



IFSSH Newsletter August 2023

Message from the Secretary-General: David Warwick

The International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) now offers the **Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery**, utilizing its resources and reputation to provide additional education for hand surgeons worldwide. This initiative aims to involve more hand surgery societies and regions, going beyond our Triennial Congress.

We are pleased to witness the remarkable progress made by the Ecuadorian Hand Society (ECUMANO) under the leadership of their IFSSH delegate Dr. Fidel Cayón and President Dr. Gabriel Alegría. The inaugural IFSSH Mid-Term Course will be held from 31st January to 3rd February 2024 in Quito, Ecuador. You can find more information on ECUMANO's website: <https://en.ecumano.org>. The registration fees are affordable, and with generous support from industry partners, we anticipate a substantial turnout while maintaining financial viability.

The course boasts an impressive line-up of international speakers and offers over 100 hours of programme time. This will be a highly successful meeting; we encourage you to reserve the dates and make plans to attend.



Our **Global Partnership** initiative is making strides, as we witness the collaboration between the British Society for Surgery of the Hand and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. We eagerly expect more fellowships at the 2025 IFSSH Washington Meeting and the 2028 IFSSH Singapore meeting. If you or your society have any relevant contacts or materials, please email me, your society delegate, or your regional Member-at-Large. See https://www.ifssh.info/global_outreach_contacts.php#

In Toronto in October 2025, the new IFSSH sub-committee comprising Greg Bain, Paco del Pinal, and Jorge Clifton will present a **Revenue Plan** to our IFSSH Delegates. This plan aims to increase significantly our revenue, enabling IFSSH to expand its educational mission and develop a more stable and sustainable financial foundation, serving the world of hand surgery for years to come.

Lastly, the IFSSH is always eager to welcome **new members**, and we anticipate announcing the addition of at least one new member at the upcoming Delegates meeting.

With warm regards,

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2023 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting

The 2023 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting will be held in Toronto in October (in conjunction with the annual congress of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand) as follows:

10:30am-12:30pm, Thursday 5th October
Room 603, Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building
222 Bremner Blvd, Toronto ON M5V 2T6, Canada.

All IFSSH Delegates have been provided with this notification. An agenda and further information will be forwarded to each IFSSH delegate nearer to the meeting.

Details of the ASSH congress, including a preliminary programme and registration information, can be found on the ASSH website - <https://www.assh.org/annualmeeting/s/>

We look forward to seeing a representative of each of the 62 IFSSH member societies at the 2023 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting in Toronto.

Opportunities to host an IFSSH Mid-Term Course or Triennial Congress

We are looking forward to the 1st Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery in Ecuador (2024), the 16th IFSSH Triennial Congress in Washington, D.C. (2025) and the 17th IFSSH Triennial Congress in Singapore (2028).

The IFSSH Mid-Term Course and Triennial Congress are based on a regional rotation system. This schedule was introduced in 2010 and is designed to make sure that events are geographically shared to all parts of the world. The rotation has been refined and updated over the past 13 years to align with the current bylaws.

The previous *IFSSH Triennial Congress* host societies and future regional allocation is available on the website: <https://www.ifssh.info/congress-rotation-schedule.php>. Societies from the **South American** region will be invited to bid to host the 2031 Triennial Congress. Bids are submitted six years in advance; therefore this host society will be chosen at the 2025 Washington, D.C. meeting.

The 2nd *IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery* is to be held in 2026-27, between the Washington, D.C. (2025) and Singapore (2028) Triennial Congresses. As these are in the North/Central America and Asia-Pacific regions respectively, the hosting rights for the 2nd Mid-Term Course will be offered to societies from **Europe or South America**: <https://www.ifssh.info/pdf/Mid-Term-Course-Rotation-Schedule.pdf>. The 2nd Mid-Term Course host society will also be selected at the 2025 Washington D.C. meeting.

The host guidelines can be accessed via:

IFSSH Triennial Congress - <https://www.ifssh.info/guidelines.php>

IFSSH Mid-Term Course - <https://www.ifssh.info/guidelines-to-host-anIFSSH-mid-term-course.php>

If your society is interested in hosting an IFSSH Triennial Congress or Mid-Term Course, please confirm your society is in an eligible region (https://www.ifssh.info/regional_allocation.php), consider the guidelines and contact the IFSSH Secretariat if you require more information.

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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