

# Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand Newsletter

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## Message from the President



### *THE HAND' - MORE TO IT THAN LEPROSY AND TRAUMA*

In continuation with our past president Dr Raja Sabapathy's message in the ISSH news letter of August 2012, I concur with his views on our specialty. We now need to include a wide spectrum of hand afflictions and their treatment in our specialty, along with leprosy and trauma. This will inspire the new generation of hand surgeons to devote their lifetime caring for 'that beautiful, ready instrument of the mind – The Hand' (Sir Charles Bell, 1949)

In India, pioneering contributions by stalwarts like Paul Brand, Robert Cochrane, Fritchi, Selvapandian, Palande, Srinivasan, and Anderson; especially in the management of leprosy afflicted hands, laid the foundation for this specialty. Such events are never born on a single day; however, were a result of the efforts of different individuals who, around the same time, identified the need to help leprosy disabled patients

In Maharashtra, Noshir Antia, PV Joshi and Swaran Arora have contributed to corrective surgery in leprosy patients. Dr PV Joshi invented the 'measured tension technique' with multiple tendon tails for the correction of claw deformities, using an ordinary spring balance, at the Kondhwa Leprosy Hospital in Pune, encouraged by Dr Jal Mehta. Even today, many young surgeons continue this work; but fortunately the

incidence of leprosy has declined due to social, political and medical awareness.

Then in the early seventies, our country saw the emergence of hand surgeons who identified the need for specialist management of the injured hand and, almost simultaneously, BB Joshi in Mumbai and Venkataswami in Chennai started specialty services. As a result of this, the first 'Afro-Asian Conference for the Surgery of the Hand' was held in February 1979 with Dr WG Rama Rao as ISSH President. I had the opportunity to learn from great stalwarts like Guy Pulvertaft, Hanno Millessi, PesiChacha, PC Leung and host of others along with our own BB Joshi, Venkataswami, Ashok Sengupta, Nirmala Subramanian, SD Pandey, NS Laud, Ravin Thatte and Selvapandian. In Ludhiana, Dr Abraham Thomas established replantations successfully. Dr Santosh Rath has made similar great contributions which are recognized internationally.

Now is the right time to widen our scope to look after other conditions of the hand as seen in western and developed countries. In any standard textbook of hand surgery, no more than 30% is devoted to leprosy and trauma. The rest covers other conditions like tumours and tumorous growths, compression neuropathies, spastic hand, vascular disorders, rheumatoid, gout and diabetic hands, phylogeny including anatomical variations and Dupuytren's disease. I wish to see young hand surgeons, particularly those who are trained in micro-vascular surgery, develop interest in these conditions.

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Multidisciplinary involvement of the Rheumatologist, Histopathologist, Industrial Medical Officer, Endocrinologist, Paediatrician, Oncologist and Radiologist will significantly improve our results. The role of the Physio therapist has already been established due to untiring efforts of the Hand Surgery team at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore. This year's conference of the IFSSH in New Delhi has presented us with the latest advances in Hand Surgery and has widened the scope of our practice.

Before I finish I am tempted to repeat Bunnell's thoughts for the younger generation. Sterling Bunnell, a General Surgeon, in his 1947 Presidential address to American Society for Surgery of the Hand said, 'Why are we bound together in this society? What is the interest that we share? It is in part the

search to overcome the difficult, as a chase for the will o' the wisp. We are beginning to catch up with it; we are commencing to learn how to reconstitute such an important and indispensable organ as The Hand. We have found that more we delve; the more fascinating becomes this field. It is vast over expanding including as it does most of the ailments of the extremities and of all their tissues and structures.'

We look forward to seeing you all in Pune for ISSHCON-2013.

I am confident that Dr Parag Sahasrabudhe, Organizing Secretary, and his team will ensure this will be a memorable event.

**Dr. V.S. Patil**  
President ISSH

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## Message from the Secretary



Dear colleagues,

I am honoured at being elected as the secretary and treasurer of this esteemed society. ISSH had great beginning this year by hosting the combined IFSSH-IFSHT meeting in March 2013 at New Delhi. This meeting is a historical landmark for us in many ways as it provided us with an opportunity to

present our work to the world. Now we have to take this to NEXT level by showcasing our work by publishing it. Constitution of our society has provision for our own journal "HASTA" now is time to revive it in order to make it peer reviewed indexed journal in next 2-3 years.

I request you all to encourage your colleagues who are operating on hands to become members of our society to increase our strength.

We have a very informative and updated website therefore we can update information especially about upcoming events much more effectively by frequently visiting the website. We are also in the process of developing application where information would be automatically updated on Smartphone / email therefore I also request you to kindly update your email ID.

In future we should be communicating electronically as it is faster, less burden on our society financially and definitely more environment friendly. In coming years we should be interacting with each other more frequently using technology in form of social media, webinars and web conferences etc. but for now I look forward to welcoming you and your families in Pune soon

Best wishes

**Dr. Vikas Gupta**  
Secretary and Hon. Treasurer

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## Notice of the Meeting of the Executive Council of the ISSH

Notice is hereby given for the meeting of the Executive Council of the ISSH to be held at Pune at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Pune at 6:30 pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. All members of Executive Council are requested to attend the meeting.

## Notice of the Meeting of the General Body of the ISSH

Notice is hereby given for the meeting of the General Body of the ISSH to be held at Pune at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Pune at 5:30 pm on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2013. All members of ISSH are requested to attend the meeting.

## Election of Members to the Executive Council of the ISSH

1. Two members for the Executive Committee

Please send your nominations to the secretary ISSH before 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to our secretary at [handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com)

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## Brief Note about 37<sup>th</sup> ISSHCON at Pune From 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2013

Greetings from the Educational City of Pune

We extend a warm invitation to all of you for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand to be held in Pune between 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. 2013 at Hotel Four points by Sheraton. It is going to be a great academic event with the



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participation of renowned international as well as national faculty members. Please Visit [www.isshcon2013.com](http://www.isshcon2013.com) for further details.

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### ISSH Orations of 2013

Established in the year 1998 and 1999 respectively, the orations in the name of Prof R Venkataswami and Prof BB Joshi have given us the opportunity to invite thought leaders in the specialty to be with us during the annual meetings. Over the years this has proved to be an outstanding feature of the Congress. This year is going to be no exception for we have two great surgeons delivering the orations.

#### Prof. R. Venkataswami Oration



**Orator : Prof. Roberto Adani**

Title: **Surgical reconstruction of traumatized thumb**

**Present Position:**

Head Department of Denis Hand and Microsurgery, Policlinico Verona, University of Verona, Italy

#### Prof. B B Joshi Oration



**Orator : Prof. Christophe Oberlin**

Title : **Topic: Spastic Hand**

**Present Position:**

Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Diderot and consultant at Bichat Hospital, Paris, France

### Brief note on ISSH meet at Amritsar, 2012



*Inauguration*



*Dr. Jin Soo Kim delivering Venkataswami Oration*



*Prof. Steven Hovius delivering B.B. John Oration*



*Cultural during inauguration*

36th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Surgery of Hand was held at Amritsar from Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. The conference was organised by the Departments of Plastic

Surgery and Orthopaedics, Amandeep Hospital, Amritsar at Hotel Radisson Blu. Dr. Avtar Singh was the Organising Chairman and Dr. Ravi Mahajan was the Organising

secretary of the conference. The event was inaugurated by Prof. S.S. Gill, an Orthopaedic Surgeon of repute, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Punjab. An inspiring Presidential address was given by Dr. Raja Sabapathy at the inaugural function. The conference was attended by a record number of 226 Hand Surgeons and Hand Therapists from all over the country. Dr. Jin Soo Kim from South Korea delivered Prof. Venkataswamy Oration and Prof. B.B. Joshi Oration was given by Dr. Steven Hovius from Netherlands. Key note lectures on various important Hand Surgery topics were delivered by senior national faculty including Dr. G. Balakrishnan, Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. Raja Sabapathy and Dr. Abraham Thomas. 55 Guest lectures were delivered in Hand Surgeons' session A workshop on

preparation of splints was conducted by Dr. Shailesh Gupta. There was one Best Paper as well as Free Paper sessions. In the poster session there were 25 poster presentations.

A separate hand therapy session was conducted by Miss Rupinder Kaur, Joint Organising Secretary ISSHCON 2012. In addition to having combined sessions with the surgeons, they had 13 guest lectures, workshop and one free paper session.

A Punjabi Cultural evening on inaugural day, visits to Wagah Border and Golden Temple were the others highlights of the Amritsar Conference. All the delegates expressed their happiness with Amritsari hospitality and academic extravaganza organized under the guidance of our President Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy.

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## **Proceedings at the Executive Council Meeting at ISSHCON 2012, 28-9-12 6.30 pm Hotel Radisson Blu, Amritsar**

### **Attendees:**

Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. Santhosh Rath, Dr. V. S Patil, Dr. G Balakrishnan, Dr. Bhaskaranand Kumar, Dr. Jagannath Kamath, Dr. P. S. Bhandari, Dr. Binu Thomas, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. Shailesh Gupta, Dr. Ashwath Acharya

### **Agenda :**

The meeting was chaired by the ISSH President Dr. S Raja Sabapathy and Secretary Dr. Santhosh Rath

Dr. Raja Sabapathy gave the welcome address

Dr. Rath disclosed the accounts for the period DEC 2011 to SEP 2012

He mentioned about the non-encashment of the Best Paper Award for the ISSHCON 2011 by Dr. Kamath. The amount has been sent back to the ISSH accounts

The Acland S&T fellowship was awarded to Dr. Hari Venkatramani. He was selected after Dr Nehete withdrew his application for the same. The secretary opined that those not selected for the current year can reapply for the next academic year. It was also decided to maintain a database of all the delegates who attend the ISSH meeting to check for future eligibility for the above fellowship. The delegate list should compulsorily be sent to the ISSH Secretary each year.

Dr. Amit Vyas was selected for the ISSH Inland fellowship. This year only one person was selected. Dr. Raja Sabapathy opined that the amount allotted for this fellowship be increased to Rs.20, 000 to attract more eligible candidates.

The secretary thanked the outgoing members Dr. Bhandari and Dr. Gupta for their contributions

The House ratified the nominations of Dr. Kotwal for the post of Vice President and Dr. Rakesh Kazanchi and Dr. Venkatesh Babu for EC member.

Overseas membership has been now kept at \$500.

Application for 15 new members have been received

Dr. Deepak Manjunath Nayak, Dr. R. Sreekanth, Dr. Sanjeev Kakar, Dr. Samuel CS Raja Pallapati,

Dr. Prashanth Seshappa, Dr. Subhash Kale, Dr. Akshay

Raut, Dr. Subramani, Dr. Amit Aggarwal,

Dr. Latheesh Latheef, Dr. Raja Shanmuga Krishnan, Dr. Vina's application forms have still not been received. Dr. V. Gupta has been asked to trace the applicant's further details.

Dr. Vikas Gupta takes over as the New Secretary for the ISSH

Dr. Raja Sabapathy commented on the method of transfer of account from the previous Secretary to the incumbent. Also the discussion on whether to prepare a new receipt book and pass book for the new secretary or the earlier one to be continued was discussed.

It was decided that from now onwards the Secretary will prepare the Newsletter which will then be given to the Secretariat for Publication.

Dr. Raja Sabapathy circulated the new guidelines for organizing the annual (ISSH) congress.

There was a discussion on whether to conduct the annual congress for the year 2013 separately or combine it with the IFFSH meet in New Delhi. Problems of arrangement for the Orations if it was conducted in New Delhi were discussed. There was an opinion to make it a half day affair as is done by some of the other societies in the world.

Dr. Bhaskaranand Kumar felt that young members should be given opportunities to present their work in ISSH meetings. As of now it was decided to keep the decision to conduct it in abeyance. Choice of venue discussed – Mumbai / Pune / Indore / Vellore / Mangalore. Decision to taken at the AGM

Dr. V.S Patil was thanked for presenting details of all the previous ISSHCON meetings for the ISSH Historical records.

Dr. Raja Sabapathy gave an update on the upcoming IFSSH meeting.

Dr. V. Gupta enquired on the no. number of registrations and abstracts submitted. Dr. Raja Sabapathy felt that some of abstracts for papers may be changed for Posters depending on the quantity and quality of content.

Last date for Abstracts for IFFSH – 10th October

Last date for Registration IFFSH – 15th November

Dr. Sabapathy stressed the need for as much effort as possible from all of the society members to encourage registrations and to arrange for sponsors for stalls.

This was followed by the Managing Trustee Report by Dr. G. Balakrishnan

He informed about the ISSH now getting ATG Life time Tax Exemption. He told that in order to maintain this benefit all the future tax from earnings from meetings should be paid by the organisers before giving donations to the ISSH.

He felt that the main expenditures were incurred with respect to the Medals for the Orations, S&T fellowship and the Inland fellowship.

It was felt the need to increase the funds for oration medal and International dues (to IFFSH).

Dr. Gupta suggested a fixed amount be given to the society from each of the registrations for the annual meetings. Dr. Sabapathy informed that similar arrangement were observed in the international meets.

Dr. Sabapathy informed that as per new guidelines for congress, the audited statement of accounts has to be submitted to the Secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> of March each year.

Dr. Bhaskaranand and Dr. V. Gupta cited technical problems to arrange the same.

Dr. G. Balakrishnan felt the need to avoid the Auditor's report/help to avoid delay in submission of audit records.

Regarding donations he informed the need to use the Society's PAN no. for all the transactions and said that the entire tax amount must be paid by the donors.

Dr. Rath felt the need for a system of Contract between the Organiser of meeting and the Society to be included in the new guidelines for conducting Congress (with respect to transfer of Funds).

A suggestion was given by Dr. Kamath for naming a session after a company/organization sponsoring the session. (For IFFSH)

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## Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of the ISSH at Hotel Radisson Blu, Amritsar on 29-9-2012

President Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy chaired the meeting. He was accompanied by Secretary Dr. Santhosh Rath, Vice-President Dr. V.S. Patil and Managing Trustee Prof. G. Balakrishnan on the dais.

Dr. Raja Sabapathy also spoke about the immense contribution of Dr. JC Taraporewala who passed away this year. The House rose in silence for a minute as a mark of respect for the departed soul. He then handed over the proceedings to the secretary Dr. Santhosh Rath and following were the discussions:

1. Dr. Santhosh Rath first detailed the decisions taken in the Executive council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and presented the accounts for the year 2011-12 which was passed by the house.
2. **Dr. Acland & S&T International Travelling Fellowship – 2012-2013** – This year the fellowship has been granted to Dr. Hari Venkatramani from Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore. He was congratulated by the body for the same. Dr. Rath stressed the need to maintain a database of the past 3 years of the annual ISSH meeting which will help in selecting the candidates for the above fellowship. In future the Organizing Secretary of any conference must send the details of the delegates to the ISSH Secretary as early as possible.
3. **ISSH Inland Travelling Fellowship** – This year Dr. Amit Vyas from SMS Medical College, Jaipur was selected for the fellowship. He will be given an amount of Rs. 20,000 towards this programme. Dr. Raja Sabapathy felt the need to increase the amount to the present one to attract deserving candidates in future. He said that the number of candidates for this fellowship may be increased in future depending on the response.

Dr. Rath lamented about the poor response and number of applicants for this fellowship and hinted at inclusion of post graduates trainees in future for eligibility. Dr. Raja Sabapathy recollected the guidelines and eligibility for the benefit of the Body

4. Dr. PS Bhandari and Dr. Vikas Gupta were thanked for their contribution to the Executive Committee as they complete their terms this year.
5. **Membership drive:** This year 15 new members were inducted and ratified by the the Body. Their Names were read out by Dr. Rath as follows:
  - a. Dr. V. Mishra
  - b. Dr. Avinash Zutshi
  - c. Dr. P. Aggarwal
  - d. Dr. V. Jacob
  - e. Dr. Raja Shanmugakrishnan
  - f. Dr. Neeraj (Nepal)
  - g. Dr. Akram Javed
  - h. Dr. Deepak Nayak
  - i. Dr. Majedsabeti (kept pending in view of non-payment of membership fee)
  - j. Dr. R Sreekanth
  - k. Dr. Sanjeev Kakar
  - l. Dr. Samuel C Raj
  - m. Dr. P. Sheshappa
  - n. Dr. Akshay Raut

Dr. Rath informed that the Overseas Membership has been increased to \$500 from this year and in view of this

Dr. Sabeti's Membership has been kept pending. As of now there are 485 members now in the ISSH.

6. Dr. Vikas Gupta takes over as the new secretary of the ISSH and was congratulated for the same. Dr. Rath informed that from now onwards the activities and important events/records will be sent to the Central Secretariat of the ISSH (now based at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore).
7. Dr. Raja Sabapathy read out some of the important guidelines for conducting annual conference of the ISSH. One Important feature was that of the audit accounts of Annual conference, which now would have to be submitted to the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> March of following year. He said that a good beginning has already been made in this respect as the newsletter of the ISSH for 2012 (which was written by the Secretary) was printed by the Central Secretariat of ISSH.
8. Dr. Thatte commented on the need for a permanent email for the society for better communication which Dr. Raja Sabapathy felt could be arranged. Dr. Rath felt that this was best possible via our official website.
9. Dr. Rath informed that the 2013 ISSH meet must be held. Dr. Raja Sabapathy felt that some of the members may not afford the IFFSH meet and they should not be denied a chance to meet again in 2013. He highlighted the problems of holding the Orations for 2013 and the long gap in holding the 2014 meet after the IFFSH conference. He felt that the President will have a longer time to meet the society members in 2014. After discussion in the body meeting were decided for following years Pune 2013, Mangalore 2014 and Indore 2015. This was accepted by the Body. Dr. Rath suggested that Rs.100 be charged from the registrations for annual conference towards the ISSH apart from the profits. This was objected by Dr. Koul who felt that this amount was anyway already included in the overall amount given to the society by the organizers.
10. Dr. Raja Sabapathy mentioned about the felicitation of eminent hand surgeons at the IFFSH called, "Pioneers in Hand Surgery". So far Dr. BB Joshi, Dr. R.Venkat swami, Dr. H. Srinivasan had been given this honor in the past. For the current IFSSH meet it was decided to nominate Dr. Dinkar Palande for the same. The criteria for this were age of above 70 years and important contributions in the field of Hand Surgery. The Body decided on giving Dr. Palande a complimentary registration for the IFSSH meet and also look after his stay at New Delhi.
11. Dr. G Balakrishnan gave the Trustee's report for the year 2011-12. He felt the need for more funds to make for the increasing costs of medallion for Orations. He felt that this must be kept in mind by the future organizers of conferences
12. Dr. Anil Bhat made a brief presentations for the Acland S&T travelling fellowship for the year 2011-12. He mentioned about his visit to the Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong where he had the opportunity to see new developments in the field of Wrist Arthroscopy and surgery under Dr. PC Ho and Dr. HL Kim
13. **Dr. Raja Sabapathy gave the President's report:**  
He congratulated Dr. Anil Bhat and expressed his

gratification in the continuation of the concept of Presentations of Acland and S&T Fellowship at the annual conference. He highlighted the achievements for the current year. This included a more active membership drive for the current year; success in holding a joint meeting of the IFFSH and IFFHT. The sale of Acland's book brought Rs. 35,000 for the ISSH for the current year. Basic Hand Course was successfully conducted at different parts of the country as well as in Nepal and Bangladesh. Dr. Raja Sabapathy informed that the Sage Publications have agreed for reduced subscription rates for the Journal of Hand Surgery (British / European volume) provided if they get a minimum of 75 applications for the same. He requested the members to make best use of this benefit.

#### 14. Update on IFSSH / HT meet in New Delhi

Dr. Raja Sabapathy gave an update on the work done so far for the IFSSH meeting. He stressed the need for more no. of registration for the Conference. He informed that Synthes have agreed to be the Platinum sponsor for the meet.

He agreed to give some more time for Indian entries for Abstracts for the meet (Oct 10<sup>th</sup>). He gave an account of the finances involved so far.

He requested the members of the body to work towards the success of the meet and suggest ideas on arranging the stalls and finances for the same.

Dr. K. Sridhar suggested that in order to claim tax exemption there should not be a contract between the sponsors and organizers. Funds must come as donations for organizing conferences. He felt that it would be prudent to conduct conference as a CME under the aegis of the trust

Dr. Samir Kumta stressed the need to use the PAN No. of the Trust and donations be given directly to the Trust which then will finance the conference.

Dr. G Balakrishnan citing the example of the ISRM meet also suggested the need to accept funds as donations and to avoid contracts between sponsors and organizers to benefit from 80 G exemption.

Dr. Thatte stressed the need to finance the conference from the members alone with sole purpose of conducting CME.

Dr. S Hussain and Dr. P Jindal informed the body about the new regulations and rules mentioned in the IOA website for conducting conferences. He stressed the problems of company stalls' being prohibited in trading activity at the conferences, which is likely to increase the financial burden of conducting such meets. They said that conference organizers have been prohibited to accept donations from Pharma companies. Dr. Warrior felt that a good option would be to have sponsorship for sessions in the conference and not have donations.

Dr. R Mahajan mentioned of provisions being there in multinational companies having official forms / documents to be filed and made for fund transfer to be used for scientific activity.

15. Dr. Raja Sabapathy requested the members to book their accommodation for the IFFSH meet now itself.
16. Dr. Jindal complained about the lack of information on

the dates of submission for Abstracts for the IFFSH for which Dr. Raja Sabapathy stressed the need to check the official website more often. He also told the body that communication have been sent to members of ISSH / IOA / APSI.

17. Dr. PP Kotwal was unanimously elected to the post of Vice President of the ISSH.
18. For the 2 vacant post of EC members there were 4 names

suggested. Dr. Venkatesh Babu from Tirunelveli, Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi from New Delhi, Dr. Pankaj Ahire from Mumbai, Dr. Ravichandran from Tirupur. Dr. Ravichandran withdrew his nomination. After a secret ballot election Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi and Dr. Ahire were elected for the EC for a period of 3 years. The meeting was the concluded.

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## Fellowships of ISSH

### Dr Robert Acland – S&T Overseas Travelling Fellowship award

The Robert Acland and S&T overseas travelling fellowship is intended for senior ISSH members who have shown a commitment to Hand surgery and are capable of projecting Indian Hand Surgery in an international forum. The corpus was built by the sale of the Manual of Micro vascular Surgery, the copyright of which was donated to the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand by Prof. Acland. The ISSH also thanks Mr. Markus Springler of S&T for making the overseas distribution possible.

The conditions of the award are given below. Application could be sent to the Secretary by email at [handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Recipients of the Fellowship	Country Visited	Recipients of the Fellowship	Country Visited
2009-10 Dr. Jagannath B Kamath, Mangalore	Korea	2011-12 Dr. Anil K Bhat, Manipal	Hong Kong
2010-11 Dr. Bharath Kadadi, Bangalore	UK	2012-13 Dr. Hari Venkatramani	USA

## Fellowship Guidelines

1. Each year one candidate will be chosen for the Fellowship and it carries an award of Rs. One Lakh only.
2. The awardees must have done considerable work in Hand Surgery and must serve as an ambassador for Indian Hand Surgery.
3. The applicant must have been a member of the ISSH for at least 7 years.
4. He must have attended at least 3 annual meetings of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand in the past 7 years.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The Overseas Traveling Fellow will make a presentation about his experience in the subsequent annual meeting when the award will be given during the Inaugural Ceremony.
8. The selection of the fellow will be done by the Executive Committee of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand.

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## ISSH Inland Fellowship Society for Surgery of the Hand 2014

Application could be sent to the Secretary by email at [handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com](mailto:handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Selection criteria for ISSH inland fellowship

1. Life member of ISSH
2. Should have attended at least 2 annual ISSH meetings after full membership
3. Identified the institution for attachment during the fellowship
4. Minimum duration of 3 weeks
5. Submission of utilization report
6. Report to be presented at the annual ISSH meeting
7. The EC can waive this requirement in exceptional circumstance only if the member submits in writing to the Secretary the reasons for not attending the ISSH annual meeting.
8. Fellowship award will be presented to the applicant following submission of report

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## Note on IFSSH

### India Hosts the 12<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress of The International Federation of Societies For Surgery of The Hand and 9<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress of The International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy

Ever since we won the bid to host the 2013 IFSSH-IFSHT Congress at Sydney in 2007 the countdown started for the preparations for the Congress. As the Chairman of the Sydney Congress, Roland Hicks wrote after the

congress, "The Congress was expertly organised and managed, the mix of seminars and invited speakers with the free paper presentations was of a very high educational standard and the social events which you arranged will live



*The Inauguration*



*Pioneers in Hand Surgery*



*Dr. Palande receiving the award*

long in our memory. So much thought and energy, preparation and planning and it is over in a few days, but worth every minute of it. A great achievement". That actually sums up the whole thing. All members of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand can justifiably be proud that we conducted one of the most successful congresses.

The congress was held at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida and the whole place was specifically reconstructed to suit the needs of the congress with the plenary hall holding 1500 people and 8 break away sessions (5 for Surgeons and 3 for Therapists). We had a record attendance of 1382 registrations (963 Surgeons, 259 Therapists and 160 Accompanying persons). Of this, 1058 people were from abroad from 57 countries. This overseas attendance is possibly a record for an international medical congress held in India.

The meeting began on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> March with a glittering inaugural ceremony. In spite of it being the only agenda of the day, the whole hall was jam packed. 19 accomplished Hand surgeons were honoured as pioneers in this meeting and we had the privilege of Dr. Dinkar Palande from India being one among them. The Nirupama Rajendra troupe from Bangalore enthralled the guests with their scintillating performance. Another new feature of the congress was the "Reflections of the Legends" session wherein Dr. James Urbaniak, Prof. R. Venkataswami, Dr. Fu-Chan Wei, Dr. Simo K Vilkki and Ms. Evelyn Mackin reflected on their professional and personal lives for the benefit of the younger generation. There were a total of 20 Master Classes, 20 How I do it? Classes, 32 Panels and Symposiums and 416 Free Papers and 240 Posters from Surgeons side and 57 Free Papers and 62 Posters presented on the Therapists side. Quality of the scientific Programme was evidenced by the remarks of Dr Jin Bo Tang from China that he

had never seen so many attendees for Master Classes at 7.30 am in the morning. There was not even a standing space when the last paper in the last session on the last day was presented. Overall it was a well planned great scientific congress. In addition, the delegates were treated to a good Welcome Reception, Presidential Dinner and a sit down Banquet Dinner with the Deepika Reddy troupe performing to entertain the delegates.

The conference also stood out on aspects to promote Hand Surgery among the youth of India. We organised a National level Painting Competition for children between the age group of 9 – 14 and requested them to draw the hands they see. The project titled "Magic of Hands" drew 4250 entries and we selected the first 50 and each of the school students were paid Rs.10,000/- as prize money and the joint first prize winners belonged to Azhikode High School in Kerala and Vishwa Bharathi Public School in Greater Noida. Each of the schools were provided Rs.2.5 lakhs to build a laboratory or library. The 50 prize winning entries were also put in the form of a book and it is available. Those interested please contact Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy at rajahand@vsnl.com. A special issue of the "Injury" journal was brought out to coincide with the congress. Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy and Prof. Panayotis Soucacos served as the guest editors. We made a bulk order and a copy of the journal was provided to every delegate. Many people also took tours to different phases of India.

Overall it was a congress about which all of us could be proud about for years to come.

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## Future Meetings

### **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Surgery of the Hand (ISSHCON)**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 | Venue : Mangalore  
Website: [www.issshcon2014.com](http://www.issshcon2014.com)

### **10<sup>th</sup> Congress of Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH)**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 | Venue : Kuala Lumpur  
Website: [www.apfssh2014.org](http://www.apfssh2014.org)

### **13<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand and**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy**

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 | Venue : Buenos Aires  
Website: [infoifssh@ifssh-ifsht2016.com](mailto:infoifssh@ifssh-ifsht2016.com)

### **48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSICON 2013)**

Date : 21<sup>st</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 | Venue : 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013 , Bombay Hospital, Mumbai |  
24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai |  
Website: [www.apsicon2013.com](http://www.apsicon2013.com)

### **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOACON 2013)**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 | Venue : Agra  
Website: [www.ioaconagra2013.com](http://www.ioaconagra2013.com)

### **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 | Venue : San Francisco  
Website : [www.assh.org](http://www.assh.org)