

IFSSH Newsletter

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Message from the President, Dr Jim Urbaniak:

Currently in a world shaped and coloured by political and religious leaders, our international differences are often difficult to settle. Similar interest or goals do not necessarily tie nations together and may even separate them because of competition and rights of possession. This situation is not so in hand surgery for our similar clinical and academic interests and even our disagreements unite us. I feel the IFSSH serves a definite purpose to bring hand surgeons together from around the world. Without question the explosion of information technology makes the gathering of knowledge from around the world easier. However I am sure that you agree that direct personal interaction is more productive, rewarding, enjoyable and fosters creativity. Your Federation is now in a position to improve the care of hand problems throughout the world. It is important for us to work and study together and to make and sustain global friends in the world of hand surgery.

IFSSH 2010 Congress – Seoul, Korea (31st October - 4th November)

Organisation is in place for a splendid scientific meeting and social gathering at the IFSSH Congress in Seoul in October/November this year. This triennial congress creates an ideal environment for the gathering of hand surgery societies from 50 countries, rich and poor, and of disparate development.

Prof Moon Sang Chung, Prof Goo Hyun Baek and their committees will reward all of us who attend with a combination of unique Korean history, social customs, cuisine and gentle hospitality. The scientific programme offers guest lectures from world renowned surgeons, including Professor Jesse Jupiter from the United States who has been awarded the honour of presenting the Swanson Lecture, symposia covering the curriculum of hand surgery, and plenty of scope for registrants to describe their clinical and research experiences in free paper sessions.

The IFSSH Executive Committee encourages everyone to join us in Seoul this year.

IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting, Seoul

12:00 – 13:30, November 1st 2010

A number of important issues will be discussed at this meeting.

- Applications to host the 2016 IFSSH Congress have been received from Argentina and Germany. Both societies will present their submissions at the Council meeting with the decision of the Delegates to be announced at that meeting.
- The Delegates will consider the fairness of the current IFSSH subscription dues with different models of determination of rates for each society to be presented.
- The Delegates will be asked to recommend optimal utilisation of IFSSH funds.

Financial Support for IFSSH Seoul Registration

The IFSSH and the Korean Society for Surgery of the Hand will provide some financial assistance for registration at the coming IFSSH Congress in Seoul. Assistance will be provided for those from countries who are financially disadvantaged. Up to 20 applications will be considered. A letter of support from the home society must accompany any application. Please forward requests to Prof Goo Hyun Baek (email: ifssh@ifssh2010.com).

IFSSH Congresses:

XIth IFSSH Congress - Seoul, Korea.

31st October - 4th November, 2010.

www.ifssh2010.com

XIIth IFSSH - IXth IFSSH Congress - New Delhi, India.

4th - 8th March, 2013

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