



IFSSH Newsletter

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Message from the Secretary-General: David Warwick

Happy New Year from the IFSSH Executive Committee and Secretariat.

The IFSSH has had a productive 2023 – developing the 2024 Mid Term course, starting planning on the 2025 Congress, growing our secretariat, using social media effectively, giving out grants and creating links for collaboration in outreach programmes. But 2024 will be even more exciting as Dan Nagle describes in the President's Message.

We look forward to Hand Surgeons all over the world getting closer and more engaged in 2024.

As ever, if you have any suggestions for the IFSSH executive Committee or for this Ezine, then please contact your region's Member-at-Large, me, Dan Nagle or the Secretariat and we will always listen.

With best wishes for 2024

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2024 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting – Save the date

The 2024 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th June 2024. This will be in Rotterdam, hosted within the annual FESSH Congress. We hope to see many IFSSH Delegates (or appointed proxies) there to represent the 63 IFSSH member societies.

2025 IFSSH Congress – Prepare your bids and nominations

A call for nominations will occur in mid-2024 for multiple items, each to be voted on at the 2025 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting in Washington DC.

These include:

- Bids to host the 2031 IFSSH Congress (eligible region: **South America** - <https://www.ifssh.info/congress-rotation-schedule.php>)
- Bids to host the 2nd IFSSH Mid-Term Course in Hand Surgery – 2026/27 (eligible regions: **Europe/Africa or South America** - <https://www.ifssh.info/pdf/Mid-Term-Course-Rotation-Schedule.pdf>)

- Nominations for 2025 IFSSH Pioneers for Hand Surgery
- Nominations for the 2025-2028 IFSSH Executive Committee and Nominating Committee positions

Full information will be provided with the official call for nominations in the May newsletter. We hope the IFSSH societies in each eligible region are considering applying to host the future congresses and courses.

50th Anniversary - Venezuelan Society for Surgery of the Hand and Reconstruction of the Upper Limb Reconstructive

The IFSSH sends its congratulations and best wishes to the Venezuelan Society for Surgery of the Hand and Reconstruction of the Upper Limb (Sociedad Venezolana de Cirugía de la Mano y Reconstructiva del Miembro Superior) for the 50th anniversary.

The Venezuelan Society was formed on 11th January 1974 with 9 participants and joined the IFSSH in 1983. The IFSSH is pleased to have honoured a number of members as IFSSH Pioneers of Hand Surgery, including Antonio De Santolo Ricciardelli (2010), Jose Rafael Camarillo Morillo (2016), Rodolfo Contreras Gamboa (2016), Nelson Enrique Socorro Medina (2019) and Maggali Pastora Torrealba Marin (2019).

A reflection on the 50 years has been written by Dr Rodolfo Contreras Gamboa – one of the 1974 founding members – and published in the February 2024 Ezine (https://ifssh.info/ifssh_ezine.php).

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:

XVIth IFSSH – XIIIth IFSHT Congress

Washington D.C., USA
23rd - 28th March, 2025



XVIIth IFSSH – IVth IFSHT Congress

Singapore
23rd – 27th October, 2028



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