



I S S H

Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand

Newsletter

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ISSH

AIM

Presidential theme 2021



Information
Education
Communication

To attempt to change or reinforce a set of behaviors in the community in our sphere of influence about prevention of disability following Hand injury

- I** Information : Acquire data about the burden of Hand injury in our community, current practices & the burden of disability
- E** Education: Share scientific knowledge which would address the issue of disability following Hand Injury
- C** Communication: Disseminate the material through digital media, marketing channels, outreach programs

KEY to success

- It needs to be a low cost effort.
- Identification of easily implementable concepts:
 - Splinting at the site of accident,
 - Control of blood loss,
 - Transportation to the definitive care facility
 - Washing of the open wounds
 - Early systemic antibiotics
 - Thorough debridement
 - Use of correct suture materials
 - Correct method of splinting
 - Limb elevation
 - Self administered hand therapy protocols
- Identification of red flags:
 - Unrelenting Pain,
 - Oedema, Poor skin condition
- Communication in local language & Signages
- Free distribution of Patient Education Material
- Dialogue with primary care givers – Family Physicians, Surgeons, Hand Therapists

Sustenance

The effects of IEC need to sustain beyond the target period.

Training of Care givers, emphasizing the need for appropriate splints, Implants & equipment available for the end user.

Tie up with administrative set ups:
 Local: NGOs, BDOs, Gram Panchayats, Municipal Bodies
 District: District Collector
 State: SHEB
 India: CHEB, I & B Ministry
 International: WHO, IFSSH, APFSSH, NGOs

Feedback:

Community survey; Survey of Primary Healthcare Providers

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ISSH Executive Council 2021

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31st Dec 2024

Dr. Ravi Mahajan *President*



Dear ISSH Members,

I sincerely wish and hope that you have all come out of second COVID wave unscathed and are having good health.

This is the last Newsletter message I am writing to you as President ISSH, having the unique opportunity of presiding over this august body for consecutive three years. It has been a great experience working with a team of extremely experienced as well as young dynamic hand surgeons in the executive committee to take forward the hand society propounded by our illustrious predecessors. With guidance from senior members and co-operation of young dynamic members, we have been able to carry out a lot of academic activities during difficult COVID times. Though we have not been able to have any physical meeting after our annual conference in 2019 at Bhubaneswar, we have tried to keep the academic activities of ISSH alive by organizing regular webinars, Mid Term Virtual CME and now virtual annual conference in August, 2021. We are looking forward to a great virtual ISSHCON 2021 being organized by our Chennai team under the leadership of Dr. G. Karthikeyan. Our editorial team led by Dr. Praveen Bhardwaj not only organized a very successful combined ISSH-BSSH Mid Term Virtual CME, but is also doing a wonderful job by having a regular online journal club and other academic activities like monthly review articles, drawing of the month etc. Sunday Reads have also been made more interesting by adding infographics.

ISSH historian team under the leadership of Dr. Vikas Gupta is engaged in compiling ISSH history and is doing a marvellous work in compiling ISSH history and archiving it. Upcoming ISSH coffee table book "The Legends and Lore" will be a benchmark work by our historian team.

I would like to make a special mention of the exemplary work done by our EC member Dr. Nilesh Satbhai for coordinating a highly successful ISSH webinar series and lately contributing to writing our new constitution along with Dr. Mukund Thatte and Dr. Pankaj Ahire.

A number of new ISSH initiatives outlined above have arisen out of the fertile mind of our dynamic secretary Dr. Pankaj Ahire who has been well supported by our young team of Executive members and others. He has also done a wonderful job as webmaster by completely changing the face of our website by incorporating a number of new features in the form of "Find a Hand Surgeon", ISSH video theatre,

ISSH Hall of fame and many other. A new private YouTube channel has also been started which is exclusively available to ISSH members.

On my taking over as President ISSH we had adopted the theme of “Holding Hand” for the benefit of our younger colleagues. The programme could not be carried forward in the intended manner because of COVID 19 travel restrictions. However, I am quite sure that my successor will make use of funds available under this programme and take it forward whenever normalcy is restored to Pre-COVID times.

Presidential theme adopted for this year has been Information, Education and Communication (IEC) regarding hand injuries. Severe second Covid wave left us all numb and nothing much could be done in this direction. However, we do intend to utilize remaining six months to work diligently on this theme and try to make a difference as far as public education about hand injuries is concerned. Suggestions from all the members are welcome.

At the end I express my gratitude all the ISSH members, Trustees and EC members for their co-operation, guidance and support during my tenure. My special thanks to Dr. S Raja Sabapathy and Dr. Mukund Thatte for their unflinching support. Executive Trustee Dr. G. Balakrishnan and Trustee Dr. Bhaskaranand Kumar have been a source of great inspiration as well as affection.

I must say that I have been very lucky to have Dr. Pankaj Ahire as ISSH secretary during my tenure. We have been able to achieve so much for ISSH only because of his dynamism and innovative mind. I think he is a great asset for ISSH.

It gives me an immense satisfaction that I am handing over the baton to the most experienced and capable hands of my great friend Dr. Mukund Thatte who will be well supported by a band of young and enthusiastic hand surgeons. I wish him all success to take ISSH to greater heights.

Wishing you all good health and safety.

Jai Hind.

Ravi Mahajan

Dr. Pankaj Ahire *Secretary & Treasurer*



Dear members of ISSH,

I pray for your good health and that of your dear ones.

As we reach the middle of 2021, I have mixed feelings. Two and half years ago I set out to chase my dream to make ISSH more visible, more responsive and future ready. Looking back gives me a sense of achievement but also reminds me of multitude of unfinished work and limited time at hand. The task for next 18 months is cut out.

ISSH today stands on a sound financial foundation, thanks to the efforts of our Managing Trustee Prof G Balakrishnan, supported by all the past Presidents & ISSHCON Organising Committees. To build on this foundation is our responsibility, for the strength of the foundation will only be known to the next generation from the height to which we build. This, we may achieve by raising donations and increasing our membership. The best propaganda for an association comes from what it offers to its young members and how well it remembers its past. ISSH Editor & Historian are doing a marvellous job on this front. ISSH Academic team now offers weekly Infographics, monthly article, Picture of the month, Surgical video of the month, monthly Journal club.

Much unlike my tenure as an EC member, the young members at large of this EC have risen to the occasion time and again to keep the activities of ISSH going all through the period of pandemic and even before that. Eighteen episodes of ISSH Webinar series will quench the academic thirst for quite some time to come. ISSH EC remains committed to continue high standard of academic events, virtual and in person in the times to come. Two important areas have been identified as areas of need for the purpose of virtual events – 1. Publications 2. Preparation for exit exams in Hand Surgery. Second half of 2021 will see some major effort in this direction

23rd August is ISSH Foundation day. Let's celebrate this as Hand Surgery day all across India. I invite all the members to share their ideas to celebrate our foundation days every year hereon.

Yearly Presidential theme will be the short-term goal for ISSH every year. Starting with 'Information, Education and Communication' by Dr Ravi Mahajan for the year 2021 followed by 'Let us measure the Indian Normal' by Dr Mukund Thatte for the year 2022, we are no longer short of directions.

Friends and my seniors, ISSH is poised for growth, which depends on you! Let's work together to make ISSH a model association.

Humbly yours

Pankaj Ahire

Dr. Mukund Thatte *Vice President*



Dear Colleague,

We remain committed to making the ISSH a more inclusive, educational and worthy body for the benefit and advancement of its members. I hope ISSHCON 2021 will be a rewarding experience. Dr G Karthikeyan and his colleagues tried their level best to make it in person, but fate and Covid willed otherwise.

I am sure that even in its online format the conference will be very interactive and a great success. I urge you all to attend in large numbers and make maximum use of the very useful academic content.

For next year, the slogan remains 'Let us measure the Indian Normal'. As I mentioned in the last newsletter we would like people to take up these projects and participate to create a rich database which will be foundational to Indian hand surgery in terms of normative values.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mukund Thatte

Dr. Nilesh Satbhai *EC Member at large*



Dear friends,

Warm Greetings!

It has been a great honor and pleasure for me to serve as an EC member of the ISSH since 2019. I will be finishing my term by the end of December 2021.

I thank all of you for the overwhelming appreciation and participation in the '**ISSH Webinar Series**'. We had 18 amazing webinars in this series, all of which are now available on the ISSH website. I thoroughly enjoyed the process of interacting with the world leaders and masters in Hand Surgery. It has been the greatest learning experience.

There are several activities and projects of the ISSH, for which I volunteered to take charge, such as the ISSH stall, ISSH merchandise, Social media initiatives and advocacy, membership drive, etc. All these projects are ongoing and I will continue to shoulder the responsibility for each of these activities and ensure that they are successfully completed. I will also continue to work in the Historian team to help in archiving the precious past history and data of the ISSH.

There has been a dramatic change in Hand Surgery practice over the last one year, following the onset of the pandemic. And I believe that this change in scenario is here to stay for the times to come, as the pandemic has had a significant impact on all sections of the society.

In August 2020, amidst the first wave of the pandemic, our team had performed the first bilateral hand transplant of Mumbai and Western India. The pandemic also gave me the opportunity to closely follow the recovery of our patient, who is doing exceedingly well on all aspects of recovery.

I wish to thank our dear President, Secretary, all the seniors and my colleagues in the EC for their cooperation and support during my tenure.

Cheers,

Nilesh G. Satbhai.

Dr. Manoj Haridas *EC Member at large*



The current pandemic has to a great extent confined large proportion of our population especially children and the elderly to their homes. As a direct consequence of this enforced confinement, the routine regular medical check ups of the elderly as well as the young with co-morbidities have become irregular and erratic, leading to a rise in the number of non-COVID mortalities as well.

Likewise, it was also not a good time for our “hands”, as they got exposed to many new activities which hitherto, they were not exposed to. These included young girls helping their mothers in kitchen chores and getting hand injuries with the knives as well as machineries like the ubiquitous mixer-grinder. Another vulnerable group was the parents & grandparents trying their hand at building kennels for the newly bought pets at home. Those who have lost their jobs, got self-employed at home by procuring new machineries, which once again made children vulnerable to hand trauma.

Patients affected with COVID-19 posed a different kind of problem to the hand surgeon. The use of the operating microscope was hampered by the need to wear PPE kits while operating on these patients. I have had the misfortune of operating without magnification on a few of these patients, leading on to sub-optimal results. I also had to delay reconstructive procedures until the needed patients turned COVID negative, so that I could use the microscope without the PPE causing difficulty in its use.

Another area that has been affected quite badly during this pandemic is the hand rehabilitation programme. The lockdown status

and the restrictions imposed on travel added to the fear of coming to the hospital, have made many patients who needed regular serial visits to the therapist’s table, miss their appointments. I have had to spend many a hour to counsel the patients

to give them confidence to come to the hospital with adequate personal protection measures.

In conclusion, the lessons learned were

1. It is OK to delay the reconstructive procedures requiring long hours under the microscope till the patient becomes COVID negative and can be operated safely without the PPE, provided wound debridement and vascular repairs are dealt with primarily.
2. Impress upon the patients that it is safe to visit the therapists without fail after strictly adhering to the COVID- safety protocols.
3. Children and parents to exercise caution in using unaccustomed machineries at home, this could be emphasized to them at routine outpatient visits.

Manoj Haridas

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Giri *EC Member at large*

Honorable members of ISSH,

Greetings.

As we all are passing through hard time of COVID-19 Pandemic but our academic activities are moving with enthusiasm under our leaders. I must congratulate Dr Praveen Bharadwaj and his team for 7th ISSH-BSSH combined hand CME in the month of March for doing it successfully. I must congratulate Dr Nilesh Satbhai for doing all the academic webinars which are of high qualities. I must congratulate our Honorary secretary Dr Pankaj Ahire for his dynamic activities and taking all the pains for the development of ISSH members. We are working hard under the leadership of our President Dr Rabi Mahajan for the betterment of ISSH society. I am very fortunate to work under the able leaders Dr Rajasabhpathy and Dr Mukund Thatte for the members of ISSH.

Lastly all esteemed ISSH members, please take best care and precautions for self and family members.

Be Kind, Be Calm and be Safe

Sanjay Kumar Giri

Dr. Ajeet Tiwari *EC Member at large*



Honorable Members

When whole world was horrified by Covid -19 pandemic in 2020 and was expecting that 2021 would be better. But it was worse than previous. This time most of our near and dear ones have suffered. My sincere condolences for them who has lost their life and sympathy for their family members.

“An optimistic person sees an opportunity in every disaster; The pessimist sees a disaster in every opportunity”

-Winston Churchill

This year has started with 7th ISSH mid- term CME which was combined ISSH – BSSH meet. Which was excellent academic virtual meeting by extra ordinary speakers. Where we learned various tips and tricks to avoid complications in hand surgery. Now we are eagerly waiting most awaited event of ISSH i.e., ISSHCON2021 which we missed last year. We are blessed that this meeting is again in collaboration with BSSH. Though we will miss each other as it is virtual meet but I hope it would be excellent academic event.

Glad to share you all that we have come up with new design of our website. Where we have video theatre consisting of video recordings of previous conference, mid-term CME and our most liked ISSH webinar series. These videos are real treasure of ISSH. They are very helpful in understanding of subject and impart very key role in decision making. We have awesome recorded videos of surgical procedures by masters where each and all steps are very well explained in detail. I strongly recommend please have a look they are really worth watching.

Regards

Ajeet Tiwari

Dr. Amit Varade *EC Member at large*



Dear all members of ISSH,

Hope all are safe and fine. We all have decided last year as zero year hoping that condition of COVID 19 pandemic will be better. But unfortunately, pandemic of COVID 19 is not in control yet and there are predictions of third wave also.

Due to this uncertain situation, we are forced to conduct ISSHCON Chennai as virtual meeting and we all will miss face to face discussion and joy of being together.

In spite of this, we are trying hard to continue academic activities of ISSH such as ISSH webinar series, Mid-term CME of ISSH, Sunday reads, Journal club and may other activities. It was possible due to leadership of our President Dr Ravi Mahajan and Hon. Secretary Dr Pankaj Ahire.

We have started membership drive to increase strength of ISSH. We are providing lot of benefit for members such as subsidized fees for registration at ISSHCON, providing journal of hand surgery Asian-Pacific volume at very low cost. Members will be able to see ISSH video channel in which apart from talks of senior faculty our own ISSH members recorded surgical videos edited by senior editors of ISSH will be there.

I appeal all the members of ISSH to encourage Plastic surgeons, Orthopaedic surgeons known to them to become member of ISSH

I wish good health and safety for all of you and your family members.

Regards,

Amit P. Varade

Prof. G Karthikeyan

Organising Chairman ISSHCON 2021



“Vankkam” to all, as we say “Greetings” in Tamil.

First, let me wish you and your family a safe journey through these troubled times of the Covid -19 Pandemic. Nothing is more important than our own safety and the safety of our Family members! And together, we shall continue our efforts to heal hands, even during this period!

We are indeed honoured to be conducting the prestigious 44th Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH) on the 6 and 7th of August 2021 as the very first Virtual Conference of the Indian Society for the Surgery of the Hand!

What gives us more pleasure is that the British Society for Surgery of the Hand (BSSH) is participating as the Guest Society and the members have been keenly supporting us in the arrangements for ISSHCON 2021!

The Society for Hand Therapy (India) is also gearing up to join us in this memorable event!

As it is a Virtual Conference, we will be missing the opportunity to host you all at Chennai, to savour the traditions and tastes of South India!

But hold it! We can do even better in so many other ways!

The reason to attend any Conference is to learn something new or refinements of existing science, connect with old friends, make new ones, and shake hands over a cup of coffee!

Except the last one, we will make sure you get everything else!

Apart from the regular Scientific Sessions, we have absolutely NEW Sessions:

- a. Pioneer Hand Lectures by Indian Pioneers in hand Surgery!
- b. Regular Orations – The Prof BB Joshi Oration and the Prof RV Oration
- c. Pepped up Guest Lecture Sessions
- d. Symposia by the British and Indian Hand Surgeons

- e. Interactive Masterclass sessions
 - f. Spruced up Debates – ‘Concepts and Controversies’!
 - g. Best Paper and Best Poster sessions!
 - h. Free Paper Sessions
 - i. Separate Session for Videos – Operative Sessions by the stalwarts!
 - j. Separate Session for Undergraduate students and General Surgery/Orthopedic Surgery students about Hand Surgery called “Stepping Stones to Hand Surgery”!
- The organizing Committee will spare no effort in making this event a memorable one.

This will not be just a Conference, it will be a Celebration of LIFE, and a celebration of what we all love - HAND SURGERY!

We look forward to welcoming each and every one of you.

G Karthikeyan

❖ **Report of 7th Mid Term CME of ISSH (Webinar)**

7th ISSH Midterm CME- 2021 was planned as a combined virtual meeting of the ISSH and BSSH. It was held on 27th February 2021 with participation of expert faculty from Indian and Britain. Meeting was organized by the ISSH Academics Team with Dr. Sumedh Talwalkar as a coordinator from the BSSH side and Dr. Praveen Bhardwaj from the ISSH team. President, Vice President and Secretaries of both the societies participated in the inauguration ceremony. ISSH President Dr. Ravi Mahajan inaugurated the meeting and welcomed the BSSH team. BSSH President Dr. Sue Fullilove delivered the President's address. The program comprised of Panel Discussions on- Thumb Basal Joint Arthritis, PIP joint Injuries and Tendon Transfers; and a focused session on 'Tips and Tricks to get Best Outcome' and 'Avoid Complications' where the experts in the respective fields shared their experiences and learnings over years and taught how to get the best outcome of the given procedure and how to avoid complications. The able team of moderators kept the discussion very lively and addressed the queries from the participants. The meeting was concluded by remarks from the ISSH and BSSH secretaries Dr. Pankaj Ahire and Dr. Ian McNab respectively. It was a well-attended meeting with total online views on various platforms amounting to 5000. The meeting recording is available to view on YouTube and OrthoTV channel and the talks are available for reference on the ISSH official Website.

Praveen Bhardwaj

ISSH Donations

ISSH has been steadily growing in strength in terms of membership. With more members joining ISSH each year, it is our responsibility to bring value to ISSH membership.

The value brought by academic privileges like Journal Subscriptions, Publication assistance, Fellowships, will strengthen our society with a large number of members enjoying these benefits.

Supporting education of young hand surgeons is a need which cuts across all national hand societies. All these activities need steady supply of funds.

ISSH requests its members to donate for this cause. Out of donations received, a corpus fund will be created from where funds would be spent on providing quality academic services to all members of ISSH. This could include, but need not be limited to subscription to journals of high repute.

Following are the categories of donation:

Platinum	Rs. 10,00,000
Gold	Rs. 5,00,000
Silver	Rs. 2,00,000
Bronze	Rs. 1,00,000

Members can make a recurring donation of small amounts which will be counted towards recognising their donation in above categories.

Non-members, Corporates, Business houses may also donate to ISSH and their contributions above Rs.5 lakhs will be suitably recognized in the ISSH records.

All donations made to ISSH trust are eligible for income tax deduction under section 80G of income tax law of Government of India.

Members can avail of ISSH merchandise when they donate to ISSH. The details of ISSH merchandise will be available on the website soon.



❖ Fellowships:

ISSH offers following Fellowship Opportunities to its members:

❖ **Dr Robert Acland - S&T International Travelling Fellowship of ISSH**

Number of Fellowships: 1

Terms & Conditions:

- The applicant must have been a member of the ISSH for at least 7 years.
- He must have attended at least 3 annual meetings of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand in the past 7 years.
- Past recipients of this fellowship are not eligible to apply.
- The applicant must be present & registered for ISSHCON at the time of announcement of the fellowship.
- The application, supported by a CV should be received by Email (secretary@issh.org) at least one month before the annual GBM or by 15th August of the respective year, whichever is earlier.
- The fund could be utilized by the Fellow for attending an International Hand & Microsurgery meeting to present a paper and / or spend a few weeks in a reputed centre with prior concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand.
- 50 % of the sum would be made available for the candidate before the departure. On completion of the Fellowship, the Fellow must send in a report to the Secretary, ISSH to become eligible for the disbursement of the remaining amount.
- The Overseas Traveling Fellow will make a presentation about his experience in the subsequent annual meeting when the award will be given.
- The applicant must be present in person & registered for the ISSHCON to receive the cheque of fellowship amount.

To download Application Form

click → https://www.issh.org/pdf/International_fellowship_form.pdf

Last date to apply 28th July, 2021

❖ The ISSH inland traveling fellowship

is intended for young members of ISSH, for them to visit experts in the field of Hand Surgery within India. The duration has been fixed as minimum 3 weeks to ensure adequate opportunity for the fellow to have one on one interaction with the mentor. This ensures maximum benefit to the fellow from the experience of the mentor.

Number of Fellowships: 2

Terms & Conditions:

- Applicant must be an active member of ISSH for at least 3 years.
- Should have attended at least one ISSHCON at the time of application.
- The application with the applicant's CV should reach the Secretary General by email by 31st July of the respective year.
- At the time of application, the applicant should have chosen the centre that he/she wishes to visit and a tentative concurrence been obtained from the concerned department.
- Once the selection is done, the successful applicants will be issued a letter of selection which he/she can use to obtain written confirmation from the department to be visited.
- The successful applicant must write to ISSH about the plan of fellowship
 - Centre to be visited.
 - Guide.
 - Proposed dates of fellowship (spanning 3 weeks) prior to undertaking travel).
- Upon completion of the fellowship the Fellow is expected to write a 200 words summary of his/her experience with one photo 4" x 6" (300 dpi - JPG file) and send it to ISSH office by email.
- The Fellow is expected to make presentation about his fellowship experience during the ISSHCON immediately following the fellowship completion.
- The presentation should be in digital projection not more than 5 minutes.
- The applicant must be present & registered for ISSHCON at the time of announcement of the fellowship.
- The applicant must be present in person & registered for the ISSHCON to receive the cheque of fellowship amount.

There were no fellowships awarded in the year 2020.

To download Application Form

Click → https://www.isssh.org/pdf/Inland_fellowship_form.pdf

Last date to apply 28th July, 2021

❖ Venkata Bodavula Microsurgery Training Fellowship of ISSH

The association of Dr. Venkata Bodavula, Hand and Microsurgeon, St Louis, MI, USA, and our trustee Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy, has resulted in the initiation of the above named fellowship.

This would allow trainees who have shown a commitment to Hand and Microsurgery to undertake the one week long Microsurgery Lab Course at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore.

There will be 5 fellowships awarded every year.

The fellowship will sponsor the course fee of Rs. 30000/- and the individual will bear the cost of travel and stay.

As per Dr. Bodavula's request the five fellowships will be named after his mentors.

- Late Dr. Vedula Satyanaryana
- Dr. Prof C. Raghuram
- Dr. Shaw Wilgis
- Prof. Michael Hausman
- Prof. David Chiu

The awardees for 2021 are:

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| 1. Punithavasanthan, Kashmir | - <i>Late Dr. Vedula Satyanaryana Prize</i> |
| 2. Sandeep Sriram, Pune | - <i>Dr. Prof C. Raghuram Prize</i> |
| 3. Faiyaz Jabbar, Hyderabad | - <i>Dr. Shaw Wilgis Prize</i> |
| 4. Aparna Kanungo, Bhabaneshwar | - <i>Prof. Michael Hausman Prize</i> |
| 5. Madhulika, Hyderabad | - <i>Prof. David Chiu Prize</i> |

The course runs from Monday to Friday and runs throughout the year. The awardees can take the course in a mutually convenient time after fixing up with Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy at rajahand@gmail.com

It is not necessary that all the selected candidates should come at the same time.

❖ ISSH Pioneer in Hand Surgery Award

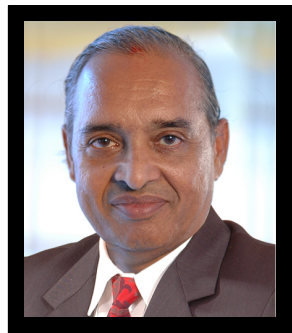
From the year 2021 ISSH is instituting **ISSH Pioneer in Hand Surgery Award**.

This award is intended to honour a senior ISSH member who has made a distinguished contribution toward growth of hand surgery in India.

The award for the year 2021 is being conferred upon two distinguished members of ISSH -



Padmashree Dr. Govind N Malviya



Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar

❖ **ISSH Foundation Day**

ISSH started as a Hand Club and on 15th August 1973 it was formally named Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand. The society was registered in Mumbai on August 23rd 1973. Subsequently the members of the society formed a trust on 24.11.2000. The Trust is registered in Chennai u/s 12AA of the Income tax act with the Registration number 2/84(01-02) dated 29/11/2001.

The executive council of ISSH is pleased to confirm 23rd August 1973 as the first foundation day of ISSH and to announce that 23rd August every year shall be celebrated as Hand Surgery Day in India.

All members are requested to come forward to suggest ideas for activities on the Hand Surgery Day.

❖ ISSH Trivia

Members are encouraged to contribute to this section. Any non-academic contribution is welcome. It could be an interesting piece of information relating to hand or a piece of art, photography, satire, poetry, hobby, sport ... anything that will bring a smile

❖ **Open Hand Monument, Chandigarh – Nilesch Satbhai**

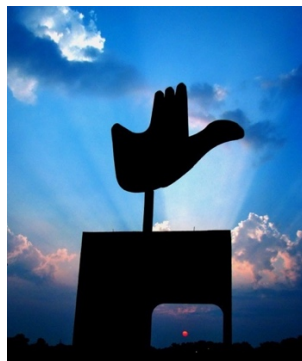
The ***Open Hand Monument*** is a symbolic structure designed by the architect **Le Corbusier**, and is located in the city of Chandigarh.

It is the official emblem or symbol of the Government of Chandigarh.

1. It symbolizes "**the hand to give and the hand to take; peace and prosperity, and the unity of mankind**".
2. It stands 26 metres (85 ft) high. The metal structure is 14 metres (46 ft) high, weighs 50 tons, and was designed to rotate in the wind.
3. The sculpture was hand-cast in sheet metal at the Bhakra Nangal Management Board's workshop at Nangal.
4. The surface of the vane is covered with polished steel and is fitted over a steel shaft with ball bearings to facilitate free rotation by the wind.

Le Corbusier was a pioneer of the Urban Architecture. He is credited with planning, designing, and implementing the city of Chandigarh. He was greatly influenced by Leonardo Da Vinci, and he used the Golden Ration and the Fibonacci Series, in his basic architectural proportions.

The Open Hand Monument is inspirational. It is a symbol of optimism and humanity - unarmed , fearless, and spiritually receptive.



❖ Notices:

❖ **General Body Meeting:**

The annual general body meeting (GBM) of Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand will be held on 5th August 2021 from 1700 hrs IST onwards.

Due to the prevailing COVID pandemic, the meeting will be held online. The details of the online platform will be shared with all eligible members closer to the meeting.

An Email notice will be sent to all the members whose Emails are updated with the ISSH. Physical notice by registered post has been sent to all the members whose addresses are available and updated in ISSH records.

❖ **Election Notice:**

Nominations are invited from eligible & desirous members of ISSH for election to the following posts in ISSH Executive Council.

Post	Numbers	Tenure	Starts
1. Vice President*	One	two years	1 st Jan 2022
2. Member at large	Three	one year	1 st Jan 2022

* *Vice President is the President Elect.*

The nominations should be sent in the prescribed application form to reach the secretary, ISSH on or before 2359 hrs on 15th July 2021.

Deadline for withdrawal of nomination is 2359 hrs on 25th July 2021.

Due to prevailing COVID pandemic, the elections will be held online and all the eligible votes will be able to vote irrespective of their attendance of virtual GBM.

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Write to the secretary@issh.org to receive the Election Application form
or Click here <https://www.issh.org/announcement.php#>
or visit www.issh.org

Last day to apply	15 th July, 2021
Last day for withdrawal of application	25 th July, 2021

❖ **Bids for ISSH Events:**

Bids in a prescribed form are invited from the desirous, eligible members to be the Organisers for the following events:

• **ISSHCON 2023 – 46th Annual Conference of the ISSH**

Write to the secretary@issh.org to receive the bid form
or Click here <https://www.issh.org/announcement.php#>
or visit www.issh.org
Last Date to apply 28th July, 2021

• **ISSH Mid Term CME - 8th Mid Term CME of ISSH**

Write to the secretary@issh.org to receive the bid form
or Click here <https://www.issh.org/announcement.php#>
or visit www.issh.org
Last Date to apply 28th July, 2021

• **ISSH Basic Hand Surgery Course:**

There is no restriction on the number of courses. The application can be made by contacting Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar, at least 3 months prior to the proposed date. There is no prescribed form currently.

Important Dates

- ❖ Announcement of Elections – 21st June, 2021
- ❖ Deadlines for election to various posts of ISSH Executive Council
 - Application: 15th July, 2021
 - Withdrawal: 25th July, 2021
- ❖ Fellowship Announcement: 4th July, 2021
 - Application: 28th July, 2021
 - Completion of Fellowships: *Before ISSHCON 2022, Jaipur, Rajasthan*
- ❖ Submit expression of Interest for ISSHCON 2023 28th July, 2021
- ❖ Submit Expression of interest for Midterm CME 2022 28th July, 2021
- ❖ Submit Expression of interest for ISSH Basic Courses 2021
3 months before the proposed dates of the course

- ❖ ISSHCON 2021, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 6th-7th August, 2021
- ❖ ASSH 2021, San Francisco, CA, USA 30th Sep-2nd Oct, 2021

ANNEXURE

Application for Inland traveling fellowship of ISSH

USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS

To,
The President, ISSH

I wish to apply for the aforementioned fellowship.

Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

..... PIN

Emailregistered with ISSH..... Mobile: registered with ISSH.....

ISSH Membership No. Member Since: ..year of application..

Highest Qualification Year..... Place.....

Current place of work & position

Number of ISSHCONs attended in last 3 years: **1 2 3** (please attach certificates)

Year Place

1.

2.

3.

• Intended centers to visit as a part of fellowship

1. Mentor:

2. Mentor:

• Proposed duration & dates (tentative):

Note: duration less than 3 weeks may be a point against your selection.

• Have you ever applied for the Inland Traveling Fellowship of ISSH before? **YES / NO**

If yes, Which year? Were you selected? **YES / NO**

• Have you ever applied for the 'Dr Robert Acland S&T Overseas Traveling Fellowship before? **YES / NO**

If yes Which year? Were you selected **YES / NO**

• Have you ever been selected by ISSH for any International Fellowship? **YES / NO**

If yes which year? Which Fellowship?

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Thanking you

Signature

DatePlace.....

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Membership Details verified

ISSHCON attendance verified

Previous Fellowship info verified

Registered for current ISSHCON

Approved for further decision

Not Approved/Disqualified

Application for Dr Robert Acland – S & T International traveling fellowship of ISSH

USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS

To,
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I wish to apply for the aforementioned fellowship.

Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

..... PIN

Emailregistered with ISSH..... Mobile: registered with ISSH.....

ISSH Membership No. Member Since: ..year of application..

Highest Qualification Year..... Place.....

Current place of work & position

Number of ISSHCONs attended in last 7 years: **1 2 3 4 5** (please attach certificates)

	Year	Place
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

• Intended centers to visit as a part of fellowship

1. Mentor:

2. Mentor:

• Proposed duration & dates (tentative):

• Have you ever applied for the Inland Traveling Fellowship of ISSH before? **YES / NO**

If yes, Which year? Were you selected? **YES / NO**

• Have you ever applied for the 'Dr Robert Acland S&T Overseas Traveling Fellowship before? **YES / NO**

If yes Which year? Were you selected **YES / NO**

• Have you ever been selected by ISSH for any International Fellowship? **YES / NO**

If yes which year? Which Fellowship?

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Thanking you

Signature

DatePlace.....

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Membership Details verified

ISSHCON attendance verified

Previous Fellowship info verified

Registered for current ISSHCON

Approved for further decision

Not Approved/Disqualified

Application for Election to the post of Hon vice President of ISSH

USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS

To,

The President, ISSH

I wish to apply for the aforementioned post for the year beginning 1st January.....year.....

Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

..... PIN

Email registered with ISSH..... Mobile: registered with ISSH.....

ISSH Membership No. Member Since: ..year of application..

Current place of work & position

Number of ISSHCONs attended in last 5 years: **1 2 3 4 5** (please attach certificates)

	Year	Place
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

• Proposed by

1. Name: Membership Number.....

*Signature: Email ID..... Mobile:

2. Name: Membership Number.....

*Signature: Email ID..... Mobile:

**(in absence of a physical signature, a supporting E mail is required from the registered Email ID of the proposer/s*

- Have you ever been elected to any post of Executive Council before? **YES / NO**
 If yes Which year? Which post

- Did you complete your tenure in the above post in the Executive council of ISSH? **YES / NO**
 If yes which year?

The above is true to the best of my knowledge. I have never held the position of Vice President of ISSH.

Thanking you

Signature

Date Place.....

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Membership Details verified

ISSHCON attendance verified

Previous posts info verified

Registered for current ISSHCON

Approved for further decision

Not Approved/Disqualified

Last date for this form to reach the Hon Secretary of ISSH is 15th July 2021

Application for Election to the post of Executive Council Member at large of ISSH

USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS

To,
The President, ISSH

I wish to apply for the aforementioned post for the year beginning 1st January.....year.....

Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

..... PIN

Emailregistered with ISSH..... Mobile: registered with ISSH.....

ISSH Membership No. Member Since: ..year of application..

Current place of work & position

Number of ISSHCONs attended in last 3 years: **1 2 3** (please attach certificates)

	Year	Place
1.
2.
3.

• Proposed by

1. Name: Membership Number.....

*Signature: Email ID..... Mobile:

2. Name: Membership Number.....

*Signature: Email ID..... Mobile:

*(in absence of a physical signature, a supporting E mail is required from the registered Email ID of the proposer/s)

- Have you ever the post of Member at Large in ISSH Executive Council before? **YES / NO**

If yes, Which year?

- Did you complete your tenure of the post you were elected to? **YES / NO**

- Have you held any other post in the Executive council of ISSH? **YES / NO**

If yes which year? Which post?

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Thanking you

Signature

DatePlace.....

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Membership Details verified

ISSHCON attendance verified

Previous posts info verified

Registered for current ISSHCON

Approved for further decision

Not Approved/Disqualified

Last date for this form to reach the Hon Secretary of ISSH is 15th July 2021

Application for Expression of interest to host ISSHCON

USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS

To,
The President, ISSH

I wish to express my interest to host ISSHCON.....year.....

Name: Date of Birth:.....

City of Residence: Email:registered with ISSH..... Mobile: ... registered with ISSH.....

ISSH Membership No. Member Since: ..year of application..

Current place of work & position

Number of ISSHCONs attended in last 5 years: 1 2 3 4 5

Proposed City for Hosting ISSHCON:Venue:

Nearest International Airport: Distance of venue form Airport:Km

Proposed Organising Committee Structure

Organising Chairman ISSH Member YES /NO -since.....

Organising Secretary ISSH Member YES /NO -since.....

- Have you ever hosted ISSHCON in any capacity before? YES / NO
If yes, Which year? in what Capacity
• Have you ever hosted an academic programme of ISSH before? YES / NO
If yes Which year? in what Capacity
• Have you held any post in the Executive council of ISSH? YES / NO
If yes which year? Which post?

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Thanking you

Signature DatePlace.....

Please say in 200 words why your bid to host ISSHCON should be considered favourably.

[Empty box for 200 words explanation]

Application for Expression of interest to host Mid Term CME

USE ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS

To,

The President, ISSH

I wish to express my interest to host ISSH Mid Term CMEyear.....

Name: Date of Birth:

City of Residence: Email:registered with ISSH..... Mobile: ... registered with ISSH.....

ISSH Membership No. Member Since: ..year of application..

Current place of work & position

Number of ISSHCONs attended in last 5 years: **1 2 3 4 5**

Proposed City for Hosting ISSH Mid Term CME:Venue:

Nearest International Airport: Distance of venue form Airport:Km

Proposed Organising Committee Structure

Organising Chairman ISSH Member **YES /NO -since.....**

Organising Secretary ISSH Member **YES /NO -since.....**

- Have you ever hosted ISSH CME in any capacity before? **YES / NO**
If yes, Which year? in what Capacity
- Have you ever hosted an academic programme of ISSH before? **YES / NO**
If yes Which year? in what Capacity
- Have you held any post in the Executive council of ISSH? **YES / NO**
If yes which year? Which post?

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Thanking you

Signature

DatePlace.....

Please say in 200 words why your bid to host ISSH Mid Term CME should be considered favourably.

Last date for this form to reach the Hon Secretary of ISSH is 31st July 2021



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21st June 2021

NOTICE OF ELECTION

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Amritsar

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Dr Ravi Gupta,
Chandigarh

VICE PRESIDENT

Dr Mukund Thatte,
Mumbai

SECRETARY & TREASURER

Dr Pankaj Ahire,
Mumbai

TRUSTEES

Dr G Balakrishnan,
Chennai

Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar,
Manipal

Dr S Raja Sabapathy,
Coimbatore

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr Nilesh Satbhai,
Mumbai

Dr Manoj Haridas,
Trivandrum

Dr Sanjay Kumar Giri,
Bhubaneswar

Dr Amit Varade,
Nashik

Dr Ajeet Tiwari,
Kanpur

Nominations are invited from eligible & desirous members of ISSH for election to the following posts in ISSH Executive Council.

Post	Numbers	Tenure	Starts
1. Vice President*	One	one year	1 st Jan 2022
2. Member at large	Three	two years	1 st Jan 2022

* Vice President is the President Elect.

The nominations should be sent in the prescribed application form to reach the secretary, ISSH on or before 2359 hrs on 15th July 2021.

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We look forward to your active participation.

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Secretary & Treasurer
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15th June, 2021

Notice of Annual General Body Meeting

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Chennai

Dr Bhaskaranand Kumar,
Manipal

Dr S Raja Sabapathy,
Coimbatore

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr Nilesh Satbhai,
Mumbai

Dr Manoj Haridas,
Trivandrum

Dr Sanjay Kumar Giri,
Bhubaneswar

Dr Amit Varade,
Nashik

Dr Ajeet Tiwari
Kanpur

The annual general body meeting (GBM) of Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand will be held on 5th August 2021 from 1700 hrs IST onwards.

Due to the prevailing COVID pandemic, the meeting will be held online. The details of the online platform will be shared with all eligible members closer to the meeting.

If there is no quorum, the meeting will be adjourned by 30 minutes. Thereafter the meeting will be conducted irrespective of the number of members present.

The agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

1. Welcome by Hon Secretary
2. President's address
3. Trustee's Address & report
4. Secretary's report
5. Minutes of Annual GBM 2019, Puri*
6. New constitution
7. Emperor Ashoka Award for excellence in Hand Surgery
8. Announcement of election results
9. Announcement of fellowship awards
10. Announcement of successful ISSHCON 2023 & Mid term CME 2022 bids
11. Ratification of new members
12. Any other matter with permission of the Chair**
13. Symbolic installation of incoming President
14. Incoming President's address
15. Vote of thanks

*MOM is appended

**Kindly send the points to be discussed under this agenda by email to secretary@issh.org before 15th of July 2021.

We look forward to your active participation.

Dr Ravi Mahajan
President
ISSH

Dr Pankaj Ahire
Hon Secretary & Treasurer
ISSH



❖ Contact ISSH

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Chennai – 600031. Tamilnadu. India.

Official E-mail: secretary@isssh.org

Official Phone: +91 982 789 1234

Website: www.isssh.org

Twitter handle: @ISSH_India

All payments due to ISSH* to be remitted to:

Entity Name	Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand
Beneficiary Bank Name	State Bank of India
Bank where A/c is held	Kilpauk Branch, Chennai
Bank A/c Number	64161223755
IFSC Code	SBIN0040297

**w.e.f. 1st July 2021, ISSH Bank account held in Bank of Baroda is not functional.*

Secretary & Treasurer

Dr. Pankaj Nagesh Ahire
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