



IFSSH Newsletter

July 2021

Message from the Secretary-General: S. Raja Sabapathy

The IFSSH Delegates' Council held a virtual meeting on 3rd July, 2021, and ratified many changes which will have a positive impact in the functioning of our Federation. Since writing the last newsletter, the pandemic seems to be reducing in its intensity in most places. Hopefully the trend continues, so that we are all able to meet in person in London for the next IFSSH Congress (June 6-10, 2022).

IFSSH Membership: Peruvian Association of Hand Surgery and Microsurgery

The Peruvian Association of Hand Surgery and Microsurgery (APCMM) was admitted to IFSSH membership at the 2021 IFSSH Delegates' Council Meeting. The APCMM is the 61st member society in the Federation.

The Council welcomed Dr. Mirko Tello Vines, APCMM President. We congratulate all members of the APCMM on their successful application and we look forward to their participation in all future IFSSH activities.

Allied Organisation: Federación Latinoamericana de Cirugía de la Mano

In 2019 the South American Federation for Hand Surgery moved to include the Central American countries (Spanish speaking language) into its Federation. This expansion resulted in the Federation updating its constitution and name to the Latin American Federation for Hand Surgery (Federación Latinoamericana de Cirugía de la Mano - FLACM).

The IFSSH congratulates FLACM on this achievement and has recognised this update within the IFSSH Allied Organisations.

2022 Elections: Executive Committee and Nominating Committee members

The revised IFSSH Bylaws (accepted by the Delegates' Council in 2020) include the expansion of the Executive and Nominating Committees from 2022. The details of this process were described at the Delegates' Council Meeting.

At the London 2022 Triennial IFSSH Congress, the following will occur:

- the current President, Dr. Marc Garcia-Elias, automatically moves to Past President;
- the current President Elect, Dr. Daniel Nagle, automatically moves to President;
- the current Secretary-General, Dr S Raja Sabapathy, automatically moves to President-Elect;
- the Secretary-General Elect position, now empty, is removed from the ExCo as per the 2020 Bylaw revisions; and
- the Historian position is also removed (a Communications Director is established instead).

The Delegates' Council will then need to elect the following officers at the London 2022 meeting, as per the ExCo composition described in the 2020 Bylaws:

- the incoming Secretary-General;
- a Communications Director; and
- 5 ExCo Members-at Large (regional representation)

In addition, outside of the Executive Committee, but to specifically be a part of the Nominating Committee only:

- 2 Nominating Committee Members-at-Large

The full application and election processes for these positions have been distributed to all society delegates. These are also listed on the IFSSH website (<https://ifssh.info/2022-elections.php>). All societies should consider the essential and desirable qualities for the positions when considering nominations.

The application forms for each position will be placed on the IFSSH website by September 1st, 2021. At this time we invite all societies to start considering their proposals and to contact the secretariat if you have any questions. Applications must be received by the secretariat (administration@ifssh.info) by **February 6th, 2022**.

2022 Pioneers of Hand Surgery: Call for Nominations

The IFSSH welcomes nominations for the 2022 IFSSH Pioneer of Hand Surgery honours. The IFSSH awards "Pioneer of Hand Surgery" status to any person who excels exceptionally, beyond what is normally expected in the field of hand surgery.

The person must be recommended in writing, be at least 70 years of age at the time of the next Federation Congress or deceased, have made a significant contribution to hand surgery nationally or internationally, and may only be nominated following approval by the members of the hand surgery society to which he/she belong(ed). Submission of an application for Pioneer must be accompanied by written recommendations from three of his/her peers.

The guidelines for nomination and the application form are on the IFSSH website - https://ifssh.info/pioneers_hand_surgery.php. Applications must be received by the secretariat (administration@ifssh.info) by **December 6th, 2021**.

Further information

Updates for all IFSSH matters will be provided regularly through the website (<https://ifssh.info/>), the Ezine (https://ifssh.info/ifssh_ezine.php) and our Twitter/Instagram feeds (@IFSSHHand). Please subscribe and share with your society members.

With very best wishes

S. Raja Sabapathy

Secretary-General, IFSSH

Email: secretary@ifssh.info

Future Meetings

A detailed list of national and regional hand surgery meetings is available on the IFSSH website. The triennial IFSSH Congresses are as follows:

XVth IFSSH – XIIth IFSSH Congress – London, United Kingdom
6th - 10th June, 2022

XVIth IFSSH – XIIIth IFSSH Congress – Washington D.C., USA
29th March - 3rd April, 2025