

IFSSH Newsletter

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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 for further information.

Regrettably, it is not possible for our IFSHT colleagues to join us in Seoul. Ideally, in future meetings we will aim for a combined congress. However, this will not always be possible. 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 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting in Lausanne, June 2008, a proposal to fairly distribute venues and host societies for forthcoming congresses was 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 was appointed to membership in Lausanne this year and we welcome them to our family.

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Future IFSSH Congresses:

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

XIIth IFSSH - IXth IFSH 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.

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

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