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Organisation is well in hand for the Seoul 2010 IFSSH Congress. Professor Moon Sang Chung, Professor Goo Hyun Baek and the Korean organising committee are in the process of developing a sophisticated scientific programme which will be combined with the charm and warmth of Korean culture. Please visit the IFSSH booth at the September ASSH meeting in Chicago and the June FESSH meeting in Lausanne for further information.

Regrettably, it is not possible for our IFSHT colleagues to join us in Seoul. Subsequently, in all future meetings it has been determined that the Congress will be a combined surgeons' and therapists' meeting. The 2013 meeting is to be conducted in Delhi, India. The Indian therapists are a newly-formed society. With the help of their surgical colleagues, the IFSHT and the IFSSH, I have no doubt that this meeting will be of the highest standard.

At the next IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting in Lausanne, June 2008, a proposal to fairly distribute venues and host societies for forthcoming congresses will be discussed. It is necessary to apply certain criteria in granting an application to host a congress for the number of registrants now attending our combined meetings. However, once these criteria are met, it would appear fair to balance the venues geographically.

The IFSSH continues to expand, incorporating an increasing number of societies from all parts of the world. Most recently, the Bangladesh Society for Surgery of the Hand has applied for membership and we look forward to welcoming them to our family in Lausanne this year.

IFSSH Executive

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Future IFSSH Congresses:

XIth IFSSH Congress - Seoul, Korea. 31st October - 4th November, 2010. www.ifssh2010.com

XIIth IFSSH - IXth IFSHT Congress - New Delhi, India. March, 2013

IFSSH Website:

The new IFSSH website is now in service and all can gain access. The information will be continually updated and will become the main means of communication between member societies. The Executive welcomes information from all member societies, including notice of national meetings and matters of interest, both current and historical, for distribution to our members.

The website address is **www.ifssh.org**.

We are in the process of publishing the IFSSH Scientific Committee reports on this website, another important means of providing access to peer opinion and knowledge.

Those societies wishing to place information on the website should forward that information to the Secretary-General.

IFSSH Executive Committee Meeting:

Lausanne FESSH Meeting Wednesday, June 18th, 2008. 16.00-18.00. Amsterdam room, Congress Centre Beaulieu, Lausanne.

IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting:

Lausanne FESSH Meeting Thursday, June 19th, 2008. 12.00-14.00. Melbourne room, Congress Centre Beaulieu, Lausanne.

The IFSSH Executive wishes all member societies good health and academic and clinical prosperity.

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