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To: IFSSH Executive

On behalf of the APFSSH 2020 Organizing Committee I would like to extend our great appreciation to the IFSSH for granting the Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship to Prof. Steve Moran from the Mayo Clinic.

Steve arrived in Sydney on the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> March and was entertained by Executive members of the New South Wales Hand Surgery Association. On the Monday he ran a registrars / Fellows educational session from 3-5 pm where he presented a number of lectures and was involved in a number of difficult case discussions.

That evening Steve attended the New South Wales Hand Surgery Association scientific meeting where he reviewed 6 difficult cases with members of the Association before presenting further lectures and then attending the Association's business meeting.

Steve then travelled to Melbourne where he attended the Australian Hand Surgery Society Registrars and Fellows meeting and presented on Scaphoid Fractures and Non-Unions and took an active part in other components of the meeting.

The APFSSH meeting then commenced on the 11<sup>th</sup> March until the 13<sup>th</sup>, shortened by one day due to the COVID pandemic. During this meeting Steve presented in sessions run by the Asian Pacific Wrist Association and general sessions on the vascularity of the carpus, decision making in scaphoid non-unions, pathomechanics of scapholunate ligament injuries, volar capsulodesis for scapholunate injuries, his 20 year experience in PRC and SLAC wrists, revascularization of the lunate in Keinbock's disease, local flaps for digital coverage, and his 15 year experience with the Adams DRUJ reconstruction. Steve was also involved in four other discussion panels.

In recognition of his excellent contribution to the APFSSH meeting and the Australian hand Surgery Society Steve was awarded an Honorary Membership of the Australian Hand Surgery Society at the Conference Gala Dinner.

In summary Steve was a very enthusiastic teacher, he engaged with everyone, surgeons, trainees and therapists alike. We are very grateful for his contribution and his enthusiasm. I believe he was a very fitting

recipient of the first IFSSH Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship. We are very grateful to the IFSSH for this award in support of Steve Moran's contribution to the APFSSH meeting in Melbourne.

Sincerely,

**Tony Berger** 

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