

IFSSH – South Asian Regional Course in Hand Surgery

Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore, India, 3 to 5 July 2015

The IFSSH sponsored South Asian Regional Live Hand Surgery Workshop was recently held at Ganga Hospital auditorium in Coimbatore, India. It featured prominent overseas faculty members including IFSSH President Dr Michael Tonkin, Dr Don Lalonde from Canada, Dr Goo-Hyun Baek from South Korea, Dr PC Ho from Hong Kong and Dr Amit Gupta from USA who were joined by the Ganga Hospital team of doctors.

293 delegates participated in the course and of them 37 were from overseas belonging to 18 nations. The conference was held in the comfortable Ganga Hospital auditorium where 24 live surgeries were demonstrated. The programme covered a wide range of procedures like cleft hand, syndactyly, brachial plexus nerve transfers, wrist arthroscopy, wide awake surgical demonstrations, tendon repair, tendon transfers and carpal injuries. At any one time, two surgical

procedures were demonstrated with the moderators helping the delegates to interact with the surgeons. Every session started with two didactic presentations from the faculty and a total of 10 lectures were delivered.

The event also had good social programmes, with banquet dinners on the evenings of the 3rd and 4th of July. On the evening of 4th, the evening's entertainment included Dr Ho with his harmonica and Dr Gupta with the Indian Drums (tabala) creating a fusion of western and Indian music which provided an opportunity for the delegates to interact with the faculty.

The feedback received from the delegates was very complimentary both to the content of the course and the event organisation. Together it was a very rewarding experience for the delegates.

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