



IFSSH Newsletter

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IFSSH, IFSHT & FESSH Combined Congress: 6th-10th June 2022, London

In 2016 the British Society for Surgery of the Hand (BSSH) presented the winning bid to host the 15th triennial IFSSH Congress in London. The BSSH joined with its hand therapy colleagues (BAHT) to form a local organising committee, and then combined with FESSH committees. With the assistance and oversight of the IFSSH and IFSHT, the results of their hard work will be seen at the 2022 Congress.

The congress website - <http://www.ifssh-ifsht2022.com/> - is regularly updated with information. On the website you can find the most current congress programme, listings of the congress social events, suggestions for London tourism, and hotel recommendations.

The Congress programme includes:

- ***Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception***

All congress participants are invited to the opening evening of the Congress (6pm, 6th June) to share in British hospitality and traditions. The 28 IFSSH Pioneers of Hand Surgery will receive their acknowledgement at the Opening Ceremony and we look forward to honouring their contributions.

- ***IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting***

The 2022 IFSSH Delegates' Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th June, 2022. All IFSSH member nations are asked to ensure a representative is present. Please contact the IFSSH secretariat (administration@ifssh.info) for further information.

Within this meeting, the IFSSH Delegates will select:

- the host of the 2028 IFSSH Congress - Bidding societies: **Association of Chinese-speaking Hand Surgeons United** and **Singapore Society for Hand Surgery**
- the host of the inaugural Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery - Bidding societies: **Australian Hand Surgery Society**, **Bolivian Association of Hand Surgery**, **Ecuadorian Hand Surgery Society**, and **Thai Society for Surgery of the Hand**.

- the incoming Executive Committee and Nominating Committee members.

- ***Scientific Programme***

An exciting programme is planned. The 2022 Keynote Speakers are:

- IFSSH Swanson Lecturer - **Professor Tim Davis**, Nottingham, UK
- Presidential Lecturer - **Professor Duncan Angus McGrouther**, Singapore
- BSSH Douglas Lamb Lecturer - **Professor David Ring**, Texas, USA
- Special Guest Lecturer - **Brigadier Nikki Moffat CBE**, UK

The Instructional Course and congress textbook will be based around the theme of Tendon Disorders of the Hand and Wrist. Numerous international guest lecturers will deliver the symposia topics. An incredible 1800 abstracts were submitted and reviewed; those selected for presentation will create stimulating free paper sessions.

The programme is regularly updated and available on the Congress website.

- ***Pub Night and Congress Dinner***

The official Congress social events will be held at the Revolution Leadenhall Bar (Wednesday evening) and Old Billingsgate (Thursday evening). Tickets can be purchased within the registration system.

- ***UK Travelling Fellowship Scheme***

The IFSSH congratulates the BSSH on this initiative. Thirty three fellows have been selected from a pool of applicants worldwide. These fellows will spend two weeks prior to the congress at British Hand Surgery departments to experience the local surgical and training programmes. We thank all of the hosting units for their participation to give international fellows a very unique experience.

We have already received registrations from over 78 countries, reinforcing the international focus of the IFSSH Congress. The opportunity to meet again with colleagues and share knowledge at in-person scientific sessions should not be missed.

We hope you will join us in London next month!

With very best wishes

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