



MINUTES

DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

12:30pm, Wednesday 26th March 2025

Archives Room, Marriott Marquis Congress Centre

Washington, D.C., USA

1. Present

Daniel Nagle	President
S. Raja Sabapathy	President Elect; India (proxy)
Marc Garcia-Elias	Immediate Past President
David Warwick	Secretary-General
Jin Bo Tang	Communications Director; 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Greg Bain	Member-at-Large (Asia-Pacific); 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Francisco del Piñal	Member-at-Large (Europe/Africa)
David Shewring	Member-at-Large (Europe/Africa)
Aida Garcia Gomez	Member-at-Large (South America); 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Peter Amadio	Nominating Committee Member-at-Large
Belinda Smith	Administrative Secretary
Rama Sudakar	Administrative Assistant
Eduardo Zancolli	Argentina; Bolivia (proxy)
Roland Hicks	Australia; Nominating Committee nominee
Gerhild Thalhammer	Austria (proxy)
Abu Saleh M. Monirul Alam	Bangladesh
Filip Stockmans	Belgium
Antonio Carlos da Costa	Brazil; IFSSH 2031 applicant
David Tang	Canada
Sebastian von Unger	Chile; 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Jing Chen	Chinese-Speaking United (proxy)
Carlos Torres Fuentes	Colombia; IFSSH 2031 applicant
Ales Fibir	Czech Republic (proxy)
Otoniel Diaz C	Dominican Republic
Fidel Cayón	Ecuador; 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Nash Naam	Egypt; 2 nd Mid-Term Course applicant; Nominating Committee nominee
Heidi Vastamaki	Finland
Olivier Mares	France
Joerg van Schoonhoven	Germany
E. Fandridis	Greece (proxy)
Faduah Salazar	Guatemala
Esther Chow	Hong Kong (proxy)
Balasz Lenkei	Hungary (proxy); 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Anil Bhat	India
Aziz Ahmadi	Iran
Shai Luria	Israel
Andrea Atzei	Italy; 2 nd Mid-Term Course applicant
Ryosuke Kakinoki	Japan
Yohan Lee	Korea (proxy)
Palani Ramasamy	Malaysia (proxy)
J. Emmanuel Ruiz Aguilar	Mexico (AMCM)

Gerardo Zárate Ramirez	Mexico (SMCM)
Niels Schep	Netherlands (proxy)
Jeremy Simcock	New Zealand (proxy)
Ida Sletten	Norway (proxy)
Blanca Castillo	Peru
Nathaniel Orillaza	Philippines
Piotr Czarnecki	Poland (proxy)
Jan Pierre Zegarra	Puerto Rico (proxy)
Daniel Vilcioiu	Romania (proxy)
Georgiy Nazaryan	Russia (proxy)
Sreedharan Sechachalam	Singapore
Ian Keller	South Africa (proxy)
Higinio Ayala Gutiérrez	Spain
Melanie Amarasooriya	Sri Lanka
Simon Farnebo	Sweden
Esther Vögelin	Switzerland
Chung-Chen Hsu	Taiwan (proxy)
Roongsak Limthongthang	Thailand (proxy)
Egemen Ayhan	Turkey (proxy)
Khalid Alawadi	United Arab Emirates
Dean Boyce	United Kingdom
David Ruch	USA – AAHS; IFSSH 2025 Washington D.C; 2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Duretti Fufa	USA - ASSH
James Chang	IFSSH 2025 Washington D.C.
Melissa Garcia	USA - ASSH guest
Mark Puhaindran	IFSSH 2028 Singapore
Yoke Cheong	IFSSH 2028 Singapore
Wee Lam	IFSSH 2028 Singapore
Anthony Berger	APFSSH
Brigitte van der Heijden	FESSH
Sergio Daroda	FLACM
Trey Crisco	HWBI
Vicky Frampton	IFSHT
Sandeep Sebastin	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Satoshi Ichihara	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Ilse Degreef	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Jonathan Hobby	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Pierluigi Tos	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Steven Moran	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Juan Ramon Bonfil	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Fernando Menvielle	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Milton Bernandes Pignataro	2025-2028 ExCo nominee
Mohamed A. Ellabban	2 nd Mid-Term Course applicant (Egypt)
Sandra Pfanner	2 nd Mid-Term Course applicant (Italy)
Rui Berros	IFSSH 2031 applicant (Brazil)
Ramas Mattar	IFSSH 2031 applicant (Brazil)
Carlos Augusto Arroyo	IFSSH 2031 applicant (Colombia)
Julian Andres Escobar	IFSSH 2031 applicant (Colombia)

2. Apologies

Rohit Arora	Austria
Jorge Terrazas	Bolivia
Zoe Dailiana	Greece
Jeffrey Koo	Hong Kong

Zsolt Szabo	Hungary
Goo Hyun Baek	Korea
Husam Basheer	Kuwait
Martins Kapickis	Latvia
Anne Vochteloo	Netherlands
Allen Cockfield	New Zealand
Rasmus Thorkildsen	Norway
Ireneusz Walaszek	Poland
José Alexandre Marques	Portugal
Christian Foy	Puerto Rico
Alexandru Georgescu	Romania
Igor Golubev	Russia
Grant Biddulph	South Africa
Chairoj Uerpaiojkit	Thailand
Özgün Barış Güntürk	Turkey
Matias Craviotto	Uruguay
Peggy Boineau	IFSHT

3. Confirmation of previous minutes – 27th June 2024

Motion: “To accept the minutes as a true record of the 27th June 2024 Delegates’ Council Meeting”

Proposed: Eduardo Zancolli

Seconded: Roland Hicks

Carried unanimously

4. Membership application

The Executive Committee recommended the membership application of the **Jordan Group for Hand and Upper Limb Surgery** to the Delegates’ Council. This application fulfils the criteria for IFSSH membership and is supplemented by letters of support from Chile, Ecuador and the Mexican Association.

Motion: “To accept the Jordan Group for Hand and Upper Limb Surgery to IFSSH membership”

Proposed: David Warwick

Seconded: Daniel Nagle

Carried unanimously

5. President’s Report

Daniel Nagle welcomed the IFSSH Executive, Delegates’ Council, and guests to the 2025 IFSSH-IFSHT Congress and thanked all for supporting the event. On behalf of the IFSSH he thanked the ASSH, AAHS, ASHT and IFSHT for co-hosting the event and joined the Delegates in applauding the efforts of Congress Chair, Jim Chang.

With this being the final meeting under his Presidency, Daniel Nagle thanked the Council for providing him with the opportunity to lead the IFSSH and passed special thanks to the IFSSH Officers and secretariat for their contributions over the triennium.

6. Secretary-General’s Finance Report (Appendix A)

David Warwick summarised the report, having been provided to Delegates in advance of the meeting. The IFSSH treasury, at 31st January 2025, has a balance of US\$2,588,429.32. Of this, approximately \$414,000 is operating funds and \$2,174,017 is

in investment accounts. The investment account continues to perform well, but the IFSSH operating account is decreasing as expenses exceed income and the IFSSH Patron of Hand Surgery program, launched at the Opening Ceremony, is aiming to put the IFSSH in a strong financial position to ensure growth of educational opportunities.

The IFSSH Executive Committee agreed earlier this week that the IFSSH will look to employ professional book keepers as the financial workload has significantly increased for the secretariat and is predicted to become more complex.

7. Committee for Educational Sponsorship (CES) Report

Raja Sabapathy, CES Chair, appealed to the Delegates' Council to source good quality projects from their societies that could thrive with IFSSH support and to submit these to the CES. Raja Sabapathy encouraged all to read the [recipient reports](#) in the Ezine (archived on the IFSSH website under Educational Sponsorship tab).

The IFSHT applied for support from the IFSSH in late 2024, specifically for co-funding of triennial grants that they offer. The IFSSH provided \$15,000 towards the Evelyn Macklin Award and IFSSH-IFSHT travel grants for therapists to attend the Washington DC Congress.

The CES has received communication from societies wishing to host the next IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professor, but no complete applications have been received. These are encouraged, to follow on from Steven Moran (hosted in Australia, 2019) and Jin Bo Tang (hosted in Poland, 2023).

8. Philanthropy Committee Report

Greg Bain, Chair, submitted a report on behalf of the Philanthropy Committee ([Appendix B](#)). He reminded the Council of the aim to build a US\$5 million fund to support an increased, ongoing commitment to education and to protect the IFSSH during any unexpected downturns.

Following the first reveal at the 2024 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting, the IFSSH Patron of Hand Surgery program was officially announced in the [November 2024 Ezine](#) and now launched at the Opening Ceremony of this 2025 IFSSH-IFSHT Congress.

The [full details](#) of the program are on the IFSSH website. Levels have been determined for IFSSH Patron categories, with a reduced donation required by LMIC residents to gain IFSSH Patron status. Donations can be accepted via credit card payments (links on website) or by wire transfer. The IFSSH holds Not-for-Profit status in the USA and receipts are issued when donations are received.

It is the duty of the IFSSH to ensure hand surgery education improves worldwide. This can be done in very cost-effective ways. The benefits experienced by recipients of IFSSH sponsorship are evident – some travel to events, others receive training in their home country/region, but all express their gratitude and show the impact of this on their career and personal growth.

Greg Bain thanked members of the ExCo for taking the lead and donating, becoming some of the first IFSSH Patrons. He asked Delegates to do the same and to share this update with all members in their society, with industry and with any philanthropic individuals. Having worldwide representation amongst the donors shows the international spirit of the IFSSH.

9. Communications Director's Report (website, social media, Ezine)

Jin Bo Tang presented a summary of the IFSSH Communications over the 2022-2025 triennium, with this being the end of his term in the Communication's Director role.

The [IFSSH website](#) has had significant additions over the three years. As the IFSSH now owns the Hand Surgery Resource, the IFSSH website also promotes a link to this.

The IFSSH social media (@IFSSHHand on Instagram and X) promotes member society annual scientific meetings as well as IFSSH news. This has especially attracted a lot of interest this week throughout the Congress.

The [IFSSH Ezine](#) continues to be prepared and edited by Ulrich Mennen, distributed quarterly by email, and is an excellent tool to share knowledge of the IFSSH.

Jin Bo Tang requested that the Delegates regularly review the IFSSH website, follow the social media accounts and subscribe to the Ezine – and pass news form all to their full membership.

10. IFSSH Pioneers

Daniel Nagle thanked the members of the IFSSH Nominating Committee for assessing the 2025 IFSSH Pioneer of Hand Surgery submissions. 41 honours were presented at the Opening Ceremony:

- Hüseyin Bayram *Turkish Hand Society*
- Moroe Beppu *Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Richard A. Berger *American Society for Surgery of the Hand / American Association for Hand Surgery*
- Rolfe Birch *British Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Hugo F. Caloia *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*
- Alain Carlier *Belgian Hand Group*
- Massimo Ceruso *Italian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Rodolfo Cosentino *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*
- Miguel Cuadros Romero *Spanish Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Luc De Smet *Belgian Hand Group*
- Rui Ferreira *Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Alberto Garay *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*
- Julien Glicenstein *French Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Graham J. Gumley *Australian Hand Surgery Society*
- Vincent R. Hentz *American Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Steven Hovius *The Netherlands Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Leung Kim Hung *Hong Kong Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Fuminori Kanaya *Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Hermann Krimmer *German Society for Hand Surgery*
- Sridhar Krishnamurthy *Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Donald Lalonde *Canadian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Antonio Landi *Italian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Terry Light *American Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Riccardo Luchetti *Italian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Pedro Marquina Sola *Spanish Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- József Nyárády *Hungarian Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Naoyuki Ochiai *Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Alfredo Edgardo Olazabal *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*

- Turker Ozkan *Turkish Hand Society*
- Adriana Beatriz Pemoff *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*
- Guy Raimbeau *French Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Mario Rodriguez Sammartino *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*
- Jose Maria Rotella *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*
- Luis Scheker *Dominican Republic Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Minoru Shibata *Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Paul Smith *British Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Panupan Songcharoen *Thai Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Somprasong Songcharoen *Thai Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Satoshi Toh *Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Ian Trail *British Society for Surgery of the Hand*
- Eduardo Rafael Zancolli *Argentina Association for Surgery of the Hand*

A [booklet](#) is available on the IFSSH website, detailing the achievements of each of these IFSSH Pioneer inductees.

11. 16th IFSSH Congress – Washington D.C., 2025

Jim Chang thanked the Delegates' Council for placing trust in the USA bid, led by L. Scott Levin in 2019. This has culminated in the ASSH, AAHS and ASHT hosting the triennial congress this week.

When the Congress opened, there were 2222 paid registrations. This included 1300+ surgeons, residents and fellows and 550+ therapists and allied health professionals, as well as pre-course and day attendance, gratis registrations (IFSSH ExCo, Travelling Fellows, Buy One Get One Free program) and guest passes (Pioneer ceremony, etc). Participants come from 86 countries. The USA makes up 850+ of the registrants, followed by Canada (95), Japan (83) and UK (78). More registrations have occurred on-site through the week.

551 papers are being presented in the IFSSH program, chosen from 1,459 abstracts. 149 are included in the IFSSH program, chosen from 230. A further 860 posters are displayed from surgeons, 60 from therapists.

The IFSSH-AAHS/ASSH Traveling Fellowship program was primarily organised by the AAHS, chaired by Nash Naam and David Ruch. Feedback has been excellent, with the 20 fellows visiting east coast centres - some prior to the congress, some to travel after the congress. The planned budget for this program was \$120,000.

The Congress program includes 10 IFSSH-IFSSH combined sessions. In addition, the surgeon program has 7 pre-courses, 80 symposia, 21 ICLs and 74 paper sessions. The therapist program has 29 symposia, 22 ICLs and 26 paper sessions.

The 2025 Instructional Course book, "Trauma Reconstruction", has been provided free of charge to participants.

The President's Dinner was fantastic, held at the Spy Museum with invites to a representative from each IFSSH Society. The SPIN Game Night will provide an evening of light relief, and the Gala Banquet tonight promises to be a memorable occasion for all who have purchased tickets. Delegates are encouraged to sign up to the events and bring colleagues.

A profit will not be returned to the IFSSH. Industry revenue was under budget and hotel contracts created a debt. Prices for venues and logistics, especially AV and food/beverages have risen throughout the planning. The congress registration cost to participants was kept low to promote accessibility. The ASSH will cover the overall budget deficit of \$932K.

The Delegates Council applauded Jim Chang, David Ruch and their ASSH/AAHS colleagues on the wonderful efforts to host the 2025 IFSSH-IFSHT Triennial Congress.

12. 17th IFSSH Congress – Singapore, 2028

Mark Puhaindran, 2028 Congress Chair, welcomed the Delegates' Council to reflect on the outstanding 2025 Congress and continue their journey to Singapore for the 2028 IFSSH-IFSHT Congress. This will be held 23-27 October, 2028.

Singapore is internationally accessible – 4 billion people reside within a 7hr radius, it is a visa-free destination for most and Changi airport operates flights world-wide, including budget airlines. The congress will be held at the Suntec convention centre, inside the F1 race track. There is ample housing of all budget ranges within walking distance or one stop on public transport.

Singapore is recognised as an excellent healthcare hub and this high quality will be translated across to the congress to give delegates an innovative and educational program.

The 2028 IFSSH-IFSHT Congress will have an emphasis on being a family-friendly event, with lots of activities in Singapore that children and spouses will enjoy.

All Delegates were asked to sign up to the Congress mailing list to receive early information.

13. 18th IFSSH Congress, 2031 - host selection

Two bids were made available to the IFSSH Delegates in advance, as per the Congress guidelines:

- Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM)
- Colombian Hand Surgery Association (ASOCIMANO)

Each were given 5 minutes to present to the Council. Rui Barros presented the Brazilian bid, based on hosting the 2031 Congress in Rio de Janeiro. Carlos Torres Fuentes then presented the Colombian bid related to Cartagena de Indias.

Prior to voting, Daniel Nagle confirmed that there are 64 eligible to vote present at the Council meeting. In a majority vote, the Delegates elected to have the vote results (%) shown within the meeting.

The secret ballot for the 18th IFSSH Congress host was undertaken.

David Warwick announced that the successful bid through a majority vote was that of the **Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM)** - Appendix C.

14. IFSSH 2nd Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery, 2026-27 – host selection

Two bids were made available to the IFSSH Delegates in advance, as per the Course guidelines:

- Egyptian Society for Surgery of the Hand and Microsurgery (ESSHM)
- Italian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SICM)

Nash Naam presented the ESSHM bid (Cairo), Andrea Atzei presented the SICM bid (Venice).

The secret ballot for the 2nd IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery host was undertaken. David Warwick announced that the successful bid through a majority vote was that of the **Italian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SICM)** - **Appendix D**.

No valid applications were received by the deadline to host the 3rd Mid-Term Course in 2029/30. The Executive Committee has decided to retain the timing of choosing the host at the Congress directly prior to the Mid-Term Course (i.e. 2025 Congress for 2026/27 Mid-Term Course). 18 months was considered enough time to plan and host this smaller scale educational event.

The Delegates' Council raised concerns that it could be better to have multiple courses and split the IFSSH financial offering – to allow for events in all regions more regularly and more opportunities for societies to host IFSSH events. Raja Sabapathy noted that the Executive Committee has already been considering this and will continue to do so over the next triennium.

15. 2025-2028 Executive Committee and Nominating Committee members

Daniel Nagle, representing the IFSSH Nominating Committee, noted the Bylaws stipulate the first three (3) positions within the Executive Committee are appointed by automatic succession, and therefore the following Officers are welcomed to these positions:

- **Past-President** – by automatic succession – **Daniel Nagle, USA**
- **President** – by automatic succession – **S. Raja Sabapathy, India**
- **President-Elect** – by automatic succession – **David Warwick, UK**

A further nine (9) positions are to be elected by the Delegates' Council, through secret ballots. All nominees listed have satisfied the application process and fulfilled the required criteria for each position, as confirmed by the current IFSSH Nominating Committee. The listing of nominees, including their nominators (**Appendix E**) has been available for Delegate review (within the Delegates' Area of the IFSSH website) along with the full applications of each.

The first two (2) of these elected positions are for Officers within the Executive Committee, with the following nominees:

- Secretary-General
 - Gregory Bain (Australia)
 - Jin Bo Tang (China)
- Communications Director
 - Aida Garcia Gomez (Colombia)
 - Sandeep Sebastin (Singapore)

As the successful nominees will be in Officer roles, Daniel Nagle advised that the Nominating Committee has discussed and wishes to recommend Jin Bo Tang (China) for

Secretary-General and Aida Garcia Gomez (Colombia) for Communications Director, recognising their service to the IFSSH in the current Executive Committee.

The ballot was undertaken and the results announced of the majority vote as:

- Secretary-General - Jin Bo Tang (China)
- Communications Director - Aida Garcia Gomez (Colombia)

The next elections related to the IFSSH Executive Committee Members-at-Large, with five (5) to be elected.

- Asia-Pacific (x1)
 - Satoshi Ichihara (Japan)
- Europe/Africa (x2)
 - Ilse Degreef (Belgium)
 - Jonathan Hobby (UK)
 - Balasz Lenkei (Hungary)
 - Pierluigi Tos (Italy)
- North/Central America (x1)
 - Steven Moran (USA)
 - Juan Ramon Bonfil (Mexico)
 - David Ruch (USA)
- South America (x1)
 - Fidel Cayon (Ecuador)
 - Fernando Menvielle (Argentina)
 - Milton Bernandes Pignataro (Brazil)
 - Sebastian von Unger (Chile)

Daniel Nagle explained that for positions with more than two applicants, the election would occur by removing the applicant with the lowest vote and performing subsequent rounds until only two candidates remain – with the candidate with the majority vote in the two-person round then being elected.

This occurred for the three Members-at-Large (Asia-Pacific, North/Central America and South America), with the votes displayed and successful candidates declared.

As the Europe/Africa region required two Members-at-Large to be elected, concerns were raised over the voting method by the Council – as Delegates had been provided by their society with their two preferred candidates and hence it would not be fair to submit one only and risk having the second be the eliminated candidate. The Delegates proposed that the voting system be reversed so that the majority candidate is elected, and then the same again in a second round.

The successful Executive Committee Members-at-Large were announced:

- Asia-Pacific (x1) - Satoshi Ichihara (Japan)
- Europe/Africa (x2) - Ilse Degreef (Belgium) and Jonathan Hobby (UK)
- North/Central America (x1) - Steven Moran (USA)
- South America (x1) - Fidel Cayon (Ecuador)

The final elections were for two (2) Members-at-Large to sit on the IFSSH Nominating Committee. Daniel Nagle noted that Moroe Beppu had withdrawn his nomination prior

to the commencement of this meeting, leaving two candidates only. Without a vote, these were announced as the successful candidates:

- **Nominating Committee Members-at-Large** (x2) – **Roland Hicks (Australia)** and **Nash Naam (USA)**

Daniel Nagle, on behalf of the 2022-2025 IFSSH Executive Committee congratulated and welcomed the 2025-2028 Executive Committee and Nominating Committee members.

During the election process, discussion from the Delegates' Council included concerns over the alignment of the regions, particularly in the Americas. The IFSSH has two regions (North/Central America inc Caribbean, and South America). Outside of the IFSSH, the Latin-American Association (FLACM) – an IFSSH Allied Organisation – incorporates South American with Central America. However, this would only leave Canada and US (AAHS and ASSH) in the IFSSH North American region if were to align.

16. Business arising from Executive Committee Meeting – Insufficient time, to be carried over to the next meeting.

17. New business – Insufficient time, to be carried over to the next meeting.

18. IFSSH Allied Organisation

The five (5) IFSSH Allied Organisations were Invited to submit reports for inclusion in minutes:

- International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (IFSHT) – **Appendix F**
- Asia-Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH) **Appendix G**
- Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH) - Not submitted
- Latin American Federation for Hand Surgery (FLACM) - **Appendix H**
- Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International (HWBI) – Not submitted

19. Next meeting of the IFSSH Delegates' Council

2026 – within FESSH: 3-6 June, Basel, Switzerland

2027 – To be confirmed but likely within ASSH: 7-9 October, San Antonio, TX, USA

2028 – IFSSH: 23-27 October, Singapore

20. Adjourn to gather in regional groups with outgoing and incoming regional IFSSH

Members-at-Large

- Asia-Pacific
- Europe and Africa
- North and Central America, including Caribbean
- South America

– Insufficient time, but recommended to meet throughout the congress.



	January 1 2014 - December 31, 2014	January 1 2015 - December 31, 2015	January 1 2016 - December 31, 2016	January 1 2017 - December 31, 2017	January 1 2018 - December 31, 2018	January 1 2019 - December 31, 2019	January 1 2020 - December 31, 2020	January 1 2021 - December 31, 2021	January 1 2022 - December 31, 2022	January 1 2023 - December 31, 2023	January 1 2024 - December 31, 2024	January 1 2025 - January 31, 2025
OPENING BALANCE (US\$)												
Wells Fargo #1 (Main)	437,624.90	416,002.11	347,723.23	440,886.62	516,951.86	307,547.30	320,461.31	323,085.39	365,589.38	488,360.96	409,714.00	333,641.33
Wells Fargo #1 (Main -> Donations)	2,120.75	1,981.76	1,817.79	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75
Fidelity #1 (Main)	495,313.05	537,710.27	528,355.15	515,925.87	590,862.79	773,448.66	969,410.37	1,192,104.66	1,506,800.10	1,251,106.73	1,505,578.10	1,575,944.54
Fidelity #2 (Kleinert)				N/A - Closed 2022					0.00	490,436.10	535,029.69	565,871.89
Chase HSR checking/savings #1 (Hurst)				N/A - IPSSH network 1/1/2023						6,356.93	5,054.36	N/A - Closed Feb 2024
Chase IPSSH HSR checking #2				N/A - Closed Dec 2023						0.00	10,882.49	N/A - Closed Feb 2024
Chase HSR visa #1 (Hurst)				N/A - IPSSH network 1/1/2023						779.43	-517.96	N/A - Closed Feb 2024
Chase IPSSH HSR visa #2				N/A - Closed Dec 2023							-129.66	-1,604.20
INCOME (US\$) - Wells Fargo #1												
Membership dues	71,844.21	80,189.37	93,027.46	78,679.17	89,576.63	106,452.57	68,593.98	120,873.03	110,879.32	82,459.83	124,859.42	12,120.00
IPSSH Travel/Congress/Mkt Term Course	14,221.57	0.00	89,500.00	100,490.30	0.00	0.00	102,124.31	90.00	175,004.00	103.38	89.81	
Event	1,436.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	
Interest - Wells Fargo Bank	37.74	13.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Donations/Patronage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	87,738.52	82,802.63	184,297.46	185,969.47	95,206.79	112,962.57	200,686.29	121,463.36	286,483.92	87,301.43	151,256.98	12,120.00
INCOME (US\$) - Wells Fargo #2												
Event sponsorship												
Donations												
Misc (Incorrect acct for deposit)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
EXPENDITURE (US\$) - Wells Fargo #1												
IPSSH Travel/Congress/Mkt Term Course	40,000.00	54,888.96	5,683.60	7,080.82	1,542.50	0,000.00	128,327.51	0.00	10,289.65	20,448.84	19,828.48	0.00
IPSSH Annual Mtg/Council Meeting	807.80	0.00	1,460.20	0.00	1,173.87	799.00	305.93	0.00	806.46	294.98	638.48	
Executive Expenses	18,230.00	21,926.69	18,879.00	35,218.45	31,625.45	21,076.67	0.00	0.00	18,873.75	27,451.05	37,328.09	
General	13,630.72	12,693.33	11,888.21	15,960.10	13,289.62	11,289.62	17,000.00	15,000.00	20,330.11	21,417.85	28,450.95	3,750.00
Supplies and Grants	19,360.00	35,000.00	9,500.00	20,000.00	30,500.00	34,100.00	39,300.00	24,944.00	68,827.83	43,163.74	42,000.00	
Event Support/Resource	11,729.88	11,026.29	22,541.48	19,746.44	19,777.11	20,569.70	28,784.96	28,633.63	30,777.44	30,732.13	30,543.44	
Lawyer/Accountant/Insurance Services	14,123.38	18,571.33	2,439.81	2,439.81	2,692.00	2,476.00	13,714.52	7,400.00	11,308.87	11,056.02	1,639.00	
IT Services	949.00	0.00	0.00	950.00	1,000.00	960.00	1,325.00	1,448.00	2,303.50	2,499.10	2,499.10	
Bank fees - Wells Fargo Bank	3,137.51	2,412.86	2,129.30	1,674.81	2,052.34	1,740.17	1,687.58	2,146.81	1,863.06	1,023.41	1,748.15	901.95
Transfer to Wells Fargo Account #2 (Donation Acct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,870.34		
Transfer to Investment Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Other	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.71	0.00	0.00	152.38	152.38	
Total	108,971.31	152,071.51	91,124.67	110,204.23	304,210.35	100,038.56	200,674.21	78,999.37	163,712.34	165,848.39	227,329.85	10,295.69
EXPENDITURE (US\$) - Wells Fargo #2												
Referral/Support acct for Wells Fargo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bank Fees - Wells Fargo Bank	159.00	144.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	0.00
Transfer to Wells Fargo #1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Transfer to Wells Fargo #1 (Donation Acct)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Misc (Incorrect deposit received)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	159.00	144.00	36.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,786.75	0.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS - #1, Main (US\$)												
Transfer from Wells Fargo #2 account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Change in Investment Value	56,476.77	-15,744.96	-6,003.87	81,021.51	-10,188.73	205,378.96	233,231.29	328,139.60	-243,377.88	281,765.00	87,997.92	25,731.90
Advised Fees	5,186.29	5,363.00	5,366.20	5,418.00	6,500.00	6,696.00	9,827.00	12,540.00	13,773.00	13,681.82	15,457.00	7,546.00
Transaction Costs & Charges	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	84.98	
Unrealized Gains/Losses	889.28	771.71	916.08	560.02	120.40	710.32	756.32	107.29	945.13	1,249.96	1,649.00	
Other	52,397.22	-21,913.04	-12,429.28	74,936.92	182,585.87	195,961.71	222,684.29	314,695.44	-255,693.37	254,471.37	70,366.44	22,110.37
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS - #2, Kleinert (US\$)												
Transfer from Wells Fargo account												
Change in Investment Value												
Transfer to WF #2 (Advised)												
Advised Fees												
Transaction Costs & Charges												
Unrealized Gains/Losses												
Other												
Total Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HSR CHASE #1: HSR checking/savings												
Transfer from WF #4 HSR IPSSH												
Donations												
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Media/Newsletter												
Lawyer/Accountant/Insurance Services												
IT services												
Bank fees												
Transfer to bank accounts / credit card												
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HSR CHASE #2: IPSSH HSR checking												
Transfer from Chase/HSR checking												
Transfer from WF #4 HSR												
Donations												
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Media/Newsletter												
Media & Writing Services												
Lawyer/Accountant/Insurance Services												
IT services												
Bank fees												
Transfer to bank accounts / credit card												
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HSR CHASE CREDIT CARD #1: HSR visa												
Transfer from WF Chase HSR												
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Media/Newsletter												
Lawyer/Accountant/Insurance Services												
IT services												
Bank fees												
Advertising/Promotion												
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HSR CHASE CREDIT CARD #2: IPSSH HSR visa												
Transfer from WF Chase HSR												
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Media/Newsletter												
Lawyer/Accountant/Insurance Services												
IT services												
Bank fees												
Advertising/Promotion												
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
HSR CHASE CREDIT CARD #3: HSR visa												
Transfer from WF Chase HSR												
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Media/Newsletter												
Lawyer/Accountant/Insurance Services												
IT services												
Bank fees												
Advertising/Promotion												
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
CLOSING BALANCE (US\$)												
Wells Fargo #1	416,992.11	347,723.23	440,886.62	516,951.86	307,547.30	320,461.31	323,085.39	365,589.38	488,360.96	409,714.00	333,641.33	
Wells Fargo #2	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	1,781.75	
Fidelity Investments - #1: Main	537,710.27	528,355.15	515,925.87	590,862.79	773,448.66	969,410.37	1,192,104.66	1,506,800.10	1,251,106.73	1,505,578.10	1,575,944.54	1,698,054.61
Fidelity #2: Kleinert	52,397.22	-2,350.12	-12,429.28	74,936.92	182,585.87	195,961.71	222,684.29	314,695.44	-255,693.37	254,471.37	70,366.44	22,110.37
Chase HSR checking/savings #1	10.90	-1.74	-2.35	30.90	25.34	27.97	27.97	27.97	27.97	27.97	27.97	
Chase IPSSH HSR checking #2												
Chase HSR visa #1												
Chase IPSSH HSR visa #2												



Philanthropy Committee Report 2025

Executive Summary

To be able to increase support for global hand surgery, the IFSSH executive needs to raise greater funds. With this aim, the Philanthropy Committee was established, and with the executive's support we have developed a donation program – “[The Patrons of Hand Surgery](#)”

Aim of the “Patrons of Hand Surgery” program

To raise awareness of the activities of IFSSH and create a vehicle to raise donations from those who wish to support IFSSH and the international hand community.

To place the donations into a secure fund.

Provide directed grants to advance the science and practice of hand surgery

To protect the IFSSH during financial down turns

Target - \$5,000,000 USD will allow sustainable grants of \$150,000 / year

To Donate Visit the [IFSSH website](#), Click the [link](#) or use the QR code
Bequeath a donation – A gift in your will



Acknowledgment

Donors can be anonymous or acknowledged (eg IFSSH events, IFSSH website, Ezine)

Donation levels range from Bronze (\$1000) up to Super Platinum (\$25,000)

The levels are adjusted for Lower income countries (World Bank definition)

Further information

Full details are on the [IFSSH website](#)

There is a special Patrons of Hand Surgery [Ezine edition](#) which highlights the amazing work of the IFSSH and introduces the Patrons of Hand Surgery Program

There is a new logo designed specifically for the Patrons of Hand Surgery program



Currently IFSSH provides financial support for:

Education grants

The Harold Kleinert Visiting Professor

Travelling fellowships

Surgeons and hand therapists to attend educational meetings and workshops

Outreach programs

See previous [educational sponsorship recipient reports](#)

IFSSH website [online resources](#) including

[Hand Surgery Resource](#), Educational videos, Publications

IFSSH provides financial support to other organisations

To support their projects, and ensure they are successful

Builds collaboration and extends the reach of IFSSH

With the generosity of hand surgeons and other donors from around the world, we hope to reach our US\$5,000,000 target. With this money in trust, we can provide grants of \$150,000 per year, to enable the IFSSH to support global education and training of hand surgery

I thank and acknowledge the Philanthropy Committee, Executive Board members and the Secretariat Belinda, for their support and guidance in bringing this program to fruition

Philanthropy Committee (2022 - 5) Greg Bain (Chair), Francisco del Piñal, Jorge Clifton Correa



Philanthropy Committee Report 2025

Full report

History

The IFSSH is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1966.

The Bylaws state: Purpose - Federation is organized and operated exclusively for educational, scientific and charitable purposes.

Historically the IFSSH holds a triennial IFSSH congress that brings together surgeons from its member societies, currently numbering 64 societies across 5 continents. The IFSSH has a unique ability to share educational resources across the globe to surgeons from low to high-income countries. The triennial congress has a wonderful scientific program and cultural experiences, that enables true international exchange. In recent years the successful travelling fellowship program has been expanded, providing priceless life changing opportunities for many young surgeons from under-developed countries.

Other IFSSH education grants have included funding for surgeons to attend other educational hand surgery meetings and workshops; The Harold Kleinert Visiting Professor and Outreach programs.

In addition, the IFSSH provides a website full of accessible [online resources](#). A review of the [educational sponsorship recipient reports](#), demonstrates the financial support the IFSSH has

Often the financial support provided by IFSSH has been in collaboration with other organisations. For example, providing funding support for the travelling fellowship programs, hand therapist grants, joint society meetings, and subspecialty meetings. The hosting organisation typically manages the selection process and administration. The financial assistance provided by IFSSH ensures the project is successful, builds collaboration and extends the reach of IFSSH.

The IFSSH is able to provide these grants from income generated by annual society membership payments, a percentage of the profit from IFSSH congresses, and modest gains from the investment portfolio. The IFSSH expenses include its administration, website and the educational grants it provides.

The IFSSH would like to support many more projects in hand surgery and to expand the collaboration with other international hand organisations. Also, to ensure the viability of the IFSSH, should there be a significant financial down-turn. IFSSH can only achieve more significant grants, with greater funds.

The time has come for the IFSSH to raise substantial amounts of money to maintain and grow its educational support worldwide.

In 2022, there was an expansion of the executive board to include 5 members at large. This provided a greater energy on the executive, and the drive to expand what the IFSSH can offer. After extensive discussions it was decided to form a Philanthropy Committee to explore the potential options for raising funds for IFSSH. The committee includes;

- Chair- Greg Bain (Australia): Member at Large – Asia-Pacific



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- Francisco del Piñal (Spain): Member at Large – Europe/Africa
- Jorge Clifton Correa (Mexico): Member at Large – North and Central America, including Caribbean

This committee has reviewed how other similar organizations have successfully raised funds. The committee developed the fundamental principles on how to realistically generate a philanthropic income, without incurring high service fees. As a consequence, the IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery program was developed.

This program is based on the following pillars:

1) Aim

- To receive donations from those who wish to support IFSSH and the international hand community to advance the science and practice of hand surgery.
- To place the donations into a fund, to enable regular and reliable grant allocations.
- To protect the IFSSH during financial down turns.

2) Target: US \$5,000,000

- To provide \$150,000 / year for grants.
- Based on a rolling 3.3% income above inflation, the fund needs \$5,000,000 reserve, to sustainably provide \$150,000 / year. This US \$5,000,000 is exclusive of the general IFSSH funds earned through society dues payments and triennial congress profit shares; that portion is required to maintain the general activity of the IFSSH.

3) Donation process

- Full information is shared on the IFSSH website (https://www.ifssh.info/hand_surgery_donation_program.php) and the IFSSH Executive and Member Society Delegates have access to a slide set for promotional use.
- Donations can be made via bank transfer (preferred) or credit card.
- The donor is required to complete a form at the time of making the donation – to allow for identification of the donation and subsequent acknowledgement.
- Donors may choose (on this form) to remain anonymous or to have their generosity acknowledged in a published list of Patrons. This list will be placed on the IFSSH website, in the Ezine, and visible at appropriate events.

4) Bequeath - a gift within a will

- A donation may be in the form of a bequeath – allowing individuals to leave a legacy to the IFSSH and hand surgery
- This can be achieved through a statement within a will, that the estate will leave a special gift to the IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery program.
- The bequeath can be a fixed amount or a percentage of the remainder of estate, after other beneficiaries have been fulfilled.

5) Donation levels

- Any level of donation will be gratefully accepted.



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- If donors meet pre-defined levels (that also take into account LMIC status from the World Bank definition of a country's income), they will be acknowledged as follows:

Donation levels	Upper-middle and high income countries (World Bank definition)	Low and lower-middle income countries (World Bank definition)
Super platinum	\$25,000	\$12,500
Platinum	\$10,000	\$5,000
Gold	\$5,000	\$2,500
Silver	\$2,000	\$1,000
Bronze	\$1,000	\$500

6) IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery Logo

- A designated IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery logo has been developed.
- It will be visible on all related documents and used to acknowledge those who have provided significant support to the program.



7) Communications

- Information on the IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery program will be kept updated on https://www.ifssh.info/hand_surgery_donation_program.php
- Regular updates will be provided in the Ezine and social media.



8) Financial detail

- Bank transfer is the preferred donation method: it is safer and incurs lower transaction fees.
- The donations will be to the IFSSH, which is a “not-for-profit corporation” (501c), registered in the State of Illinois, United States of America. Donations received will be placed into a specific IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery account.
- The IFSSH is not able to provide any legal / financial advice on the tax status of any donation. The taxation status of an individual donation will depend upon the taxation laws of the country from where the donation was made.
- A summary of IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery donations and activities will be presented at the annual IFSSH Delegates Council Meeting. This information will be taken back to each society by their appointed IFSSH Delegate. Minutes are archived on the website: https://www.ifssh.info/delegates_council_meetings.php.

With the development of the IFSSH Patrons of Hand Surgery program, the IFSSH can:

- Build on the resources currently provided by the IFSSH
- Assist the next generations of hand surgeons to gain knowledge and international education opportunities
- Ensure hand surgeons in LMICs are supported in their education
- Enhance, collaborations with other hand surgery organisations.



Philanthropy Committee Report 2025



We do hope that with the generosity of hand surgeons and other donors from around the world that we can build to our target of US\$5,000,000. With this money in trust, we expect that we can provide grants of \$150,000 per year, which will enable the IFSSH to build on its legacy of supporting the global education and training of hand surgery.



Greg Bain (Chair)



Francisco del Piñal



Jorge Clifton Correa

IFSSH Philanthropy Committee (2022-2025)

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Triennial Congress



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Triennial Congress





The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand and the Brazilian Society of Hand Therapy are proud to announce Rio de Janeiro, the heart of Latin America, as a candidate city to host the 2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress





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This document was prepared following the rules published by the IFSSH on its website. 



1. Objectives



Our vision for hosting the 2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress in Brazil is to create a seamlessly balanced event that integrates scientific excellence with vibrant social and touristic experiences, ensuring a comprehensive and memorable journey for all participants. Brazil's pleasant tropical climate in the spring makes it an ideal destination, particularly for visitors from the northern hemisphere.

The congress will feature an outstanding scientific program complemented by social events that highlight Brazil's rich culture, known for its diverse population and celebrated religious and racial tolerance. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in ecotourism, exploring Brazil's stunning natural landscapes from the iconic beaches of Rio de Janeiro to the awe-inspiring Amazon Forest.

Rio de Janeiro stands as a vibrant city, merging natural beauty with a unique cultural tapestry, and boasts an excellent infrastructure for hosting international events, as demonstrated by its successful handling of the Football World Cup, the Olympic Games, and the G20 2024 Meeting.

Choosing Brazil as the host for the congress offers not only a high-caliber scientific event but also an enriching cultural and social experience, where learning and leisure coexist in harmony. We invite you to select Brazil as the perfect location for this meeting, where Rio de Janeiro eagerly awaits with open arms.

Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand

Brazilian Society of Hand Therapy



2. Finances

The budget was designed to cover and meet all the needs reported in the bidding book. Additionally, costs were managed throughout the process to include the best suppliers and market materials and achieve a general cost-benefit ratio for the event.

The budget foresees the following services:

- Rental of Windsor Barra space;
- Infrastructure (electricity and hydraulic power, generators, etc.);
- Audio visual and IT equipment, radios and translation for plenary area;
- Scenography;
- Gala Dinner;
- Welcome Reception;
- Food and Drinks;
- Speakers;
- Shuttle;
- Marketing Plan / Creation;
- Material of Participant;
- Support services (cleaning, security, firemen, etc.);
- Human Resources (producers and coordinators for services like: registration, logistics, catering, assembly, etc.);
- Assorted items;
- Charges, licenses and insurance.

Brazil has a low operational cost in dollars, which allows for more economical registration fees compared to other countries. In 2024, SBCM held its 44th Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery and maintains a tradition of always achieving financial profit from its events. However, what is presented is only a draft, and the final values will be discussed and agreed upon with the IFSSH. 

DRAFT BUDGET EXPENDITURE

EXPENSES	EXPENSES IN USD (1 dolar = R\$ 6,00)	Forecast in R\$
CONGRESS VENUE	\$ 341.780,19	R\$ 2.050.681,16
DESIGN PRINT / PROMOTION MARKETING	\$ 35.500,00	R\$ 213.000,00
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM	\$ 13.633,33	R\$ 81.800,00
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	\$ 4.883,33	R\$ 29.300,00
PERSONNEL + MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8.966,67	R\$ 53.800,00
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION	\$ 3.333,33	R\$ 20.000,00
ADMINISTRATION - PCO COSTS	\$ 30.833,33	R\$ 185.000,00
AV AND STAGE DECORATION	\$ 96.666,67	R\$ 580.000,00
EQUIPMENT, SIGNAGE & DECORATION	\$ 4.500,00	R\$ 27.000,00
EXHIBITION SET UP & INFRA STRUCTURE	\$ 53.283,33	R\$ 319.700,00
SOCIAL EVENTS	\$ 140.833,33	R\$ 845.000,00
CATERING	\$ 11.366,67	R\$ 68.200,00
ACCOUNTING, FINANCE & BANK	\$ 5.383,33	R\$ 32.300,00
WELCOME TEAM AT RJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND BOARD TRANSFER IN / OUT	\$ 15.166,67	R\$ 91.000,00
CONTINGENT INCLUDE IN BUDGET	\$ 33.333,33	R\$ 200.000,00
TOTAL COSTS	\$ 799.463,53	R\$ 4.796.781,16

CONGRESS DETAILED EXPENSES

[Spreadsheet](#)



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REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird rate	Regular rate	Late rate
Surgeon Member	\$ 500,00	\$ 550,00	\$ 600,00
Surgeon Non-Member	\$ 600,00	\$ 650,00	\$ 700,00
Therapists & Allied Health Professionals	\$ 350,00	\$ 400,00	\$ 450,00
Trainee, Residents, Fellow	\$ 350,00	\$ 400,00	\$ 450,00
Countries IDH < BRAZIL (*)	\$ 100,00	\$ 200,00	\$ 300,00
Students	\$ 300,00	\$ 350,00	\$ 400,00
Accompanying persons	\$ 150,00	\$ 150,00	\$ 150,00
Complimentary Registration - Invited speakers, committee, society staff	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(*) IDH: Human Development Index (HDI) is a comparative measure used to rank countries by measuring quality of life, and their degree of economic development.

(**) 1 Dollar ≡ R\$ 6,00

PROJECT SURPLUS

Summary	Income USD \$	Income R\$
Other Funding (local government etc)	\$ 4.666,67	R\$ 28.000,00
Exhibition / Sponsorship Income	\$ 405.000,00	R\$ 2.430.000,00
Delegate Registration Fees	\$ 1.108.300,00	R\$ 6.649.800,00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1.517.966,67	R\$ 9.107.800,00
Fixes Costs	\$ 799.463,53	R\$ 4.796.781,18
SURPLUS	\$ 718.503,14	R\$ 4.311.018,82

- **Estimated values, subject to adjustments as required by the IFSSH/IFSHT.**



3. Fund Raising and Financial Support

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand is the largest and oldest society of its kind in South America, with well-structured events and a loyal following within the country, the Society is well-positioned to attract increased interest from sponsors and exhibitors.

In Brazil, we have identified over 70 companies as potential sponsors for the IFSSH 2031 & IFSHT 2031. These include both national and multinational corporations, highlighting the congress's potential for substantial commercial growth.

Potential Sponsors

- | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| • Alliance Medical | • GMreis | • Orthoscan | • Salvapé |
| • Anadem | • Helca | • Ortocir | • SBOT Prev |
| • Arthrex | • Intermedic | • Ortomedical | • SC Medical |
| • Biodevice | • Iomed | • Ortossíntese | • Smart Surgical/DMC |
| • Biomax | • Lasting Life | • Orthoserve | • Starmedic |
| • BSN – Medical | • Lefix | • Osteon | • Techimport |
| • Biotecnologia | • Leverfix | • Ossur | • Techmedical |
| • Depuy Synthes | • Medartis | • P & G | • Tóride |
| • Dilivros | • Medic Educ | • Poeira e Silva | • Traumec |
| • Dvdent Lupas | • MN Suprimentos | • Politec | • Trimed |
| • Efectiv | • Montserrat | • Quantum | • Visão |
| • Fixamed | • Neoortho | • Rhosse | • Zeiss |



Commercial Exposition Area in 2024 Annual Meeting SBCM



4. Organizational Structure of the Congress

Congress chair (leader of the Organizing Committee)

Rames Mattar Jr.



EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF HAND SURGERY AND MICROSURGERY

Challenges, Innovations, and Inclusion in the Specialty – A Global Perspective

Hand surgery and microsurgery are essential for restoring functionality and aesthetics to patients worldwide. However, regional disparities in medical practice remain a significant challenge, even with scientific and technological advancements. In this context, the IFSSH Congress 2031 aims to be more than a scientific event—it will serve as a milestone in uniting specialists from different countries, promoting the exchange of experiences, reducing inequalities, and adapting innovations to the economic and cultural realities of each region.

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The scientific program has been meticulously designed to address both the most common procedures and the most disruptive innovations in the field, with an inclusive approach that values diversity in practices and international collaboration. This congress will be a convergence point for science, technology, and humanity, shaping the future of the specialty.

General Objectives of the Scientific Program

To address the demands of such a dynamic and diverse field, the IFSSH Congress 2031 has outlined clear objectives for its scientific program, covering traditional surgeries and the most recent transformative advances:

- **Focus on Commonly Performed Traditional Surgeries:**

Procedures like tendon repairs, osteosynthesis, and treatment of compressive syndromes, which form the foundation of surgical practice, will receive special attention.

- **Capacity Building and Practical Training:**

Satellite and pre-congress courses focusing on arthroscopy, microsurgery, and advanced techniques will allow participants to develop practical skills.

- **Exploring Minimally Invasive Surgeries:**

Practical sessions on arthroscopic and robotic techniques will ensure surgeons are prepared for these innovative and less invasive approaches.

- **Challenges in Complex Reconstructions:**

Techniques such as nerve and muscle transfers, composite tissue allotransplantation, and advances in regenerative medicine will be central to the discussions.



- **Peripheral Nerve Surgeries:**

Innovative diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for compressive neuropathies and traumatic injuries will be highlighted.

- **Promoting Evidence-Based Medicine:**

Sessions dedicated to presenting scientific research to support clinical and technological practices.

- **Experience Sharing and Global Inclusion:**

Exchange of Experiences Between Countries: Sessions focused on sharing strategies, challenges, and solutions adapted to the economic and cultural conditions of different regions.

Reducing Inequalities: Discussions on adapting medical innovations for countries with limited resources, promoting greater equity in healthcare access.

Strategic Partnerships and Satellite Events

Strategic partnerships will enhance the congress's educational impact, bringing the world's best specialists and practical training to Brazil.

These satellite events will enable practical learning, knowledge exchange, and access to the latest innovations.

- **IBRA (International Bone Research Association) Course**

Location: Rio de Janeiro

Practical: Exercises with pre-fractured specimens for up to 40 participants.

Theoretical: Sessions for a larger audience with live streaming of practical activities.

Case discussions presented by members of the Brazilian faculty.

Confirmed Partner: Dr. José-Manuel Vázquez, IBRA Director.



- **Practical Arthroscopy Course (Arthrex, IWAS and IRCAD)**

Location: To be defined.

Option 1: Arthrex Lab in São Paulo (30–40 participants, confirmed by director Jesus Sevillano).

Option 2: Collaboration with IRCAD labs in Barretos (SP) or Rio de Janeiro to expand capacity.

Focus: Practical training in advanced arthroscopic techniques.

- **AO Foundation Course**

Confirmed Partner: Alexandre Palotino, Brazilian Representative.

Proposed Format: Practical training for 36 participants using Sawbone models.

- **IWAS-LAWA (Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association) Course**

International Collaboration: Support from LAWA and IWAS leaders.

Focus: Wrist arthroscopy techniques and advanced hand surgery.

- **Symposia with IFSSH Committees:**

Congenital Deformities: Pre-congress course or symposium focusing on the OMT classification system.

Pediatric Hand Group (PULM Talks): Course led by international experts.

Flap Course (Upper and Lower Limbs):

Practical course in anatomy labs, emphasizing periosteal and reconstructive flap techniques.

Virtual and Hybrid Options:

Live streaming of practical and theoretical components for a global audience, integrating professionals from low- and middle-income countries.



- **Potential Innovation Areas for the IFSSH Congress 2031**

The congress will be a unique opportunity to explore emerging trends and transformative advances in hand surgery. The following areas will receive special attention:

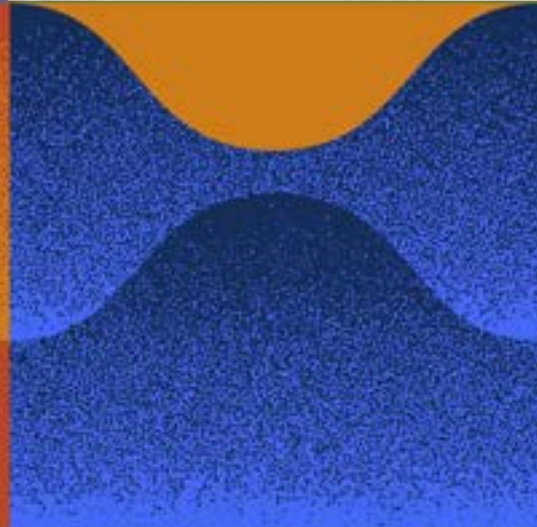
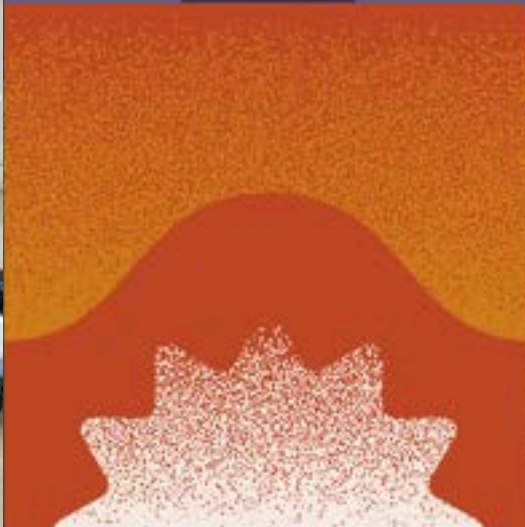
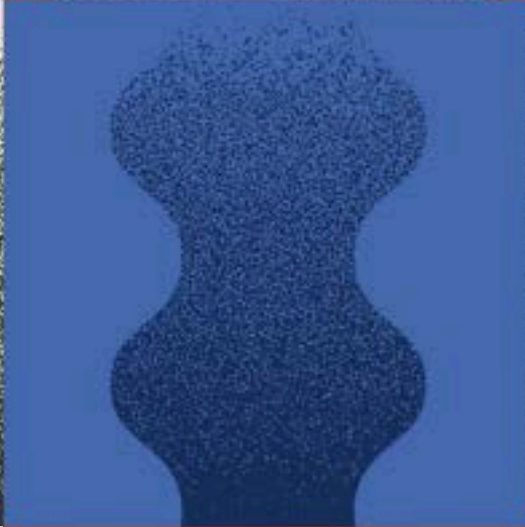
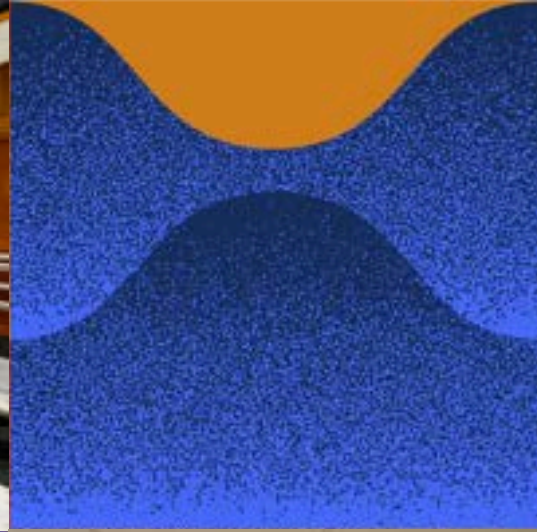
- Microsurgery and Microvascular Transplants:
 - Advances in severe injury repair, nerve, and vein grafts.
- Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine:
 - 3D printing for nerve, bone, and tendon repair.
 - Stem cell applications for tissue regeneration.
- Robotic Surgery and Assisted Technologies:
 - Robotic platforms with artificial intelligence.
 - Augmented reality for surgical planning and intraoperative visualization.
- Functional Transfers and Allotransplants:
 - Nerve and muscle transfers for motion rehabilitation.
 - Multiple tissue transplants for complex reconstructions.
- Innovative Education and Training:
 - Virtual simulators and microsurgery academies.
- Nanotechnology and Microrobots:
 - Tools at the nanoscale for tissue repairs and smart implants.
- Ethical and Global Approaches:
 - Discussions on equity in surgical access and ethical management of AI-generated data.



Programme Outline

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8h	Pre-Courses				
9h	Pre-Courses	Free Papers	Free Papers	Free Papers	Free Papers
10h	Pre-Courses	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting
10:30	Pre-Courses	Opening Cerimony and Magna Lecture			
12h	Lunch	Lunch / Industry workshop	Lunch / Industry workshop	Lunch / Industry workshop	Closing Cerimony
13:30h	Pre-Courses				
15h	Pre-Courses	Free Papers	Free Papers	Free Papers	
16h	Pre-Courses	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	
16:30-18h	Pre-Courses				
"Evening Programme"	Welcome Drinks	President Dinner/Reception	Free Evening	Congress Dinner & Party	





5. Congress Center Facilities

Windsor Expo & Convention Center

Presentation

Click to access proposal



PLENARY

2,500 people

ADDRESS

Av. Lucio Costa, 2.630,
Barra da Tijuca

Complete Infrastructure for Events and Accommodation in Rio de Janeiro. Spacious and Comfortable Seaside Environments

The Windsor Convention Center & Hotels (CC&HW), located in Barra da Tijuca, is recognized as Brazil's best and most comprehensive facility for integrated accommodation, services, and events. With modern spaces and a prime location, the impressive venue can host up to 7,000 people simultaneously, with its largest auditorium accommodating up to 2,500 people.

CC&HW provides a complete solution for events. In addition to event spaces, attendees will benefit from Windsor's high-quality services, as the complex includes the following hotels: Windsor Barra (5-star), Windsor Oceanico (4-star), and Windsor Tower (3-star), together offering 1,168 rooms in Barra da Tijuca.

The Windsor Convention Center & Hotels features 23,000 square meters of modular event spaces and is just one block from the beach. It offers a comprehensive setup combining accommodation, excellent dining, and a multifunctional event space, supported by a highly qualified team of professionals.

Renowned for its service excellence, the Windsor Network has earned national and international awards, establishing it as a leading reference in the corporate and events sectors.





WINDSOR BARRA



17 Floors
338 Apartments

88 Superior
149 Superior Executive
26 Deluxe
12 Jr. Suite
14 Executive Suite
12 Master Suite
1 Presidential Suite
36 Family Plan



Services

- Rooftop Pool
- Lounge bar
- Gym
- Restaurant
- Sauna
- Beach Service
- Room Service





WINDSOR OCEANICO



17 Floors
453 Apartments

124 Standard
278 Superior
25 Superior Plus
15 Superior Executive
11 Deluxe
03 Executive Suite



Services

- Rooftop Pool
- Lounge bar
- Restaurant
- Gym
- Sauna
- Room Service





WINDSOR TOWER

18 Andares
378 Apartments

202 Standard
64 Superior
24 Superior Plus
88 Superior Executive



Services

- Fitness Center
- Rooftop Pool
- Pool Bar
- Sauna
- Restaurant
- Room Service





6. Congress Services Operation

AERIAL ACCESS

TWO MAIN AIRPORTS:

INTERNATIONAL **RIOgaleão** GIG

Located at Ilha do Governador, it's 20 minutes from main hotels in the South Zone by the express way Linha Vermelha (Red Line) and 40 minutes from West Zone (Barra da Tijuca) by Linha Amarela (Yellow Line).

CAPACITY
36 MILLION
PASSENGERS PER YEAR

TERMINALS
2

TRANSPORTATION
BUS, TAXI, SHUTTLE
AND BRT



DOMESTIC **Santos Dumont** SDU

Located in the heart of Rio's Downtown area, the airport is only 10 minutes away from the South Zone, region that concentrates a large number of hotels and main tourist attractions.

CAPACITY
10 MILLION
PASSENGERS PER YEAR

TERMINALS
1

TRANSPORTE
BUS, TAXI, SHUTTLE
AND VLT



AIR TRAVEL TIME:



Europe
from 9 to 12 hours



North America
from 9 to 14 hours



Central America
about 7 hours



South America
from 3 to 6 hours



Africa
about 10 hours



Asia
about 25 hours



Oceania
about 18 hours

aeroporto
internacional
tom jobim



OUR AIRLINE NETWORK

25 DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS

23 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

The map illustrates GOL's extensive flight network. Domestic routes are shown with black lines connecting various cities within Brazil, including São Paulo (GIG), Brasília, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, and others. International routes are shown with grey lines connecting GOL's hub in São Paulo to 23 global destinations across North America, Europe, Africa, and South America. The map uses a teal color scheme for landmasses and white for water bodies.

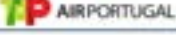
**25 DOMESTIC
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Airline Network | INTERNACIONAL

More seasonal and daily flights to strategic destinations such as Dallas, New York, Rosario, Montevideo and Asunción will strengthen global connectivity and consolidate the airport RIOgaleão as an essential hub in Latin America.

AIRLINES	DESTINATIONS	
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires
	COR	Córdoba
	ROS	Rosario 
	CDG	Paris
	MIA	Miami
	JFK	New York 
	DFW	Dallas 
	BOG	Bogota
	LHR	London
	EZE	Buenos Aires
	PTY	Panamá City
	ATL	Atlanta
	JFK	New York 
	DXB	Dubai
	EZE	Buenos Aires
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires

AIRLINES	DESTINATIONS	
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires
	COR	Córdoba
	MVD	Montevideo
	ROS	Rosario
	MAD	Madrid
	FCO	Rome
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires
	SCL	Santiago
	MVD	Montevideo
	AMS	Amsterdam
	SCL	Santiago
	LIM	Lima
	FRA	Frankfurt
	ASU	Asunción 
	SCL	Santiago
	MVD	Montevideo 
	US	Lisbon
	OPO	Porto
	IAH	Houston

Airline Network| DOMESTIC

GIG will have 34% more domestic seats in December than in the same month in 2023 and 17% more than in Dec/19.

ARLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	AJU	Aracaju
	BEL	Belém
	BSB	Brasília
	CGH	Congonhas
	CNF	Belo Horizonte
	CWB	Curitiba
	FLN	Florianópolis
	FOR	Fortaleza
	GRU	Guarulhos
	GYN	Goiânia
	IGU	Foz do Iguaçu
	JPA	João Pessoa
	MAO	Manaus
	MCZ	Maceió
	NAT	Natal
	NVT	Navegantes
	POA	Porto Alegre 
	REC	Recife
	SJK	São José dos Campos
	SSA	Salvador
	VCP	Campinas
	VIX	Vitória

AIRLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	BPS	Porto Seguro 
	CNF	Belo Horizonte
	CWB	Curitiba
	NVT	Navegantes
	POA	Porto Alegre 
	REC	Recife
	VCP	Campinas
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	REC	Recife
	SLZ	São Luís
	SSA	Salvador
	VIX	Vitória
AIRLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	CGH	Congonhas 

AIRPORT EXPERIENCE AND MOBILITY



CONCIERGE SERVICE

"Meet & Greet" team in 4 different languages, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Customized packages with solutions such as: Fast Track, Families with children, Sports delegations, etc.

This can be a great option for VIP guests, authorities, or other passengers you want to provide with an exclusive and customized experience.



DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE

RIOgaleão has special signage totems and welcome desks that can be customized according to the identity of your event.



COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS

RIOgaleão can offer various discounts and exclusive deals at currency exchange offices, lounges, restaurants, and more. In total, there are 7 VIP lounges, 1 hotel, and over 85 shops and restaurants.



MEETING POINT

A dedicated area where you can have your team assisting event participants, organizing transfers, holding quick group meetings before departure, or even pre-registration for the event.



MORE SECURITY

With enhanced patrolling throughout the airport and the creation of Galeão Presente, an even safer and more peaceful experience is guaranteed for all passengers.

WAITING AREA

Buses and vans can wait in the waiting area before accessing the curbside. This area is located less than 5 minutes from the main terminal. Additionally, packages are offered for parking tourist vans and curbside support (Concierge).



TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

RIOgaleão has a strategic location in the city, and it also features a dedicated lane and revitalized roads to ensure quicker and more convenient access to the airport.

Taxi and Car Rental Services

Offers special conditions with accredited taxi companies and car rental services.

Uber App

The Uber pick-up area at RIOgaleão is organized into sections with different colors and features an Uber parking lot, making transportation faster and more convenient for all passengers.

Municipal Transportation

- **BRT TIG-GIG Bus:** Departing every 20 minutes, reaching the Gentileza Terminal in up to 22 minutes via an exclusive lane.
- **Semi-Executive Express Buses:** Heading to Copacabana/Leblon and Barra da Tijuca.



HOTELS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio de Janeiro has approximately 42,500 rooms in various types of accommodation. New investments are constantly being made in this sector, offering a wide range of hotels, from the most famous international chains to excellent national hotels. The hotel industry, concentrated between the South, West and Center Zones of the city, is prepared to receive all types of guests - leisure, business and events. All the facilities are easily accessible, with international standard infrastructure. Besides the hotels, the city also offers hostels and budget accommodations.

*5% Municipal Tax;
Service Tax of 10%



CAPACITY (ROOMS)

South Zone
+ 19 mil

West Zone
+ 12 mil

City Center
+ 9 mil

North Zone
+ 900

MAIN HOTEL CHAINS

COPACABANA PALACE
A BELMOND HOTEL
RIO DE JANEIRO

GRAND | HYATT®

Fairmont


JW MARRIOTT®


Hilton


Sheraton
HOTELS & RESORTS


PESTANA
HOTEL GROUP


ACCOR

MOBILITY

Prior to hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016, Rio de Janeiro received investments to improve its infrastructure for airports, seaports, roads, transportation and accommodation.

Rio de Janeiro counts on experienced companies to provide shuttle buses to attend meetings and events.



**Urban Mobility
that connects all
regions in the city.**



SPECIAL BUSES
WITH AIR CONDITIONING



LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE (VLT)
CITY CENTER AND PORT ZONE



SUBWAY CONNECTING
NORTH, CENTER, SOUTH AND
WEST ZONES



BRT
BUS RAPID TRANSIT



BICYCLE LANES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY



**OFFICIAL
TAXIS**



TOURISM AND EXECUTIVE
TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES



CAR RENTAL
COMPANIES



**TRANSPORTATION
APPS**



ACCESS

Brazil Visa Exempt Countries

Citizens from over 60 countries are not required to obtain a visa in order to enter Brazil. Holders of a valid passport traveling for tourism, business, artistic or sports activities are granted a stay of up to 90 days, not exceeding 180 days within a 12-month period, counted from the date of the first entry.

Some countries that are visa exempt to Brazil:

BRAZIL VISA EXEMPT COUNTRIES			
Andorra	France	Mexico	Slovakia
Argentina	Germany	Monaco	Slovenia
Austria	Greece	Morocco	South Africa
Bahamas	Guatemala	Namibia	South Korea
Barbados	Guyana	Netherlands	Spain
Belgium	Hong Kong	New Zealand	Suriname
Bolivia	Hungary	Norway	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Iceland	Panama	Thailand
Chile	Ireland	Paraguay	Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Israel	Peru	Tunisia
Costa Rica	Italy	Philippines	Turkey
Croatia	Liechtenstein	Poland	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Portugal	United Kingdom
Denmark	Luxembourg	Romania	Uruguay
Ecuador	Malaysia	Russia	Vatican
Finland	Malta	San Marine	Venezuela

For complete information:

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/porta-consular/vistos/quadro-geral-de-regime-de-vistos-para-entrada-de-estrangeiros-no-brasil>

Brazil launches an electronic visa platform for citizens of USA, Australia and Canada

Travelers must provide a valid visa starting from April 10, 2025

Effective 10 April 2025, nationals of Australia, Canada, and the United States require an Electronic visitor visa to enter Brazil. A platform through which travelers can obtain the Electronic Visa (eVisa) to enter the country has been launched. Travelers can submit their applications and supporting documents online. Once the application is approved, travelers receive their eVisa confirmation electronically.

The eVisa will allow multiple entries and will have the same validity as conventional visas for the following nationalities:

- Canadians: 5-year period;
- Australians: 5-year period;
- Americans: 10-year period.

Americans, Canadians, and Australians must apply for the document if their arrival in Brazil is scheduled for April 10, 2025 onwards. The system was developed by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the intention of simplifying the process, making it convenient, fast and easy.

All details can be accessed online here: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>

Click here for further information: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/faq>

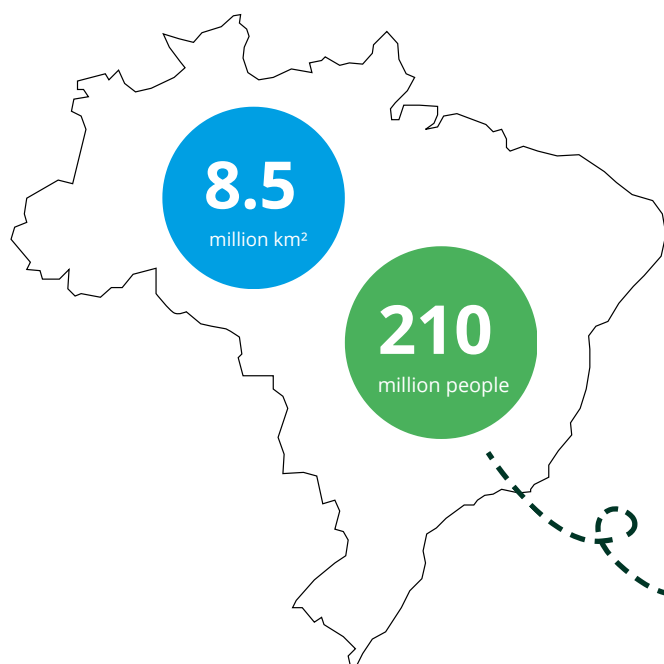
Contact the eVisa team: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/contact-us>

Agreement with Japan

Brazil and Japan have reached a bilateral agreement and, since September 30, 2023 visa requirements have been waived for trips between Brazil and Japan for up to 90 days. In this case, the waiver is reciprocal: it applies to Brazilian visitors heading to Japan and to Japanese visitors heading to Brazil.

Reciprocity

The reintroduction of the visa requirement was based on the principle of reciprocity, reinstated in May of 2023.



Brazil is a country with an extraordinary ecological and natural environment. well known for its splendid beauty, the warmth of its people, and its renowned attractions such as Christ the Redeemer, Sugar Loaf Mountain and Copacabana beach.

Rio de Janeiro is a unique city, few places in the world harmoniously combine nature and a bustling city. In addition to a great metropolis, you will find stunning beaches, one of largest urban forests in the world, lagoons, waterfalls, and a beautiful bay, all within one city



42,500
Hotel Rooms



6,2 mi
Inhabitants



30%
of the total tourists
who visit the country



Direct Flights
from main destinations
around the globe



A YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION

Rio de Janeiro offers a mostly sunny climate year-round.



Climate: mostly sunny with average temperature of 27°C/80° F

MONTH	MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE		MINIMUM TEMPERATURE		RAIN DAYS
	F°	C°	F°	C°	
JAN	100	38	64	18	12
FEB	99	37	66	19	9
MAR	99	37	64	18	9
APR	99	37	63	17	11
MAY	97	36	52	11	9
JUN	90	32	54	12	7
JUL	91	33	55	13	6
AUG	97	36	57	14	7
SEP	99	37	57	14	10
OCT	99	37	59	15	11
NOV	100	38	61	16	11
DEC	99	37	64	18	14



LARGE EVENTS



2025

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODONTIC CONGRESS
10.000 ATTENDEES



2024

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHILD
AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
1.500 ATTENDEES



2024

BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF CATARACT AND
REFRACTIVE SURGERY
5.000 ATTENDEES



2023

OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE -
OTC BRAZIL
15.000 ATTENDEES



2023

WEBSUMMIT
40.000 ATTENDEES



2023

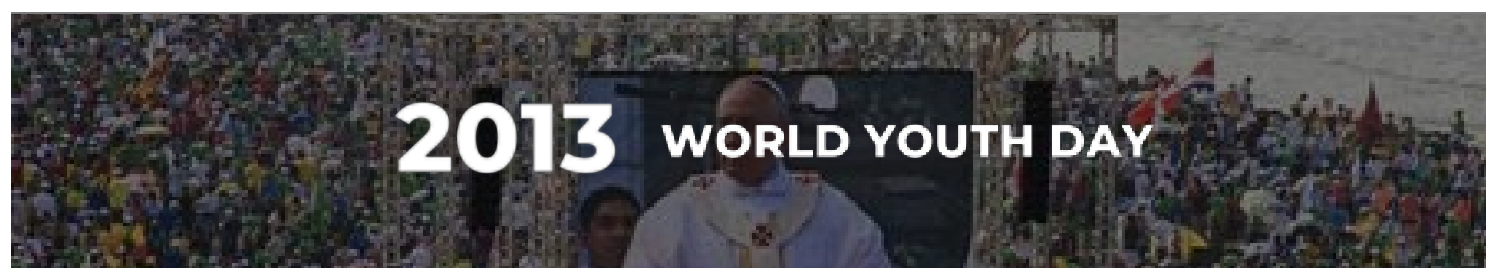
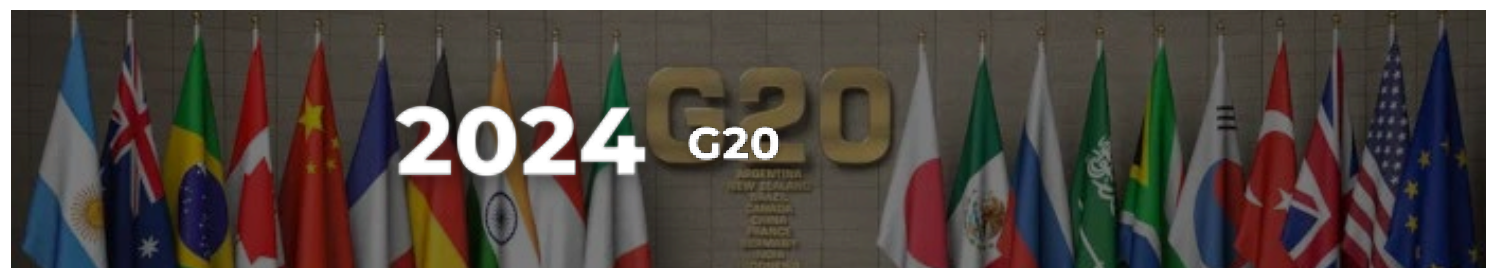
PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF
RHEUMATOLOGY - PANLAR
2.500 ATTENDEES



2022

WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY - WCC
11.500 ATTENDEES

MEGA EVENTS





7. Administrative Services

Flight Cost for Site Inspection: Brazilian Society will cover costs for the President and/or Secretary General.

On-site Inspection: Visit Rio will cover ground services.

Congress registration: Online registrations or on-site.

Cancellation Policies: All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing and include the registrant's full name and a brief explanation of the reason for cancellation. It will be possible to cancel the registration for the meeting or a pre-course and receive a refund according to the following conditions: Notifications received on or before three months prior to the event will receive a refund of all fees paid. Optional social event tickets are non-refundable. No refunds will be issued for missing a session or event, including sessions missed due to travel delays. No refunds are issued on-site. Refunds are issued via the original payment method (credit card or check) unless otherwise notified.

Publication handling and processing: All publications will be prepared by Predicado, a leading agency in communication and relationships, specializing in enhancing institutional interests and brand reputation.

Communications between organizers, congress administrative staff and the Executive Committee of the IFSSH: All communication will be through SBCM and directed to Dr. Rames Mattar Jr. On-site inspection for the President and/or Secretary General at least one year prior to the Congress.: The local committee and Visit Rio are prepared to host the technical visit at the convenience of the IFSSH.

Courtesy registration and accommodation for the IFSSH President, Secretary-General and Administrator and their spouse/significant other will be provided by SBCM.

VISIT RIO SUPPORT

Bidding Process

Complimentary:

Site Inspection:

- Plan and arrange all the visits
- Airport Transfers
- Accommodation
- Provide car with driver for the site inspection
- Lunch during the visit period
- A member of Visit Rio team will escort the group during the time in Rio

Guidelines:

- Up to 2 members of the applying entity and/or event organizer;
- Up to 3 days in the city (2 nights);
- Complimentary for accommodation, meals, and local transportation during the visit period, subject to availability and approval of Visit Rio partners;
- The visit request must be formalized by email at least 10 business days before the expected arrival date of the members.

*Any requests outside of the above description will be subject to analysis and approval by the board of directors.





8. Logistics of the Congress

ACCOMMODATION

BARRA DA TIJUCA & SURROUNDINGS

HOTEL	CATEGORY	NBR. ROOMS	DISTANCE WINDSOR CC	DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GIG	DISTANCE DOMESTIC AIRPORT - SDU
C Design Hotel	4	278	15.3 km	41.9 km	44.2 km
Courtyard by Marriott	4	264	17.4 km	31.6 km	33.9 km
Grand Hyatt	5	436	5.6 km	33.7 km	30.9 km
Hilton Barra	5	298	11.4 km	29.4 km	32.0 km
Ibis Barra da Tijuca	Budget	240	3.3 km	34.2 km	25.4 km
Lagune Barra	3	306	15.5 km	33.2 km	35.5 km
Novotel Barra da Tijuca	4	234	3.5 km	33.4 km	33.4 km
Novotel Parque Olímpico	4	149	12.0 km	28.7 km	31.2 km
Plaza Barra First	4	104	10.5 km	33.5 km	32.3 km
Radisson Barra	4	378	3.7 km	35.1 km	26.3 km
Residence Inn by Marriott	4	140	17.4 km	31.6 km	33.9 km
Windsor Barra	5	338	Part of the Windsor Convention Center	33.1 km	27.7 km
Windsor Oceanico	4	444	Part of the Windsor Convention Center	33.1 km	27.7 km
Windsor Tower	3	378	Part of the Windsor Convention Center	33.1 km	27.7 km

- The hotels listed are partners of Visit Rio

The Barra da Tijuca area also offers numerous low-cost accommodation options such as hostels and Airbnb.



ACCOMMODATION

SOUTH ZONE

HOTEL	CATEGORY	NBR. ROOMS	DISTRICT	DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GIG	DISTANCE DOMESTIC AIRPORT - SDU
B&B Hotel Copacabana Forte	3	168	Copacabana	24.3 km	11.6 km
Belmond Copacabana Palace	5	239	Copacabana	23.7 km	9.2 km
Copa Sul Hotel	3	88	Copacabana	23.6 km	11.2 km
Emiliano Rio	5	90	Copacabana	23.8 km	11.1 km
Fairmont Copacabana	5	375	Copacabana	24.1 km	11.4 km
Fasano Rio de Janeiro	5	89	Ipanema	23.9 km	13.2 km
Grand Mercure Copacabana	4	295	Copacabana	23.6 km	11.2 km
Hilton Copacabana	5	545	Copacabana	22.8 km	8.2 km
Ibis Botafogo	Budget	270	Botafogo	21.3 km	6.9 km
Ibis Copacabana Posto 2	Budget	128	Copacabana	23.4 km	8.9 km
Ibis Copacabana Posto 5	Budget	231	Copacabana	22.7 km	11.0 km
Janeiro Hotel	5	53	Leblon	23.5 km	14.3 km

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ACCOMMODATION

SOUTH ZONE

HOTEL	CATEGORY	NBR. ROOMS	DISTRICT	DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GIG	DISTANCE DOMESTIC AIRPORT - SDU
JW Marriott	5	245	Copacabana	23.4 km	10.0 km
Mar Ipanema Hotel	4	84	Ipanema	23.7 km	13.3 km
Mercure Boutique Hotel Copacabana	4	119	Copacabana	23.4 km	10.0 km
Miramar Hotel by Windsor	5	200	Copacabana	26.0 km	11.0 km
Novotel Rio de Janeiro Leme	4	274	Leme	23.5 km	9.0 km
Novotel Praia de Botafogo	4	134	Botafogo	19.8 km	6.0 km
Pestana Rio de Janeiro	4	292	Copacabana	23.0 km	10.9 km
PortoBay Rio de Janeiro	4	117	Copacabana	23.2 km	8.7 km
Rio Othon Palace	5	572	Copacabana	23.4 km	10.6 km
Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort	5	538	Leblon	24.9 km	15.6 km
Sol Ipanema Hotel	4	90	Ipanema	23.5 km	13.1 km
YOO2 Rio de Janeiro	5	131	Botafogo	20.0 km	11.0 km

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Shopping Centers - Barra



Security

Rio Operations Center (COR)

The Rio Operations Center (COR) was the first Olympic equipment delivered by Rio's City Hall. Inaugurated in December 2010, six years before the Rio 2016 Games, the building serves as the headquarters for the integration of urban operations in the municipality. About 30 agencies (municipal secretariats and utilities) are integrated into the building to monitor the city's operation and minimize its impacts on citizen routine or during major events. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the COR seeks to anticipate solutions by alerting responsible sectors of the risks and urgent measures that should be taken in emergencies such as heavy rainfall, landslides and traffic accidents. More than 500 professionals take turns in different shifts in this city monitoring.



BPTur - Tourist Police Battalion

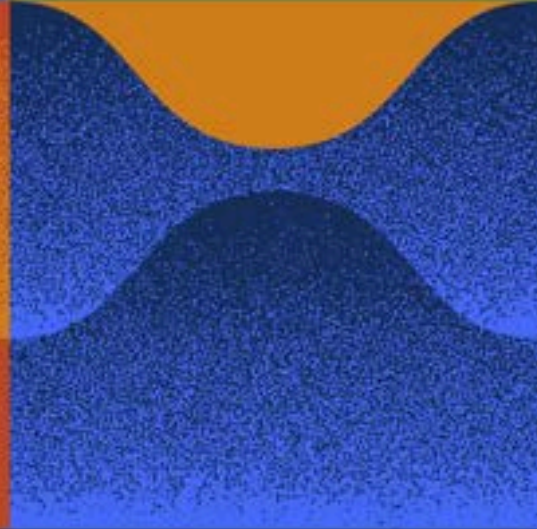
It's a special operational unit of the State of Rio de Janeiro Military Police, being the only battalion dedicated to the ostensible policing in areas of great tourist flow in the state capital. Also available to support congress and events that attract large numbers of tourists, reinforcing the policing on the region where the event takes place. In addition, amongst the government initiatives to grant security are the projects "Rio Presente" and "Rio + Seguro" which operates in areas of large tourist concentration reinforcing security with policeman and municipal guards that are retired or on day off duty.

The implementation of these two projects have been reducing considerably the number of incidents, mainly in the Downtown and South Zone areas. Also, the operation of BPTur and the increase of police force in the streets have impacted positively in the quality of life of residents and tourists. Besides all the above measures, it is usual to have security reinforcement in areas where big events are taking place. BPTur, in addition to being the battalion responsible for consular activities in Rio de Janeiro, works very closely with other specialized commands, such as expressways, highways and crowd control. All this connection between battalions of different specialties, guarantee the necessary security for events in the city.

Through the partnership established between the Rio Convention and Visitors Bureau and BPTur, it is possible to provide police reinforcement for events by analyzing each demand.

These measures will further enhance security and wellbeing of all visitors in Rio de Janeiro. It is of utmost priority to the city to provide a trouble-free and most pleasant experience to all our visitors.





9. Social/Leisure Activities

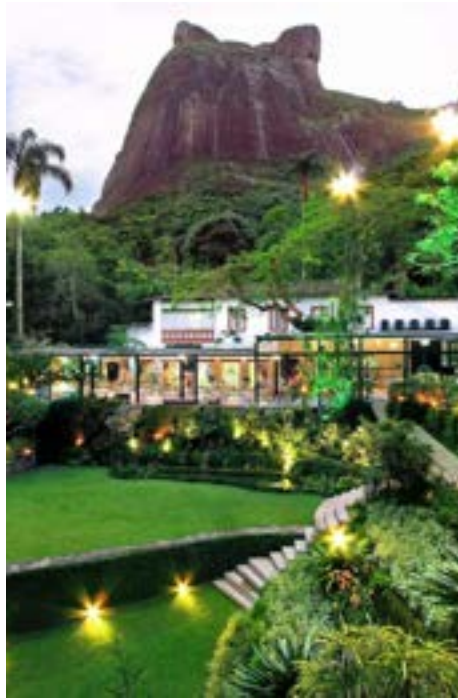
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

BARRA DA TIJUCA & SURROUNDINGS

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

CITY CENTER & PORT ZONE

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SOUTH ZONE

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[**Roxy Dinner Show**](#)



[**Sugar Loaf Mountain**](#)



[**Marina da Glória**](#)



[**Blue Note**](#)



[**Botanical Garden**](#)



[**Le Cordon Bleu**](#)

DINING OPTIONS



Academia da Cachaça
(Leblon and Barra da Tijuca)



Assador
(Flamengo Park)



Baleia Rio's
(Flamengo Park)



Bota Cucina Italiana
(Flamengo Park)



Boteco Boa Praça
(Ipanema)



Sacrilegio
(Lapa)



Casa Camolese
(Jardim Botânico)



Casa da Feijoada
(Ipanema)



Chez Claude
(Leblon)



Churrascaria Palace
(Copacabana)



Confeitaria Colombo
(Downtown)



Corrientes 348
(Glória and Barra da Tijuca)

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DINING OPTIONS



Embaixada Carioca
(Urca Mountain - Sugar Loaf)



Escama
(Jardim Botânico)



Fogo de Chão
(Botafogo and Barra da Tijuca)



Garota de Ipanema
(Ipanema)



Refettorio Gastromotiva
(Downtown)



Giuseppe Grill
(Leblon)



Maguje
(Jardim Botânico)



Meza Bar
(Botafogo)



Territorio Aprazível
(Santa Teresa)



Mesa do Lado
(Leblon)



Páreo
(Gávea)



Toca da Traíra
(Barra da Tijuca e Botafogo)

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Christ the Redeemer

From the top of Corcovado Hill, amidst a stunning urban forest, the imposing statue of Christ the Redeemer reigns supreme. It's no wonder that Christ, the largest Art Deco sculpture in the world, is listed among the New Seven Wonders of the World. As the city's iconic symbol, it stands with open arms, welcoming visitors to Rio de Janeiro.

To reach the statue, which stands 38 meters tall at an altitude of 710 meters, you have two options: a delightful train ride that winds through the Atlantic Forest from the Cosme Velho neighborhood, or a trip via authorized vans that travel along the Paineiras Road. Regardless of your choice, the view is breathtaking.

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Sugar Loaf

The cable car ride connecting the Urca and Sugarloaf Mountains is a must-do in the city. From here, you'll be treated to a stunning view that includes Botafogo Bay, Copacabana Beach, and the entrance to Guanabara Bay. At 395 meters above sea level, Sugarloaf Mountain offers additional perspectives of the city, including Pedra da Gávea, downtown Rio, Copacabana Beach, and the Christ the Redeemer statue.

To enhance your visit, there are dining and entertainment options available, panoramic helicopter tours, and a large amphitheater on Urca Hill that hosts concerts and events, all set against the breathtaking cityscape.

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Maracanã Stadium

Maracanã Stadium has hosted some of the most important matches in Brazilian football history and has seen many significant international moments. As the venue for the 1950 and 2014 World Cup finals, it is open for tours every day. The Football Museum, located on the ground floor of the stadium, features treasures that will delight football enthusiasts. Inside, you'll find a collection of jerseys, cleats, and a walk of fame. There are many surprises awaiting you!

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Lapa Arches and Santa Teresa district

Located in the Largo da Lapa Square, the center of Rio's turn-of-the-century nightlife, the Lapa Arches hold their place in history as the most monumental work undertaken in colonial Rio. This magnificent structure contains 42 arches in two tiers. Originally built as an aqueduct to supply the city with water, today they carry another outstanding attraction: the scenic tramlines linking the Carioca Station downtown to the picturesque Santa Teresa district, a vibrant artistic community, with a great range of bars, restaurants, museums, cultural centers and artist's studios.



Rio's BioPark

Located in Quinta da Boa Vista, an area formerly owned by the imperial family, the former Rio de Janeiro zoo is now known as BioParque do Rio. It has undergone a major renovation, transforming from a traditional exhibit-based zoo into a modern Biodiversity Conservation Center. With key programs focused on education and research, the revamped BioParque ensures animal welfare while combining environmental education with visitor comfort.

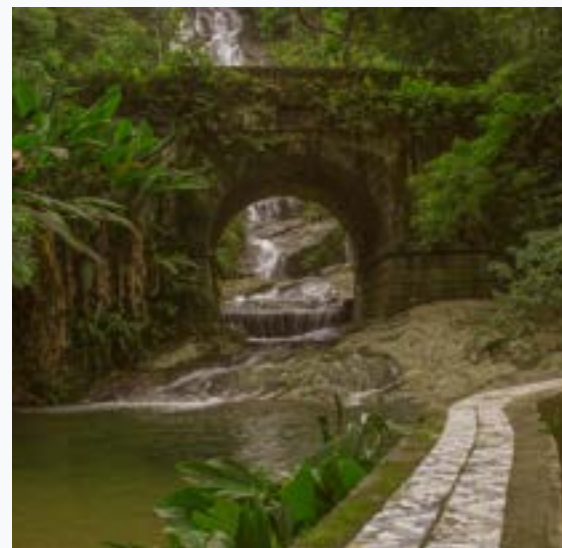
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Tijuca National Park

Rio's largest park is the Tijuca National Park, covering 3,300 hectares, and including Tijuca Forest. The Park is the largest urban forest in the world. As you look up at the Corcovado from the Lagoa, the mass of greenery clinging to the edge of the mountain and stretching miles to your left, is the Tijuca National Park. Roads run through the entire length of the park allowing visitors to enjoy its many natural wonders, and at the weekend some of the routes become pedestrian only. The most well-known part of the park is the Tijuca Forest which is reached from Alto da Boa Vista, accessible from all parts of the city.

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Botanical Garden

Created in 1808 by D. João VI of Portugal, the Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden is famous for the exuberance and the scientific importance of its plant collection, as well as for the beauty of its landscapes. Its bicentennial history is expressed in its monuments, buildings and artworks. The visitors can walk along the alleys or rent an electric car to see plants from all over the world, visit the greenhouses (Orchids, Bromeliads, Ferns, Insectivorous Plants) and the thematic collections and gardens, like the Japanese Garden, created in 1935 from the donation of 65 species of typical Japanese plants.

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Lage Park

Originally a sugar mill, the park is a significant part of the city's historical heritage. Notable features include imperial palm trees, artificial lakes and islands, and caves with aquariums embedded in their walls that house various fish species. In the central courtyard of the mansion, near the pool, there is a bistro where you can enjoy meals while attending the art and music events held at the venue throughout the year.

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Pedra Branca State Park

Located in the West Zone of the city, this park is one of the largest urban natural parks in the world. Established in 1974, it is covered with typical Atlantic Forest vegetation and spans an area four times larger than Tijuca National Park (equivalent to 12,500 Maracanã stadiums). It is home to the highest point in the city, Pico da Pedra Branca, which stands at 1,024 meters. The park serves the residents of Rio de Janeiro by supplying important reservoirs: Pau da Fome, Camorim, Texas, and Engenho Novo. Additionally, Pedra Branca offers a variety of trails and ecological tours.



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Catacumba Park

Situated by Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas in an area reforested in the 1970s, the park boasts a diverse range of plant life. In the lower section, paved paths, small stone-paved plazas, and sculpture displays create an ideal setting for walks and picnics. In contrast, the upper section features denser forested areas where a 600-meter trail leads to a beautiful viewpoint. The park also offers various activities such as tree climbing, rappelling, zip-lining, and a climbing wall.



Museum of Tomorrow

Museum of Tomorrow is an Applied Sciences museum which explores the opportunities and challenges which humanity will be forced to tackle in the coming decades from the perspective of sustainability and conviviality. It was conceived to be the first of a new generation of science museums around the world exploring possibilities by using audiovisuals, interactive installations and games. The museum's building was designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, whose style brings together technique, functionality and beauty based on the observation of nature.

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MAR - Rio's Museum of Art

MAR is located in Praça Mauá, in two buildings with both heterogeneous and interconnected profiles: the Dom João VI Mansion, listed and eclectic, which houses the exhibition rooms, and the neighbouring building, in a modernist style – originally a bus station – where the Escola do Olhar is situated. Its exhibitions unite historical and contemporary dimensions of art through national and international exhibitions of long and short duration.

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

AquaRio

With 26,000 m² of built area and 4.5 million liters of water, AquaRio is the largest marine aquarium in South America with 8,000 animals from 350 different species on display. Lots of unprecedented attractions, grandiose enclosures and tanks and all the necessary infrastructure provide educational and entertainment to the public. In addition, there are another 24 secondary tanks and specific areas where the public, especially children, can interact with some of the exposed animals.

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Yup Star Rio

With 88 meters high, 54 air-conditioned gondolas with capacity for up to eight people and accessible for people with disabilities, the Ferris wheel is definitely part of the city's postcards. Located in Porto Maravilha on Orla Conde – very close to AquaRio – Rio Star takes around 20 minutes to go around and can provide a beautiful view of the wonderful city for up to 432 people at the same time.

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Mural Etnias

As you stroll through Boulevard Olímpico, you'll have the opportunity to marvel at the "Mural Etnias" by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra. This is the largest graffiti mural in the world, standing 15 meters high and stretching 170 meters long. Created to celebrate the gathering of people from around the globe during the 2016 Olympic Games, the mural features images of representatives from all five continents.



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Flamengo Park

Known as one of the city's largest recreational areas, this vast green space connects downtown to the South Zone, beginning at Santos Dumont Airport, passing through the neighborhoods of Flamengo and Glória, and extending to the edge of Botafogo. Designed by landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx, the park features a diverse range of flora, including both native and exotic species, as well as an extensive bike path. It is a popular spot on weekends for sports activities.



Barra da Tijuca and surroundings

Located in the West Zone of Rio, this area boasts major international hotel chains, modern shopping centers, state-of-the-art cinemas, and acclaimed restaurants, among other attractions. Culture is also a highlight, with the Cidade das Artes, the largest cultural space in Rio, situated here. Nearby, the Pontal Museum is considered the largest and most significant folk art museum in the country. Its collection, the result of 45 years of research and travels throughout Brazil by French designer Jacques Van de Beuque, is composed of approximately 9,000 pieces from 300 Brazilian artists, produced from the 20th century onwards. Additionally, the extensive Barra da Tijuca beach is another significant feature of the area.



Beaches

Rio de Janeiro's coastline is renowned for its diverse beaches, each with unique characteristics. Leme, an extension of Copacabana, features calm waters ideal for swimming. Copacabana itself, famous for its mosaic sidewalks, is bustling with bars, kiosks, hotels, and restaurants, and invites leisurely strolls along its shore. Moving along the coast, Arpoador, Ipanema, and Leblon beaches stretch for another 4,000 meters. These spots are popular for surfing, enjoying sunsets, and are famously featured in the song "Girl from Ipanema."

São Conrado beach is known for hang gliding, while further west, Barra da Tijuca offers 18 kilometers of golden sand, making it Rio's longest beach. Next, Recreio is noted for its rough seas, followed by a series of beautiful beaches including Prainha, Grumari, Barra de Guaratiba, Pedra de Guaratiba, and Sepetiba. Pedra de Guaratiba, with its charming fishing village, provides fresh seafood to numerous local restaurants.



Barra da Tijuca

Barra da Tijuca is a popular area in Rio de Janeiro known for its beautiful beaches and natural landscapes.

It is located in the western zone of the city and offers a variety of entertainment, leisure, and cultural options for tourists. The area is also characterized by its extensive stretches of white sand and crystal-clear beaches.

Barra da Tijuca Beach is one of the main attractions of the region, stretching over 18 kilometers. It is popular among surfers and kitesurfers, and features numerous bars and kiosks that create a lively atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing day under the sun and by the sea.

Barra da Tijuca offers shopping options such as Barra Shopping, one of the largest shopping centers in Latin America, and Village Mall, a luxury shopping center. It is also a perfect place for sports enthusiasts, with various activities like cycling, running, surfing, and stand-up paddleboarding.

Finally, the Barra da Tijuca area is also known for its diverse gastronomy, with a wide variety of restaurants offering everything from traditional Brazilian cuisine to international and sophisticated options.

In summary, Barra da Tijuca and its surroundings are a complete tourist destination, offering paradise-like beaches, preserved natural areas, leisure, entertainment, and cultural options, as well as diverse and high-quality gastronomy. It is a must-visit place for those who want to experience the best of Rio de Janeiro.



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION SURROUNDINGS

NITERÓI (Metropolitan Region)

It is a city known for its beautiful beaches and for being home to the MAC - Museum of Contemporary Art of Niterói. Designed by renowned architect Oscar Niemeyer, the museum is a work of art in itself, with its flying saucer-shaped architecture and a privileged view of Guanabara Bay. The museum's collection includes works by important Brazilian and international artists that attract visitors from all over the world.



PETRÓPOLIS (Imperial Green Mountains)

Also known as the "Imperial City", it is located 68 kilometers northeast of the city of Rio de Janeiro. The name of the city ("Pedro's city") honors Pedro II, the last emperor of Brazil, who is buried in the Cathedral of São Pedro de Alcântara.



VALE DO CAFÉ (Coffee Valley)

The nobility of its farms and large colonial houses complement the landscape with a welcoming atmosphere and pleasant climate. The region offers visitors an excellent climate and a historical journey through Rio de Janeiro through its rural architecture - large colonial houses, farms and slave houses - a rich cultural heritage that is worth visiting and exploring.



ARMAÇÃO DOS BÚZIOS (Sun Coast)

Known simply as Búzios, it is a tourist town located 173 km east of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Búzios remained virtually unknown until 1964, when French actress Brigitte Bardot visited the small village. Since then, Búzios has become popular among Rio's high society, who wanted to escape the urban life of Rio de Janeiro and enjoy the more than 23 beaches that the peninsula has to offer.



ARRAIAL DO CABO (Sun Coast)

It is a true paradise of breathtaking beauty. The pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters provide a stunning backdrop for relaxing or adventurous activities such as diving and snorkeling. The charming atmosphere of a fishing village, surrounded by lush green mountains, adds a touch of authenticity to this Brazilian gem. A visit to Arraial do Cabo is an unforgettable experience.



CABO FRIO (Sun Coast)

It is a beautiful coastal city with a rich history and incredible natural beauty. Its crystal clear waters and golden sand beaches attract visitors from all over the world. The historic downtown area is filled with charming colonial architecture and delicious restaurants. Cabo Frio is also home to a diverse range of wildlife, including sea turtles and dolphins, making it an ideal destination for nature lovers.



SAQUAREMA (Sun Coast)

The title of national surfing capital is perfect for Saquarema - on Itaúna beach, waves reach up to three meters high, ensuring that the city has hosted world competitions since the 1970s. The rough seas, however, do not discourage families who come in search of the fine white sands and the beautiful landscape formed by many lagoons. To see it all at once, head to the small church of Nossa Senhora de Nazaré, on top of the hill that divides Itaúna from Vila beach.



ILHA GRANDE (Green Coast)

It is an island located off the coast of the state of Rio de Janeiro. The island, which is part of the municipality of Angra dos Reis, remains largely unexplored. It is a popular tourist destination, known for its scenic beauty, pristine tropical beaches, lush vegetation, and rugged landscape.



PARATY (Green Coast)

It is a charming colonial town surrounded by lush green mountains and sparkling blue sea. The town is known for its cobblestone streets, colorful buildings and historic churches, offering a glimpse into the country's rich cultural heritage. In 2019, Paraty's historic center was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



The vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro offers countless possibilities of **exclusive experiences**, each showcasing unique adventures that are exclusive to its dynamic landscapes. Whether it's indulging in a **sunrise breakfast** at the iconic **Christ the Redeemer** statue, enjoying a **sunset cocktail** against the backdrop of **Sugarloaf** Mountain's breathtaking vistas, or luxuriating on a **private yacht** in Guanabara Bay, Rio's visual splendor provides an unmatched setting for unforgettable moments. A private **helicopter tour** above the cityscape reveals its breathtaking beauty from a unique perspective, allowing visitors to absorb the captivating interplay between urban life and nature that defines Rio.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Immersive experiences abound, with the opportunity to learn about **samba** and the history of "**carnaval**" in a private tour at a traditional samba school, with local performers, capturing the rhythm and soul of Brazilian culture firsthand. The **culinary scene** entices with an immersive journey through Brazilian cuisine. Indulge in the offerings of renowned Brazilian BBQ establishments, featuring exceptional cuts of meat, and savor the distinct flavors of specialty seafood dishes like the beloved "moqueca" at local eateries. Embracing contemporary tastes, you'll find modern variations such as vegan alternatives to our traditional "feijoada," all accompanied by the globally celebrated caipirinha. This rich culinary tapestry allows you to relish the diverse and captivating flavors that define the allure of Brazilian cuisine. In Rio de Janeiro, the possibilities are as diverse as they are enchanting, ensuring that an event in this captivating city will be filled with once-in-a-lifetime encounters that are truly unique to Rio's enchanting charm.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Rio de Janeiro, known for its vibrant social scene and spirit of respect, places growing importance on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). One of the communities receiving special attention in this regard is the LGBTQIAPN+ community. Many commercial establishments and public spaces in the city are recognized as inclusive and safe environments for LGBTQIAPN+ individuals, reflecting the city's commitment to embracing all identities.

Nevertheless, diversity in Rio de Janeiro extends far beyond the LGBTQIAPN+ community. The city is a microcosm of Brazil's vast religious diversity, where various faiths coexist and are respected. From African-derived religions like Candomblé and Umbanda to Catholicism, Protestantism, and other spiritual practices, Rio celebrates a rich tapestry of beliefs. This religious pluralism is a testament to the city's broader commitment to fostering a culture of mutual respect and inclusion.

The commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion must transcend being a mere trend or occasional initiative; it should be embedded as a core value in society.



Promoting inclusivity and equality should be an ongoing effort, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, religion, or other characteristics—are respected and afforded equal opportunities. Rio de Janeiro serves as a positive example of how DEI principles can be seamlessly integrated into the cultural and social fabric of a city, welcoming and equitable for all people, regardless of their differences.



Afrotourism: Rio, a city connected to its ancestry

Rio de Janeiro is one of the largest urban centers in Brazil and carries a strong influence from African culture, reflected in its music, cuisine, religiosity, and architecture. The city is a true point of connection with African heritage, home to important historical landmarks such as the Cemitério dos Pretos Novos (Cemetery of New Blacks), the Museum of Samba, and Pedra do Sal, which serve as living testimonies of the history of slavery and Afro-Brazilian resistance.

In addition, Rio is known for hosting the largest number of Candomblé temples in Brazil and for being the stage for cultural manifestations such as samba and capoeira, which have their origins in African traditions. Tours that explore these influences, such as visits to quilombola communities and Afro-Brazilian neighborhoods like Saúde and Santo Cristo, offer an authentic and educational experience, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in Afro-Brazilian culture and history.

Afro-tourism in Rio de Janeiro is a movement to reclaim the history of Black people in Brazil,



emphasizing their significant contributions to the formation of both Carioca and Brazilian identity. It is an opportunity to experience the city's history, recognizing the importance of African culture in its diversity and richness. By exploring these spaces, visitors not only learn about the past but also experience the continuity of a heritage that remains alive at the heart of the city, in the sounds of samba, dances, religious festivals, and cuisine.







10. Professional Assistance

Wishing to provide a high quality technical scientific content to the **2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress**, the Brazilian Society for Surgery of Hand (SBCM) will rely on a partner Professional Congress Organizer who will answer for the strategic and operational planning of the event. This solution was adopted intending to deliver, besides the full-time engagement of SBCM – in content, jointly with IFSSH&IFSHT, a professional event organization.

The experience of the partner company and quality of the operational and administrative services offered are critical factors to this choice. Companies specializing in event organization are fully aware of the specific needs of each congress, thus generating significant benefits to the event. Besides working with a focused and strategic approach, on a daily basis, the deal with partner suppliers fully prepared to meet the requirements of any scenario.

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) is proud to recommend **ATEP Events** as the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) for the **2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress**. This recommendation stems from a strong and successful partnership, as well as ATEP Events' proven expertise in organizing numerous national events for SBCM.

Notably, ATEP Events has been responsible for the effective organization of the prestigious Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery from 2011 through to the upcoming edition in 2025. Their consistent professionalism and dedication make them a reliable choice for the upcoming international congress.

About ATEP Events

ATEP Eventos is a privately held, independent organization led by a team of professional women with over 20 years of experience in the events industry. The company provides comprehensive support for organizing congresses and events of all sizes, ranging from small gatherings to large-scale conferences. With expertise spanning planning, organization, and execution, ATEP Eventos is committed to delivering excellence. Their approach combines cutting-edge technology with personalized, human-centered service, ensuring a seamless and memorable experience for every event.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Bearing in mind the financial health of the event, ATEP Events has already prepared a draft proposal, encompassing full congress management, before, during and after the event. The project includes:

- Complete conference advice, consultancy and ongoing coordination with the Conference Organizers.
- Management of scientific content: services to speakers, hospitality and timely accurate information to ensure top quality participation and management of the VIP lounge.
- Management of registrations and papers: management of the registration and technical-scientific paper submission system.
- Venue liaison and review of hotel contracts to assure compliance with cut-off dates and other details.
- Development and monitoring of the meeting budget. Financial management providing financial reports for each event and for the meeting as a whole; review all bills and verification of accuracy for payment.
- Sponsor and Exhibit Sale: identify key messages – why should a company sponsor, how to boost exhibition sales, identify potential sponsors – who would sponsor, and the tools and channels – how to communicate to the sponsors.
- Sponsor and Exhibit Management: ATEP will provide full administrative and logistical support to your sponsors. We will develop the sponsorship prospectus and draft sponsorship agreements while our team will implement pre-event sponsorship benefits and on-site sponsorship benefits to ensure that their expectations are met and that they receive commensurate returns for their investment.
- Catering management providing creative food and beverage within the meeting budget. Develop detailed written specifications for hotel reviewing banquet event orders.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

- Management of deadlines as well as function space assignment, appropriate room setup, audiovisual needs, phone lines, office equipment, security arrangements, signage ordering and placement, guest amenities, floral arrangements, photographer, and specific entertainment if required.
- Recommendations for suppliers based on research and experience, as required by the event.
- Delegate Liaison: All design, production, and distribution of pre-program materials for participants, including confirmation letters, maps, event information, tickets/passes to program events as needed.
- Assistance with other program materials as required e.g. participant packets, evaluation, program booklets and post-conference follow-up materials.
- Assistance with some on-site aspects of the poster set-up and poster boards.
- Onsite services (registration desk, coordination of staff members, speaker ready room, miscellaneous personnel as needed, coordination of ground transportation, signage, etc.).
- Coordination and supervision of the travel agency supplier regarding ground transportation services (and flights and visas, if necessary).
- Assistance with visa letters to delegates and participants. (Preparation and sending the visa letter for participants to apply directly at the consulate in their country.)
- Post conference reports with complete data of attendance, financial reports, review of final bills and pictures.

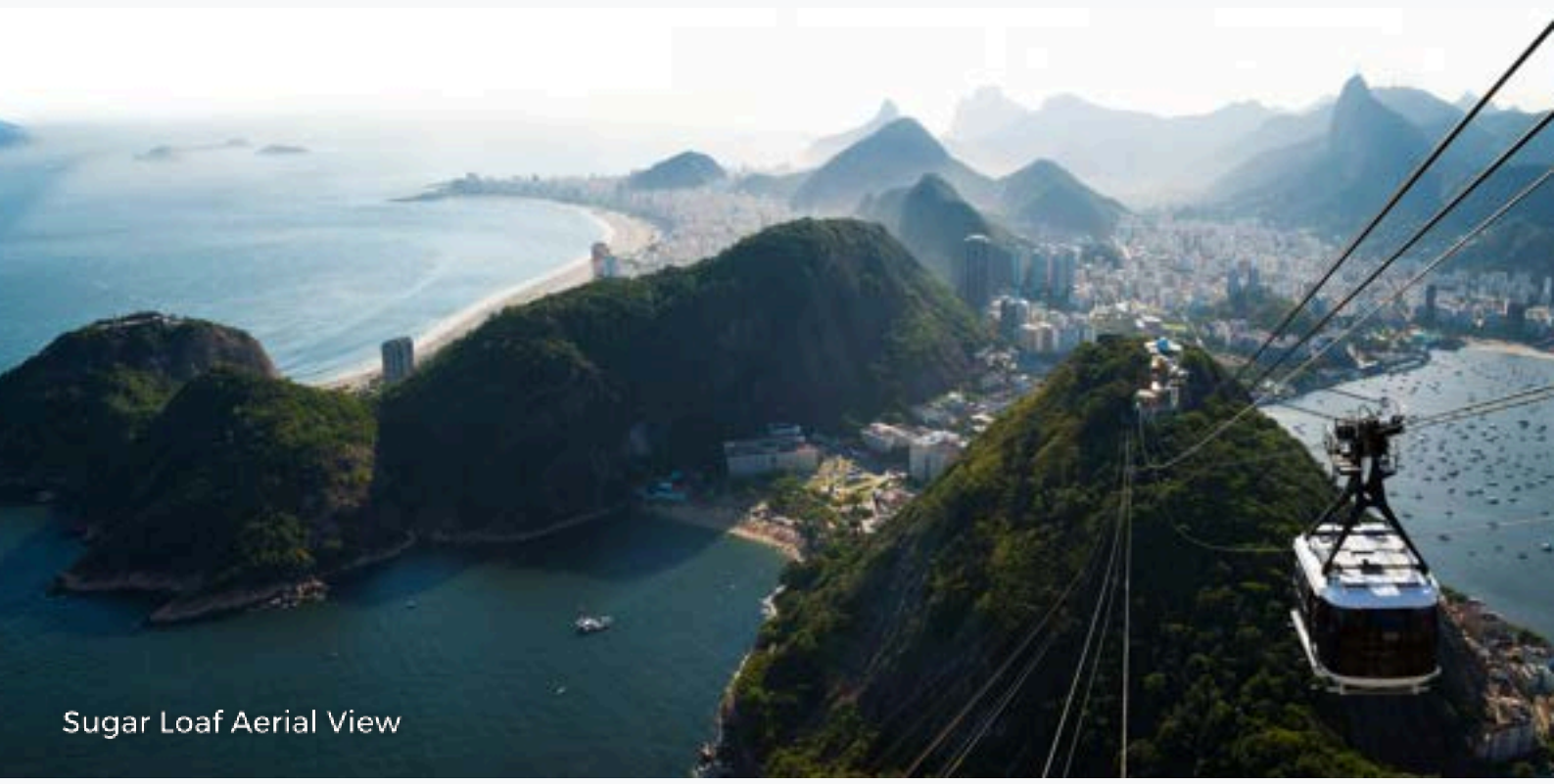
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- An electronic ticket ("e-ticket") issuance system with all airlines that offer this service.
- A reservation and information system for hotels in Brazil and abroad.
- Car rental services in Brazil and abroad.
- Airport/hotel/airport transfer services, city tours, and specific interest excursions.
- Preparation of national and international travel packages for individuals, families, groups, and companies in general.



Sugar Loaf Aerial View

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We have a multidisciplinary team with complementary skills, integrating technical rigor with creativity and analytical capacity to propose customized solutions to clients. Furthermore, our structure and professionals are fully integrated into the digital transformation, and our services incorporate the full potential of the latest innovations and technologies.

With this orientation, Predicado offers clients, according to their needs, projects in press relations, public relations, and general communication. We produce websites, newspapers, magazines, and digital publications in all formats. We promote products and services, manage risks and crises, and plan and organize events.

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11. Support Letters

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO



Rio de Janeiro, November 01st, 2024.

Hon.

Dr. Daniel Nagle, MD

President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

Ref.: 18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH Congress 2031

Dear Dr. Nagle,

The city of Rio de Janeiro expresses its enthusiasm for the candidacy of Rio de Janeiro as the host city for the **18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH Congress in 2031**. As a destination that values and encourages the development of the events industry, we recognize the importance of hosting such an important event.

Rio de Janeiro's candidacy for this event is based on the city's capacity for tourism. We are proud to boast a significant hotel infrastructure, quality tourism services, and varied opportunities for entertainment, leisure, and gastronomy. We believe that hosting the **IFSSH Congress 2031** in Rio de Janeiro will provide a unique opportunity to showcase our city to the world, while also contributing to the advancement of the field of the hand surgery.

Therefore, the Rio de Janeiro City Hall is pleased to express its Institutional Support for the **2031** edition for the city of Rio de Janeiro. It is important to note that our support does not imply any obligation for sponsorship or any nature of Public Administration.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the IFSSH Congress participants in Rio de Janeiro and to showcase the art of hospitality of the cariocas.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Paes
Mayor of Rio de Janeiro

LETTER FROM THE BRAZILIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISM PROMOTION



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Ofício nº 24/2024/CCPE/GNEI/DMINS/PRESI-EMBRATUR

Brasília, 25 de novembro de 2024.

To: Dr. Daniel Nagle, MD

President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

Re: 18º Congress of the Intl Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH.

Respectfully, we address International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand with the purpose of formally supporting the international event 18º Congress of the Intl Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH which is in the process of being raised for Brazil, to be held in 2031.

It is our conviction that the Brazil have all the necessary conditions to host this event, which currently constitutes one of the most important meetings in the sector.

We believe that the 18º Congress of the Intl Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH plays an important role when it comes to international events to exchange knowledge, share the latest advances and discuss innovative solutions in the field of surgery of the hand. Furthermore, when they take place in internationally recognized environments in Brazil, all participants benefit from the experience, including the events themselves, which will have greater possibilities of increasing the number of registrations.

Brazil leads the ICCA (International Congress & Convention Association) Ranking in Latin America with the largest number of international events held in 2023, ranking 20th worldwide. Furthermore, there are approximately a 1.100 doctors specialized in surgery of the hand, according to the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery, there are 18 residency courses in this specialty in Brazil. This confirms that Brazil has experience in holding international events, with a portfolio of large convention centers, superior category hotels with spaces to host events and congresses, as well as unique experiences in incredible places.

Currently, Brazil has six UNESCO Global Geoparks, in addition to 24 world heritage sites, 35 educational and research institutions that are part of UNITWIN/UNESCO, 14 Brazilian cities that are members of the Creative Cities Network, 7 biosphere reserves, 7 elements of intangible cultural heritage and 560 schools associated with the UNESCO network. We highlight Rio de Janeiro as a destination that brings together the joy of the Brazilian people, cultural mix, the incredible UNESCO Geopark, an iconic place with sustainable practices and home to one of the seven wonders of the world (Christ – The Redeemer), gives the events a powerful legacy that offers participants an experience of a lifetime. It is a destination where you can find and combine the excellence of nature, the environment, a peaceful cultural mix and excellent expertise in promoting events with a qualified scientific network. Rio has established itself as a global benchmark for urban innovation, with vibrant and resilient communities that have flourished. It also houses the Federal University of Rio

de Janeiro, internacionalmente reconhecida pela qualidade de seu ensino, assim como outras grandes universidades, como a Universidade Federal Fluminense, a Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro e a PUC Rio.

Algumas dessas universidades possuem professores especialistas em ortopedia e traumatologia, o que ajudará a ampliar a disseminação de conhecimentos gerados para a comunidade envolvida, caso o evento ocorra no Rio de Janeiro.

Além das universidades que oferecem cursos de ortopedia e traumatologia, o Rio de Janeiro é sede do Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia (INTO), uma agência diretamente administrada pelo Ministério da Saúde, referência no país para tratamentos cirúrgicos ortopédicos complexos, e um dos mais renomados cursos de residência médica em cirurgia de mão, projetado exclusivamente para atender pacientes do Sistema Único de Saúde (SUS). O INTO é atualmente o único hospital brasileiro a ser membro da International Society of Orthopedic Centers (ISOC), que reúne os 19 melhores centros ortopédicos do mundo.

Embratur reforça a importância da pesquisa e dos cursos de residência médica em cirurgia de mão para complementar nossa grande rede de saúde gratuita e universal - SUS. O 18º Congresso da Federação Internacional de Sociedades de Cirurgia da Mão - IFSSH tem muito a contribuir para toda a população brasileira que recebe cirurgia de mão e tratamento 100% gratuito.

É importante destacar que o Brasil e a comunidade local estão completamente motivados com esta oportunidade, contando com o engajamento das entidades do setor, do Bureau da Convenção do Rio e de toda a região organizada para receber os participantes em seu evento.

Nomeamos o Bureau da Convenção do Rio como nosso coordenador oficial com a Embratur, exclusivamente para os procedimentos operacionais para facilitar o apoio para este evento.

Agradecemos sua atenção e prontidão, e oferecemos nossos votos de maior estima e consideração.

SuaSinceramente,

Marcelo Freixo
Presidente EMBRATUR



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LETTER FROM THE LOCAL CONVENTION BUREAU



Rio de Janeiro, November 01st, 2024.

Hon.

Dr. Daniel Nagle, MD

President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

Ref.: 18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH Congress 2031

Dear Dr. Nagle,

We were truly pleased to know that the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand is considering the possibility of holding the **IFSSH Congress 2031** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Visit Rio Convention Bureau, representing the entire tourist industry in our city, will feel extremely honored if the city is selected to host the event.

Rio de Janeiro is a cosmopolitan city with 6.2 million inhabitants. Its International Airport, the gateway to Brazil from major countries around the world, currently operates with 23 direct flights to international destinations, in addition to flights to the main Brazilian capitals. Rio has an extensive hotel network with approximately 42,500 rooms in different categories.

The city has well-equipped convention centers, including Riocentro, one of the largest in Latin America. With qualified services, experienced professionals, and all the necessary and suitable infrastructure, Rio de Janeiro is an ideal destination for hosting events, where visitors can also enjoy the lush natural and architectural beauty, significant cultural heritage, culinary diversity, and the unique hospitality of the *Cariocas*.

The Visit Rio Convention Bureau offers institutional support for this event to be held in our city and it is certain that it will be a great success.

Sincerely,

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Carlos Werneck,
Executive President

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LETTER FROM THE BRAZILIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – AMB



OF/PRES/AMB/139/2024

Sao Paulo
December 12, 2024

To
Antonio Carlos da Costa
President
Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM)

Subject: Support for the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM) to host the World Congress on Hand Surgery in 2031.

Dear President,

With my warmest regards, I am writing to express my appreciation for the initiative to launch Brazil's candidacy to host the World Congress on Hand Surgery in 2031 in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The importance of this event in the international medical-scientific landscape is widely recognized, representing a unique opportunity to elevate the specialty both within the country and beyond its borders.

The Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH), along with the simultaneous event of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (IFSHT), not only highlights the relevance of technical and scientific advancements in the field but also promotes the exchange of knowledge among specialists from different nations. Without a doubt, hosting them in Brazil will mark a significant milestone and bring immense benefits for the training of our professionals and for the Brazilian medical community as a whole, consolidating the country as a center of excellence and reference in hand surgery.

Based on the ideals that guide the Brazilian Medical Association (AMB) to foster education, innovation, and integration in the medical field, I express my total and unconditional support for the candidacy presented by the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM). I am convinced that Brazil has the full capacity to organize and provide high-standard infrastructure for an event of this magnitude, and that the choice of Rio de Janeiro reflects the potential, cultural richness, and hospitality we can offer to delegates from all continents.

Furthermore, holding the congress on our territory will be instrumental in strengthening international cooperative ties and promoting discussions on innovative practices within the field of hand surgery and therapy. This context will allow Brazilian professionals, in partnership with their international colleagues, to have direct contact with the latest practices and contribute to the advancement of medical and technological solutions that will transform lives.

I reiterate my enthusiastic recommendation for Brazil's proposal to be supported by the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand. I am available to endorse the

necessary institutional support, as well as to collaborate on any other initiatives that may strengthen the Brazilian candidacy.

I am confident that this effort will receive the appreciation and approval of the representatives of the international federations. I thank you in advance for the excellent work of the SBCM and for the dedication of your team in leading this important project.

Warm regards,



CÉSAR EDUARDO FERNANDES
President
Brazilian Medical Association (AMB)

LETTERS FROM THE BRAZILIAN MEDICAL SOCIETIES OF ORTHOPEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY, RECONSTRUCTIVE MICROSURGERY, AND BONE RECONSTRUCTION AND LENGTHENING



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To the Esteemed Mr. Dr. Antonio Carlos da Costa President of the
Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM)

Dear Doctor,

We would like to congratulate the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the
Hand (SBCM) on the selection of Rio de Janeiro as the proposed host
city for the World Congress of Hand Surgery in 2031.

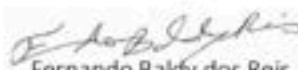
We recognize the positive impact that this congress will bring to the
development of Hand Surgery in Brazil, in addition to strengthening
the education of doctors and encouraging scientific and technological
innovation.

Thus, we express our full support for SBCM's bid to host the Congress
of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand
(IFSSH) and the Congress of the International Federation of Societies
for Hand Therapy (IFSHT) in 2031.

We are available to contribute as needed and reinforce our
commitment to the success of this important initiative.

São Paulo, December 11, 2024

Sincerely,


Fernando Baldy dos Reis
President



SOCIEDADE BRASILEIRA DE
MICROCIRURGIA RECONSTRUTIVA

Barretos, December 09th, 2024.

To Whom it may concern,

It is with great professionalism and dedication that Brazilian Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery offers its unwavering support for the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their endeavor to host the 2031 Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).

The SBCM stands as a pillar of excellence in hand surgery, known for its innovative approaches, fostering international collaboration, and commitment to the advancement of surgical education and research. With a robust network of highly qualified surgeons and a proven history of organizing successful and impactful events, the SBCM is exceptionally prepared to host a congress that will resonate on a global scale.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress in Brazil will not only place the spotlight on the nation's rich cultural heritage and renowned hospitality but also facilitate a significant exchange of expertise and advancements in the field of hand surgery. Brazil's strategic location and state-of-the-art conference venues are poised to provide an outstanding experience for all participants.

We firmly believe that the SBCM's dedication to progress and collaboration aligns perfectly with the IFSSH's objectives, making it an exemplary choice for the 2031 congress. We are confident that the SBCM will orchestrate a landmark event that propels the field forward and strengthens international ties among hand surgery professionals.

Thank you for considering this proposal, and we eagerly anticipate the privilege of hosting the global hand surgery community in Brazil in 2031.

Respectfully,

Carlos Gustavo Lemos Neves

President of the Brazilian Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery - SBMR

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São Paulo, 12/05/2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of ASAMI BRASIL - Associação Brasileira de Reconstrução e Alongamento Ósseo, I am writing to express our strong support for the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) Congress in 2031.

The SBCM has a long-standing tradition of excellence in the field of hand surgery, demonstrated by its commitment to advancing surgical techniques, fostering international collaboration, and promoting education and research. With a vibrant community of highly skilled surgeons and a history of successfully hosting significant national and international events, the SBCM is well-equipped to deliver a congress that will be both impactful and memorable.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress in Brazil would not only highlight the country's rich cultural heritage and hospitality but also provide an unparalleled opportunity for global knowledge exchange within the field of hand surgery. Brazil's strategic location and world-class conference facilities will ensure a seamless experience for all attendees.

We firmly believe that the SBCM's dedication to innovation and collaboration aligns perfectly with the goals of the IFSSH, making Brazil an ideal host for the 2031 congress. We are confident that the SBCM will deliver an event that will advance the field and foster connections among hand surgeons worldwide.

Thank you for considering this bid, and we look forward to the possibility of welcoming the global hand surgery community to Brazil in 2031.

Sincerely,

Fábio Lucas Rodrigues

LETTERS FROM THE ENTITIES THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PRE AND CONGRESS ACTIVITIES



To the Voting Delegate of the IFSSH

Basel, December 11, 2024

**Support for the Bid of the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery
to Host the IFSSH Congress 2031**

Dear Delegate,

On behalf of IBRA (International Bone Research Association), it is a privilege to extend our support to the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro.

IBRA has a proud history of participating in congresses and other events that have consistently fostered international collaboration and the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge in hand surgery. Over the years, we have been honored to conduct scientific events with many Brazilian hand surgeons in collaboration with the Brazilian Hand Society.

The opportunity to host the IFSSH Congress in Rio de Janeiro presents an excellent platform to continue these collaborative efforts and highlight the dynamic advancements in the field. SBCM, with its proven track record of organizing impactful events, is well equipped to deliver a congress that will inspire and unite the global hand surgery community.

We are confident that this congress will provide a unique environment for learning and networking, contributing significantly to the advancement of hand surgery practices worldwide.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to supporting and participating in what promises to be an exceptional event in 2031.

Sincerely,

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José-Manuel Vazquez
Executive Director
IBRA Administration Office



Dear IFSSH,

On behalf of AO Trauma, I am thrilled to extend our wholehearted support for the IFSSH Congress 2031, set to be held in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro and organized by the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM). This congress is a prestigious event that will serve as a cornerstone for the global hand surgery community, offering a unique platform for sharing pioneering research and innovative surgical techniques.

The choice of Rio de Janeiro, a city renowned for its rich culture and hospitality, promises to provide an inspiring backdrop for fostering international collaboration and professional exchange. We are confident that the SBCM's expertise and dedication will ensure a successful and impactful congress.

AO Trauma is proud to support an event that aligns with our mission to advance education and research in orthopedic trauma and hand surgery. We eagerly anticipate the diverse sessions and workshops that will enhance the professional growth of all participants and contribute to the advancement of the field.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to organizing a congress that promises to be both transformative and inspiring. We look forward to the success of the IFSSH Congress 2031 and to strengthening our collaborative efforts within the global community.

Sincerely,

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Alexandre Bustamante Pallottino

Chairperson AO Trauma Brazil

AO Trauma



12/05/2024

To the Distinguished Members of the Selection Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of commitment that PULM Talks extends its full support to the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their proposal to host the 2031 Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).

With a dynamic network of accomplished surgeons and a history of hosting influential and successful events, the SBCM is well-equipped to organize a congress that will have a profound global impact.

Bringing the IFSSH Congress to Brazil would not only spotlight the country's rich cultural tapestry and exceptional hospitality but also create a unique forum for the exchange of leading-edge knowledge and practices in hand surgery. Brazil's prime location and world-class facilities promise an enriching experience for all participants.

We are confident that the SBCM's commitment to excellence and collaboration aligns seamlessly with the goals of the IFSSH, making it an outstanding candidate for the 2031 congress.

PULM Talks is thrilled to announce our participation in your congress, where we will conduct a special session. As an international group of pediatric hand surgeons, we look forward to sharing valuable insights and fostering global collaboration in the field.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to the honor of welcoming the international hand surgery community to Brazil in 2031.

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Francisco Soldado

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Scott H. Kozin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David McCombe".

David McCombe



Latin American Wrist Association (LAWA)

Advancing Wrist Surgery and Research in Latin America

São Paulo, 19 de December de 2024

Dr. Antonio Carlos da Costa
President, Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM)

Dear Dr. Antonio,

On behalf of the Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association (LAWA), I would like to express our gratitude for the invitation and the opportunity to contribute to the advancement of wrist arthroscopy during the 2031 World Congress of Hand Surgery (IFSSH).

We reaffirm LAWA's commitment to collaborating in the design and management of the scientific program dedicated to wrist arthroscopy, including the organization of specialized spaces for sessions, seminars, symposia, and other academic activities of significance. We are honored to participate in initiatives that foster knowledge exchange and the global progress of hand surgery.

We would like to respectfully clarify that our technical support and involvement in the creation of these specialized areas do not reflect any official preference or position of LAWA or IWAS regarding the selection of the host city for the congress. As international organizations, we value impartiality and remain equally open to supporting other candidacies from different countries in accordance with the selection process established by the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).

We are at your disposal to collaborate and provide our expertise in the event's execution, always aiming to strengthen science and surgical practice for the benefit of the entire medical community.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Gustavo Mantovani Ruggiero
President, Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association (LAWA)

Acknowledged by:
Dr. Martin Caloia
President, IWAS

LETTERS FROM LOCAL INSTITUTIONS THAT OFFER TO HOST THE PRE-CONGRESS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP



GOVERNO DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO
UNIVERSIDADE DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO
FACULDADE DE CIÊNCIAS MÉDICAS
HOSPITAL UNIVERSITÁRIO PEDRO ERNESTO

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 11, 2024

To the IFSSH

On behalf of the Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), I am honored to express our enthusiastic support for the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

UERJ has a proud history of excellence in medical education and training, particularly in the field of hand surgery. Many skilled hand surgeons practicing in Rio de Janeiro and beyond have received their foundational education and advanced training at our institution. Our commitment to fostering high standards of surgical practice and research has contributed to developing a strong community of hand surgeons equipped to lead and innovate.

In addition, UERJ is prepared to host candidates for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, offering them a unique opportunity to engage with our expert faculty and experience firsthand the advanced surgical techniques and research conducted at our institution.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress in Rio de Janeiro would not only highlight the city's cultural and scientific offerings but also showcase the expertise and contributions of our local surgical community. The SBCM, supported by institutions like UERJ, is well-equipped to deliver a congress that will inspire and advance the global field of hand surgery.

We firmly believe that the vibrant setting of Rio de Janeiro, combined with the organizational expertise of the SBCM, will provide an exceptional environment for international collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Thank you for considering the SBCM's candidature. We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the global hand surgery community to Rio de Janeiro for an unforgettable IFSSH Congress in 2031.

Sincerely,



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Traumatology-Orthopedics
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Rio de Janeiro, 12 de dezembro 2024

To the IFSSH,

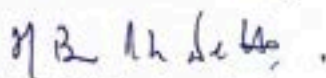
On behalf of the Hospital Federal da Lagoa, I am delighted to support the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

As an accredited center for hand surgery training, we are committed to excellence in medical education. We are prepared to welcome candidates for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, offering them exposure to our expert faculty and cutting-edge practices.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress will showcase Rio de Janeiro's cultural vibrancy and our local surgical expertise. With SBCM's leadership and our support, we are confident in delivering a transformative event for the global hand surgery community.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you to Rio de Janeiro in 2031.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr Henrique de Barros Pinto Netto

Head of the Orthopaedic and hand service of the Lagoa's Federal hospital



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Rio de Janeiro, 17 de dezembro de 2024.

À
Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia da Mão.
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To the IFSSH Congress Selection Committee,

Subject: Support for SBCM's Bid to Host the IFSSH Congress 2031

The Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia (INTO) is honored to support the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

As the largest hand surgery center in Rio de Janeiro, INTO is equipped to host international fellows for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, fostering valuable exchanges and learning opportunities. Our commitment to excellence and innovation makes us an ideal partner for this event.

We are confident that Rio's vibrant atmosphere and our advanced facilities will provide an exceptional congress experience, promoting global advancements in hand surgery.

Thank you for considering this bid. We look forward to welcoming you to Rio in 2031.

Yours sincerely,

JOSÉ PAULO GABBI ARAMBURU FILHO
Coordenador Assistencial/INTO/MS

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13 de dezembro de 2024

To the IFSSH,

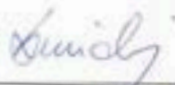
The Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF) fully supports the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in hosting the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

As an accredited center for hand surgery training, we are proud to contribute to the advancement of medical education. We are prepared to host candidates for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, providing them access to our expert faculty and state-of-the-art facilities.

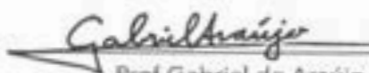
Hosting the congress in Rio de Janeiro will not only highlight the culture of our city but also our surgical expertise. Under the leadership of the SBCM, we are confident that this event will foster international collaboration and promote progress in hand surgery.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rio de Janeiro in 2031.

Sincerely,



Prof Dr Beni Olej
Teaching and Research Manager



Prof Gabriel de Araújo
Hand Surgery Residency Supervisor



12. Experience

The History of the SBCM

In a wartime scenario, specifically World War II, from the push given to the evolution of the techniques and medical knowledge that gave rise to the specialist area of Hand Surgery. In Brazil, being enormously influenced by their British and French colleagues, a few general and plastic surgeons performed surgery on hands, and these individuals became pioneers in the specialist area. In the period immediately following World War II, the country received visits from well-known specialists such as Guy Pulvertaft, Watson Jones, Trueta and Sterling Bunnell. These visits provided the incentive for the creation of our society.

In Rio de Janeiro on June 17, 1959, 57 doctors signed the Minutes of the Foundation of the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery. After a number of conferences and courses, the SBCM's first large-scale event was the First International Congress, held in Rio de Janeiro between 19th and 21st July, 1965. Bulcão chaired the Congress, which welcomed around 400 participants, with simultaneous translation provided for a number of different languages, whilst it also boasted the participation of recognized names from the field of Hand Surgery at the time, such as: Erik Moberg, Joseph Boyes, Starck, O'Brien, Kauko Vainio, the Argentines Firpo and Loda, as well as our own Brazilian pioneers.

The IFSSH - the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - was founded in 1966. The SBCM performed an active role in its foundation, being one of the eight founding societies alongside those from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Scandinavia and Japan.

Dates and some of the many notable events that have built the history of the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand.

In 1945, Orlando Graner created in Santa Casa de São Paulo the first Hand Surgery service in Latin America.

In 1965, Ronaldo Azze and Marcus Castro Ferreira start performing the first reimplants of limbs at the FMUSP Hospital das Clínicas, creating South America's first Microsurgery Service in 1974.

In 1985, Arlindo Pardini publishes the first edition of the multi-authored book on the specialist area of “hand traumas” in Brazil, which has since seen two further editions.

In 1992, the SBCM takes part in the founding of the South American Hand Surgery Society, in São Paulo.

In 2004, Arlindo Pardini assumes the presidency of the IFSSH, a position never before held by a professional from Latin America.

The SBCM has sixty five years of history and, since its beginnings, it has been committed to staging national and international events and courses, as well as contributing to meetings with important international scientific knowledge, and in the form of publications in periodicals and books focusing on hand surgery. The Society publishes an informative quarterly periodical, the ‘Manus’.



First international course in Rio de Janeiro in 1965, where the foundation of an international federation was discussed.



II Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery, 1969 in Rio de Janeiro



In 1966, Alipio Pernet represented Brazil in the foundation of IFSSH



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Brazilian Committee - Boston/ USA 2014
The largest delegation of countries of the
US Congress throughout its history



In 2017 in the city of San Francisco,
the Brazilian Society for Surgery of
the Hand launched its unofficial bid
to host the 2025 Congress



Brazilian Committee - FESSH 2018, official
country invited, numerous presentation of
scientific papers among the programming



At the Brazilian Hand Surgery Congress, we have had a massive presence of international speakers

William H. Seitz, Jr., M.D., 69th President of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University Chairman, Orthopaedic Surgery, Lutheran Hospital Cleveland Clinic Orthopaedic and Rheumatologic Institute.

The “shrinking world”: International ease of travel, instant global communication, shared common goals, intellectual pursuit of scientific information, cultural differences and the beauty of sharing them. These modern day wonders have not always existed in the field of Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery. But, because of the efforts of some International pioneers, luminaries and visionaries in our beloved surgical specialty, the world of Hand Surgery has built many conduits and bridges between colleagues around the globe for the purpose of sharing knowledge, surgical techniques and research for the betterment of all people in all lands. From the time of birth, the Hand becomes the developing child’s antenna, exploring its unfolding world as a tool of experimentation. In time it becomes an instrument of communication, industry, art, music, love, and yes, even surgical reconstruction. The recognition of the great importance of the Hand only became clear surgically during the second World War, when surgeons emerging into a new world of modern medicine realized how little they knew about the Hand and how limited they were in reconstructing it when injured. Had they studied its anatomy and function as carefully as had Michelangelo centuries earlier, they would probably not have found themselves in the situation they did. But a few surgeons, internationally who recognized the importance of the Hand in every aspect of human life began to study, share ideas, and develop a surgical subspecialty dedicated to the care of this incredibly precise, articulated, artistic and beautifully complicated organ. This remarkable awakening did not happen in a single location, nor in a single country. As such, a few surgeons in Europe, the U.S., Asia, Australia and South America recognized the need to very expeditiously develop a surgical specialty dedicated to the Hand, and its reconstruction. In Brazil, a number of pioneering surgeons began to embrace Hand Surgery as a specialty. In 1945, (the year before the inaugural meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand), Professor Domingos Delfino started the 1st Hand Surgery Service in São Paulo. Professor Godoy Morreia Chief of Orthopaedics at Faculdade de Medicina, University of São Paulo, opened the second dedicated Hand Surgery Center directed by Lauro Barros de Abreu until 1979. From 1945 on, many Brazilian Surgeons traveled the world to bring back new technology, information and techniques to expand the ever-increasing practice of “cutting edge” Hand Surgery. In 1965 the first replantation was performed in São Paulo, and by 1974 Ronaldo Azze and Marcus Castro Ferreira developed the first Microsurgery Center in all of South America. This explosion in the interest in and dedication to the specialty of Hand Surgery spread across all of Brazil with centers opening in many metropolitan areas. In Rio De Janeiro, Danilo Gonçalves, Director of Orthopaedics, Hospital Souza Aguiar, developed a Center

for Emergency Care of the traumatized hand, as well as a center for care of the Rheumatoid Hand. He was instrumental in the June 17, 1959 organization of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand at the inaugural meeting in Rio De Janeiro. He also collaborated with José Raul Chiconelli to develop the first Hand surgery training program, also in Rio. At the Inaugural meeting of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand there were 44 Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery founding Members. In 1965, under the leadership of Henrique Bulcão de Moraes, Brazil hosted the first International Meeting of Hand Surgery with attendees from every continent, which stimulated many more young surgeons to pursue a career in this blossoming field. The following year Brazil was recognized as a world leader in Hand Surgery and was asked to be one of the Founding Nations of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (I.F.S.S.H.) at its inaugural meeting in Chicago, represented by Dr. Alipio Pernet. The past 60 years have witnessed the evolution of the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand into a recognized world leader in the expansion of Hand Surgery throughout the entire Upper Limb. It now has five regional societies and remains a cornerstone member of IFSSH. I am a better surgeon today because of all I have learned from many Brazilian Colleagues who have willingly shared their knowledge with me on every trip I have made to Brazil. I was also delighted to help host The members of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand as the ASSH Guest Nation at our Annual Meeting at which I was inducted as the 69th ASSH President, in 2014. I am delighted that currently 56 of my Brazilian colleagues are International Members of ASSH! I am especially grateful to the authors Samuel Ribak and Osvandré Lech for the honor and privilege of congratulating and saluting all of my Brazilian Colleagues and members of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand through this humble remembrance on this auspicious occasion of their 60th Anniversary. To conclude, I would like to thank the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery for everything you shared with me, taught me and, above all, the kindness shown to me during all these years! I hope our academic collaboration will continue for many years and that we work together to build bridges and provide better and better care for our patients everywhere. With deepest admiration and gratitude for our friendship and fellowship, **Bill Seitz.**

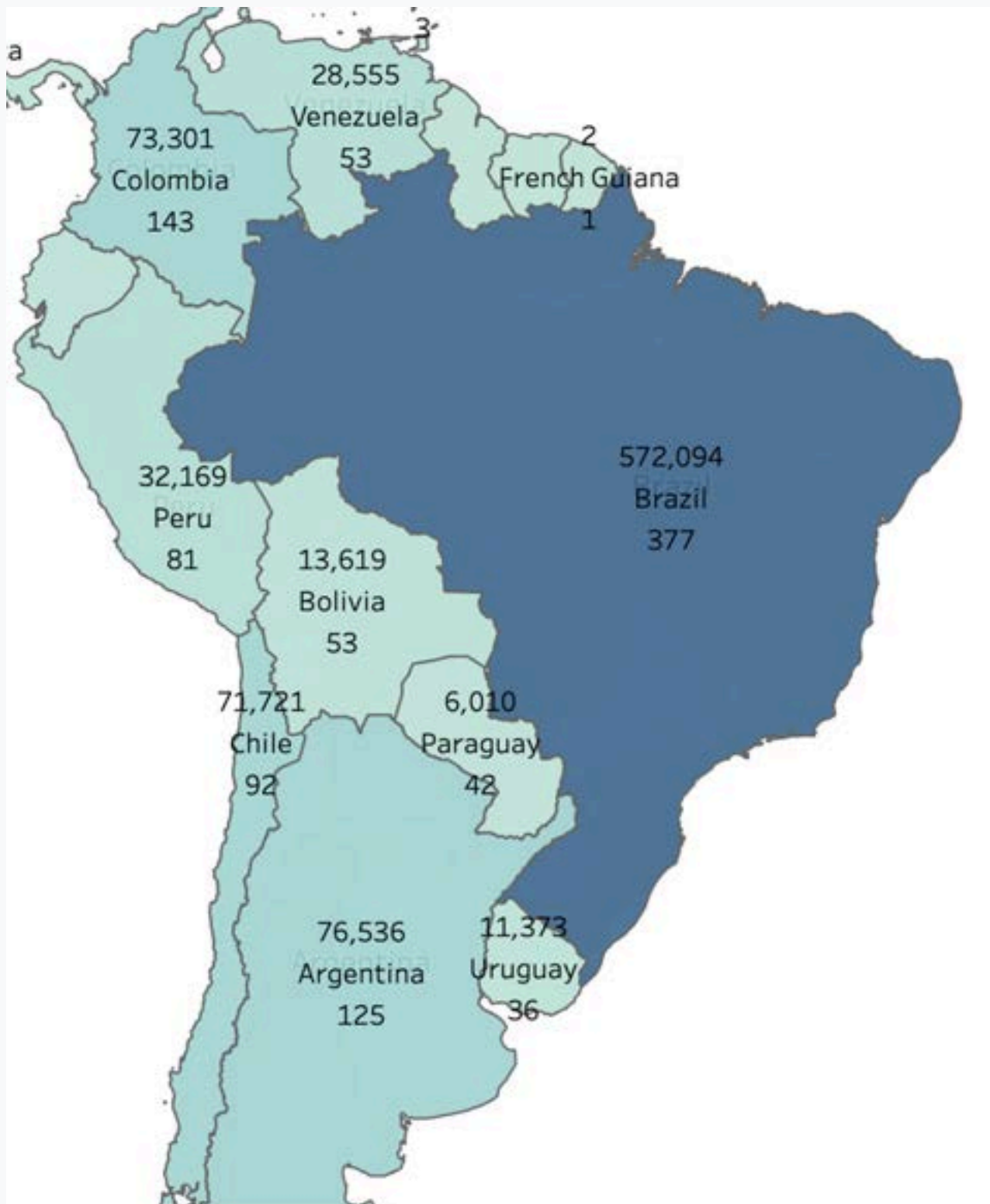


Table showing numbers from the last 12 Brazilian hand surgery congresses organized by SBCM:

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
City	São Paulo	Rio de Janeiro	Maceió	Foz do Iguaçu	São Paulo	Belo Horizonte	Fortaleza
Attendance	576	692	569	585	742	438	645
Budget - Real	R\$ 615.270,50	R\$ 928.675,00	R\$ 775.821,86	R\$ 866.941,51	R\$ 995.208,51	R\$ 785.140,00	R\$ 893.775,35
Buget - Dollar	\$301.219,28	\$405.393,31	\$343.572,85	\$245.321,46	\$304.755,18	\$252.019,00	\$219.525,31
Expenses - Real	R\$ 479.176,03	R\$ 648.437,91	R\$ 499.201,14	R\$ 567.138,33	R\$ 632.039,88	R\$ 517.646,10	R\$ 540.664,27
Expenses - Dollar	\$234.591,22	\$283.061,77	\$221.071,32	\$160.485,11	\$193.544,79	\$166.157,19	\$132.795,66
Income - Real	R\$ 136.094,47	R\$ 280.237,09	R\$ 276.620,72	R\$ 299.803,18	R\$ 363.168,63	R\$ 267.493,90	R\$ 353.111,08
Dollar quotation	2,0426	2,2908	2,2581	3,5339	3,2656	3,1154	4,07
Income - Dollar	\$66.628,06	\$122.331,54	\$122.501,54	\$84.836,35	\$111.210,38	\$85.861,82	\$86.729,65

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City	Gramado	P	Rio de Janeiro	Campinas	Nova Lima	Florianópolis
Attendance	720	A	573	603	596	824
Budget - Real	R\$ 982.295,00	N	R\$ 964.749,06	R\$ 1.201.875,57	R\$ 1.355.909,43	R\$ 1.854.763,73
Buget - Dollar	\$248.336,49	D	\$187.479,17	\$232.921,62	\$272.238,17	\$327.263,12
Expenses - Real	R\$ 599.042,03	E	R\$ 720.089,65	R\$ 872.956,16	R\$ 1.147.806,75	R\$ 1.271.819,80
Expenses - Dollar	\$151.445,34	M	\$139.934,64	\$169.177,55	\$230.455,52	\$224.405,79
Income - Real	R\$ 383.252,97	I	R\$ 244.659,41	R\$ 328.919,41	R\$ 208.102,68	R\$ 582.943,93
Dollar quotation	3,9555	C	5,1459	5,16	4,9806	5,6675
Income - Dollar	\$96.891,16		\$47.544,53	\$63.744,07	\$41.782,65	\$102.857,33

Scientific Production - LILACS – statistics of contribution in South America



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Humanitarian Missions

Summary of Social Actions by SBCM (2015 – 2025)

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) has been actively involved in organizing humanitarian missions for children and adults with hand and limb deformities across Brazil. These actions aim to provide quality healthcare and improve the quality of life for patients by addressing complex medical needs that are often unmet due to resource constraints.

2025: A surgery marathon in Belém do Pará, located in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, will focus on children with congenital deformities, as part of the 45th Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery. Up to 30 surgeries are planned.

2024: In partnership with SBOP, a specialized surgical team led by Dr. Francisco Soldado conducted surgeries focused on correcting tibial pseudarthrosis in São Paulo, using innovative techniques such as the periosteal vascularized free flap to avoid amputations.

2023: The "Uma Mãozinha" initiative in Macapá attended to 16 children, providing necessary surgeries for congenital upper limb issues. Macapá, located in the northern Amazon region, faces socio-economic challenges and geographic isolation.



2022: A series of surgical marathons in Natal and Pará focused on correcting sequelae and deformities, with significant patient and professional engagement.

2021: Nationally coordinated surgery marathons were held in multiple regions, targeting pediatric hand deformities, and emphasizing the need for early interventions.

2019 & 2016: Efforts in Alagoas and Pará included surgeries for brachial plexus injuries and preventive health marathons, respectively, highlighting the importance of specialized care.

In September **2015**, the SBCM's Mãos em Ação project in Alagoas provided free diagnosis and treatment for hand injuries, raising awareness about accident prevention. The initiative included diagnostics, consultations, and surgeries to improve public healthcare services.

The ongoing commitment of SBCM through these initiatives has not only addressed critical health issues but also fostered professional development and awareness, enhancing the overall healthcare landscape in Brazil.





13. Co-operation with the IFSHT



IFSSH / IFSHT Combined congress

Founded in 1988, the Brazilian Society of Hand Therapy (SBTM) was established with the mission of uniting occupational therapists and physical therapists who specialize in the rehabilitation of the hand and upper limb. This initiative was marked by a pioneering collaboration between therapists and hand surgeons, underscoring the critical importance of interdisciplinary approaches to the functional recovery of patients.

Today, the SBTM boasts a membership of 361 professionals who engage in a rich variety of programs, including workshops, scientific meetings, roundtables, and discussion groups. These activities are dedicated to exploring the latest advancements in the field and ensuring that members remain connected to global innovations. Additionally, the society hosts biennial scientific events, such as the Brazilian Congress on Hand Rehabilitation, which has become a cornerstone for knowledge exchange and the recognition of the significant contributions of Brazilian professionals.

A notable achievement of the SBTM is the enhanced participation in international events, which has grown significantly over the years. Society members have made impactful contributions to congresses organized by the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy, the American Society of Hand Therapy, and the Philadelphia Hand Meeting. During these events, Brazilian therapists showcase their work, sharing the depth of their experiences and the high caliber of research conducted in Brazil. This international presence has firmly positioned Brazil as a key player in the global hand therapy arena.

SBTM also takes pride in its collaborations with esteemed international therapists such as Evelyn Mackin, Elaine Fess, Roslyn B. Evans, Judy C. Colditz, and Judith Bell. These partnerships have been instrumental in adapting global best practices to the Brazilian context.

With over three decades of history, the SBTM remains steadfast in its mission to promote excellence in hand and upper limb rehabilitation, emphasizing scientific practice and the exchange of knowledge. This enduring legacy reflects the society's commitment to transforming lives through technical and human advancements.



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14. Peri-Congress Traveling Fellowship

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) is delighted to offer a unique peri-congress traveling fellowship experience. This opportunity allows fellows to enhance their skills and knowledge across a network of 33 accredited training centers, which are prepared to welcome participants. Fellows will benefit from an enriching and immersive experience in diverse clinical settings throughout Brazil, engaging with leading experts and gaining valuable insights into the field of hand surgery.

Accredited Training Centers:

- Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina de Goiás
- Hospital Life Center Sistema de Saúde S/A
- Hospital Madre Teresa e Maria Amélia Lins
- Hospital São Francisco de Assis
- Santa Casa de Belo Horizonte
- Hospital Porto Dias
- Hospital Getúlio Vargas PE
- IMIP - Instituto de Medicina Integral Prof. Fernando Figueira
- Hospital Universitário Cajuru - PUC
- Hospital de Clínicas da Universidade Federal do Paraná
- Hospital Federal da Lagoa
- Hospital Universitário Antônio Pedro da Univ. Federal Fluminense
- Hospital Universitário Pedro Ernesto (UERJ)
- Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia (INTO)
- Hospital da Cidade de Passo Fundo - HO
- Hospital São Lucas da PUC de Porto Alegre - RS
- Irmandade da Santa Casa de Misericórdia de Porto Alegre
- Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul, Campus HSVP, IOT Passo Fundo-RS
- IOT - Hospital Municipal São José
- Escola Paulista de Medicina - EPM/UNIFESP
- Faculdade de Medicina do ABC
- Hospital Alvorada
- Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina de Ribeirão Preto
- Hospital do Servidor Público Municipal de SP
- Hospital IFOR - Rede DOR São Luiz
- Hospital Municipal Tatuapé Dr. Cármino Caricchio
- Hospital Santa Marcelina
- Instituto de Ortopedia e Traumatologia HCFMUSP
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo - Campus Campinas
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo - Campus Sorocaba
- Santa Casa de São Paulo
- UNESP - Botucatu
- UNICAMP - Universidade Estadual de Campinas

The four institutions based in Rio de Janeiro have already sent a document offering to host the candidates for the pre-congress travelling fellowship.



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SICM - Società Italiana di Chirurgia della Mano

Bid for hosting the 2nd IFSSH Mid-Term Course

A Commitment to Advancing Global Hand Surgery

The Società Italiana di Chirurgia della Mano (SICM) is honored to bid for the 2nd IFSSH Mid-Term Course (MTC), driven by its longstanding commitment to advancing hand surgery through education, research, and international collaboration.

With a rich history and global impact, SICM stands as an ideal host for this prestigious event.

A Tradition of Leadership in Hand Surgery

Founded in 1962, SICM has fostered a culture of innovation for decades, contributing significantly to the global development of hand surgery through innovative research and international partnerships.

As a founding member of the IFSSH, SICM aligns closely with its mission to promote knowledge exchange and elevate global standards in hand surgery. SICM's extensive experience in organizing educational events is demonstrated by the recent success of the 2023 FESSH Congress, which attracted an unprecedented number of attendees. This accomplishment underscores SICM's ability to host high-profile international events, ensuring excellent scientific content and seamless execution. Central to SICM's bid is its desire to share its educational and training expertise with the IFSSH for this formative event. By drawing on its well-established strengths, SICM aims to enrich the MTC with innovative, practical, and collaborative learning opportunities. These efforts support perfectly the IFSSH's mission to enhance professional knowledge and research globally. To emphasize its commitment to inclusivity and global outreach, SICM will actively encourage and facilitate participation from hand surgeons worldwide, with a special focus on those from low- and middle-income countries. To achieve this, SICM will offer reduced registration fees and provide affordable accommodation options. This initiative highlights SICM's strong sense of hospitality, ensuring that the MTC is accessible to a broad and diverse audience, and would further reaffirm SICM's role as a bridge between surgical communities worldwide.

Venice: A Symbol of Cross-Cultural Exchange

The proposed venue, Venice, adds a unique dimension to SICM's bid. Historically, as the heart of the "Serenissima Repubblica," Venice connected East and West, serving for centuries as a vibrant hub of trade, diplomacy, and cultural exchange. Its legacy as a meeting point for exchanging ideas, expertise, and innovation mirrors the goals of the IFSSH Mid-Term Course.

Hosting the MTC in Venice would inspire dialogue and collaboration in a setting synonymous with global connectivity, cultural exchange, and innovation.

The Bid

SICM's bid to host the IFSSH Mid-Term Course reflects its dedication to advancing hand surgery and fostering global collaboration. With its rich surgical legacy, educational excellence, supported by Venice's historical significance as a gateway to diverse cultures, SICM promises an event that unites tradition, innovation, and global engagement.

The Società Italiana di Chirurgia della Mano is proud to offer its expertise to ensure the success of this transformative event and empower the global hand surgery community to reach new heights.

- The Chair and Members of the Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee is chaired by Dr. Andrea Atzei, MD, and by a panel of six eminent co-chairs.

The Chair of the Committee. **Andrea Atzei**, MD: His leadership of the SICM Foundation Course on Wrist Arthroscopy (2002–2023) and the SICM Course on Advanced Surgical Skills highlights his commitment to advancing hand surgery expertise. As former President of the European Wrist Arthroscopy Society (EWAS) (2015) and current Secretary General of the European Wrist Arthroscopy Association (EWA), he has been involved in developing and disseminating innovative techniques in the field of wrist arthroscopy.

The co-chairs bring exceptional credentials in education, leadership, and their respective subspecialties:

Bruno Battiston, MD, PhD: Former President of SICM (2017–2019) and the Italian Society of Microsurgery (2006–2008), Dr. Battiston served as President of the SICM Annual Meeting in 2012. His roles as Secretary General of the European Federation of Societies for Microsurgery (2008–2010) and President of the Narakas Club (2024) demonstrate his international influence and expertise in microsurgery and peripheral nerve surgery.

Massimo Corain, MD: Member of FESSH Council and Chairman of the FESSH Committee on Hand Trauma and Clinical Practice (2023–26) and President of the Pediatric Hand International Society of Surgeons (PHISOS) (2022–2024), Dr. Corain's is slated to serve as President of the SICM Annual Meeting in 2026. His leadership in pediatric hand surgery and trauma, as well as his role as an examiner for the European Diploma in Hand Surgery (FESSH), highlights his educational contributions.

Riccardo Luchetti, MD: A past president of SICM (2015–2017), ISSPORTH (2017–19) and EWAS (2007), founder member of EWA (2024), Dr. Luchetti is a global leader in arthroscopy, sport surgery and nerve surgery. His leadership of the 2013 SICM Annual Meeting and the attendance-record-breaking 2023 FESSH Annual Meeting and numerous other events highlights his ability to advance professional standards across the field.

Alessia Pagnotta, MD: Chair of the SICM Advanced Microsurgery Course and examiner for the European Diploma in Hand Surgery (FESSH), Dr. Pagnotta excels in reconstructive microsurgery after trauma and oncological resection. She was President of the 2024 SICM Annual Meeting and will serve as President of the Italian Society of Microsurgery during the MTC (2025–2027), reflecting her dedication to advancing hand and microsurgery education and training.

Sandra Pfanner, MD: A respected leader in reconstructive microsurgery and rheumatoid and arthritic hand surgery, Dr. Pfanner will serve as President of the Italian Society of Hand Surgery during the MTC (2025–2027). Her experience as Chair of the SICM Educational Committee and President of the 2019 SICM Annual Meeting highlights her expertise in clinical practice and education.

Michele Riccio, MD An expert in limb orthoplasty, reconstructive microsurgery and regenerative surgery, Dr. Riccio is the current President of SICM and was President of the 2021 SICM Annual Meeting. He serves as Vice President of the Lipofilling Academy, a research center for regenerative surgery, and has conducted significant research on enzymatic fasciotomy for Dupuytren's disease. Dr. Riccio is committed to fostering research innovation and advancing educational excellence.

Together, this team represents exceptional expertise in education, training, and leadership within the field of hand surgery. Notably, their combined expertise spans all major subspecialties of hand surgery, including microsurgery, nerve surgery, joint replacement surgery, and arthroscopy, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the discipline. Their collective achievements and prominent roles in national and international scientific societies make them exceptionally qualified to ensure an event that meets the highest standards of excellence and fosters global connections in the field of hand surgery.

- City and venue

Venice, a world-renowned cultural capital, offers an unmatched blend of historical charm and modern convenience, making it an ideal destination for the IFSSH MTC. Iconic gateway between East and West, it provides an inspiring setting for an international event centered on collaboration and knowledge exchange. Venice is well-connected via the **Marco Polo International Airport**, Italy's third largest for passenger volume, offering direct connections to over 120 international destinations weekly. Additionally,

Treviso Airport, provides affordable options for low-cost and regional flights. High-speed trains link Venice to major Italian and European cities through **Santa Lucia Railway Station**. For those arriving by car, parking is available at **Piazzale Roma** and **Tronchetto**. Public transportation (by water buses) efficiently connects Marco Polo Airport, the city, and the Lido, where the MTC will be held. Delegates will have access to a discounted public transportation pass valid for the duration of the course.

The **Lido of Venice** offers a diverse range of accommodations to suit all preferences, from luxury hotels to charming and budget-friendly guesthouses. Various recreational activities, including cycling, horse riding, and golf, are also available, providing the perfect blend of relaxation and professional engagement.

The **Palazzo del Cinema** is a world-class congress venue. Located on the Lido of Venice, as the historic home of the *Venice International Film Festival*, it provides an iconic and sophisticated setting for the MTC. The venue features the **Sala Grande**, which seats up to 1,032 attendees, alongside eight additional conference rooms accommodating 20 to 120 participants. This versatility supports a range of activities, from plenary sessions and workshops to expert-led discussions and case-based sessions. An over 1,000 square meters of exhibition space and a 1,200-square-meter terrace, ideal for networking events and industries displays are also available. Depending on the number of delegates and the requirements of the scientific program, larger rooms in the nearby **Palazzo Del Casino**, such as the **Sala Darsena** (seating up to 1,400 attendees), can also be utilized. State-of-the-art AV equipment and connectivity ensure a smooth execution of presentations and virtual collaborations (including online live streaming).

- **Proposed dates:**

The proposed dates are March 21–25, 2027, which fall during the week leading up to Easter.

Airfare and accommodation costs are generally lower in March, before the peak Easter season begins. Venice typically experiences pleasant spring weather in late March, creating an inviting atmosphere during the course. By hosting the MTC during this period, we aim to maximize attendance while creating a memorable experience for participants in the enchanting setting of Venice.

- **The topics the Course will cover**

The format of the IFSSH MTC is designed as a dynamic and comprehensive 4.5-day scientific event, combining structured educational sessions with interactive and hands-on learning opportunities.

The following event outline highlights the Opening Ceremony and the Scientific Program.

Opening Ceremony: Sunday afternoon/evening.

The ceremony welcomes participants but also can function as a fundraising event to support the IFSSH Patron of Hand Surgery Program (charity collaboration opportunities are being explored).

Scientific Program: 4 full days, from Monday to Thursday, include:

- **Instructional course lectures:** presented during plenary sessions, on the following main topics:
 - o *From Fracture Management to Reconstruction of the Traumatic Hand & Wrist*
 - o *Management of the Degenerative Hand & Wrist*
 - o *Soft Tissue Coverage of the Hand & Wrist*
 - o *Tendon Repair & Reconstruction*
 - o *Brachial plexus & peripheral nerves*
 - o *Microsurgical Reconstruction in Hand Trauma & Tumors*
 - o *Congenital Hand & Pediatric trauma*
 - o *Dupuytren's Disease*

- **Parallel Sessions:** will take place in the afternoon, following the Plenary Sessions.

This format is designed to meet the specific educational needs of each MTC participant, focusing on

a practical approach that encourages interaction between participants and faculty.

Participants can explore additional topics by registering for the following activities:

Focus Sessions: Targeted discussions on the following specific subtopics:

Infections of the Hand & Wrist

Wide-awake surgery

Wrist Arthroscopy: Basic Level

Advanced Learning with Artificial Intelligence

Wrist Arthroscopy: Intermediate Level

Wrist Arthroscopy: Advanced Level

Hands-On Workshops: Practical training to enhance technical skills on:

Internal Fixation of the Hand

Internal Fixation of the Distal Radius

3D-planned bone reconstruction

Internal Fixation of the Elbow

Diagnostic Ultrasound of the Hand & Wrist

Operative Ultrasound of the Hand & Wrist

Basic Microsurgical Skills Dry-lab

Robotics in Microsurgery

Joint Replacement in the Hand

Joint Replacement in the Wrist & DRUJ

Expert-Led Sessions: Interactive discussions with leading specialists.

Case Discussions: Real-world cases highlighting decision-making and treatment strategies.

This tentative format and program balances foundational learning with advanced practical engagement and will be refined with input from the IFSSH President and Secretary General, as well as an international advisory board. Their collaboration ensures a program tailored to attendees of all expertise levels.

- The main topics that international faculty will cover

If the bid is accepted, the Organizing Committee intends to establish a Scientific Committee comprising eminent specialists from SICM and FESSH, as well as an international advisory board including experts from overseas. This collaborative effort aims to ensure the development of a high-standard, innovative program that reflects global expertise in hand surgery. If the proposed course structure and format are confirmed, SICM will be delighted to invite, among other European experts, renowned experts from overseas to cover the following topics:

- Brachial plexus and peripheral nerve reconstruction
- Complex hand and wrist trauma
- Congenital anomalies of the hand and wrist
- Microsurgical reconstruction in hand trauma and tumors.
- Tendon surgery and WALANT technique
- Wrist reconstruction and arthroscopy

- Closing Remarks

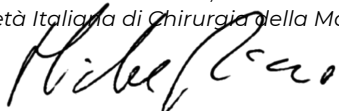
The SICM bid combines tradition, innovation, and global vision.

Committed to organizing an accessible, inclusive, and scientifically excellent event, SICM is eager to collaborate with the IFSSH to ensure the success of the 2nd Mid-Term Course and advance the global hand surgery community.

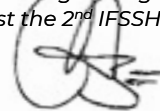
By entrusting the Società Italiana di Chirurgia della Mano with the organization of the Mid-Term Course, the IFSSH will gain a dedicated partner capable of enhancing the significance of this strategic event.

Venice, 18/12/24

Michele Riccio, MD
President,
Società Italiana di Chirurgia della Mano



Andrea Atzei, MD
Chair of the Organizing Committee
SICM Bid to Host the 2nd IFSSH Mid-Term Course



**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND****Report of the IFSSH Nominating Committee**

President
Daniel Nagle
Chicago, USA

The Nominating Committee of the IFSSH met via Zoom on February 16, 2025.

President Elect
S. Raja Sabapathy
Coimbatore, India

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Immediate Past President
Marc Garcia-Elias
Barcelona, Spain

Secretary-General
David Warwick
Southampton, United Kingdom

Nominating Committee Action

Communications Director
Jin Bo Tang
Nantong, China

The following positions are filled by automatic succession and require no action:

Immediate Past President	Daniel Nagle
President	Raja Sabapathy
President Elect	David Warwick

Members-at-Large:

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Gregory Bain
Adelaide, Australia

The Committee considered the candidates for:

1. Secretary-General (term 2025 – 2031)
2. Communications Director (term 2025 – 2028)
3. Executive Committee Members-at-Large (term 2025 – 2028), and
4. Nominating Committee Members-at-Large (term 2025 – 2028)

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Francisco del Piñal
Madrid, Spain

The Nominating Committee, after thorough and thoughtful review of the applicants, has agreed that the following candidates proceed to the election round at the Delegates' Council, at which the successful candidate(s) for each role will be chosen.

Europe & Africa
David Shewring
Cardiff, United Kingdom

North & Central America
Jorge Clifton Correa
Guadalajara, Mexico

It is critical that each delegate take the time to carefully read through every candidate's application, accessible on the [IFSSH Delegate Area webpage](#) to familiarize themselves with each candidate's qualifications.

South America
Aida Garcia Gomez
Bogota, Colombia

The nomination guidelines stipulate that letters of support may originate from either a member society or an individual Executive Committee (ExCo) member (except in the case of applications for the Secretary-General position, in which three letters are required). Please note that nominations submitted by ExCo members are made in their personal capacity and do not constitute an endorsement by the Executive Committee as a whole.

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1. Secretary General

- **Gregory Bain**

- Country of residence: Australia
- Nominated by:
 - Francisco del Pinal (ExCo member)
 - Australian Hand Surgery Society
 - Belgian Hand Group

- **Jin Bo Tang**

- Country of residence: China
- Nominated by:
 - David Warwick (ExCo member)
 - Association of Chinese Speaking Hand Surgeons United
 - Canadian Society for Surgery of the Hand

2. Communications Director

- **Aida Garcia Gomez**

- Country of residence: Colombia
- Nominated by: Jin Bo Tang (ExCo member)

- **Sandeep Jacob Sebastin**

- Country of residence: Singapore
- Nominated by: Singapore Society for Surgery of the Hand

3. Executive Committee Members-at-Large

a. Asia-Pacific: one (1) position

- **Satoshi Ichihara**
 - Country of residence: Japan
 - Nominated by: Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand

b. Europe and Africa: two (2) positions

- **Ilse Degreef**
 - Country of residence: Belgium
 - Nominated by: Jin Bo Tang (ExCo member)
- **Jonathan Hobby**
 - Country of residence: United Kingdom
 - Nominated by: British Society for Surgery of the Hand
- **Balasz Lenkei**
 - Country of residence: Hungary
 - Nominated by: Hungarian Society for Surgery of the Hand
- **Pierluigi Tos**
 - Country of residence: Italy
 - Nominated by: Daniel Nagle (ExCo member)

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c. North and Central America, inc Caribbean: one (1) position

- **Steven Moran**
 - Country of residence: USA
 - Nominated by: American Society for Surgery of the Hand
- **Juan Ramon Bonfil**
 - Country of residence: Mexico
 - Nominated by: Marc Garcia-Elias (ExCo member)
- **David Ruch**
 - Country of residence: USA
 - Nominated by: Gregory Bain (ExCo member)

d. South America: one (1) position

- **Fidel Cayon**
 - Country of residence: Ecuador
 - Nominated by: Aida Garcia Gomez (ExCo member)
- **Fernando Menvielle**
 - Country of residence: Argentina
 - Nominated by: Argentine Association for Surgery of the Hand and Reconstruction of the Upper Limb
- **Milton Bernandes Pignataro**
 - Country of residence: Brazil
 - Nominated by: Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand
- **Sebastian von Unger**
 - Country of residence: Chile
 - Nominated by: Chilean Society for Surgery of the Hand and Microsurgery

4. Nominating Committee Members-at-Large: two (2) positions

- **Moroe Beppu**
 - Country of residence: Japan
 - Nominated by: Japanese Society for Surgery of the Hand
- **Roland Hicks**
 - Country of residence: Australia
 - Nominated by: Raja Sabapathy (ExCo member)
- **Nash Naam**
 - Country of residence: USA
 - Nominated by: Daniel Nagle (ExCo member)



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

This notification is provided one month in advance of the Delegates' Council Meeting, at which the elections will take place, to allow time for the IFSSH Delegates to discuss the candidates with their society's Board.

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IFSSH Member Societies receive one vote each (undertaken by the IFSSH Delegate at the Council Meeting). Societies must be financially compliant to vote. The IFSSH Secretariat has contacted the IFSSH Delegates of the societies who have not met their obligation.

Please contact administration@ifssh.info if you require further information.

Respectfully submitted February 26, 2025

Marc Garcia Elias

Chair 2022 – 2025 IFSSH Nominating Committee

IFSHT President, Peggy Boineau (PB)-- Activities since June 2024

- Updated the Congress agreement with host society, effective beginning with the 2031 Congress.
- Implemented new process for Congress bids.
 - Consider joint bids first
 - If no joint bids are acceptable to the IFSHT (i.e. no established hand therapy society that can host), then standalone bids will be considered
 - For joint bids, the therapy society will be required to have a strong written and signed agreement with the surgery society and must demonstrate ability to financially support the Congress.

13th IFSHT Triennial Congress / 16th IFSSH Triennial Congress, 2025, Washington, D.C., USA

- Successfully completed the plans for the Congress

14th IFSHT Triennial Congress / 17th IFSSH Triennial Congress, Singapore

- IFSHT obtained confirmation from the Singapore Hand Therapists, indicating they have a signed agreement with the Singapore Hand Surgeon Society for collaboration on the Congress.
- IFSHT has signed agreement with Singapore Hand Therapy Association for hosting the Congress

IFSHT Membership:

- 62 total
- New this triennial period:
 - Full: Malaysia
 - Associate: Malawi, Ethiopia, Vietnam
 - Corresponding: Bhutan, Costa Rica, Kuwait
- Attrition: Removed Egypt as Corresponding due to failure to correspond and failure to pay dues

Web-based Communication with Hand Therapists Globally:

- *REACH* newsletter
- Website (www.ifsht.org)
- Facebook and Instagram
- IFSHT contribution to IFSSH *E-zine*

IFSHT Grants and Awards:

- **IFSHT Evelyn Mackin Congress Grant:** sponsorship of therapists from developing countries to attend triennial congress.
 - Raised 37,690 USD
 - Includes 20,000 USD from anonymous donor
 - Includes 10,000 USD from IFSSH, for which we are very thankful
 - Awarded 9 grants
 - 7 accepted: Bangladesh, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Ghana, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Malawi
 - 2 declined due to unable to obtain visa: Ukraine, Rwanda
- **IFSHT/IFSSH Triennial Congress Grant:**
 - Raised 15,752 USD and for partial Congress attendance
 - Includes 5,000 USD from IFSSH for which we are very thankful

- Supported 25 therapists from 15 countries.
- **IFSHT-IFSSH International Hand Therapy Teaching Awards.**
 - Grants up to 1500 USD are available to support therapists teaching hand therapy in less-developed countries.
 - Awarded 1500 USD to a UK hand therapist to travel to Sierra Leone to teach about hand therapy.
 - Awarded 1500 USD to a UK and a Swiss hand therapist to travel to Sri Lanka to teach about hand therapy
- **Cristina Alegri Award for Innovation in Hand Therapy:** to be awarded 24 March 2025.
- **IFSHT Lifetime Achievement Award:** 7 to be awarded 24 March 2025

DYNAMOMETER PROGRAM:

- Program has concluded as of February 2025
- 25 years
- 102 units
- 34 countries

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Boineau
IFSHT President (2022-2025)
12 March 2025

APPENDIX G



Annual report of APFSSH 2025

Office Bearers for 2023-2025

President: Anthony Berger

President Elect: Fuminori Kanaya

Secretary-General: Alphonsus Chong

Treasurer: Hyun Sik Gong

Immediate Past President: S Raja Sabapathy

Editor-in-Chief: Sandeep Sebastin Muttath (from 1 Jan 2024)

Members (co-opted):

1. Clara Wong
2. Emmanuel Estrella
3. Jeremy Prakash
4. Jihyeung Kim
5. Margaret Fok
6. Michael Boland
7. Pankaj Ahire
8. Peter Maloney
9. Toshiyasu Nakamura
10. Yuwarat Monteerarat

Member Countries

1. Australia
2. Hong Kong
3. India
4. Indonesia
5. Japan
6. Malaysia

7. Philippines
8. Singapore
9. South Korea
10. Taiwan
11. Thailand
12. New Zealand
13. Bangladesh
14. Nepal
15. United Arab Emirates

Subcommittees

1. Finance
2. Education
3. Communications (Newsletter, Website, Social Media)
4. Membership
5. Diversity

This has been a year of consolidation of the many activities undertaken by the APFSSH. Our membership has been increasing with the Nepal Hand Surgery Society and the Emirates Hand Surgery Society joining the Federation. We have also accepted Associate Membership from 2 surgeons from Vietnam.

In August last year the APFSSH in conjunction with the FESSH Academy and the Malaysian Society for Surgery of the Hand ran the first Foundation Course in Hand Surgery. This 3 day course was very well attended with 85 registrants from 16 different countries. The reviews from the registrants were all excellent. We thank Jonathan Hobby for his excellent guidance with this first course. The next Foundation Course will be run in Hong Kong with the help of the Hong Kong Society for Surgery of the Hand from 4-6 march 2026.

Our Education Committee has been very active with a number of applicants for the APFSSH Travelling Fellowship and Visiting Professorship programs. We have also recently introduced the APFSSH Advanced Training Fund. This will provide

financial support for two young surgeons from a member society to attend a specialized course offering advanced training in areas such as brachial plexus surgery, microsurgery, congenital hand surgery, arthroscopy, and related fields.

Planning for the 14th APFSSH meeting in Mumbai from 10th to 13th September 2025 is progressing well. This again will be held in conjunction with the 48th ISSHCON, 10th APFSHT, 9th APWA and SHTI meetings. The theme for this meeting will be Progress with Purpose. The organizing committee chairmen, Dr Ahire are developing an excellent program and I would encourage everyone to attend. The next APFSSH meeting will be in Japan in 2027.

Anthony Berger

President APFSSH

Activities of the Latin American Federation of Hand Surgery during the second half of 2024 and 2025

According to the planning carried out by the 2024/2025 Argentinian management, the following events were successfully held:

- On July 18th, 19th and 20th, 2024, in La Paz, the **1st Combined Congress with the Bolivian Society of Hand Surgery** was held with great success. The event was attended by their President, Dr. Jorge Terrazas, and FLACM President Dr. Sergio Daroda, along with prestigious guests such as Drs. Fernando Menvielle, and Carlos Martínez from Argentina, Samuel Ribak from Brazil, Fabio Suárez and Luis Náquira from Colombia, Amy Moore and Alejandro Badia from USA, and physical therapists Mariana Asseff (Argentina) and Nancy Chee (USA).



- On September 19th, the **FLACM Virtual Session** was organized, hosted by the Mexican Association and the Mexican Society of Hand Surgery, led by Drs. Luis Felipe Náquira and Fabio Suárez from Colombia. The session featured presentations of four original techniques by Drs. Miguel Angel Hernández, Joaquín Díaz, Luis Sánchez Gutiérrez and Francisco García Lira



- On October 17th, 18th and 19th, 2024, the **2nd Congress of the Peruvian Society of Hand Surgery** was successfully held in Asunción, in collaboration with FLACM. The event was attended by their president, Dr. Bruno Pietrapianna, and featured presentations by Drs. Sergio Daroda, Fernando Menvielle, Miguel Capomassi, Fernando Juarez Cesca, Matías Sala from Argentina, Carlos Sáez from Brazil, Luis Náquira from Colombia among other speakers.



- Additionally, FLACM joined **Argentinian Hand Surgery Congress** held in Mar del Plata, Argentina on November 6th, 2024. They coordinated a Flexor Tendon Symposium with a panel of experts from numerous countries in the region: Drs. Sergio Daroda, Fernando Menvielle and Álvaro Muratore (Argentina), Antonio Costa (Brazil), Juan Ramón Bonfil (Mexico), Victoria Hernández (Uruguay), Alejandro Badía (USA), and PT Fernanda Coscueta (Argentina).



- Finally on November 21st and 22nd, 2024, in Guatemala city, the **1st Combined Congress with the Guatemalan Society of Hand Surgery** was held with great success. The event was attended by their President, Dr. Juan Carlos González Morales, and FLACM President Dr. Sergio Daroda, along with the prestigious presence of Dr Eduardo Zancolli. Others renowned specialists such as Drs. Fernando Menvielle, and Agustín Donndorff from Argentina, Luis Náquira from Colombia, Fernando Romero from Guatemala, Joaquin Díaz, Francisco García Lira and Efraín Farías from Mexico, and Fidel Cayón from Ecuador were present.



The following activities are scheduled for the next FLACM Congress in Buenos Aires:

- May 8-9-10, 2025, San José, Costa Rica. **1st Costa Rican Congress of Hand Surgery**
- April 2025, Online Session with the **Chilean Society of Hand Surgery**.
- August 2025, Online Session the **Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery**.



We'll finish our FLACM management in Buenos Aires transferring the Presidency to Dr Fabio Suárez representing Colombian Association of Surgery for the Hand (ASOCIMANO) for the period 2026-2027:



- XX CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HAND SURGERY

Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 15th-16th-17th 2025.

LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HAND SURGERY ACTIVITIES 2024/2025

During the XIX Congress of the Latin American Federation of Hand Surgery (FLACM) held from November 6-11, 2023, Drs. Sergio Daroda assumed the presidency and Fernando Menvielle the secretaryship, representing the Argentine Association of Hand Surgery (AACM).

Our main goal was to support the least developed countries helping them in organizing their Hand Surgery Congresses.

All FLACM activities performed during 2023 and 2024 are detailed below:

1. December 8-9, 2023, Montevideo, Uruguay. **1st Uruguayan Course of Hand Surgery**
2. February 1-2, 2024, Symposium at **IFSSH Mid-Term Course**, Quito, Ecuador.
3. April 5-6, 2024, Asunción, Paraguay. **1st Paraguayan Congress of Hand Surgery**
4. May 22, 2024. Online Session with **Colombian Association** of Hand Surgery
5. July 18-19, 2024, La Paz, Bolivia. **1st Bolivian Congress of Hand Surgery**
6. September 2024, Online Session with **Mexican Association/Society** of Hand Surgery
7. October 17-18, 2024, Lima, Peru. **2nd Peruvian Congress of Hand Surgery**
8. November 6, 2024, Symposium at **48th Argentinian Congress of Hand Surgery**
9. November 21-22, 2024, Guatemala City, Guatemala. **1st Guatemalan Congress of Hand Surgery**



The following activities are scheduled up to the next FLACM Congress in Buenos Aires:

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Buenos Aires, Argentina, 15-16-17 October 2025.

During these two years we worked with different committees:

Executive Committee:

- Dr. Carlos Martínez (AACM President 2013)
- Dr. Carlos Lupotti (AACM President 2014)
- Dr. Gabriel Clembosky (AACM President 2015)
- Dr. Cecilio Argañaraz (AACM President 2018)
- Dr. Martín Caloia (AACM President 2019)
- Dr. Diego Garat (AACM President 2023)
- Dr. Agustín Donndorff (AACM Secretary 2014-2021)

Counselling Committee (past Presidents of FSCM):

- Dr. Eduardo R Zancolli (1996-1997)
- Dr. Mario Rodríguez Sammartino (2010-2011)
- Dr. Rodolfo V Cosentino (2016-2017)
- Dr. Miguel Capomassi (AACM President - FSCM Congress 2007)

Social Media Committee

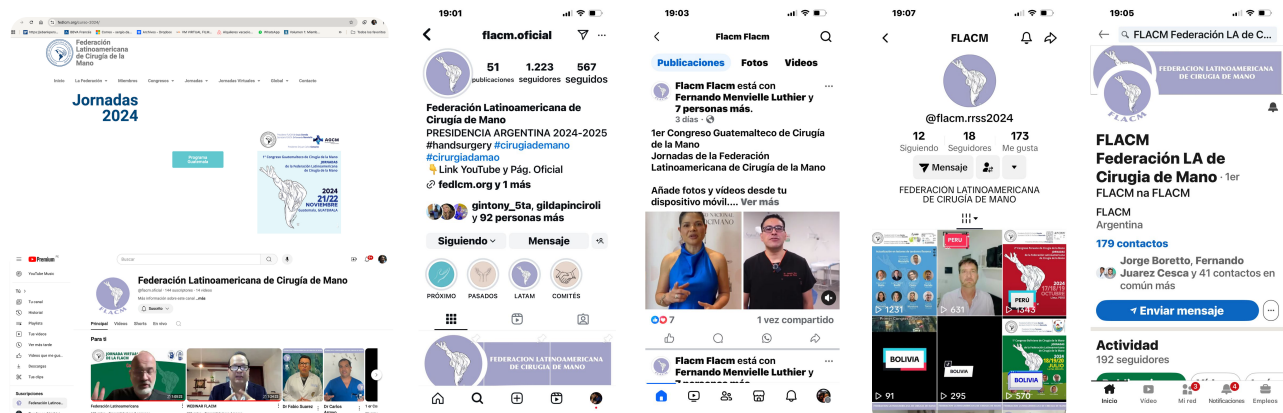
- Dr. Leonardo Lázaro (Argentina)
- Dr. Fernando Juárez Cesca (Argentina)
- Dr. Hernán Fiminela (Argentina)
- Dr. Carlos Morales (Venezuela)
- Dra. Maruel Fortunato (Dominican Republic)
- Dra. Paula Ramírez (Chile)
- Dra. Fernanda Rocha (Brazil)
- Dra. Camila Seneka (Brazil)
- Dr. Alberto Rojas (Colombia)
- CM Ornella Fagioli (Argentina)

FLACM Congress Committee:

- Dr Sergio Daroda
- Dr Fernando Menvielle
- Dr Diego Garat
- Dr Agustín Donndorff
- Dr Fernando Juarez Cesca

A new communication design is being implemented, including the development of a website, and presence on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube:

- Website: Fedlcm.org
- Instagram: flacm.official
- Facebook: Flacm Flacm
- TikTok: FLACM
- LinkedIn: Flacm na Flacm
- Youtube: @flacm.official



Finally, a new visual identity has been designed to accompany all FLACM activities, along with a color palette representing each member country.

