



Taiwan Society for Surgery of the Hand

Prof. Tang-Kuei Liu was one of the pioneers who started hand surgery in Taiwan. He was the Founding President of the Society for Surgery of the Hand Taiwan R.O.C. in 1990. The Society was renamed as Taiwan Society for Surgery of the Hand (TSSH) in 2009. The Society was mainly constituted by orthopedic and the plastic surgeons, with its President being elected every two years. Prof. Ming-Ting Chen, a pioneering figure in plastic surgery, was the second President of TSSH between 1992-1994. TSSH joined the IFSSH when Prof. Sheng-Mou Hou was the President of TSSH between 1994 and 1996, and TSSH became one of the founding societies of APFSSH. The following past Presidents, including Fu-Chan Wei (1996-1998), Der-Yang Wu (1998-2000), Hung-Chi Chen (2000-2002), Gau-Tyan Lin (2002-2004), Hsian-Jenn Wang (2004-2006), Yuan-Kun Tu (2006-2008), David Chwei-Ching Chuang (2008-2010), Alvin Chao-Yu Chen (2010-2012), Chih-Hung Lin (2012-2014), and Chih-Hao Chang (2014-2016), devoted themselves to the services, investigations, and educations of the TSSH. And today, President Yu-Te Lin continues to connect the hand surgeons of Taiwan to the world societies.

In our society, several senior hand surgeons did their fellowship abroad, becoming inspired by the masters from different centers. Their hard work made them outstanding in the fields of toe transfers, brachial plexus and peripheral nerve reconstructions, congenital hand reconstructions, microsurgical reconstructions and minimal invasive surgeries. When they became the masters, they continued their contribution to the hand society in Taiwan and the international societies. Lectures such as continuing medical educations and instruction courses were the conventional methods to pass on their experiences. Live surgery courses in the international conferences impressed the participants. Cadaver dissection courses and arthroscopy courses were introduced to TSSH by Ircad Taiwan in 2008. These workshops provided a more interactive education to the younger generations who are already able to perform Advanced shoulder, elbow, and wrist reconstruction. Innovated toe and vascularized joint transfers are developing in this country.

Hand surgeons in Taiwan used to support and participate in the international activities. In 2009, Prof. Yuan-Kun Tu hosted the 8th APFSSH conference in Kaoshiung, Taiwan. More than 500 participants joined the conference. Prof. Tu is the immediate-past President of APFSSH. With enthusiasm and friendship, TSSH will continue to work with the international societies.