



IFSSH NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: Report on the June 2018 Berlin Site Visit

Representatives of the organizing committees of the 2019 IFSSH Berlin triennial meeting provided IFSSH President Dr. Zsolt Szabo and Secretary-General Dr. Daniel Nagle and IFSHT President Dr. Anne Wajon a congress site visit of Berlin. The tour was organized to follow the June FESSH meeting in Copenhagen. The local hosts, including Dr. Joerg van Schoonhoven and Dr. Max Haerle of the German Society for Surgery of the Hand (DGH) and Ms. Beate Jung of the German Society for Hand Therapy (DAHTH) and along with Ms. Isabell Faad and Ms. Denise Schuler of Intercongress (the congress organizing contractor), provided Drs. Szabo, Nagle and Wajon with an in-depth tour of the meeting venue, the Berlin CityCube. This is a beautiful new spacious (2,555 m²) congress/exhibition facility that will easily accommodate the IFSSH Triennial meeting. I encourage you to visit the CityCube website.

<https://convention.visitberlin.de/en/meetingguideberlin/locations/citycube-berlin>.

The congress hotel will be the Ritz Carlton and the IFSSH Gala will be held in the Ritz Carlton ballroom. A plethora of hotels in all price ranges are available and public transportation is very convenient to the CityCube.

Drs. van Schoonhoven and Haerle and Ms. Jung reviewed the tentative congress schedule. They pointed out that abstracts were already being received. The organizing committee has been in contact with 56 hand surgery societies from around the world and has set up an international scientific committee with over 260 experts. The organizers plan to introduce new innovative educational opportunities. A series of “pre-courses” will be offered on Monday, June 17, 2019. A focus on young hand surgeons and therapists will include new social activities as well as workshops and lectures designed specifically for the “next generation” of hand care specialists. While the IFSSH congress has always featured current and forward-looking hand surgery care, this congress will also feature lectures on providing care to those with hand pathology and injuries in areas of the world with limited resources. Also, the organizers have incorporated FESSH-sponsored Instructional Courses and an Instructional Book.

The economics of such a large undertaking were discussed and it is clear the organizers have an excellent grasp on the financial aspects of the congress. The congress organizers have been very effective in securing industry support for the congress. The CityCube offers the industry partners ample space for their exhibits. In keeping with IFSSH philosophy the congress registration fees will be structured so as to promote participation by hand surgeons and therapists from all economic backgrounds.

Please make plans to join your colleagues from around the world in Berlin, June 17 – 21, 2019. You will find Berlin to be an amazing city with a myriad of cultural, culinary and historical attractions. You will not be disappointed as the Congress will be vibrant and educationally stimulating and the social program will be outstanding.

Best wishes to all from the IFSSH Executive Committee.

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Daniel J. Nagle MD
Secretary General IFSSH

IFSSH PIONEERS OF HAND SURGERY: Call for Nominations

The IFSSH Executive Committee invites nominations for IFSSH Pioneer of Hand Surgery honours.

The members of the nominating society should agree that a nomination is appropriate in that the nominee has provided exceptional contributions to hand surgery. The criteria are listed on the website - http://ifssh.info/pioneers_hand_surgery.php.

The Society should forward the nomination to the IFSSH Nominating Committee (email: administration@ifssh.info) and include:

1. A **letter of nomination**, confirming the approval of society members, detailing the reasons and addressing the selection criteria, and including the **three letters of recommendation** from peers;
2. An **abbreviated CV** of three pages maximum (including **date of birth** – NB: all nominees must be aged over 70 by 17th June 2019, or deceased);
3. A **photograph**; and
4. **Contact details** of the nominee (or family member if deceased).

Nominations will be considered by the IFSSH Nominating Committee, which requires that all of the above criteria are met and that all nomination details are completed by the date below.

Further details, including a checklist that must be included with the submission, are available on the IFSSH website: http://ifssh.info/pioneers_hand_surgery.php

The closing date for nominations is **17th December 2018**. **No nominations will be accepted after this date.**

2025 IFSSH TRIENNIAL CONGRESS HOST SOCIETY: Call for bids

The 2025 IFSSH Triennial Congress is allocated to The Americas under the geographic rotation system.

The IFSSH Executive Committee calls for bids to host the 2025 Congress. Full guidelines are available on the IFSSH website: <http://ifssh.info/guidelines.php>.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Secretary General (administration@ifssh.info) by **17th March 2019**. The same documentation must be sent to each member country delegate and IFSHT representative for evaluation. This distribution is the responsibility of the nominating society. The contact details of all societies are on the IFSSH website: http://ifssh.info/member_nation.php

IFSSH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Call for Nominations

Nominations for President-Elect, Secretary General-Elect, Historian and Member-at-large will be considered at the Berlin IFSSH Congress Delegates' Council meeting. These nominations must be received from an IFSSH member society, signed by the society President and the society IFSSH delegate, or from members of the IFSSH Executive Committee, and may be received up to and including the time of the Delegates' Council meeting (according to current By-laws). However, we recommend that nominations be forwarded to the IFSSH administrative office (administration@ifssh.info) by **17th December 2018**. It is intended that delegates consider an amendment to the By-laws at the Berlin meeting to establish this more formal process of nomination to the Executive Committee.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Triennial IFSSH Congresses

XIVth IFSSH – XIth IFSHT Congress – Berlin, Germany - 17-21 June, 2019
www.ifssh-ifsht2019.com

XVth IFSSH – XIIth IFSHT Congress – London, United Kingdom – 27th June - 1st July, 2022
www.ifssh2022.london

National and Regional hand surgery meetings

Please see announcements in the Ezine and IFSSH website.