



IFSSH Newsletter

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Message from the Secretary-General: David Warwick

The contribution of the IFSSH to the world of hand surgery continues to grow.

Take a look at the website - www.ifssh.info - changes have been made recently and more are to come as it is made more concise and easier to navigate. Our social media profile on Instagram and Twitter is regularly updated - if any hand surgeon has material relevant to hand surgeons around the world please let Jin Bo Tang (jinbotang@yahoo.com), Aida Garcia (aidahope@hotmail.com) and Belinda Smith (administration@ifssh.info) know.

In the last newsletter I explained how the inaugural **IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery** in Ecuador is progressing. The programme is now near completion. There is a broad range of topics and eminent speakers. The venue has changed from Guayaquil to Quito to allow for easier travel arrangements for all, but the dates remain unchanged - 31st January to 3rd February 2024. Please consider attending! <http://www.ifssh.info/mid-term-course.php>

The **Ezine** is a pillar of the IFSSH - it allows surgeons from around the world to share their ideas, plans and experiences. If anyone has material that they would like to be considered, please email it to our Editor Professor Ulrich Mennen (ezine@ifssh.info).

Our **Global Partnership** initiative is developing - we now have space on the website to populate with information about outreach programmes, equipment and educational material for Low-Middle Income countries and so on. If you or your society have any contacts or material then please email me, your society delegate or your regional Member-at-Large

Finally, like any organisation we need a solid financial basis. For the IFSSH, the more money we have the more we can support hand surgery education and projects around the world. A new IFSSH sub-committee of three of our Members-at-Large (Greg Bain, Paco del Pinal and Jorge Clifton) is considering ideas to increase our revenue.

With very best wishes,

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IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professors

To honour his extraordinary contribution to global teaching, the IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship enables a hand surgery society to benefit from the expertise and experience of a distinguished hand surgery.

Dr Steven Moran was the first IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professor, undertaking a journey from the Mayo Clinic, USA, to Australia in March 2020. Dr Moran commenced his Professorship in Sydney, lecturing to the New South Wales Hand Surgery Association (NSWHSA) and the local orthopaedic and plastic registrars, and contributing his knowledge at the NSWHSA clinical meeting. The tour then continued to Melbourne for numerous teaching activities at the Australian Hand Surgery Society's Hand Surgery Registrar Conference and then keynote lectures at the 2020 Asia-Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH) Congress. Dr Moran's trip was cut short by one day, with the Covid-19 pandemic declared in Australia on the penultimate day of the APFSSH Congress. This resulted in the early closure of the Congress and expedited trips to the airport! Dr Moran's report can be read here: <https://www.ifssh.info/ifssh-sponsored-educational-projects.php>

The Polish Society for Surgery of the Hand has successfully applied for an IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professor to join their society's activities in 2023. Prof Jin Bo Tang will join our Polish colleagues from 20th September to 5th October. He will contribute to an extensive programme of courses and lectures across numerous centres throughout Poland, joining all levels of hand surgeons from trainees to consultants, and including the Polish national meeting within his travels.

Interested societies should consider the guidelines and criteria -

https://www.ifssh.info/pdf/IFSSH_Harold_Kleinert_Visiting_Professor.pdf - and contact the IFSSH Committee for Educational Sponsorship (administration@ifssh.info) with questions or submissions.

IFSSH Social Media Correspondents

In late 2022 the IFSSH Communications Director, Jin Bo Tang, established the "IFSSH Social Media Correspondents" team. This group of 12 correspondents come from different areas of the globe and are well-known users of social media. Many have experience in facets of the IFSSH and all bring their enthusiasm and energy to the positions.

The Social Media Correspondents are:

- Aida Garcia Gomez - Colombia; IFSSH ExCo Member-at-Large, IFSSH Colombia Delegate
- Ilse Degreef - Belgium; IFSSH Nominating Committee, past IFSSH Belgium Delegate
- Fidel Cayón - Ecuador; 2024 Mid-Term Course host, IFSSH Ecuador Delegate
- Nathaniel Orillaza - Philippines; IFSSH Philippines Delegate
- Leonardo Lazaro - Argentina
- Jing Chen - Association of Chinese-Speaking Hand Surgeons United

- Ricardo Kaempf - Brazil
- Lucian Lior Marcovici - Italy
- Sze Ryn Chung - Singapore
- Piyabuth Kittithamvongs - Thailand

These correspondents will forward news and material over a 2 year term.

The social media posts of the IFSSH - @IFSSHHand - are now easily recognisable with our new format on Twitter and Instagram.



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:

1st IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery Quito, Ecuador 31st January - 3rd February, 2024



XVIth IFSSH – XIIIth IFSHT Congress Washington D.C., USA 23rd - 28th March, 2025



XVIIth IFSSH – IVth IFSHT Congress Singapore 23rd – 27th October, 2028 (TBC)



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