

IFSSH Educational Grant Report

IFSSH-Supported Hand Surgery Educational Program in China (June 2026)

The Central China Hand Surgeons' Conference was held in Hefei, Anhui, China on 13–14 June 2026.

This event was partly supported by the IFSSH Educational Grant. This event was attended by about 160 hand surgeons in Anhui Province and its surrounding areas. The invited international faculty were Professor David Warwick (United Kingdom), Dr Koji Moriya (Japan), and Dr Faduah Salazar (Guatemala). Invited faculty also include the expert hand surgeons from Taiwan, Jiangsu Province, Shandong Province, and Anhui Province.

The meeting had a range of educational formats, including two international symposia, four instructional courses, free paper sessions, challenging case discussions, journal club, book club, expert debates, round-table discussions, and hands-on workshops. These formats provided opportunities for lectures, presentation of original research, case-based learning, technical discussion, and review and discussion of most recent journal and book contents.

The scientific program covered common and challenging topics in hand surgery, such as wrist disorders and instability, peripheral nerve compression, tendon and nerve repair, microsurgery, soft-tissue reconstruction, bone infection, hand fractures, WALANT surgery, and management of complex upper-extremity trauma. Throughout the meetings, discussion focused on surgical indications, operative techniques, management of complications, and current evidence in clinical practice.

One symposium highlight was to discuss the recent advancement in treating peripheral nerve compression and atypical nerve compression in the upper extremity. Another highlight is a symposium on treatment of wrist disorders organized by 4 Taiwanese colleagues led by Professor Jui-Tien Shih. Course highlights include how to treat hand fractures effectively and efficiently, and recent advances in extensor and flexor tendon repairs.

Interactive discussion between faculty and audience and between audience was an important part of the meeting. Questions from the audience followed every lecture, and the case discussion sessions generated extensive exchange between faculty and participants. In Journal Club led by Dr Shu Guo Xing, three articles on wrist fractures from *Journal of Hand Surgery (European)* were reviewed and

discussed. Book Club led by Dr Jing Chen has focused on discussion of the chapter on scaphoid fracture in the new book “*Current Practice in Hand Surgery*”. Journal Club and Book Club were held as two evening sessions and were attended by roughly 100 hand surgeons on the first day of the Meeting. The expert debates and round-table discussions attracted hot debates and participation from both senior surgeons and young surgeons.

The international faculty traveled north after the Conference in Hefei, Anhui, and attended the Meeting of Association of Chinese-speaking Hand Surgeons United (ACU) and Jixia Forum in Zhengzhou, Henan, which was attended by 350 participants including hand surgeons, residents, therapists and nurses onsite, with online live streaming to many more hand surgeons.

Overall, the IFSSH-supported program directly reached more than 500 onsite participants and approximately 2,500 online participants. More importantly, it provided surgeons in Central China with direct access to international faculty, which was the principal objective outlined in our original application. The program also strengthened professional connections between Chinese hand surgeons and international colleagues and created opportunities for future collaboration in education and clinical practice.

The IFSSH co-sponsorship grant was used to support the international travel expenses of invited international faculty. All the activities inside China were supported by local hosts. The international faculty could contribute to multiple educational activities in Hefei and Zhengzhou, thereby extending the impact of the IFSSH and maximizing the educational benefit. Local accommodation, domestic transportation, conference facilities, and expenses related to Chinese faculty were supported by the local organizing committee and conference sponsors, as outlined in the original proposal.

The Organizing Committee appreciates the continued support of IFSSH. The participation of the international faculty contributed to academic exchange between Chinese and overseas hand surgeons and supported continuing education in hand surgery. We hope to continue working with IFSSH on future educational activities in China.

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Photo Highlights



The Central China Hand Surgeons' Conference in Hefei, Anhui on June 13 and 14, 2026



Professor David Warwick delivering a lecture on scaphoid fractures.



Dr Faduah Salazar discussing complex upper-extremity reconstruction.



Dr Koji Moriya lecturing on advances in flexor tendon repair.



Interactive

discussion following the scientific sessions in Hefei, Anhui.



Journal Club led by Dr Shu Guo Xing in the evening of the first day of the Central China Hand Surgeons' Conference in Hefei, Anhui on June 13, 2026



Book Club session led by Dr Jing Chen in the evening of the first day of the Central China Hand Surgeons' Conference in Hefei, Anhui on June 13, 2026.



Expert round-table discussion on hand fractures and soft tissue coverage of the hand led by Dr Shu Guo Xing



Hands-on workshop on tendon repair and lymphatic vessel anastomosis in Zhengzhou, Henan.



Group photo of Taiwan Hand Surgeon Team attending the Central China Hand Surgeons' Conference in Hefei, Anhui, June 13, 2026