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,123.38	18,571.33	2,435.81	2,659.00	2,476.00	19,714.92	7,400.00	10,201.57	8,033.00
IT Services		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	450.00	1,660.00	960.00	960.00	960.00	1,325.00	1,648.52	1,989.18	
Bank fees - Wells Fargo Bank		144.14	21.35	368.74	602.37	1213.52	2,086.49	2,107.67	3,132.51	2,412.86	2,129.30	1,674.61	2,052.24	1,740.17	1,657.56	2,146.83	1,863.06	518.24	
Transfer to Investment Account		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Misc		4,913.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	189.00	13,274.69	2,046.75	900.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	33.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total		44,029.98	36,478.70	30,131.65	93,714.06	52,506.74	92,740.32	84,484.87	108,371.31	152,071.51	91,124.07	110,204.23	304,210.35	100,038.56	200,074.21	78,959.37	163,712.34	96,444.74	
EXPENDITURE (US\$) - Wells Fargo #2																			
Editorial / layout set up fees			N/A - Opened 2011			16,526.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bank Fees - Wells Fargo Bank			N/A - Opened 2011			143.25	117.00	156.00	159.00	144.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Misc (Incorrect deposit reversed)			N/A - Opened 2011			0.00	9,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,669.25	9,767.00	156.00	159.00	144.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS - #1: Main (US\$)																			
Transfer from Wells Fargo account				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Change in Investment Value				97,368.25	28,599.47	-349.96	43,678.12	30,568.59	58,475.77	-15,744.35	-6,062.87	81,021.51	-10,188.73	205,379.96	233,321.29	328,139.60	-241,372.88	186,691.66	
Advisor Fees				3,291.00	4,026.00	4,294.00	4,703.51	4,985.38	5,189.29	5,353.00	5,366.20	5,418.00	6,500.00	8,595.00	9,827.00	12,540.00	13,273.00	10,135.80	
Transaction Costs & Charges						Within advisor fee				93.98	83.53	105.57	101.00	112.93	19.80	24.84	30.20	30.42	
Taxes Withheld						Within advisor fee		248.86	686.34	889.26	721.71	916.68	561.02	624.40	710.32	879.32	1017.29	869.67	
Total Change				94,077.25	24,573.47	-4,643.96	38,725.75	24,896.87	52,397.22	-21,913.04	-12,429.28	74,936.92	182,585.87	195,961.71	222,694.29	314,695.44	-255,693.37	175,655.77	
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS - #2: Kleinert (US\$)																			
Transfer from Wells Fargo account																	0.00	0.00	
Change in Investment Value																	490,436.10	41,906.92	
Advisor Fees																	0.00	3,833.00	
Transaction Costs & Charges																	0.00	4.37	
Taxes Withheld																	0.00	152.30	
Total Change				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	490,436.10	37,917.25	
CLOSING BALANCE (US\$)																			
Wells Fargo #1		207,934.27	271,238.34	320,018.21	378,457.80	403,121.69	383,725.79	437,624.90	416,992.11	347,723.23	440,886.62	516,551.86	307,547.30	320,461.31	323,085.39	365,589.38	488,360.96	432,811.10	
Wells Fargo #2		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,955.75	1,188.75	2,120.75	1,961.75	1,817.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	
Fidelity Investments - #1: Main		479,003.40	307,683.67	401,760.92	426,334.39	421,690.43	460,416.18	485,313.05	537,710.27	528,355.15	515,925.87	590,862.79	773,448.66	969,410.37	1,192,104.66	1,506,800.10	1,251,106.73	1,426,762.50	
Fidelity \$ change from previous year			-171,319.73	94,077.25	24,573.47	-4,643.96	38,725.75	24,896.87	52,397.22	-9,355.12	-12,429.28	74,936.92	182,585.87	195,961.71	222,694.29	314,695.44	-255,693.37	175,655.77	
Fidelity % change from previous year			-35.77	30.58	6.12	-1.09	9.18	5.41	30.90	-1.74	-2.35	14.52	30.90	25.34	22.97	26.40	-16.97	14.04	
Fidelity Investments - #2: Kleinert		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	490,436.10	528,353.35	
Fidelity \$ change from previous year			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	490,436.10	37,917.25	
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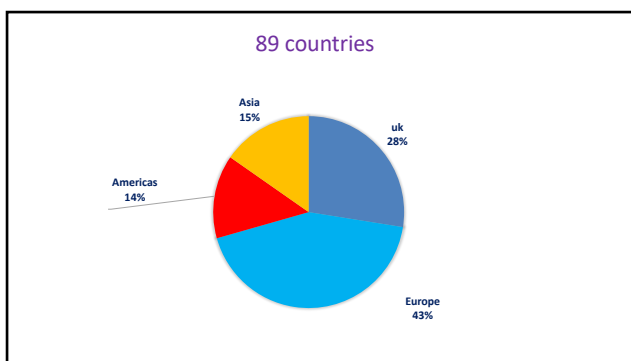
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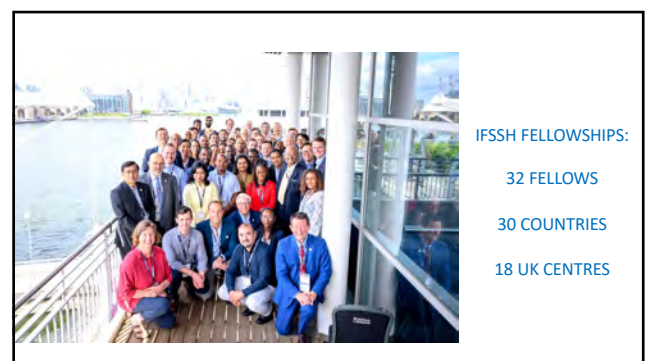
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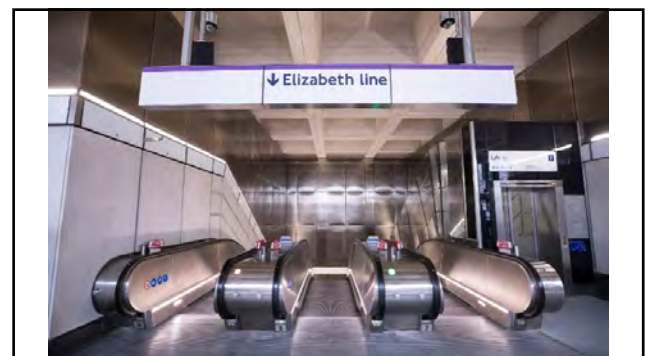
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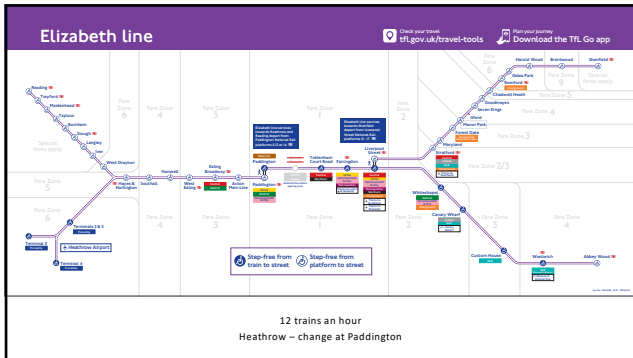
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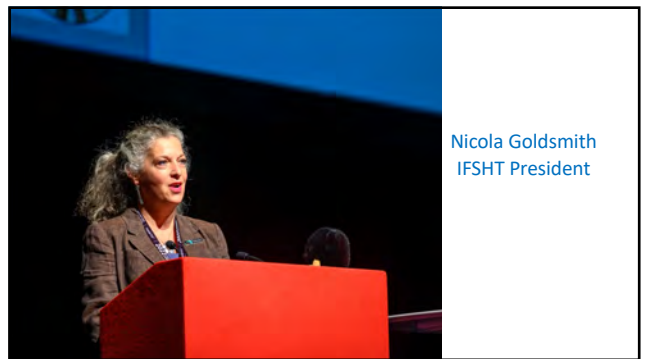
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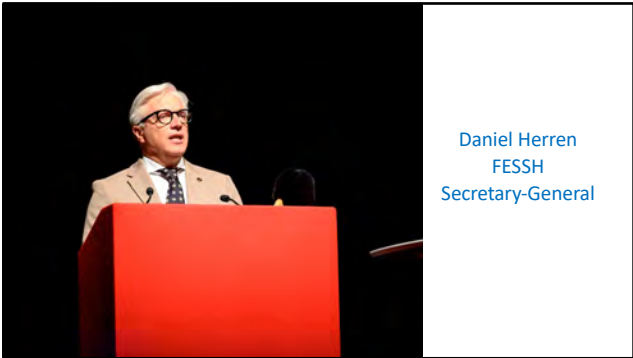
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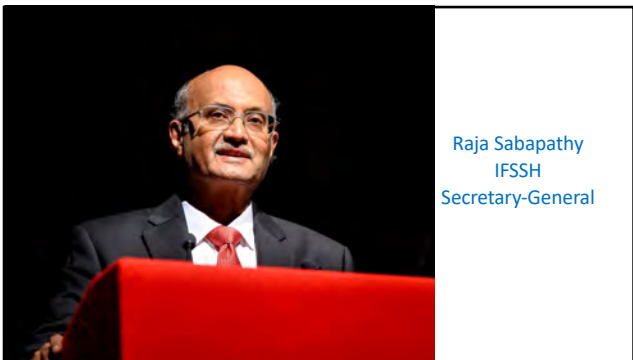
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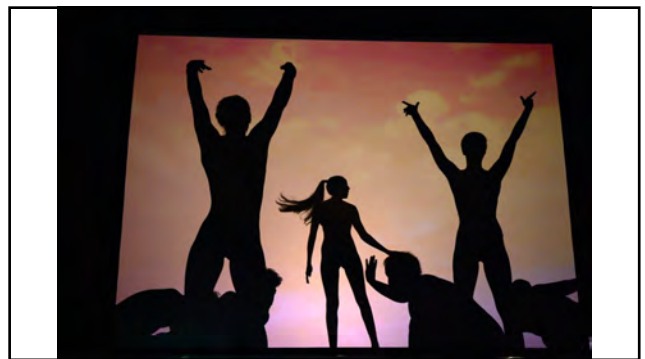
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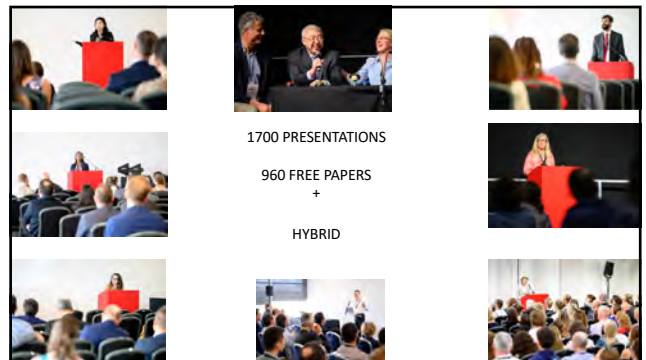
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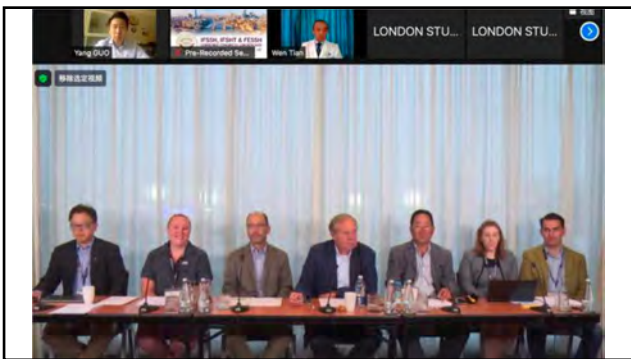
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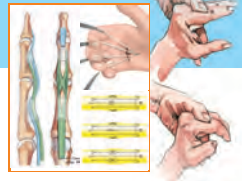
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INCOME	
Registrations:	£1,257,025.00
Industry:	£654,425.00
Opening ceremony/reception:	£11,104.00
TOTAL INCOME:	£1,922,554
	(\$2,337,123)

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FINANCIAL	
EXPENDITURE	
Room hire:	£489,741
AV:	£390,600
Instructional book :	£87,265
President's Dinner:	£19,091
Miscellaneous:	
Catering:	£322,40
PCO:	£96,266
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£1,710,820
	(\$2,079,732)

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FINANCIAL	
TOTAL INCOME:	£1,922,554
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£1,710,820
CONGRESS SURPLUS:	£211,734 (\$257,391)

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FESSH AGREEMENT:	£59,002 (\$71,724)

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FESSH AGREEMENT:	£59,002 (\$71,724)
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BALANCE WITH BSSH:	£58,522 (\$71,141)

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CONGRESS DINNER:	-£53,100
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BSSH	£0 (\$0)		

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Appendix C: Washington, D.C. 2025 Report



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74TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND ENGAGE				
Previous International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand Triennial Congresses				
Rotterdam 1980	Boston 1983	Tokyo 1986	Tel Aviv 1989	Paris 1992
Helsinki 1995	Vancouver 1998	Istanbul 2001	Budapest 2004	Sydney 2007
Seoul 2010	New Delhii 2013	Buenos Aires 2016	Berlin 2019	London 2022
Washington DC 2025				

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The Hosts – All of American Hand Surgery



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Differences with Recent IFSSH Meetings

- ✦ In Berlin and London, IFSSH was combined with FESSH
 - ✦ London: 3701 Registrations from 89 Countries
- ✦ 2025 Meetings:
 - ✦ AAHS in Waikoloa, Hawaii – January 15-18, 2025
 - ✦ IFSSH in Washington DC - March 23-28, 2025
 - ✦ FESSH in Helsinki - June 25-28, 2025
 - ✦ ASSH in Vancouver - October 9-11, 2025

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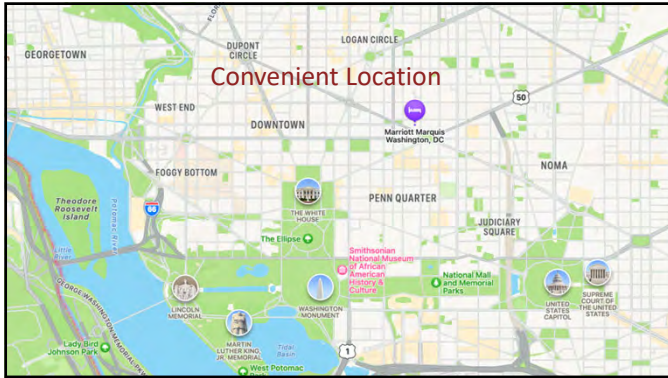
Hotel and Meeting Space

The Marriott Marquis

- ✦ Flagship hotel
- ✦ 80 meeting rooms, 3,500-person capacity in conference space
- ✦ Walking distance to attractions and nightlife



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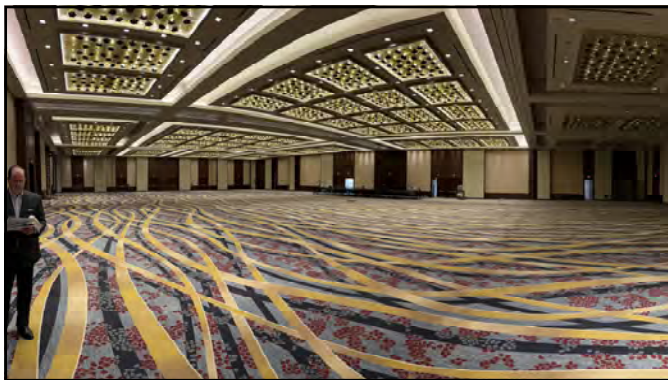


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Marriot Marquis Lobby



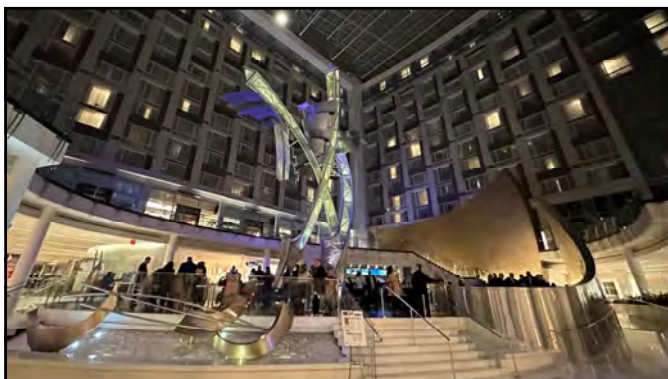
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2022 London IFSSH Rates

EARLY FEES paid before and on 01 April 2022	STANDARD FEES paid before and on 01 May 2022	LATE FEES paid after 01 May 2022
£ 600 / \$750 Surgeons	£ 700 Surgeons	£ 800 Surgeons
£ 370 / \$465 Therapists	£ 460 Therapists	£ 550 Therapists
£ 370 / \$465 Allied Health Profess.	£ 460 Allied Health Profess.	£ 550 Allied Health Profess.
£ 300 / \$377 Doctors-in-Training	£ 450 Doctors-in-Training	£ 550 Doctors-in-Training
£ 300 / \$377 Engineers, Scientists	£ 450 Engineers, Scientists	£ 550 Engineers, Scientists
£ 200 / \$250 Students	£ 300 Students	£ 400 Students
£ 560 / \$705 Industry represent.	£ 660 Industry represent.	£ 760 Industry represent.

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Washington DC IFSSH Rates

Surgeons - Early	\$ 750.00	Pre-course - Surgeons	\$ 225.00
Surgeons - Regular	\$ 850.00	Pre-course - Therapists	\$ 125.00
Surgeons - Late	\$ 950.00	Pre-course - Allied Health Professionals	\$ 125.00
Therapists - Early	\$ 450.00	Pre-course - Residents & Fellows	\$ 125.00
Therapists - Regular	\$ 550.00	Day Pass - Surgeon	\$ 200.00
Therapists - Late	\$ 650.00	Day Pass - Therapist	\$ 100.00
Allied Health Professionals - Early	\$ 450.00	Day Pass - Allied Health Profession	\$ 100.00
Allied Health Professionals - Regular	\$ 550.00	Day Pass - Residents & Fellows	\$ 100.00
Allied Health Professionals - Late	\$ 650.00	Guest Pass	\$ 75.00
Residents & Fellows - Early	\$ 450.00	BOGO	\$ -
Residents & Fellows - Regular	\$ 550.00	Cancellation Fee - Early	\$ 200.00
Residents & Fellows - Late	\$ 650.00	Cancellation Fee - Late	\$ 250.00

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	Low and Lower Middle Income Countries	
	Economy	Income group
Alghanian		Low income
Algeria		Lower middle income
Angola		Lower middle income
Bangladesh		Lower middle income
Benin		Lower middle income
Bhutan		Lower middle income
Bolivia		Lower middle income
Burkina Faso		Low income
Burundi		Low income
Cabo Verde		Lower middle income
Cambodia		Lower middle income
Cameroon		Lower middle income
Central African Republic		Low income
Chad		Low income
Comoros		Lower middle income
Congo, Dem. Rep.		Low income
Congo, Rep.		Lower middle income
Côte d'Ivoire		Lower middle income
Djibouti		Lower middle income
Egypt, Arab Rep.		Lower middle income
Eritrea		Low income

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Overview of the Social Schedule

Pre-meetings

Presidents Dinner: Spy Museum

Gala Banquet @ National Portrait Gallery

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday**

Opening Reception in the Hotel

Social Event likely Music Venue or Sports Venue

Closing Ceremony

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Spy Museum Banquet Space

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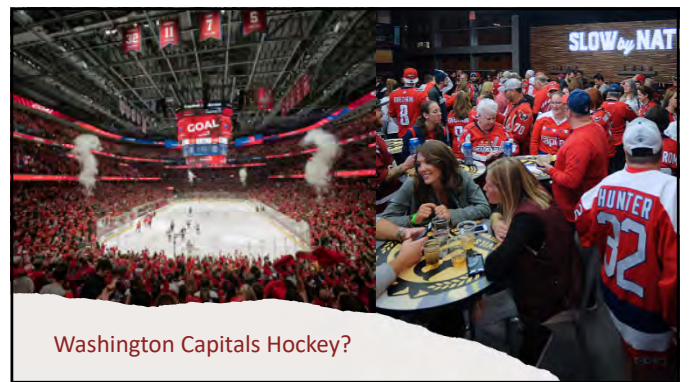


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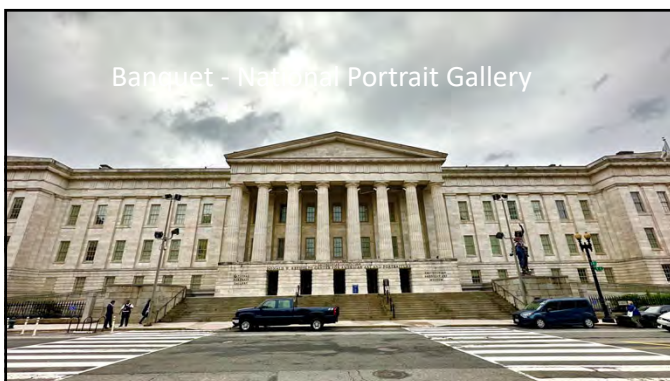


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Washington Capitals Hockey?

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Banquet - National Portrait Gallery

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Cocktails in the Presidents Portrait Hall

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2025 IFSSH Instructional Course Book: Trauma Reconstruction

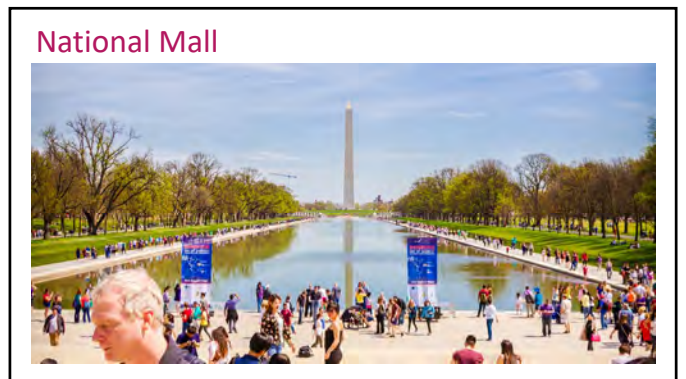
- ❖ Editors:
 - ❖ Warren Hammert
 - ❖ David Ruch
 - ❖ Fraser Leversedge
- ❖ 14 chapters with authors from throughout the world
- ❖ First run of 2500 copies free

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Traveling Fellowship

- ❖ Organized by AAHS, Co-funded by AAHS and ASSH
- ❖ Chaired by Nash Naam MD/David Ruch
- ❖ East Coast Tour:
 - ❖ ? Hospital for Special Surgery, New York
 - ❖ ? Philadelphia Hand Center, Philadelphia
 - ❖ ? Curtis Hand Center, Baltimore
- ❖ Preliminary budget 100K+

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Smithsonian Museums are free!



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Cherry Blossom Festival

3,000+ cherry blossom trees will be in full bloom. It's a magical time in Washington, D.C.!

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Timeline

- ❑ Abstract open date: Dec 4, 2023
- ❑ Review of abstracts: February 2024
- ❑ Final program: July 2024
- ❑ Meeting: March 2025

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What I am excited about

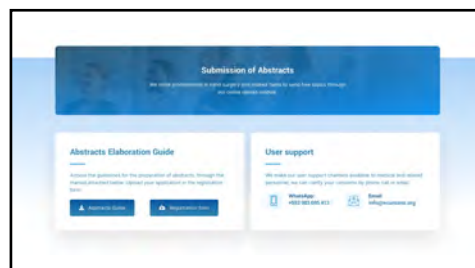
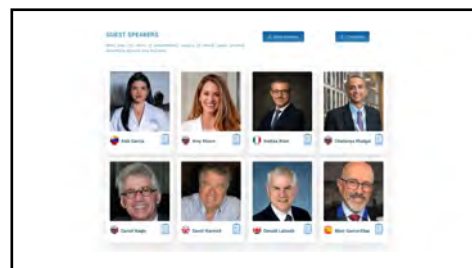
- ❖ Chance to show off the goodness of American hand surgery
- ❖ More than 50% of speakers will be international
- ❖ Once-in-a-lifetime venues in springtime Washington DC
- ❖ Free registration for LMIC trainees
- ❖ An opportunity to convene with friends around the world

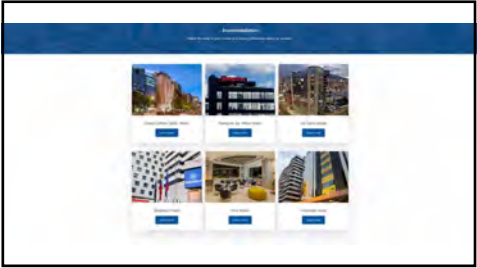
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Appendix D: Ecuador 2024(1st Mid-Term Course) Report





IFSHT PRESIDENT, Peggy Boineau (PB)-- ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

- Led IFSHT EXCO interim meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, Feb. 2023
- Updated sponsorship prospectus and recruited 2 new commercial sponsors
- Represented IFSHT at ASHT 2022 and 2023, APFSHT 2023, and ASSH 2023
- Updated website content, with a new emphasis on providing links to educational videos for hand therapists.
- Working with President Elect, Stacey Doyon and an attorney in Switzerland to update the Congress agreement with host society, with effective date targeted for 2031 Congress.

IFSHT TRIENNIAL MEETINGS

12th IFSHT Triennial Congress / 15th IFSSH Triennial Congress, 2022 London, UK

- Therapist in person attendees 439
- Therapist virtual attendees: 61

13th IFSHT Triennial Congress / 16th IFSSH Triennial Congress, 2025, Washington, D.C., USA

- IFSHT has a signed agreement with the ASHT, the therapist host society
- IFSHT appointed Yaffa Levanon from Israel as Scientific Meeting Co-Chair to work with Aviva Wolff, the ASHT appointed Co-chair and Scientific Committee members have been appointed with strong international representation
- PB meets with ASHT leadership regularly for Congress updates and planning.
- PB met with ASSH and ASHT leadership to clarify the IFSHT needs for meeting spaces at the Congress.
- PB will participate in a Congress planning meeting at the ASSH 2023 meeting in Toronto.

14th IFSHT Triennial Congress / 17th IFSSH Triennial Congress, Singapore

- PB met with hand therapists in Singapore at the 2023 APFSHT Congress
- Singapore therapists are Associate Members of IFSHT, meaning they do not have a formal society established. They are working on establishing a society in order to become full members.

IFSHT MEMBERSHIP: 57 total

- **Full members:** 38
- **Associate members:** 7 (Bangladesh, Mexico, Nepal, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, and United Arab Emirates)
- **Corresponding members:** 12 (Bahrain, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gaza, Ghana, Iran, Malta, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe). Delegate vote is progress for Malawi.
- **Regional Liaison Organizations:** American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS), Asia Pacific Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (APFSHT), European Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (EFSHT), International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) and International Society for Sport Traumatology of the Hand (ISSPORTH) and South American Society Hand Therapy (SSTM)
- **A new grant fund** has been established to assist members to move from Corresponding and Associate Membership to Full Membership.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY:

- Education committee: developed a survey to raise awareness of the different methods, materials and funding strategies used around the world for splinting so that we may provide educational opportunities customized for different countries and regions.
- By-laws Committee: no by-laws changes since the 2022 Congress
- Publication committee: Published 3 volumes of IFSHT's online newsletter, REACH, in 2023 and provided a hand therapy article for each publication of IFSSH's Ezine.

DELEGATE COMMUNICATION:

- Delegates continue to receive regular updates from the IFSHT Secretary General and vote electronically as needed.
- The second Interim Virtual Council Meeting is scheduled for November 2023

WEB-BASED COMMUNICATION WITH HAND THERAPISTS GLOBALLY:

- **REACH newsletter**
- **Website (www.ifsht.org)**
- **Facebook and Instagram**
- **IFSHT contribution to IFSSH E-zine**

IFSHT AWARDS AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITY

- **IFSHT Evelyn Mackin Congress Grant:** sponsorship of therapists from developing countries to attend triennial congress. In 2022, with financial support from IFSSH and IFSHT funds fully supported four therapists to attend the congress. Therapists were from Bhutan, Bulgaria, Fiji, and Kuwait. IFSHT covers all Congress related expenses with this grant. Total amount awarded was 10,008 USD. IFSSH provided 9761.17 USD (after bank fees) to support this grant.
- **IFSHT/IFSSH Triennial Congress Grant:** Ten recipients were awarded grant funds to support, registration, accommodation and/or travel to the 2022 Congress. Funds were distributed based on guidelines, specifically for countries with low GDP, for associate members who had not attended the Congress previously, with funds from the 2019 Silent Auction specifically used to support speakers and poster presenters.
Total amount awarded was 13,613 USD. IFSHT received 2562 USD from IFSSH (after bank fees) to support this grant.
- **IFSHT-IFSSH International Hand Therapy Teaching Awards.** Grants up to 1500 USD are available to support therapists teaching hand therapy in less-developed countries. None awarded since 2022 Congress.
- **Cristina Alegri Award for Innovation in Hand Therapy:** 4 nominations were accepted in 2022 and the award went to Hayley Fay from the United Kingdom for her development of an exercise prescription app called "Hand Therapy."
- **IFSHT Lifetime Achievement Award: 10 awards were granted in 2022**

DYNAMOMETER DONATIONS:

- IFSHT has 13 to distribute.
- Since the 2022 Congress we have provided dynamometers to therapists in Vietnam, Niger, Sierre Leonne, Ecuador and Fiji.

Appendix F: APFSSH Report



ASIAN PACIFIC FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

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APFSSH Report to IFSSH

Since the last IFSSH meeting in London 2022 the APFSSH has continued to develop its educational role in the Asian Pacific Region. As was reported last meeting the APFSSH has opened a bank account in Singapore to facilitate financial support for hand surgery in the region and are now registered as a society in Singapore. We have an office in Singapore supported by Bened, our administrative assistant who is essential in assisting with the functions of the Executive and delegate meetings and keeping records of our activities.

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The Singapore Hand Surgery Society convened the most recent APFSSH meeting in Singapore last May. This was the first face to face meeting since the 2020 Melbourne meeting and the subsequent COVID lockdowns. It was a great success and the organizers, Mark Puhaindran and Jacqueline Tan are to be congratulated for their efforts. Amongst the highlights of the meeting was the launch of a book, Crafting a Legacy. This book celebrates the lives and contributions of all the IFSSH Pioneers of Hand Surgery from the Asian Pacific region written where possible by members who know and knew these great people. The theme for this meeting was Diverse and Inclusive, a very timely theme considering the real diversity in our region. Jennifer Green and Ted Mah from Australia ran two symposia on Diversity and Inclusivity in Hand Surgery with contributions from many surgeons from the Asian Pacific Region and Europe looking at various issues and how these are being addressed. DePuy Synthes Asia Pacific then held a Symposia focusing on Gender Diversity again with contributions from many surgeons. These sessions were a first for the APFSSH and will become a regular event in future conferences as we all strive for equality and equity in hand surgery in our region.



As part of the need for greater diversity and to maintain a healthy growing Executive we have reverted to biennial APFSSH meetings with a fixed term of 2 years for the executive positions and have opened the positions of President elect, Secretary General and Treasurer to nomination and open election. The previous tradition of climbing through the ranks to Presidency was a journey of 12 years with very little opportunity for contributions from other surgeons who may well have greater contributions to the Federation. An organization such as ours must have this opportunity for reinvigoration with new blood to reflect our rapidly developing region. In order to give more members some exposure to the running of such a Federation and to also bring new ideas to the Executive we have established 5 positions for Members -at-Large who ideally would learn about the running of the Federation with a view to a more active role in the executive. These members are ideally drawn from member societies who do not otherwise have representation on the Executive. With this change the next APFSSH meeting will be held in Chennai India in 2025.

As part of our expansion, we have now formed Education, Finance and Outreach committees to develop further programs for our region. The education committee has been very busy developing protocols for the APFSSH Travelling Fellowship and the APFSSH Visiting Professor. These programs will be announced in the APFSSH Newsletter later this month and on our website. As part of our Educational Programs in the Region, Jonathan Hobby has been investigating the possibility of running a FESSH Foundation Course in Hand Surgery in the Asian Pacific Region in conjunction with the APFSSH, possibly as early as 2024. Our finance Committee is charged with the management of our funds received from subscriptions, conference profits and generous donations. I would like to acknowledge a very generous donation from Raja Sabapathy that will be used to kickstart our educational activities. The Outreach committee is in its earliest development and will look at trying to coordinate and assist with the many outreach programs that are currently running in our region. The APFSSH Newsletter, "Hands On" has been a wonderful success due to the editorial excellence of Sandeep Sebastin from Singapore. This facilitates communication between the Executive and other members societies and between individual societies.

The APFSSH now has 13 Member Societies with other regional societies in the process of applying for membership of the Federation. Some countries in our area do not yet have an established national society so individuals from those countries may apply for individual associate membership of the APFSSH. It is certainly important that we remain as diverse and inclusive as possible in order to achieve our main aim of promoting hand surgery training and excellence in the Asian Pacific Region.

Best wishes to all,

Anthony Berger
President APFSSH

Appendix G: FLACM Meeting

La FEDERACIÓN LATINOAMERICANA DE CIRUGÍA DE LA MANO
y la SOCIEDAD MEXICANA DE CIRUGÍA DE MANO Y MICROCIROGÍA
le invitan a:

**Congreso Latinoamericano de
CIRUGÍA DE LA MANO**

XIII Congreso Latinoamericano de
TERAPISTAS DE MANO

Sociedad invitada:

 **GRUPO
Ibero-Latinoamericano
CIRUGÍA de la MANO**

**"Homenaje a los
Ex-Presidentes
de la FLACM"**

**"La mano en
el arte y el arte
en las manos"**

Además concursos de arte (dibujo, pintura y fotografía) con el tema:
"Las manos"

CONVOCATORIA ABIERTA para todo el público participante

 - Convocatoria
trabajos libres
- Convocatoria
concurso arte

 - Datos e Informes
para inscripción

 - Reservación
Hospedaje

06 de Noviembre Congreso de Fisioterapia y Rehabilitación de Mano
07 de Noviembre Seminario IBRA 
08 de Noviembre Seminario IWAS - LAWA 
9 - 11 de Noviembre Congreso FLACM

6 al 11 de noviembre 2023
Guadalajara Jalisco, México

Appendix H: HWBI Report

Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International (HWBI)

HWBI is thrilled and grateful to be an Allied Organization of IFSSH, and we are looking forward to an exciting 16th IFSSH Congress in Washington, D.C. in 2025.

HWBI strives to provide an international forum for those interested in the biomechanical aspects of basic and clinical research focusing on the hand and the wrist, to encourage international collaborations among engineers, clinicians, therapists, and others in the area of hand and wrist biomechanics, to promote knowledge of hand and wrist biomechanics and its clinical and practical applications, all in cooperation with IFSSH and ISB.

During the combined congress of the IFSSH, IFSHT & FESSH in 2022, held in London, UK, HWBI hosted a biomechanics session with 12 talks ranging from how biomechanics has influenced clinical practices, as well as rehabilitation methods, to carpus simulations, to carpal arch mechanics, and to thumb CMC joint laxity in young and postmenopausal women.

As a Technical Group of the International Society of Biomechanics (ISB), HWBI held its most recent symposium in August 2023 in conjunction with ISB in Fukuoka, Japan. It was an outstanding event, filled with exceptional scientific content, as well as a wonderful location and opportunities for networking. Our symposium was similarly successful. Our session was highlighted by three keynote speakers: Toshiyasu Nakamura, MD, PhD, University of Health and Welfare, Tokyo, Japan, Nina Suh, MD, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, USA, and Zong-Ming Li, PhD, University of Arizona, Tuscan, AZ, USA. The symposium also hosted 16 speakers from all over the world, and topics ranging from median nerve mechanics to finite element analysis of carpal ligaments to detection of hand motion with state-of-the-art tracking systems. The first-place prize in our Young Scholar Awards went to Denise Balogh, Nipissing University, North Bay, Canada, for her and her teams work entitled “Median Nerve Deformation Increases During Repeated Efforts of a Pulp-Pinch Grip Task.” The second place prize was awarded to Kazuya Kurauchi and co-authors from Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan for their work on “Coordinated muscle activity during chopstick manipulation”.

In collaboration with IFSSH for the 2025 Congress we hope to support several sessions on wrist biomechanics. Our proposed themes will focus on the biomechanics of total wrist arthroplasty, carpal tunnel, and thumb CMC joint. More exciting details to come.

Sincerely, the HWBI Program and Executive Committee
Trey Crisco, Angela Kedgley, Zong-Ming Li, Fred Werner, Ronit Wollstein