



IFSSH Newsletter October 2021

Message from the Secretary-General: S. Raja Sabapathy

Dear Colleagues,

The Covid pandemic still lingers on, but there are some good signs. From total online meetings we now have many local in person meetings in many countries and some big meetings in hybrid format. We sincerely believe that by June 2022 we will all be able to travel to London for the IFSSH congress.

Two aspects need to be highlighted. First is the election for the council posts which will be held in June, 2022 during the London congress. An organization like the IFSSH needs dynamic leaders and this is a time for the member nations to propose their best hands for these posts to build a strong leadership line for the IFSSH. Second is the opportunity for the Asia Pacific member nations to bid for the 2028 congress. Details about these and about many more topics are on the IFSSH website – www.ifssh.info. Please visit it often.

London 2022 Triennial Congress

The IFSSH-IFSHT Triennial Congress, run in conjunction with the FESSH Congress, will be held 6th – 10th June, 2022 in London. The website contains information about the location, registration, scientific programme, social events, accommodation and more - www.ifssh-ifsht2022.com.

Abstracts are being assessed, as are the applications for the UK Travelling Fellowships. The local organizing committee are preparing schedules to intrigue and challenge all. Options will be available to keep accompanying persons busy. The British Society has recently returned to face-to-face congresses, holding its Autumn Scientific Meeting in Oxford in September in this format. We are excited to have this opportunity to meet again in person.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR HAND THERAPY

LONDON

2022

COMBINED XXVII FESSH CONGRESS

6 – 10 June 2022
ExCeL Conference Centre, London, UK
www.ifssh-ifsht2022.com



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 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**.

2022 Elections: Executive Committee and Nominating Committee members

At the 2022 Congress, the IFSSH Delegates' Council will elect the following officers to join the IFSSH Executive Committee:

- 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 position descriptions and application 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.

Nominations may now be submitted. Applications must be received by the secretariat (administration@ifssh.info) by **February 6th, 2022**.

2028 IFSSH Congress: Call for Host Society Bids

The IFSSH Executive Committee has recommended that member societies from the Asian-Pacific region be invited to host the 2028 triennial congress. This main scientific event of the IFSSH will be celebrated every three years in a member society country that is in good standing with the IFSSH, including payment of their annual dues.

The Congress Guidelines have recently been updated and the revised information is now available on the IFSSH website: <https://ifssh.info/guidelines.php>

Any Asian-Pacific member society that is interested in hosting the 2028 IFSSH Congress should inform the IFSSH Executive of their intentions and ensure that

the full bid is forwarded, as detailed in the instructions above, by March 6th 2022, for consideration at the London meeting (June 6-10, 2022).

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

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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

www.ifssh-ifsht2022.com

XVIth IFSSH – XIIIth IFSSH Congress – Washington D.C., USA

29th March - 3rd April, 2025