

Letters to the editor

IFSSH grant for Mongolian Hand Surgeons

First of all, I wish to express appreciation to all involved in this project of bringing Mongolian Hand Surgeons to the USA for exposure to current Hand Surgery methods and techniques. I wish to thank the IFSSH officers and representatives for funding this project in the amount of \$12,000.

In this regard, I am formally requesting that the grant money now be forwarded to the American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS). Further, I am asking Ms Sarah Neece of the AAHS administrative staff to coordinate the receipt of this money to the banking account whose details were previously disclosed to you by the AAHS. She will also oversee use of this money, upon my request, that it will be carefully used for the described purposes. An accounting of the expenditures will be given later. In addition a report will be provided to the IFSSH summarising the benefits received through this international and inter-organisational endeavour.

In October 2010 with the help of an interpreter, I was the first Western Hand Surgery specialist to be able to transmit a substantial amount of information through lectures and surgery to the Mongolian Hand Surgeons. I personally observed their large workload and the limited resources that they had at the National Trauma Hospital in Ulaanbaatar. This was the only trauma hospital for the entire country of Mongolia. Prior attempts for microsurgical training of one Mongolian surgeon in a nearby country had not been very successful, judged by its application in Mongolia.

The generosity of the IFSSH in promoting this extremely worthwhile project is greatly appreciated. Many thanks also to all who acted in such a positive manner because these actions will benefit all Mongolians for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

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