



IFSSH Newsletter

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Message from the Secretary-General

Dear Colleagues,

A central task and mission of IFSSH is education. After the Congress in Washington, DC in the end of March, the ExCo members are developing ideas to better serve colleagues around the world on their professional development and to further skills and knowledge of hand surgery. The ideas will be discussed in the ExCo meeting at the end of July. I am looking forward to new ideas of furthering the goals of IFSSH in the coming three years.

In this issue of Ezine, a series of reports of our recent educational efforts are highlighted. You will read reports of our sponsorship of 2025 Travelling Fellows in conjunction with the 2025 Congress, co-sponsorship of IFSHT's grant, and educational activities of member societies.

I am very pleased to see the excellent organization and progress in the 2nd Mid-term Course by our Italian colleagues. The highlights and formats of this Course are already outlined on its [website](#). The Course date will be 4–8 April 2027 in Venice. The date was carefully chosen to be just before the high season of tourism in this area, so the hotel price will be reasonably low. This is the next most important event of IFSSH. I wish you plan a trip with your family to enjoy both a Course and days of relaxation. The mid-spring is beautiful and temperature is just right for any activities around.

Finally, I wish you pay attention to online educational videos from London IFSSH Congress. These videos are from the highlighted session of this congress, which are now free to all colleagues to watch and learn. For those who did not attend that congress, this is the chance to “attend” its most important sessions. For those who attended the congress, you will learn something new from watching them and will see sessions you missed.

We are collecting and producing a similar set of videos from the IFSSH Congress in Washington DC. Please stay tuned to the next set, while I urge you fully explore the existing set of [videos from London Congress](#).

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IFSSH Educational Sponsorship

The IFSSH Committee for Educational Sponsorship calls for applications requiring financial support.

If your society has an upcoming project or event that could benefit from CES financial support, please review the [guidelines and application requirements](#) on the website. Questions and submissions can be forwarded to the secretariat (administration@ifssh.info).

Be inspired by the recipient reports of the [IFSSH Educational Sponsored projects](#). These demonstrate the enthusiasm of the organisers, teachers and mentors, and the gratitude of those learning across many different programs.

The IFSSH thanks all who their time and experience to teach others, in both their own societies and around the globe.

Educational Resources

The IFSSH is committed to expanding the online resources to support hand surgeons from all regions of the world. The IFSSH website - www.ifssh.info - is a treasure trove of hand surgery resources. This education is available all day, every day, free of charge, to every interested person with internet access. Some resources have been created specifically by the IFSSH, and others prepared by renowned external groups and offered as access to hand surgeons worldwide through the IFSSH portal.

Read IFSSH [Scientific Committee reports](#) from experts in their field, discover the history and education of our member societies in the IFSSH “[Hand Surgery Worldwide](#)” book, check translations of hand terminology in five languages in “[IFSSH Terminology for Hand Surgery](#)”.

Utilise the [Hand Surgery Resource](#) to learn hand surgery knowledge, dive into sub-speciality information through [Wrist Basecamp](#) and the [OMT Classification app and tutorial video](#), and review the latest systematic reviews and evidence-based guidelines through [Evidence Based Hand Surgery](#).

Subscribe to receive the quarterly [IFSSH Ezine](#) to hear the latest news and events from the hand surgery community.

Wherever you are, and whenever you choose, log on to www.ifssh.info and update your education and passion for hand surgery.

IFSSH Patron of Hand Surgery program

The IFSSH is a not-for-profit organization. Your support is invaluable to our mission of advancing hand surgery worldwide and improving patient care.

Donations directly impact our ability to:

- fund a broad range of educational initiatives for hand surgeons and our hand therapy colleagues;
- organize international and regional conferences, courses and workshops for knowledge exchange;
- enable access to collaborative and sub-specialty meetings worldwide;
- support traveling fellowship programs for young surgeons; and
- provide resources for ongoing professional development, such as the Hand Surgery Resource.

Please consider donating through the [IFSSH Patron of Hand Surgery program](#) to support global hand surgery education.

Future Meetings

A detailed list of national and regional hand surgery meetings is available on the IFSSH website. The IFSSH Courses and Congresses are as follows:

2nd IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery
4th-8th April, 2027
Venice, Italy



17th IFSSH – 14th IFSHT Congress
23rd – 27th October, 2028
Singapore



18th IFSSH – 15th IFSHT Congress
2031 (dates TBC) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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