

IFSSH Newsletter – June 2011

2011 Delegates' Council Meeting

Six months have passed since the Seoul 2010 IFSSH Congress and it is time to renew our energy and focus our thoughts on future IFSSH plans. Requests, new ideas and projects are to be planned and discussed, and all IFSSH member nations are invited to be a part of this process. The annual IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting provides the forum for this opportunity.

The 2011 IFSSH Delegates' Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual congress of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) in Las Vegas. The programme is now available and the Delegates' Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th September, 11:30am.**

More information regarding the ASSH Congress (September 8-10) is available at www.assh.org/AnnualMeeting. On-line registration has opened on the website and on-site registration is available from Tuesday 6th September.

In order to have a successful meeting we need two important factors:

Firstly, we need the active participation of all societies, as only with the presence of the delegates of all societies will our discussions and decisions reflect the opinions, will and priorities of the international hand surgery community. If your Society's IFSSH Delegate cannot attend the meeting personally, please advise the secretariat (administration@ifssh.info) of an alternate member of your society who will be present.

Secondly, we need to ensure that our meeting is well prepared. We must efficiently discuss many matters and, as always, one meeting is rarely enough time to do so without prior preparation. For this we need to have your thoughts, ideas, requests and plans in due time to include them in the agenda. We would appreciate if everybody who has something to say, something to ask, or something to suggest could send us these intentions by e-mail for inclusion in the agenda.

The full details and agenda/documents for the IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting will be forwarded to all Delegates' before the meeting.

The IFSSH Executive look forward to seeing IFSSH Delegates and Congress participants in the USA in September when we join the annual ASSH meeting.

Ezine

The second issue of the IFSSH ezine was published in May by the President of IFSSH, Ulrich Mennen. Both the scientific content and format of this publication are outstanding and we congratulate Ulrich on this initiative. We hope that many thousands of hand surgeons around the world enjoy reading the ezine.

FESSH Congress, Oslo 2010

A successful FESSH congress was held in Oslo, May 25-28 2010. The Congress attracted more than 1300 hand surgeons and hand therapists, mainly from Europe, but also from North America, the Asia-Pacific, South America and Africa. The Congress provided well organised scientific and social programmes, and these, along with the high number of exhibitors and workshops, resulted in an interesting meeting.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Oslo Congress. We look forward to a meeting of equal quality when our Belgian colleagues host the 2012 Antwerp FESSH Congress.

Bursaries and Grants

Bursaries and grants are available for worthy projects that fulfil the criteria for the use of IFSSH funds. All member societies are welcome to submit proposals to apply for a bursary or congress assistance grant. The guidelines and criteria can be found on the website. Applications should be submitted to the Secretary-General (secretary@ifssh.info) for consideration by the Executive Committee.

IFSSH website

The IFSSH website (www.ifssh.info) is continually updated with society details. If your society wishes to place details of its annual meeting on this website, please also inform the secretariat and include details of the dates, location and website/email for enquiries.

Future Meetings

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

XIIth IFSSH - IXth IFSSH Congress - New Delhi, India.
4th - 8th March, 2013

XIIIth IFSSH – Xth IFSSH Congress – Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Yours sincerely,

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