



IFSSH Newsletter August 2026

Message from the Secretary-General

Dear Colleagues,

First, I am pleased to share with you the updates of the 2nd Midterm Course (<https://ifsshvenice2027.com>), 4-8 April 2028, which is less than 8 months away from now. The registration and hotel reservation are open. I myself have just reserved a hotel for 5 nights for about 900 euros, which is very reasonable in Venice in mid-spring. The registration fee is very reasonable for the super-rich content of the Course for 4-days as detailed on the website. I urge all of you consider to go to enjoy a wonderful meeting in Venice. The Course contents are extremely rich owing to careful planning by our Italian colleagues, headed by Dr Andrea Atzei. The speakers are world-class from different continents. Topics are most up-to-date, and the format is diverse, ranging from lectures to hands-on workshops, case discussions, meeting the masters, and interactive discussions with experts. In the Course, sufficient discussion time is reserved. I urge you to come and have an in-depth discussion with leading experts on these topics.

Second, I would like to inform you that in the delegate council meeting in Basel on 5 June 2026, we accepted the Costa Rican Association of Hand Surgeons, the Paraguayan Society of Hand Surgery and the Ukrainian Hand Surgery Society into our Federation. Delegates from the three societies gave exciting speeches right after the unanimous voting of acceptance by the delegates of the member societies. We are thrilled that the IFSSH family is expanding!

Educational efforts of the Federation are further strengthened through joint support of a Course in South Africa late this year and approving grants to a few countries. Personally, besides meetings and discussions with colleagues and delegates in Basel during the IFSSH congress in early June, I had a wonderful opportunity to listen to and discuss the needs of member societies through three delegates from different continents in a 10-day group trip (11 to 22 June) to two conferences and four hospitals in central China after the Basel meeting. I learnt a great deal about the educational needs in the regions of these delegates and what they wish IFSSH to do. These will help shape our future goals and efforts in different regions.

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