



Venezuelan Society of Surgery of the Hand and Upper Limb Reconstructive

The Venezuelan Society of Surgery of the Hand and Upper Limb Reconstructive (SVCMRMS) is a medical, professional and scientific organization, founded in Caracas on January 11, 1974, under the principles established in 1945 by Sterling Bunnell, which stipulate that the Hand, biomechanically born in the elbow and functionally born in the cerebral lobe opposite the dominant hand, where the hand and the upper limb form an indivisible functional unit and achieving with these precepts, promote the study and dissemination of the knowledge of the Surgery of the Hand and Upper Limb Reconstructive in Venezuela.

In its beginnings, it was chaired by Dr. Ricardo Sánchez Beaujon, who laid the foundations for the construction of a Society that nowadays, brings together all the specialists of the area, who carry out their postgraduate studies with prior approval of the postgraduate in Traumatology and Orthopedics or Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and whose studies are the only ones in the world that are structured academically to be fulfilled in a period of 3 years.

Currently in Venezuela, there are 6 hospitals that dictate postgraduate courses in our area of knowledge, endorsed by the inter-institutional agreements between the Universities: Central de Venezuela (UCV), Zulia (LUZ) and Oriente (UDO) and the Ministry of Health (MPPS), Ministry of Defense (MPPD) and the Venezuelan Institute of Social Security (IVSS) and having as centers of academic training the prestigious Venezuelan hospitals: University of Caracas (IAHUC), Dr. Miguel Pérez Carreño (HMPC), University of Maracaibo (SAHUM), Dr. Luis Razetti of Barcelona (CHULR), Military Dr. Carlos Arvelo (HMCA) and Dr. Manuel Nuñez Tovar (HUMNT).

In the year of 1981, the Venezuelan Medical Federation (FMV) grants formal recognition to the subspecialty, so our Society sought to expand and expand its borders to the knowledge that entered in 1983, as a full member of the International Federation of Societies of Hand Surgery (IFSSH) and in 1996 admission to the South American Federation of Societies of Surgery of the Hand (FSSCM).

During these 44 years its different presidents: Drs. Ricardo Sánchez Beaujon, Rodolfo Contreras (IFSSH World Pioneer, Argentina 2016), Antonio De Santolo (IFSSH World Pioneer, Korea 2010), José Camarillo (IFSSH World Pioneer, Argentina 2016), Fiesky Nuñez, Nelson Socorro, Maggali Torrealba, Rafael Brunicardi, José Guerrero, Alberto Urquiola, Miguel Guédez, Ramiro Morales, Magally Ortiz, Ricardo Tobío, Álvaro Aguilar, Leonardo Briceño and currently José Vicari, have carried out various academic activities over the years to maintain the validity of the Society and update all its members with scientific advances in the area in order to provide high quality medical care to all patients who require our professional services.