



## MINUTES

### DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

8:00am, Thursday 7th September 2017  
Room 3020, Moscone West Convention Center  
San Francisco, USA

Meeting opened at 8:05am by Zsolt Szabo, IFSSH President.

#### 1. Present

Zsolt Szabo (President)  
Marc Garcia-Elias (President Elect)  
Michael Tonkin (Past President)  
Daniel Nagle (Secretary-General)  
Goo Hyun Baek (Secretary-General Elect; Korea)  
David Warwick (Historian)  
Raja Sabapathy (Member-at-Large; India)

Belinda Smith (Administrative Secretary)

James Thomas (Australia)  
Carlos Henrique Fernandes (Brazil)  
Paul Binhammer (Canada)  
Lorena Parra (Chile)  
Luis Felipe Naquira (Colombia)  
Nash Naam (Egypt)  
Philippe Liverneaux (France)  
Karl-Josef Prommersberger (Germany; Berlin 2019)  
Brigitte van der Heijden (Netherlands)  
David Tan (Singapore)  
Ajmal Ikram (South Africa)  
Roberto Rosales (Spain)  
Per Hessman (Sweden)  
Esther Voegelin (Switzerland)  
David Newington (UK)  
Peter Amadio (USA – AAHS)  
Terry Light (USA – ASSH)

David Shewring (London 2022)  
Fred Werner (Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International)

#### 2. Apologies

Tony Berger (Australia)  
Gero Meyer zu Reckendorf (France)  
Teddy Prasetyono (Indonesia)

Pierluigi Tos (Italy)  
Johan Vehof (Netherlands)  
Jan Ragnar Haugstvedt (Norway)  
Joerg van Schoonhoven (Berlin 2019)  
Francisco Pinal (IPRAS)

### 3. Confirmation of previous minutes – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Motion: “To accept the minutes as a true record of the 2016 Delegates’ Council Meeting”**

Proposed: Marc Garcia-Elias

Seconded: Lorena Parra

Carried unanimously

### 4. Matters arising from previous minutes

#### a. IFSSH Registration / Tax exempt status

Daniel Nagle reported that IFSSH registration has been finalised in the State of Illinois, with official not-for-profit status assigned in December 2016. Tax returns and the Not-for-Profit Annual Report have been filed as required with the IRS and the State of Illinois to date.

Ongoing obligations are being undertaken in a cost-effective manner with the assistance of Chicago Law Partners and Mann Weitz & Associates (accountants). These groups are aware of the IFSSH concerns regarding continuing administrative and reporting costs of the registration. The system appears to be working well this year and the ongoing costs have been reduced.

#### b. Membership applications/updates

The IFSSH currently has 57 societies from 55 nations.

Two applications for membership since the Buenos Aires meeting: the Guatemalan Society of Hand Surgery (Asociación Guatemalteca de Cirugia de la Mano) and the Association of Chinese-Speaking Hand Surgeons United.

Daniel Nagle explained that the ExCo discussed these two applications at their meeting yesterday and agreed each fulfilled the membership criteria.

- Guatemalan Society of Hand Surgery (Asociación Guatemalteca de Cirugia de la Mano)
  - President: Gustavo Lopez Paz; Secretary: Francisco Javier Alonzo
  - Application documents that satisfy membership criteria were submitted in September 2017 - including letters of support from Australia, India, Spain, Argentina and Mexico.
  - **Motion: “To accept the Guatemalan Society of Hand Surgery as a member society of the IFSSH”**  
Proposed: Lorena Parra  
Seconded: Terry Light  
Carried unanimously
- Association of Chinese-Speaking Hand Surgeons United

- President: Zeng Tao Wang; Chair, Board of Directors: Jin Bo Tang
- Application documents satisfy membership criteria, including letters of support from Egypt, Hungary and India
- **Motion: “To accept the Association of Chinese-Speaking Hand Surgeons United as a member society of the IFSSH”**  
Proposed: David Shewring  
Seconded: Roberto Rosales  
Carried unanimously

Michael Tonkin noted that the inclusion of a Chinese society follows many years of discussions between the ExCo and Chinese colleagues. Discussions are continuing with the Chinese Society for Hand Surgery (Professor Xu) with the hope that this society will also apply for membership in the future.

## 5. President’s Report

Zsolt Szabo delivered the following report:

*Little more than half a year has passed since the Buenos Aires IFSSH Congress where my President’s vision of the future was presented. Guided by the points listed there an overview of “what had happened since then” was presented in the Budapest ExCo meeting.*

*1. To continue respecting our traditions, our history, our values, our giants and pioneers.*

- *37 Pioneers were nominated at the recent congress. If every society were to submit 10 pioneers, this would dilute the honour and cause logistical problems. Different proposals have been discussed to ensure the tradition is respected. The ExCo has decided to retain the Pioneer award to honour those who deserve the title. Delegates must take responsibility for ensuring their society nominates only the most worthy hand surgeons and considers the number of nominees appropriate. The IFSSH Nominating Committee evaluate these nominations but are often unaware of individuals from countries other than their own, so rely on the delegates to select the appropriate people for nomination.*

*2. To make an inclusive community open to everybody interested in hand surgery, and not an “exclusive club” where the entrance fee is a 1000 USD ticket!*

- *The IFSSH should have access available to all hand surgeons, regardless of their location or economic status. Discussions include simplifying acceptance rules, reducing congress registration fees (including suggestions such as having a low registration option by separating the social programme from the scientific programme)*

*3. To use the enormous knowledge of the “old”, “traditional”, “wealthy”, “developed” “high end” societies to teach, educate and help those who are in “economically”, “socially”, “historically” “geographically” not so “lucky” part of the world!*

- *The IFSSH would like to appeal to the developed and wealthy societies to interact through:*
  - *the organisation of regional courses*

- preparing a list of centres who would accept visiting fellows
- sponsorship those visiting fellows if they wish to apply for funding from the Committee for Educational Sponsorship

4. To help to teach those who can and who want to teach, and to help to learn those who want to learn!

- The ExCo need guidance from the delegates of how this can be achieved. The process of teaching and learning is a goal of the IFSSH and one of the most important components that can be undertaken by surgeons. Experienced hand surgeons are willing to share their expertise, younger surgeons are keen to learn. The Committee for Educational Sponsorship can assist with funding of educational ideas. Delegates are asked to discuss this with their society members and forward suggestions to the secretariat.

5. To increase the “scientific value” of IFSSH by reconsidering the work of “scientific committees”, creating publishable IFSSH endorsed documents, guidelines, creating a free for everybody available online data registry and creating the idea of “safe hand surgery”

- The ExCo have discussed the move towards systematic reviews, as a way to provide useful but impartial knowledge. Delegates are asked to discuss this with their societies and if they are aware of surgeons undertaking reviews in their country, please forward this information to the IFSSH.

6. To match the need of the member societies - for this it is mandatory to have active involvement of all the delegates

- All involved in the IFSSH have hand surgery as their common interest. To make improvements in this field, delegates must be motivated to act as the communication chain between the IFSSH and their societies. This is a two-way process. The IFSSH needs to know of society goals and activities. Communication improves with participation and proposals.

7. To try to involve more and more young hand surgeons in our activities - for this it is mandatory to find tasks and motivation for our young members.

- Giants and Pioneers have prepared the field of hand surgery. Improvements and advances are possible through the next generations of hand surgeons and their involvement is to be encouraged. Suggestions include offering educational sponsorship to undertake fellowships if individuals can gain support from their society (or the society that will receive them for their training), providing congress rates for younger surgeons, encouraging participation in regional courses, etc.

8. To try to keep this friendly, positive, democratic atmosphere, avoiding an overregulated dictatorship where decisions are taken based on backstage telephone arrangements.

- The IFSSH aims to be transparent.

9. To fruitfully collaborate with the next IFSSH congress organizers (Berlin, London) in order to make the best ever congresses, affordable for every interested hand surgeon, indifferent of his country of origin!

- Discussions are underway with the German (2019) and British (2022) hosts, as well as with the FESSH leadership. All are supportive and the IFSSH ExCo

*are looking forward to undertaking the Berlin site visit in 2018.*

*All the above-mentioned points should be handled for the benefit of HAND SURGERY!*

*Zsolt Szabo, President IFSSH*

## **6. Secretary-General's Report**

Daniel Nagle reported that these minutes cover his Secretary-General activities.

## **7. IFSSH Finances**

Prior to the meeting, an annual summary of income, expenditure and investments was circulated (from Buenos Aires report to July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017).

Daniel Nagle reported that the IFSSH is a financially secure organisation. Assets at the time of the San Francisco meeting totalled US\$1,074,066.23. Approximately half of this is invested with Fidelity Investments (through Chris Crenshaw, North Carolina), the other half is held within Wells Fargo bank accounts which doesn't collect interest but is also not exposed to risk. The IFSSH ExCo will be reviewing the most relevant banking/investment options for not-for-profit organisations.

The IFSSH funds exist to provide financial assistance for education worldwide. Delegates are requested to consider projects that would benefit from IFSSH funding – these may already exist within their societies but the surgeons/researchers may not have considered the IFSSH as a source of grants. Delegates should communicate any relevant information between their society and the IFSSH.

# IFSSH Funds: 30th June 2006 - 31st May 2017

PERIOD ENDING												
	June 30, 2006	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2010	December 31st, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	July 31, 2017
OPENING BALANCE (US\$)												
Wells Fargo #1		178,469.94	207,934.27	271,238.34	320,018.21	378,457.80	403,121.69	383,725.79	437,624.90	416,992.11	347,723.23	440,886.62
Wells Fargo #2			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,955.75	1,188.75	2,120.75	1,961.75	1,817.75	1,781.75
Fidelity			479,003.40	307,683.67	401,760.92	426,334.49	421,690.43	460,416.18	485,313.05	537,710.27	528,355.15	515,925.87
INCOME (US\$) - Wells Fargo #1												
Membership fees		19,439.00	97,773.42	78,814.42	51,829.92	77,115.02	73,307.91	87,746.85	71,844.21	80,189.37	93,027.46	32,576.34
IFSSH Congress		44,919.04	0.00	0.00	100,300.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	14,221.57	0.00	89,960.00	106,490.30
Ezine		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A -See Wells Fargo #2			1,635.00	2,600.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
Interest - Wells Fargo		4,122.37	2,009.35	97.10	23.73	55.61	36.51	37.13	37.74	13.26	0.00	0.00
Merchandise		100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc		4,913.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		73,494.31	99,782.77	78,911.52	152,153.65	77,170.63	73,344.42	138,383.98	87,738.52	82,802.63	184,287.46	140,066.64
INCOME (US\$) - Wells Fargo #2												
Ezine sponsorship		N/A - Opened 2011				17,975.00	0.00	1,088.00	N/A - see Wells Fargo #1			
Misc (Incorrect acct)		N/A - Opened 2011				9,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,625.00	0.00	1,088.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURE (US\$) - Wells Fargo #1												
IFSSH Congress		7,596.33	0.00	0.00	67,285.90	0.00	5,283.15	17,410.00	40,000.00	54,889.96	5,053.60	7,080.82
Executive Expenses		31,375.61	21,457.35	29,762.91	22,975.79	36,104.22	25,096.00	23,667.25	18,230.19	21,926.69	19,879.93	12,371.14
Secretariat		Included in Executive Travel/Wages						11,744.20	13,630.72	12,693.33	11,988.21	10,151.10
Bursaries and Grants		0.00	15,000.00	0.00	2,850.00	15,000.00	40,999.99	15,050.00	19,350.00	35,000.00	9,500.00	26,000.00
Ezine		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	See WF #2		6,000.00	12,459.00	11,729.98	11,025.29	10,852.72
Lawyer/Accountant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,123.38	18,571.33	2,309.81
Fees - Wells Fargo		144.14	21.35	368.74	602.37	1213.52	2,086.49	2,107.67	3,132.51	2,412.86	2,129.30	911.95
Misc		4,913.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	189.00	13,274.69	2,046.75	2,297.91	0.00	1490.22	450.00
Total		44,029.98	36,478.70	30,131.65	93,714.06	52,506.74	92,740.32	84,484.87	108,371.31	152,071.51	91,124.07	70,127.54
EXPENDITURE (US\$) - Wells Fargo #2												
Editorial / layout set up fees		N/A - Opened 2011				16,526.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees - Wells Fargo		N/A - Opened 2011				143.25	117.00	156.00	159.00	144.00	36.00	0.00
Misc		N/A - Opened 2011				0.00	9,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,669.25	9,767.00	156.00	159.00	144.00	36.00	0.00
CLOSING BALANCE (US\$)												
Wells Fargo #1		207,934.27	271,238.34	320,018.21	378,457.80	403,121.69	383,725.79	437,624.90	416,992.11	347,723.23	440,886.62	510,825.72
Wells Fargo #2		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,955.75	1,188.75	2,120.75	1,961.75	1,817.75	1,781.75	1,781.75
Fidelity Investments		479,003.40	307,683.67	401,760.92	426,334.39	421,690.43	460,416.18	485,313.05	537,710.27	528,355.15	515,925.87	558,023.52
Total Funds (US\$)	584,252.37	686,937.67	578,922.01	721,779.13	804,792.19	835,767.87	845,330.72	925,058.70	956,664.13	877,896.13	958,594.24	1,070,630.99

\*US\$890  
(800 euro)  
cash  
included in  
WF1

## 8. Historian's Report

David Warwick thanked his predecessor, Frank Burke, who spent many years finding and sorting through an extensive collection of IFSSH documents. Apart from a couple of missing Council minutes, all other information has been filed electronically in a Dropbox folder. David Warwick will continue to filter information received from the ExCo and societies to add to the archives.

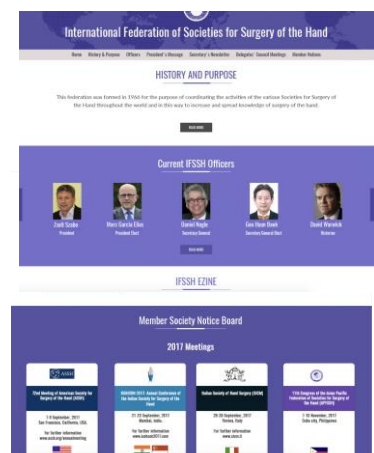
The Historian now holds two hard copy documents only – the original IFSSH minutes from the first meeting in 1966 and the Hand Surgery Worldwide book.

Michael Tonkin is contacting colleagues to source the electronic rights to Hand Surgery Worldwide and, if this is successful, the e-book will be added to the archives. Hand Surgery Worldwide was published in 2011 and included each IFSSH member society's history. David Warwick appealed to all delegates to forward any updates to their society's history (logos, pictures, etc) for inclusion. He noted that a number of societies have joined the IFSSH since then and will be contacting each to provide their history and add this to Dropbox. It would be appropriate that all societies update their histories every few years. This may be published in the ezine as well as placed within the IFSSH archives. The IFSSH website will be undergoing an upgrade and include a publically-accessible place for archive storage.

David Warwick submitted the following report:

### Website

- *New website proposal from Santhosh*
- *Much improved front page*
- *Suggest add:*
  - *Archives Portal*
  - *To include all archives on Dropbox*
  - ***Education Sponsorship Portal***
  - *Portal to Hand Surgery Worldwide*
    - *If we get permission for ebook*



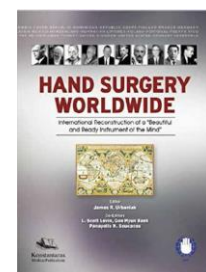
### Update of Hand Surgery Worldwide

- *Sec Gen looking at Permission to make freely available*
- *If so put icon on front page of website*
- *Update from Societies which have joined since*
  - *Ask for an article for Ezine*
  - *Same paper in the Hand Surgery WorldWide section of website*

#### **Bolivia - Bolivian Society for Surgery of the Hand (2013)**

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#### **Denmark - Danish Society for Surgery of the Hand (2013)**

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#### **Finland - Finnish Society for Surgery of the Hand (2013)**

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**Georgia - Hand Surgery Branch of Medical Foundation "Mkurnali" (2010)**  
IFSSH Delegate Georgia (M Shavgulidze) [prof.doctorm@gmail.com](mailto:prof.doctorm@gmail.com)

**Kuwait - Kuwait Society for Surgery of the Hand (2015)**  
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**Mexico\*\*\* - Asociacion Mexicana De Cirugia De La Mano A.C. (2016)**  
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- In 3 to 4 years ask for update from existing societies

## IFSSH Ezine

- Historian Report in ezine August 2017

**HISTORIAN REPORT** August 2017

### Historian Report

by David Warwick

In October 2016, I was privileged to take over the role of Historian from Professor Frank Bueke. Frank spent 6 years in this role, meticulously classifying and archiving thousands of documents which map out the development of the IFSSH. Frank described this journey in the August 2016 edition of Ezine ([http://ifssh.info/pdf/IFSSH\\_August\\_2016.pdf](http://ifssh.info/pdf/IFSSH_August_2016.pdf)). The world hand community, represented by IFSSH, owes Frank our respect and thanks for this Historian task.

To now the archive is complete, with the exception of one or two documents which may or may not one day emerge: the work of the Historian has been made rather easier. When a new document is found it will inevitably be added to the Archive. But there remains some work to do.

Currently the Archive is stored on Dropbox with access limited to the IFSSH office and Council to avoid accidental deletion or corruption. We will copy the useful and interesting material from Dropbox to the website so that anyone can have access to this resource in an easily accessible format. The headings include Delegate Council minutes, financial summaries, Scientific Committee reports, historical congress reports, historical Photographs in Hand Surgery brochures, history of the IFSSH, individual histories of the national societies and finally the sequential iterations of the IFSSH Protocol Book which evolves constantly over time.

If anyone finds a document that they feel would be of interest, then please email it to me [admin@ifssh.info](mailto:admin@ifssh.info) and [davidwarwick@handcenter.se](mailto:davidwarwick@handcenter.se) or via And most reassuring of all - no-one has yet found the hanged Chetani. There will be a reward for the person who tracks this down and sends it to me...

In 2011, Jin Urbaniak published the book *Hand Surgery World Wide*. It is a wonderful book describing the development of IFSSH and containing the histories of most of the member Societies. We are trying to get this available as a digital version so that it is accessible to all.

In Jin's book, many Hand Societies described their own history and current organization. Since then several more societies have joined the IFSSH, we will ask their leaders to kindly provide a similar report for publication in Ezine and to be archived with the existing descriptions in the IFSSH website.

Finally, Education remains a key role for IFSSH: the Archive will keep a full record of the IFSSH's work in organizing educational opportunities and distributing funds which support individuals to learn from colleagues around the world.

David Warwick

## Future Role of Historian

- Continue Frank's archive prospectively
  - o Frank has done the History
  - o Quite straightforward to maintain the archive prospectively

- *Gather minutes of each IFSSH meeting and put into Archive*
- *Other relevant events*
- *Management of Archive*
  - *Who can edit*
  - *What happens if Belinda or David Warwick go under a bus*
  - *Safety from accidental erasure or failure of DropBox*
  - *Can it be managed via the Website or will the website need to be an uneditable link to Dropbox*

***Invite Delegates to submit material for archive***

## **9. Committee for Educational Sponsorship**

Goo Hyun Baek delivered the following report:

### **Undertaken in 2016:**

*At the 2015 IFSSH ExCo meeting in Seattle, the IFSHT requested some funding (a similar request to previous trienniums). The following were approved, and total funds of 9,500 \$ were transferred to the IFSHT in January 2016.*

- IFSHT International Hand Therapy Teaching Awards - \$1500*
- Evelyn Mackin Triennial Award - \$3000*
- IFSHT Triennial Congress Travel Grants - \$5000*

*A report has been received from the IFSHT on the use of these funds. Anne Wajon (current IFSHT President) joined the ExCo meeting on 21st June 2017 at Budapest IFSSH Meeting, and explained in detail.*

### **Awarded in 2016/17:**

*For Surgery of the Spastic Upper Limb Symposium that was held in Paris, March 2017, US\$ 6,000 (which is 5,633 Euros) was sent to Dr Caroline Leclercq to assist with expenses. Dr Leclercq sent the meeting report and thanked the IFSSH for providing these funds.*

### **Current enquiries:**

*- Three individuals have requested support from the CES to undertake fellowships / activities outside of their own country. One of these applications is from a Plastic Surgery Specialist in Sudan, wishing to undertake further training through a fellowship at Shandong University in China. The second application is from an American surgeon, and the third relates to a British doctor's suggestion of investigating the hand surgery opportunities within Ethiopia.*

*Responses have been sent from the IFSSH requesting more information, and detailing that each needs to have the endorsement of an IFSSH society (either their own home society or the society of the country they intend to study in) included in their application.*

Goo Hyun Baek appealed for submissions from IFSSH members and asked all Delegates to promote these opportunities to their societies.

Delegates were also reminded of the availability of funding for the Harold Kleinert Visiting Professorship and asked to provide suggestions of society/regional meetings that could benefit from this. The IFSSH ExCo will help facilitate applications if delegates can provide contact details of particular groups/meetings.

All funding opportunities and guidelines are on the IFSSH website – [www.ifssh.info](http://www.ifssh.info).

## 10. 13<sup>th</sup> IFSSH Congress – Buenos Aires, 2016

Eduardo Zancolli forwarded his apologies and a congress report, which was presented by Daniel Nagle:

The 13<sup>th</sup> IFSSH and 10<sup>th</sup> IFSHT Congress, held in Buenos Aires (24-28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016) celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the IFSSH.

The Organising Committee and sub-committees met regularly (weekly for some committees) for 6 years in the lead –up to the congress.

The scientific programme was conducted in 10 rooms – 6 for surgeons, 4 for therapists – and included:

- The Swanson Lecture, “Moments in time” (James Strickland)
- The Presidential Lecture: “A new map of reality” (Ervin Lazlo, 3 times nominated for the Peace Nobel Prize)
- 40 symposia and round tables (>200 speakers)
- 266 free papers
- 4 debates
- 4 problem case sessions
- 330 e-posters
- A competition between regional Federations
- 12 classics about the creative process in hand surgery

A “museum” was created:

- Hand Philogeny by Jose Rotella,
- Anatomical Dissections by Elbio Cozzi,
- Anatomical Drawings by Eduardo A. Zancolli,
- Hand Anatomists of the Renaissance and early Medicine by Juan C. Cagnone,
- Hand in animals by Alberto Garay
- Hands on stamps by Carlos Martinez

The final financial report detailed:

- Income \$1,428,536
- Total Expenditures \$1,174,002
- Profit \$254,534 distributed between IFSSH, IFSHT and Asociación Argentina de Cirugia de la Mano.

The full report of the congress is available via

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xvao8ovothxlbe7/AAA9wmlSIUJqao8uQ9Tu5UM2a?dl=0>

In the words of Eduardo Zancolli III- President of the 13th Congress: “It was really an enormous pleasure to have had the opportunity to host the Congress, have all you with us in Buenos Aires and, together, share learning, fun and friendship.”

Daniel Nagle, the ExCo and Delegates passed their thanks to Eduardo Zancolli and his colleagues for conducting the successful Buenos Aires meeting.

## **11. 14<sup>th</sup> IFSSH Congress – Berlin, 2019**

Karl-Josef Prommersberger delivered a report on the progress of the Berlin 2019 Congress.

The 14th IFSSH and 11th IFSHT Congress will be held in Berlin, 20-24 May 2019.

The German Hand Surgery Society (DGH) has 905 members and the German Hand Therapy Association (DAHTh) has 623 members. These two groups have held a combined annual meeting since 2006 with the most recent (the 57<sup>th</sup> DGH/21<sup>st</sup> DAHTh) being held in Frankfurt in 2016. This meeting had 777 participants (563 hand surgeons, 214 hand therapists).

The German Society has been increasing its interactions with international groups, inviting the American Association of Hand Surgery (AAHS) as guests to the 2016 annual meeting. The DGH was the guest society at the annual meeting of the Israeli Society for Surgery of the Hand in May 2017. The British Society for Surgery of the Hand will be the guest society at the 58th Annual Meeting of the DGH in Munich, October 2017.

The DGH have confirmed the organising company for the 2019 Triennial IFSSH-IFSHT meeting will be Intercongress. This PCO has been involved in the management of the DGH meetings since 2007. The dates (20-24 May) have been fixed, and the venue (City Cube) is booked.

The annual DGH congress will be integrated into the IFSSH Congress, including the DGH executive and council meetings. An agreement has been made with FESSH to integrate the annual FESSH Congress into the IFSSH Congress, including all committee meetings and the FESSH examination. As the 2016 DGH meeting had 777 participants and the 2017 FESSH meeting had >1000 participants, it is expected that the integration of these groups' annual meetings into the 2019 IFSSH Congress will result in a large number of participants.

The Scientific Committee has been formed. This consists of 19 members who have now held several meetings to analyse the programmes of the last five triennial congresses. Major topics have been identified and general schedules have been prepared, including time slots for scientific sessions, committee meetings and the FESSH examination.

Two combined sessions are being planned by the DGH and DAHTh: repair of flexor tendons and tendon transfers. The two groups have met to discuss the programming and timing of these sessions.

The committee is preparing a letter of invitation to all IFSSH member societies, requesting that each nominate possible members for scientific sessions and as invited speakers.

The 2019 IFSSH/FESSH instructional course will be "Distal Radius Fractures and Carpal Instabilities". Paco Pinal has been asked to be the editor of the associated book.

## **12. IFSSH Scientific Committees**

Addressed in Zsolt Szabo's Presidential Report (Item 5).

### **13. IFSSH Website / Newsletter / Ezine**

Daniel Nagle thanked Santhosh Rajan for continuing to provide an efficient, economical service as the IFSSH webmaster. The ExCo has approved a website/email upgrade. This will commence soon but the current services will remain active until the upgrade is completed.

The American and Asia-Pacific volumes of the Journal of Hand Surgery continue to print the Secretary-General Newsletter in four issues per year. The IFSSH passes on thanks to these journals for providing these pages. In 2011 the JHS (European) discontinued this. With the help of British colleagues, the IFSSH ExCo will ask the JHSE editorial board to reconsider printing the newsletter.

The IFSSH Ezine is published quarterly under the Editorship of Ulrich Mennen. The IFSSH congratulated him on the excellent publication. This is distributed directly to a database of over 5000 surgeons and all society delegates are asked to forward each issue to their society's membership, creating a readership of many thousands of people. Contributions from member societies are always welcomed (invited on a rotating basis, once per year, but willing to publish reports more often than this if a delegate submits news). This is another efficient option for the IFSSH and its member societies to share news and promote opportunities with a large readership.

The ExCo reminded the delegates that the ezine is funded by the IFSSH but can accept sponsorship/advertising. Daniel Nagle, on behalf of Ulrich Mennen, asked delegates to discuss this opportunity with their industry colleagues. Past copies are available on the IFSSH website to use as examples - <http://ifssh.info/ezine.html/>. Members of trade companies are welcome to subscribe to receive the ezine.

David Newington asked for specific information to use when discussing this with industry representatives – cost, timing, etc. Full details will be provided when the meeting minutes are distributed. Questions can be directed to Ulrich Mennen ([ezine@ifssh.info](mailto:ezine@ifssh.info)) and the secretariat ([administration@ifssh.info](mailto:administration@ifssh.info)).

### **14. IFSSH Pioneers**

Addressed in Zolt Szabo's Presidential Report (Item 5).

### **15. Business arising from the Executive Committee Meeting (6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017)**

Addressed in Zolt Szabo's Presidential Report (Item 5).

### **16. New business - 2025 Congress interest**

The 2025 IFSSH Congress is assigned to the Americas under the current rotation system. Interest to host this congress has been expressed by the ASSH, the AAHS and the Brazilian Society. The "Guidelines for Congress Hosts" are on the IFSSH website (<http://ifssh.info/guidelines.html>). This document includes the timeline for submissions. Further information can be provided by the secretariat ([administration@ifssh.info](mailto:administration@ifssh.info)).

## **17. Reports from IFSSH Allied Organisations**

Written reports were invited from all IFSSH Allied Organisations. Reports (see Appendix) were submitted by:

- Asia-Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH)
- Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International (HWBI)
- International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (IFSHT)
- International Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (IPRAS)
- South American Federation

The IFSSH thanks all members involved in the preparation of these reports.

## **18. Next meetings of the Delegates' Council:**

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| 2018 | FESSH Congress: June 13-16, Copenhagen |
| 2019 | IFSSH Congress, Berlin, Germany        |

Dr Szabo thanked all Delegates and representatives for their attendance and asked that each comes to the Copenhagen Delegates' Council Meeting with feedback from their societies and suggestions for IFSSH activities.

**Meeting closed: 8:55am**

## **The Asian Pacific Federation Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH)**

### *Report from the President of APFSSH*

The APFSSH member countries have been working very efficiently and in harmony, in the fields of teaching, publications (Hand Surgery Asian volume), research, conferences organizing, and charity medical service as well in these 10 years. Some unique developments around the Asia-Pacific region have gained their credits and recognitions around the world; which including brachial plexus injury treatment, microsurgery, wrist arthroscopy, sport injury, mangled upper extremity, and basic research as well.

In the past 10 years, APFSSH meetings had been successfully hosted by respectful hand surgeons in Hong Kong (2008), Taiwan (Kaohsiung, 2009), Indonesia (Bali, 2012), and Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, 2014). The 11<sup>th</sup> congress of the APFSSH in conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> congress of the Asian Pacific federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (APFSHT) will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Cebu city, Philippines. This APFSSH meeting is one of the most important and the highest academic hand conferences in the Asian Pacific regions. The aims of this conference are to offer great opportunities for hand surgeons, hand therapists, as well as researchers and other physicians who are interested in the field of hand surgery; to present their ideas, clinical results, techniques, experiences and knowledge. Based on our previous wonderful experiences, I am quite sure that we will have a successful APFSSH meeting in Cebu city this November. The highlights of the APFSSH conference this year including many interesting topics of hand surgery, many famous international guest speakers and faculties are in charge of special lectures and symposiums, and Professor Akio Minami's speech in the Tajima lecture. The organizing committee has put a lot of efforts in the scientific program, the venue arrangement, the speakers' invitation, as well as the social activities. Cebu city is one of the best places for visitors in Philippines, which is full of sunshine, hospitality, smile and beautiful ocean. This will be a congress with lots of joy, friendships, and knowledge for our hand surgeons and hand therapists.

The presidents of the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> APFSSH are M. Beppu (Japan), YK. Tu (Taiwan), and GH. Baek (Korea), respectively. The secretary general of the 10<sup>th</sup> (currently) APFSSH is R. Sabapathy (India).



From left to right. Prof. GH Baek, Prof. M Beppu, Prof. YK Tu, and Prof. R Sabapathy

**Yuan-Kun Tu, MD, PhD, FICS**

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Professor & Superintendent, E-DA Hospital / I-Shou University. Taiwan

# Report to IFSSH

By Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International (HWBI)

August 30, 2017

**The 10th Symposium of Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 27, 2016**

**In conjunction with IFSSH and IFSHT Congress**

Hand and Wrist Biomechanics, Part I

Directors: William Seitz (USA) and Frederic Schuind (Belgium)

- David L. Nelson (USA), How to read radiographs
- Marc García-Elías (Spain), Latest research on neuromuscular control of carpal instability
- Trey Crisco (USA), Biomechanics of the wrist,
- Zong-Ming Li (USA), Carpal tunnel mechanics and clinical translation
- Frederick W. Werner, Biomechanics of the DRUJ
- Frederic Schuind (Belgium), Difficult problems and complications at the forearm

Hand and Wrist Biomechanics, Part II

Directors: David L. Nelson ( USA) and Frederick W. Werner (USA)

- William Seitz (USA), Reconstruction rather than ablation & pollicization of Blauth 3B congenital thumb hypoplasia
- Ken Fischer (USA), Thumb biomechanics: key principles, measurement methods, and analysis techniques
- Trey Crisco (USA), Thumb biomechanics in early OA progression

**The 11th Symposium of Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International**

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Center, Australia, July 24-26 **July 23-25, 2017**

**In conjunction with International Society of Biomechanics Congress XXVI**

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Kenneth Fischer, PhD, USA

David L. Nelson, MD, USA

Mark Ross, MD, Australia

Frederick W. Werner, MME, USA

Ronit Wollstein, MD, USA

**See the enclosed program brochure**



# HWBI 2017

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# Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International Symposium

**JULY 24 (MON) Brisbane, Australia, July 23-25, 2017**

Time	Topics	Speaker
08:00	Registration	
8:30-9:30	ISB Keynote Lecture (KN2)	Munjed Al Muderis
<b>HWBI</b>	<b>09:30-10:00 Opening</b>	<b>Chair: Zong-Ming Li</b>
9:30-9:40	Opening Remarks	Zong-Ming Li / Fong-Chin Su
9:40-10:00	Opening Speech: The History of Hand and Wrist Biomechanics	Kai-Nan An
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>10:00-10:30 Carpal Mechanics I</b>	<b>Chair: Fong-Chin Su</b>
10:00-10:15	Integrated 3D Upper Extremity Kinematics: The Relationship Between the Dart Throwing Motion, Resting Forearm Position and the Visual Axis	Mark Ross
10:15-10:40	Proximal Carpal Row Controls Midcarpal Alignment and Motion	Mike Sandow
10:40-11:00	<i>Morning Tea - Networking Break in the Exhibition</i>	
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>11:00-12:00 Carpal Mechanics II</b>	<b>Chair: Kai-Nan An</b>
11:00-11:15	The Multiple Ring Concept of the Wrist	Greg Bain
11:15-11:30	Effects of Laxity on Subject-Specific Carpal Kinematics and Kinetics	Michael Rainbow
11:30-11:40	Anatomical Volar and Dorsal Reconstruction (Anafab) for Scapho-Lunate Dissociation	Mike Sandow
11:40-11:50	The Scapholunate Complex – Role of the Dorsal Capsulo Scapholunate Septum (Dcss) as Secondary Stabiliser	Luc Van Overstraeten
11:50-12:00	Effect of Extensor Carpi Ulnaris Tendon Loading on Scaphoid Pronation During Dynamic Wrist Motion in the Intact and Unstable Wrist	Fred Werner
12:00-13:00	ISB Keynote Lecture (KN3)	Melissa L. Knothe Tate
13:00-14:00	<i>HWBI Council Meeting / Lunch - Networking Break in the Exhibition</i>	
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>14:00-15:00 Distal Radial-Ulnar Joint/Carpal Mechanics</b>	<b>Chair: Mark Ross</b>
14:00-14:15	The Dart Throwing Motion	Fred Werner
14:15-14:30	The Role of the Muscle Brachioradialis in Elbow Flexion – An Electromyographic Study	Frederic Schuind
14:30-14:40	Predynamic Scapholunate Instability – Dorsal Capsulo Scapholunate Septum (Dcss): Anatomy, Biomechanical Aspect, Lesional Classification and Therapeutic Relevance	Luc Van Overstraeten
14:40-14:50	Patient-Specific Scaphoid Replacement out of the 3D-Printer	Mathias Haefeli
14:50-15:00	Stiffness and Load to Failure of Distal Radius Fractures: A Meta-Analysis of Biomechanical Studies	Yu Meng Hsiao
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>15:00-16:00 Hand Therapy/Motor Control</b>	<b>Chair: Toshi Nakamura</b>
15:00-15:20	Rehabilitation and Motor Control of the Hand	Fong-Chin Su
15:20-15:30	Effects of Motor Task-Specific Therapy Synchronized with Vibrotactile Cueing on Sensorimotor Performance of Upper Extremity for the Chronic Stroke Patients	Hsiu-Yun Hsu
15:30-15:40	Age Related Differences in Finger Independency and Neuromuscular Control	Nathalie Van Beek
15:40-15:50	Use of Sensorimotor Input in Rehabilitation of Distal Radius Fractures	Ronit Wollstein
15:50-16:00	Tremor Suppression in Wrist Joint Using Active Force Control Method	Seyedeh marzieh Hosseini
16:00-16:30	<i>Afternoon Networking Break in the Exhibition</i>	
16:30-17:30	ISB Keynote Lecture (KN4)	Mike Seymour



# Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International Symposium

**JULY 25 (TUE)**

**Brisbane, Australia, July 23-25, 2017**

Time	Topics	Speaker
8:30-9:30	ISB Keynote Lecture (KN5)	Chwee Teck Lim
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>9:30-10:30 Soft Tissue mechanics</b>	<b>Chair: I-Ming Jou</b>
9:30-9:50	Biomechanical Consideration for the Treatment of Flexor Tendon	CF Zhao
9:50-10:00	Implantable Passive Mechanisms for Differentially Distributing Movement Across Multiple Tendons in Tendon-Transfer Surgery	Ravi Balasubramanian
10:00-10:10	A Parametrized Model of the Long Finger Extensor Mechanism	Anton Dogadov
10:10-10:20	Muscle Force Optimization in Piano Playing- A Biomechanical Analysis	Michael Mak
10:20-10:30	The Biomechanical Effect of Dorsal Radial Ligament Reconstruction in Thumb Instability Patients	Faes Kerkhof
10:30-11:00	<i>Morning Tea - Networking Break in the Exhibition</i>	
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>11:00-12:00 Ligaments</b>	<b>Chair: Frederic Schuind</b>
11:00-11:20	Ultrasound-Assisted Percutaneous Release of Carpal Tunnel and Trigger Finger	I-Ming Jou
11:20-11:30	The Clinical Outcomes after Sonographically Assisted Percutaneous Release of Trigger Digits: A Series of 1167 Digits	Chien-An Shih
11:30-11:40	A Mathematical Model of the Effect of Partial Excision of the A2 and A4 Pulleys Based on In-Vivo Measurements	Michael Mak
11:40-11:50	High-Frequency Ultrasound Characterizing Individual Tissue in the First Annular Pulley System	Tai-hua Yang
11:50-12:00	Effect of A1 Pulley Release on Digital Flexors Tendons Excursion: Comparison of Open and Percutaneous Sonographically Guided Techniques	Fabian Mounongo
12:00-13:00	ISB Keynote Lecture (KN6)	Silvia Blemker
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch - Networking Break in the Exhibition and ISB Student Lunch</i>	
<b>Session 7</b>	<b>14:00-15:00 Carpal Tunnel Mechanics</b>	<b>Chair: Fred Werner</b>
14:00-14:15	Biomechanics of Median Nerve Compression and Decompression	Zong-Ming Li
14:15-14:25	Compliance Measurements of the Carpal Tunnel Complex	Ukadike Chris Ugbole
14:25-14:35	Introducing and Validating a Musculoskeletal Model of Hand and Wrist	Mojtaba Mirakhorlo
14:35-14:45	Wrist Patterns Based on Measurements in Plain Radiographs	Ronit Wollstein
14:45-15:00	Scholarship Presentation	Fred Werner
<b>Session 8</b>	<b>15:00-16:00 Thumb CMC Joint Mechanics</b>	<b>Chair: CF Zhao</b>
15:00-15:20	The Lumbrical Muscle Contribution to Placing the Fingertip in Space: A Three Dimensional Study	Toshi Nakamura
15:20-15:30	Mechanical Properties of Healthy Trapeziometacarpal Cartilage Using Indentation Testing and Contrast-Enhanced Computed Tomography	Faes Kerkhof
15:30-15:40	Early Morphologic Changes in Trapeziometacarpal Joint Bones with Osteoarthritis	Marco Schneider
15:40-15:50	Analysis of the Thumb Carpometacarpal Joint Kinesiology Using 4-Dimensional Computed Tomography	Stephen Tham (Co-author: Kemble Wang present)
15:50-16:00	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Kai-Nan An/Fred Werner
16:00-18:00	Poster Session 1 (250) - Great Hall 3 & 4 ( including networking afternoonn tea, drinks and refreshments)	

## **IFSHT TRIENNIAL MEETINGS**

### **10<sup>th</sup> IFSHT Triennial Congress / 13<sup>th</sup> IFSSH Triennial Congress, October 24-28, 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

- **Program:** Post conference feedback provided confirmation from delegates that they learned practical skills that should improve practice.
- **Silent Auction:** 301 donated items were presented over 17 tables, and managed by 24 volunteers. This highly successful event collected \$US7255 toward the IFSHT travel grant fund.
- **New IFSHT Executive Committee appointed:** Nicola Goldsmith (UK), President Elect; Anne Wajon (Australia), President; Sarah Ewald (Switzerland), Past President; Cecilia Li (Hong Kong), Information Officer, Peggy Boineau (USA), Treasurer; Maureen Hardy (USA), Secretary General

### **11<sup>th</sup> IFSHT Triennial Congress / 14<sup>th</sup> IFSSH Triennial Congress, 2019 Berlin, Germany**

- **Scientific Program Co-Chairs:** Dorit Aaron (USA) and Beate Jung (Germany)
- **Silent Auction Committee:** Chair is Sabina Haas
- **Convention Management:** Intercongress – I am planning to meet them tomorrow to discuss any identified issues.

## **IFSHT MEMBERSHIP**

- **Full members: 36, representing 9029 hand therapists worldwide.**
- **Associate members:** Bangladesh, Mexico, Nepal, Philippines, Qatar, United Arab Emirates
- **Corresponding members:** Bahrain, Barbados, Gaza, Ghana, Iran, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka (Ghana is new member)
- **Commercial Members:** NCM, Orfit, DanMic Global, Klarity, T-Tape Company and 3-Point products
- **Regional Liaison Organisations:** American Association for Hand Surgery (ASSH), Asia Pacific Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (APFSHT), European Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (EFSSH), International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the HAND (IFSSH) and International Society for Sport Traumatology of the Hand (ISSPORTH)

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **Within IFSHT:**

- **Executive committee:** Face-to-face meeting held from June 1-3, 2017 in Hong Kong.
  - Plans for next two years were discussed.
  - Continue to hold regular Skype-call meetings, every 6 to 8 weeks
  - Virtual office is utilized for on-line discussions and document sharing.
  - Passed a motion to restructure fees for all membership categories – now setting up delegate vote
  - Passed a motion to appoint an administrative secretary – will start to advertise position
  - Discussed potential website enhancements, aimed at providing additional educational resources for therapists
  - Agreed to create an Ad Hoc Social Media Committee
  - Discussed International Teaching Travel Grant – acknowledged that we were only able to award this grant twice in last triennium, so have decided to increase funds available to \$1500/grant

- **Delegate communication:**
  - Delegates continue to receive regular updates from the IFSHT Secretary General and vote electronically in IFSHT elections.

#### **With Hand Therapists around the world:**

- **IFSHT Update:** published 4 x annually in the *US* and the *British Journals of Hand Therapy* and distributed to all member countries. Now included in the IFSSH Ezine.
- **IFSHT website ([www.ifsht.org](http://www.ifsht.org)):** Continue to regularly update website with new features and content.
- **IFSHT Hand Therapy Connections E-Newsletter:** 2x per year. Currently, over 2000 subscribers.
- **IFSHT Facebook Page:** remains active
- **IFSHT contribution to IFSSH E-zine:** IFSHT has continued to source and prepare a short clinically relevant article for the IFSSH Ezine. Recent topics included the trip to Ghana by a therapist who received the International Teaching Grant, management of PIP joint injuries and management of the chronically painful wrist.

#### **IFSHT AWARDS**

- **Evelyn Mackin Award was established in 2010:** sponsorship of a therapist(s) from a developing country (GNI < \$6000) to attend triennial congress.
- **Christine Alegri Award for innovation in hand therapy** awarded in 2016 for the first time in Buenos Aires to Birgita Rosen for her work (STI test for assessment of tactile gnosis & Sensory Glove System).
- **The inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award will be awarded in 2019** to honor those who have made a global impact on profession of hand therapy

#### **SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES**

- **IFSHT-IFSSH International Hand Therapy Teaching Awards (increased to a maximum of \$1500 each):** Available for therapists traveling and teaching (clinical or academic) in areas of the world with limited hand therapy access.
- **Dynamometers (donated to IFSHT):** ~ 70 dynamometers available. Available to therapists or surgeons traveling and teaching / consulting in a developing country. To request a dynamometer, please contact [secretarygeneral@ifsht.org](mailto:secretarygeneral@ifsht.org). In 2016/2017 dynamometers have been sent via projects to the following countries: Nepal, Kosovo, Zambia, Czech Republic and Brazil.
- **Evelyn Mackin Award:** As mentioned, five therapists from: Chile, Mexico, Ecuador, Nepal, Philippines) were fully sponsored to attend 2016 IFSHT-IFSSH Congress.
- **International Therapist Triennial Meeting Sponsorship Funds** (as available): assists international therapists to attend the IFSHT triennial congress. IFSSH donated \$5000 toward therapist registration fees. In total, \$7200 was received from IFSSH, commercial entities, hand therapy organisations and numerous individuals. These funds supported 16 therapists to attend the Congress, from the following Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Iran, Kenya, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom and Venezuela.

## **IPRAS REPORT TO IFSSH – August 2017**

Dear Friends,

The IPRAS at this moment is non-operative. They are still immersed in a litigation issue with their representatives. I have looked for a congress for the next few years and there is nothing that I could find.

As soon as I have more information I will let you know.

Best regards

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## REPORT OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN FEDERATION

The Federation was very active in the participation of the 13th Congress of the IFSSH with a huge amount of registrants.

From 27 to 29 of April 2017 the Federation participated of the XI IBERO LATIN AMERICAN Congress held in Puerto Rico.

The 16th South American Congress will be held in Buenos Aires from 11th to 13th October.

In Copenhagen 2018 South America will be presenting (societies postulating to host) the 2025 IFSSH Congress.

Eduardo Rafael Zancolli

Delegate for the Southamerican Federation



## IFSSH EZINE: SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The IFSSH Ezine is the official mouthpiece of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH), and is sent free of charge every three months (February, May, August, November) to many thousands of hand surgeons and hand therapists worldwide.

Any IFSSH Member Society may use the Ezine to announce their activities or share information regarding their Society. This is gratis and can be organised by contacting [administration@ifssh.info](mailto:administration@ifssh.info). The magazine's philosophy is "for the members by the members".

All announcements or advertisements which are not officially endorsed or sponsored by a Member Society may be placed in the Ezine as long as the advertisement relates to the Hand and aligns with the IFSSH Charter. The current fee is US\$ 300 per full size page per issue, or US\$ 1000.00 for 4 issues.

All advertisements have to be of high definition, ready to be published as is, and will be placed without editing. The advertiser thus takes full responsibility for the advertisement and the response that may flow from placing it in the Ezine. Furthermore, the IFSSH does not endorse nor take any responsibility for the content or claims made in such advertisements.

When submitting news and advertisements, please be aware of the following publishing schedule and specifications:

### ***Deadline for submissions***

All submissions should reach us not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please note we do not send reminders.

### ***Specifications for full page adverts***

- Dimensions: 190mm x 272mm (216mm x 303mm with bleed)
- Format required: High resolution pdf (all photos in artwork must be CMYK, 300 dpi)
- All hyperlinks with text/photos that need hyperlinking need to be specified when artwork is sent through

Previous issues of the ezine are available on the IFSSH website: [www.ifssh.info](http://www.ifssh.info).

Please contact [administration@ifssh.info](mailto:administration@ifssh.info) should you wish to make use of this offer.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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