



IFSSH Newsletter October 2017

The Executive Committee of the International Federation of Societies of Surgery of the Hand and the IFSSH Delegates met in San Francisco on Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7, 2017 during the annual meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. The ASSH very graciously provided the meeting space for the Executive Committee and Delegates meetings.

This was the first Delegates meeting since the 13th Triennial meeting in Buenos Aires. Dr. Eduardo Zancolli III, the President of the 13th IFSSH Congress provided a written report containing the highlights of the Buenos Aires Congress. Over 1700 participants attended the meeting. The IFSSH program included 40 symposia and round tables with more than 200 speakers, 266 free papers, 4 debates, 4 problem cases sessions and 330 electronic posters. The Buenos Aires Congress was a grand success not only academically but also socially and financially. The IFSSH is indebted to Dr. Zancolli and the Argentinian Association for Surgery of the Hand (Asociacion Argentina de Cirugia de la Mano) for organizing a phenomenal meeting.

Speaking of triennial meetings, Dr. Karl-Josef-Prommersberger, the German Society of Hand Surgery (Deutschen Gesellschaft für Handchirurgie DGH) IFSSH Delegate provided on behalf of Dr. Jörg van Schoonhoven the chairman of the DGH organizing committee, a preview of the 14th IFSSH Congress and the 11th Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy to be held in **Berlin on June 17-21, 2019**. The new and exciting CityCube Berlin has been selected as the meeting venue. The German Society for Hand Therapy (Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Handtherapie (DAHTH)) will host the IFSSH Congress. The Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH) will also participate in the IFSSH Congress and conduct its committee meetings and the FESSH examination. The Berlin Congresses will undoubtedly be spectacular events with excellent educational and social programs for hand surgeons and therapists alike. Please be sure to place this on your calendar!

The British Society for Surgery of the Hand is very excited about hosting the 15th Triennial Congress of the IFSSH to be held in London in 2022. This Congress will also include the IFSSH and the FESSH. The British society is very enthusiastic about the Congress and will spare no effort to make it a great success. The details of the meeting are not yet available. Stay tuned!

It is a pleasure to announce that the IFSSH family is growing. Applications for IFSSH membership from the Association of Chinese-speaking Hand Surgeons United and the Guatemalan Society of Hand Surgery were reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee and Delegates. The IFSSH is now a federation of 59 societies from 57 nations! Congratulations and welcome to our newest member societies!

The IFSSH is dedicated to educating hand surgeons around the world and particularly surgeons in less affluent nations. The Federation is fortunate in that it has sufficient reserves to support educational endeavors around the world. The IFSSH Committee for Educational Support (CES) is

anxious to receive applications for financial support of hand surgery education from the IFSSH member hand societies. Such educational endeavors can include regional courses, visiting professorships, outreach programs including education and medical missions as well as grants for attendance at the IFSSH Triennial meetings. It is our duty as a federation and as individual societies to do what we can to improve the education of hand surgeons in less fortunate areas of the world and by extension the care of patients in those regions. The Executive Committee of the IFSSH would ask our member societies to accept this responsibility and organize regional courses outreach programs and other educational programs. The IFSSH stands ready to support your educational efforts. Please go to the IFSSH website for information regarding the grant application process. And if you have any questions please contact us at administration@ifssh.info.

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:

XIVth IFSSH – XIth IFSHT Congress – Berlin, Germany
17-21 June, 2019
www.ifssh-ifsht2019.com

XVth IFSSH – XIIth IFSHT Congress – London, United Kingdom
2022 (Dates to be confirmed)

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