

Esser Master Class fellowship

The Esser Masterclass is a cadaver hands-on course on five elements of the hand surgery: Nerves, Fractures, Tendons, Osteo-Arthritis and Local flaps. The Esser Masterclass is focused on providing a tailored made and hands on education by experts in the field. Our mission is making high-quality hand surgery education accessible for every hand surgeon around the globe and our motto is training from hand surgeons to hand surgeons.

Esser Masterclass introduced a new education principle: FAIR-TRAED (Fair Transparent Education). FAIR-TRAED means that the registration fees are directly invested in the Esser Masterclass educational materials to advance hand surgery trainings. The organization and the faculty have a passion for hand surgery and support FAIR-TRAED which means that they do not receive any financial compensation. This enables Esser Masterclass to keep the registration fees at a minimum.

In line with the FAIR-TRAED principle, Esser Masterclass in collaboration with the IFSSH developed the Esser Master Class fellowship. The fellowship is for hand surgeons from the developing countries. Each



Dr Abdelrahman (right) receiving the Esser Master Class travel grant from Dr. Michiel Zuidam (left)

year two places for each masterclass are reserved and provided with a 50% reduced registration rate. There is also a travel grant provided to one of the fellows.

Last January during our course on tendon surgery we were pleased to invite our first fellow: Dr. Mohamed Adbelrahman from Khartoum, Sudan. Dr Abelrahman is a plastic surgeon focused on handsurgery. With the travel grant is was possible to attend the Esser Master class on tendons.

For the next courses fellow already have been selected.



Dr Jason Wong, Manchester UK (right) explaining to the fellow Dr Abdelrahman (left).



Participants of the Esser Masterclass Tendons 2019 during hands on session.

We are also developing an educational platform. On this platform the presentations, course books of the master classes will be accessible. Also video's providing additional information on surgery of the hand will be published on this platform. For surgeons from the developing countries this will be a possibility to access all the information from the courses without the necessity to be physically present.

We thank the IFSSH for their support on the Esser Master Class fellowship and educational platform.

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