

IFSSH Newsletter

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IFSSH 2010 Congress – Seoul, Korea (31st October – 4th November)

Organisation is in place for a splendid scientific meeting and social gathering at the IFSSH Congress in Seoul in October/November this year. This triennial congress creates an ideal environment for the gathering of hand surgery societies from 50 countries, rich and poor, and of disparate development.

Prof Moon Sang Chung, Prof Goo Hyun Baek and their committees will reward all of us who attend with a combination of unique Korean history, social customs, cuisine and gentle hospitality. The scientific programme offers guest lectures from world renowned surgeons, including Professor Jesse Jupiter from the United States who has been awarded the honour of presenting the Swanson Lecture, symposia covering the curriculum of hand surgery, and plenty of scope for registrants to describe their clinical and research experiences in free paper sessions.

The IFSSH Executive Committee encourages everyone to join us in Seoul this year.

IFSSH Pioneers of Hand Surgery - Call for Nominations

The IFSSH Executive invites nominations for Pioneers of Hand Surgery, to be awarded at the 2010 IFSSH Congress in Seoul, Korea.

Traditionally during the Congresses of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand, a number of Pioneers of Hand Surgery are acknowledged. This is a long standing custom which dates back to the 3rd Congress in Tokyo held in 1986. Since then, 82 physicians have been designated the prestigious title of Pioneer of Hand Surgery. To this number, 13 more were added at the Sydney Congress.

The enormous contribution of the Pioneers to Hand Surgery will influence many generations of Hand Surgeons to come. Ultimately of course, their accomplishments will benefit countless patients far into the future. The IFSSH Membership expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Pioneers for enriching our passion, Hand Surgery.

To be nominated as a Pioneer, the person must be at least 70 years of age or deceased, must be a recognized leader in hand surgery and have

contributed significantly to the development of Hand Surgery nationally and/or internationally.

Should any society wish to submit a nomination for the Nominating Committee to consider for the 2010 Congress in Seoul, please forward your submission to the Secretary-General by April 30th. In doing so, please make certain that all criteria are met and that we receive:

1. the nomination in writing;
2. a curriculum vitae and photograph; and
3. a summary of the reasons for recommendation.

Please note that the nomination must come from your society, not from an individual.

IFSSH Congress Host - 2016 - Call for Submissions

The Executive Committee formally invites submissions from Member Societies. The criteria for hosting rights and information regarding the submission process are published on the IFSSH website – www.ifssh.org.

Please forward any submission to the Secretary-General by July 31st. A copy of the submission must also be forwarded to each society delegate and the IFSHT representative by July 31st. Addresses can be found on the IFSSH website. Please note that a combined meeting with the therapists is favoured but not an absolute prerequisite. You should also understand that the geographic rotation process agreed upon at the last IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting in Poznan, 2009, will begin **after the 2016 Congress** and will take into account the geographic location of previous Congresses.

Financial Support for IFSSH Seoul Registration

The IFSSH and the Korean Society for Surgery of the Hand will provide some financial assistance for registration at the coming IFSSH Congress in Seoul. Assistance will be provided for those from countries who are financially disadvantaged. Up to 20 applications will be considered. A letter of support from the home society must accompany any application. Please forward requests to Prof Goo Hyun Baek (email: ifssh@ifssh2010.com).

The IFSSH has granted an application for financial support for two hand therapists from South America to attend the IFSHT Congress in Orlando, Florida. Details of this meeting can be found below. Surgeons should encourage their local therapists to attend.

Regional and International Congresses:

XVth International Congress of Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH) – Bucharest, Romania

23rd June – 26th June, 2010

www.fessh2010.com

XIIIth Triennial Congress of IFSHT – Orlando, Florida

24th June – 26th June, 2010

www.ifsht.org

XIth IFSSH Congress - Seoul, Korea.

31st October - 4th November, 2010.

www.ifssh2010.com

XIIIth IFSSH - IXth IFSHT Congress - New Delhi, India.

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