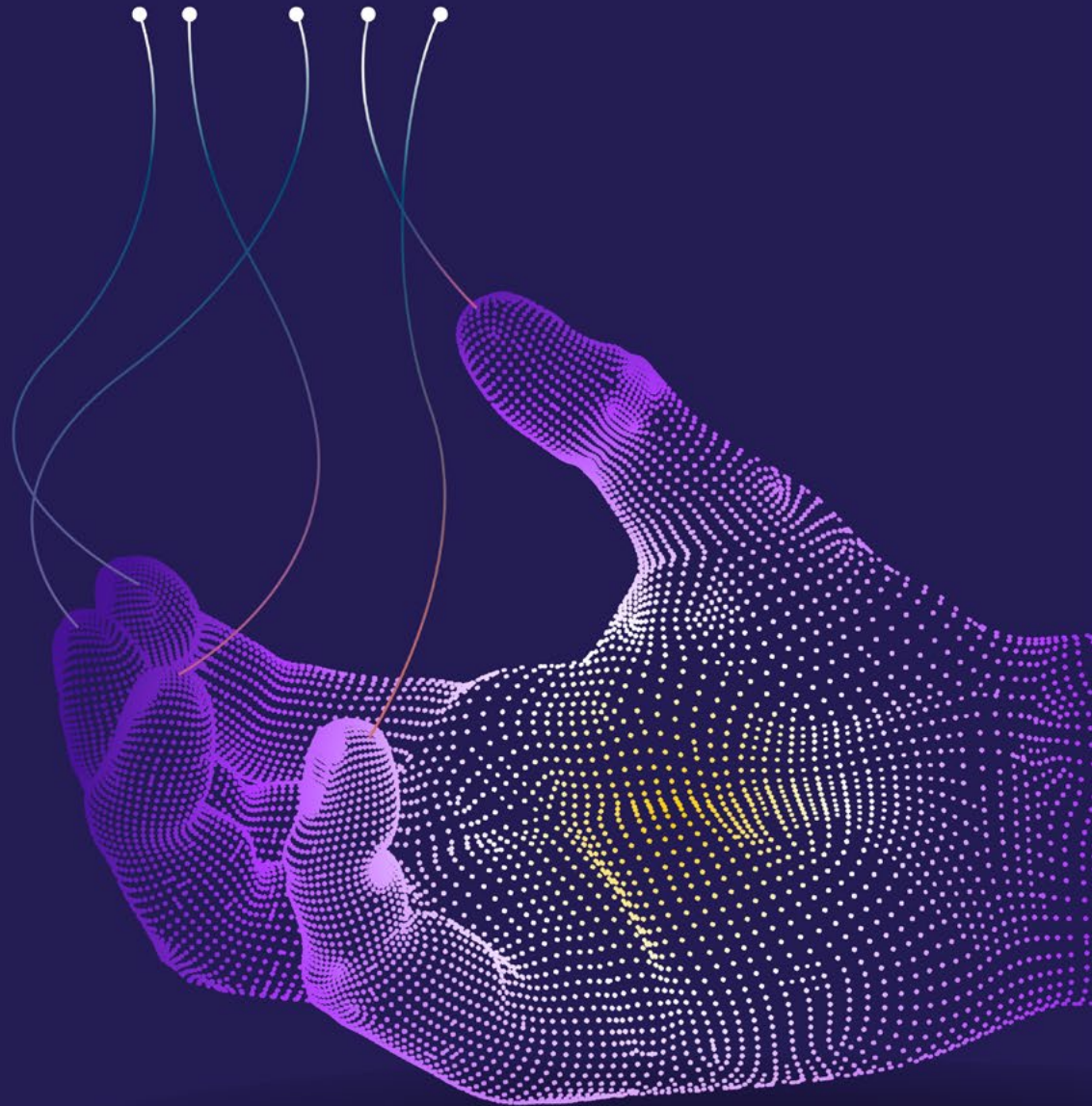




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Messages by EC Members



Dr. Pankaj Ahire, **President ISSH**

Dear Esteemed Members,

It gives me immense pleasure and pride to address you through this edition of Hastapatri, the ISSH Newsletter. As we continue our collective journey toward excellence in hand surgery, I take this opportunity to highlight a truly landmark event on the horizon – the 14th Biennial Congress of the Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH), being hosted in Mumbai from 10th to 13th September 2025. The uniqueness of this event doesn't end with the fact that this is only the second time in the history of ISSH that this event is being held in India. APFSSH congress this year will have one full day dedicated to ISSHCON, our very own annual meeting. Asia Pacific Wrist Association (APWA) will hold its 10th congress over two full days during the event. The Hand Therapy associations (SHTI & APFSHT) will hold their meeting over two and a half days.

6 orations, 160 invited faculty, 250+ free papers, 300+ invited talks, 14 masterclasses, 8 workshops and participation from 29 nations, is what will make this event unique!

This is a moment of great significance not only for the Indian Society but for the entire fraternity of hand surgeons across the Asia-Pacific region.

As the President of ISSH and the Organising Chairman of APFSSH 2025, I extend a heartfelt invitation to each one of you to be a part of this academic celebration. The theme of the congress, "Progress with Purpose," reflects our commitment to meaningful innovation, compassionate care, and regional collaboration. The APFSSH 2025 congress promises to be a confluence of knowledge, experience, and inspiration – a rare opportunity where tradition meets technology, and the world of upper limb surgery converges, on Indian soil.

Mumbai, the vibrant host city, will add a unique flavor to the congress experience. The venue – The Westin, Powai Lake – offers a beautiful lakeside campus, world-class infrastructure, and excellent connectivity. And beyond the academic sessions, we have planned cultural evenings, culinary experiences, and opportunities to connect socially with colleagues and friends from across the globe.

I urge all ISSH members – senior consultants, young surgeons, researchers, and therapists alike – to register and actively participate. This is our opportunity to shine on the Asian-Pacific stage, and your presence will not only enrich the scientific discourse but also demonstrate the strength and unity of the Indian hand surgery community.

Let us come together to make APFSSH 2025 an unforgettable celebration of science, skill, and solidarity. Block your calendars, plan your travel, and encourage your teams to join this once in a quarter of century event being hosted in our very own country.

Together, let us create history – and move forward with purpose.

Warm regards,

Dr. Pankaj Ahire

President, Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH)

Organising Chairman, APFSSH 2025 Mumbai



Dr. G. Karthikeyan, Vice President

Dear colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to speak to you all through "Hastapratī"!

Hand surgery has been and continues to evolve at an amazing pace in India! Especially in fields like Brachial plexus surgery and hand transplantation! It is indeed heartening to note that India leads in Hand transplants in the world. But this is only the beginning! More is yet to come.

The youngsters in Orthopedic surgery and Plastic surgery are getting more and more attracted to the enigmatic field of hand surgery, with its unique problems, challenges and innovative solutions! And any specialty of surgery can grow only when youngsters enter the field intending to do better, while standing on the shoulders of giants!

The upcoming Congress of APFSSH, APWA, APSHT, ISSH and ISHT at Mumbai, September 10-13, 2025, will pave the way for more growth and learning from our friends and counterparts from the Asia Pacific region and across the Globe and showcase the strides that India has made in the field.

Long live Hand Surgery!

Long live the friendship between hand surgeons across the world!

Long live India!

Jai Hind!

Dr G Karthikeyan

President elect 2026, ISSH



Dr. Anil K. Bhat, Secretary & Treasurer ISSH

Dear ISSH Members,

As I reflect on my journey as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH), I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. The past two and half years have been a period of learning and dynamic growth, collaboration, and visionary change. It has been my privilege to serve this vibrant and close-knit community, especially during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of our society. I would like to summarize the key contributions and initiatives we have undertaken together during this period:

- Assumed office in January 2023 with a vision of inclusive growth
- Focused on continuity, innovation, and expanding ISSH's reach both nationally and globally. Major strategic initiatives
- Implemented the new ISSH Constitution as drafted by Dr Mukund Thatte and Dr Pankaj Ahire for our society in all its true spirit
- Redesigned the ISSH website for more functional and interactive access to our ISSH members
- Adopted the Annual membership model and operationalized it with suitable software in the website and tracking mechanism
- Designed and documented the **ISSH Blue Book**, standardizing all society operations.
- Launched the 'Find a Hand Surgeon' directory through our website to improve public access to qualified hand surgeons across India.

Administrative responsibilities:

- Streamlined ISSH administration with quick response motto with the help of ISSH Secretariat for improved efficiency.
- Membership and Community building: Growth of ISSH membership to 921 members.
- Consistent publication of "HastaPrati," the ISSH official newsletter biannually.
- Provided themes for celebrating National Hand Surgery Day widely across India.
- Maintained consistent and transparent communication with members.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations (2023–2024)

- Co-ordinated and organized the 50th anniversary Golden Jubilee celebrations with the President and EC.
- Organized special events and publications to mark the occasion, culminating at ISSHCON 2024 in Bangalore.

Research and Publications

- Completed and published **11 Indian Normative Data Projects** in IJPS as part of ISSH President theme initiative of Dr Thatte
- Promoted research through **ISSH research wing** as chairperson with multicentric studies and clinical practice guidelines project.

Education and Training

- Provided support to all the activities of ISSH academics
- Supported implementation of the Training the Trainers (TTT) Program for Dr Santosh Rath's Presidential theme.
- Formed a Fellowship committee for a streamlined selection process. Introduced new ISSH awards including Consultant Best Paper, and supported the introduction of Best Publication, and academic/non-academic excellence awards and operationalized them.
- Coordinated National and international fellowships for our ISSH members.

Gratitude and Teamwork

I acknowledge the unwavering support of the EC members , trustees, Presidents, senior members and secretariat staff of ISSH. I am deeply thankful to all our ISSH members for your trust, active participation, and encouragement throughout this journey. Let us continue to build on this strong foundation to further the cause of hand surgery in India and on the global platform.

Looking forward to welcoming you all at the prestigious APFSSH 2025 (APFSSH-APFSHT Biennial Congress, ISSH-APWA-SHTI Annual Congress) joint congress at Mumbai.

Warm regards,

Dr. Anil K Bhat

Secretary and Treasurer

Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand



Dr. Sunil Gaba, **EC Member**

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you through this edition of our Hand Surgery Newsletter. This platform reflects the vibrant academic spirit of our community, showcasing the latest advancements, case discussions, and thought-provoking insights in the field of hand and reconstructive microsurgery.

As we continue to strive for excellence in patient care, education, and research, I encourage all members to actively participate by contributing articles, sharing unique experiences, and highlighting innovations from your practice. Together, we can build a stronger, more collaborative fraternity that not only raises the standards of our specialty but also inspires the next generation of hand surgeons.

Warm regards,

Dr. Sunil Gaba,

PGI, Chandigarh.



Dr. Binoy,
EC Member

Dear Colleagues,

Life is a constant balancing act between professional responsibilities and personal commitments. We speak often about the importance of maintaining equilibrium, yet many of us find ourselves drifting toward imbalance—sometimes knowingly, sometimes without realizing it. As President Obama once remarked, true professional success often comes at the cost of this very imbalance. Perhaps, then, we should not always view it as a failure, but rather as a necessary phase in the pursuit of a meaningful future.

However, this imbalance can manifest in different ways. One of the most critical, yet often overlooked, is the imbalance within the profession itself—particularly between clinical duties and academic growth. Ideally, our careers should strike a harmonious balance between hands-on practice and continued academic development. But in reality, the increasing weight of clinical responsibilities often overshadows our commitment to academics. Over time, this can erode the foundation of knowledge and learning that ensures quality care for future generations.

This is not just a personal concern; it is a systemic issue. When academic engagement diminishes, the consequences extend beyond the individual—it affects trainees, research innovation, and ultimately, the standard of care delivered to patients. The risk is that by the time we recognize this drift, the damage may already be done.

To counter this, we must actively seek inspiration and guidance from our mentors and seniors—those who have successfully navigated this complex path. Their journeys offer valuable insights into how to prioritize, how to stay grounded in learning, and how to nurture the next generation while still excelling clinically.

I hope this message resonates with you. Recognizing and reflecting on these challenges is the first step toward addressing them. It is always an honour to contribute to this dialogue, and I remain hopeful that through shared effort, we can foster a healthier balance that benefits both our profession and the lives we touch.

Warm regards,

Dr Binoy



Dr. Subashini R, EC Member

Respected Seniors and dear friends,

As the time for our annual conference is nearing, we can see that it is going to be a mammoth event. The workshop and program schedule are interesting. I am also excited to attend the conference. I invite you all to register and participate in the conference in a great way.

Attending the 2025 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress, Washington D.C was a great learning experience. To be there in person, when Dr. K.Sridhar sir received the IFSSH pioneer in Hand Surgery award and Dr.SRS sir took over as the president of IFSSH, were goosebump moments.

The ISSH mid-term CME 2025, conducted in Rishikesh, was a wonderful conference. The hospitality of the host team was par excellence. The academic program was designed to avoid overlapping and cover more areas in Hand Surgery.

I will be completing my tenure as EC member this December. I thank you all once again for the opportunity you have provided me. The EC meetings will have a lasting impact on me as I observed the way seniors interact and the way each member said their point of view diplomatically. Amid all the discussions and differences of opinion, I understood the EC members were unified by the goal that the members at large should benefit. I feel lucky and privileged to be part of this EC and thank them sincerely.

I enjoyed my work as an EC member and hope to contribute more to ISSH in the future. I conclude with the words of Elbert Hubbard.

“The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.”

See you all in Mumbai.

With regards,

Dr. Subashini Rajendiran

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Dr. Umar Farooq Baba, EC Member

Dear ISSH Members,

Warm greetings to all!

The year 2025 is turning out to be a landmark for Indian hand surgery, and it is a privilege to be part of this exciting journey with you all. As an EC member, I continue to be inspired by the dynamism, dedication, and camaraderie that define the ISSH community. The clarity and conviction of our senior members leave a lasting impact on me, and it is a privilege to serve alongside such visionary and dedicated colleagues

The stage is all set in full swing for the prestigious APFSSH 2025 (APFSSH-APFSHT Biennial Congress, APWA-ISSH-SHTI Annual Congress) joint congress at Mumbai, and the sense of renewed excitement and pride is palpable. These events not only reflect our growing academic strength but also place Indian hand surgery firmly in the global spotlight. I hope and believe that it will turn out to be a celebration of how far we have come as a community, and a glimpse of the global impact we are poised to make.

Over the past few months, we have seen vibrant participation in ISSH-midterm CME at Rishikesh, online teaching modules, and collaborative workshops—each one a testament to our collective passion for learning and sharing. A special appreciation goes out to the organizing teams working tirelessly behind the scenes to make these initiatives a success.

What makes ISSH truly special is the spirit of mentorship, innovation, and inclusivity that runs through it. Let us continue to nurture young talent, foster research, and build bridges across regions and generations.

Here is to a vibrant second half of the year filled with growth, connection, and excellence. Let us keep the momentum going together.

Warm regards,

P. Umar Farooq Baba, MS MCh,

Consultant, Department of Plastic Surgery,

SKIMS, Srinagar.



Dr. Arya Roy,
EC Member

“Hand surgery!! Is that a separate specialty??”

Dear Friends,

We are at that point in time today that the above-mentioned question has all but lost its relevance.

In this regard we need to remind ourselves that the onus is on us to constantly create awareness among our people and more importantly colleagues from other subspecialties and general orthopods.

It's not easy as its invading ones long established belief system garnered through years of experience. It's not ego or ignorance, but it's the belief system what a doctor has seen in his lifetime of practice. What we need to do is not to teach or instruct something new, but to recalibrate the thought process by convincing them the reality based on need and evidence.

As Hand surgery is a culmination skill and specialty knowledge of General surgery, Orthopaedics and Plastic surgery, it's important to all of us who belong to these specialties that we remain extra vigilant when dealing with hand surgery cases and provide predicable outcomes.

It's important to all of us to learn more and more and unlearn the redundant by attending the important conferences and courses in large numbers, to reduce the gaps in our knowledge in order to give best possible care to our patients.

I sincerely hope that those, who are reading this newsletter, are already registered for the upcoming 2025 APFSSH- APFSHT Biennial Congress, together with APWA-ISSH-SHTI Annual congress, going to be held in Mumbai, India.

Regards,

Dr Arya Roy

Kolkata



Dr. Vigneswaran Varadharajan, EC Member

Dear Mentors, Seniors, Colleagues, and Members of ISSH,

It has been an immense privilege to serve as a member of the Executive Committee for the past six months. I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the opportunity to contribute to the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH).

Guided by the vision of Progress with Purpose, I have been inspired by the collaborative spirit and dedication within our community. The recent ISSH Midterm CME in Rishikesh, brilliantly organized by the team, was a testament to our shared pursuit of excellence in hand surgery. It was a remarkable opportunity to connect, learn, and advance our field.

As we look ahead, I am thrilled about the upcoming Combined Congress of ISSH-APFSSH-APWA in September. This landmark event promises to be a platform for innovation, knowledge-sharing, and strengthening our global presence and I request all the members of our society to be part of this event. I am eager to continue working with all of you to drive initiatives that will leave a lasting impact on our society and the field of hand surgery.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Together, let us shape a future of growth, unity, and achievement for ISSH.

Warm regards,

Dr Vigneswaran V

Ganga Medical Center and Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.

Coimbatore

Inter - Varsity Hand Meet 2025

The Paul Brand centre for Hand surgery, CMC Vellore hosted the "1st Inter- Varsity (IVY) Hand Meet 2025" on 18th January 2025 at Vellore. The faculty and students at the University accredited Hand courses (MCh Hand Surgery) met for one day to discuss common hand problems and the approaches taken by different centres in their management. The program consisted of OSCEs, a PG lecture series and clinical case discussions by a panel of teachers. Dr Anil Bhatia delivered the first "Professor G A Anderson Oration" during the same meet.



Indo US Hand Surgery Conference

The 7th Indo-US Hand Surgery Conference was held at Altair Hotel, Kolkata on the 7th & 8th of March, under the aegis of ISSH and supported by the Kudav-Mudgal foundation.

This was the first time that an event of this scale, exclusive focused on hand surgery, has been held in West Bengal. The conference was also supported by the West Bengal Orthopaedic Association and kicked off with a pre-conference hand surgery cadaveric workshop at JNM Hospital, Kalyani, attended by 32 delegates, who were taken through the surgical approaches to common hand conditions and fractures.

There were hands-on modules for phalangeal and metacarpal K wire fixation, IM headless screw fixation for metacarpal fractures, distal radius plate fixation, etc, with a very healthy faculty to delegate ratio.



The conference theme focused on “Common conditions in Hand Surgery” and spread over 1.5 days, with a blend of crisp didactic talks and case-based interactive group discussions.

There was also a special free paper session for residents. The conference was graced by stellar faculty from USA & all over India.



It was attended by 110 enthusiastic delegates, (some travelling far from all parts of India), and was a huge success. This conference will go a long way in creating more awareness and interest regarding hand surgery in Eastern India.

IFSSH Achievements

Dr. K. Sridhar honoured with the IFSSH Pioneer of Hand Surgery award



We are delighted to share that Dr. K. Sridhar, Senior Consultant, has been conferred the prestigious “Pioneer of Hand surgery” award by the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH). The award was presented on March 24, 2025, at the IFSSH Congress in Washington, D.C. This distinguished recognition highlights Dr. Sridhar’s exceptional contributions to the field of hand surgery, particularly in the areas of:

- Tendon transfers and biomechanical understanding of the hand
- Translational research in cartilage tissue engineering
- Innovative clinical practice, marked by his early adoption and implementation of new techniques
- Mentorship and training of numerous hand surgeons across different stages of their careers
- Service to underserved populations, demonstrating a deep commitment to equitable healthcare

Beyond his clinical and academic achievements, Dr. Sridhar is widely admired for his patient-first approach and compassionate care. This is a proud moment for the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH) and for the broader Indian medical community, as one of our most respected members is recognized globally for his lifelong dedication to advancing hand surgery. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. K. Sridhar on this well-deserved honour.

IFSSH Presidency

We, the Executive Council of ISSH, are thrilled to announce that on March 28, 2025, Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy, Chairman of the Department of Plastic, Hand, and Microsurgery and Director of Ganga Medical Center and Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. Coimbatore, made history by becoming the first Indian to take over as President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH). This prestigious moment occurred during the closing ceremony of the IFSSH's triennial congress in Washington, DC, USA. The IFSSH, established in 1966, is the world's largest body of hand surgeons, uniting 62 member nations to advance and disseminate knowledge in hand surgery. Dr. Sabapathy's appointment marks a significant milestone in the federation's 59-year history, reflecting India's growing prominence in global medical leadership. In his address to the delegates, Dr. Sabapathy outlined his vision for his term, emphasizing the theme of "Providing Quality Hand Surgery Care to the Millions Who Are Less Privileged." He will lead the organization with the support of an executive committee comprising representatives from the USA, UK, China, Japan, Belgium, Colombia, and Ecuador.

Dr. Sabapathy's illustrious career includes serving as Past President of the Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (APFSSH) and holding leadership roles in the Indian Plastic Surgery, Hand Surgery, Microsurgery, Burns, and Brachial Plexus Associations. Under his leadership, Ganga Hospital's Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery Department, established in 1991, has become a global hub for training, attracting over 3,300 surgeons from 83 countries—a record for any surgical unit in India. His contributions have earned him prestigious honors, including Honorary Fellowships from the Royal College of Surgeons of Glasgow and England, the American College of Surgeons (a rare distinction for only about 15 plastic surgeons worldwide), and Honorary Memberships from the British, South African, and Serbian societies for hand and microsurgery.

Join us in congratulating Dr. Sabapathy on this remarkable achievement and wishing him success in steering the IFSSH toward greater global impact in hand surgery care.



ISSH Midterm CME Report

The Department of Plastic Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery at AIIMS Rishikesh successfully organized the 11th Mid-Term CME of the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH) on 12th–13th April 2025 with the central theme being “ Hand Surgery: Practice essentials”. The event was inaugurated by Executive Director AIIMS Rishikesh Prof Meenu Singh, along with President of ISSH Dr Pankaj Ahire and Secretary ISSH , Dr Anil Bhat. The conference was wonderfully managed by the Organising committee of the event consisting of Prof Vishal Mago (Organizing chairperson), Dr Vivek Singh (Organizing Secretary) and Dr Akshay Kapoor (Co- Organizing Secretary). The scientific committee consisting of Prof Debarati Chattopadhyay, Dr Madhubari Vathulya and Dr Neeraj Rao put together a curated list of topics which were deemed very valuable by the audience.

The event also featured a comprehensive hands-on workshop focused on fixation techniques for metacarpal, phalangeal, and distal radius fractures, providing participants with valuable practical experience. The event also featured a Masterclass on “ Brachial Plexus Injury – Management Essentials” delivered by Prof Mukund Thatte who is an undisputed leader in this field.

The scientific sessions were enriched by lectures from eminent hand surgeons from across the country. We were pleased to host faculty from eminent institutes of both Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand like KGMU, SGPGI , Himalayan Institute and Indresh Hospital. The lectures were structured into four thematic modules covering all major aspects of hand surgery: Acute Hand Trauma, Chronic Bony Pathology, Chronic Soft Tissue Conditions, and Nerve Injuries.

The two-day academic gathering served as a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange, skill development, and collaborative learning, reinforcing the commitment of AIIMS Rishikesh to excellence in surgical education and patient care.





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Achievements

1. Prof. Umar Farooq Baba was included in the prestigious “PRS Global Open Reviewer Hall of Fame” of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) for the second consecutive year on 1st October 2024.
2. Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons of Odisha (APRASO) has started Hand Fellowship for the Residents and Junior Consultant from Odisha from the year 2023 making this popularity among the Young Plastic Surgeons in Odisha. In this APRASO Hand Fellowship the selected Plastic Surgeons will go for fellowship in any of the renowned Institute in India where Hand surgery course is being offered (Ganga Hospital, CMC Vellore, KMC, Manipal, Stanley Medical College Etc.) for 2 weeks. After completion of the fellowship the Plastic Surgeon will receive an amount of Rs 20,000 and a certificate from APRASO in Annual conference of APRASO every Year
 1. Dr M Vishnu Swaroop Reddy, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar - (2023-24)
 2. Dr Shivram, MKCG Hospital, Berhampur, Odisha - (2024-25)



3. Dr. Yogesh Kothari, KMC, Manipal bagged 2nd place Best Poster Award, KOACON 2025, Bengaluru conducted in February 2025 for the poster titled “The Dynamic Role of Lumbricals in Idiopathic Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: A Cadaveric and Clinical Co-relation.”
4. Dr. Yogesh Kothari , KMC, Manipal received Best Paper Award, Mumbai Advanced Trauma Course (MATC) 2024, Mumbai conducted in July 2024. Paper title- “A study of factors affecting functional outcome of open arthrolysis in stiff elbow.”
5. Congratulations to the 2021 Batch MCh Hand Surgery graduates
 - Eknoor Kaur: CMC Vellore
 - Deepthi Paraj, KMC, Manipal
 - Jithin Jose Thomas, SRMC, Chennai
 - Kathir Joyson D R,CMC Vellore
 - Kishore Vellingiri, KMC, Manipal
 - Salvi Bhavya Vijesh, CMC Vellore
 - Sreekanth R, CMC, Vellore

ISSH GBM and Election Notifications 2025

General Body Meeting:

The General Body Meeting of the members of ISSH will be held on 10th September 2025 during ISSHCON 2025 as part of APFSSH 2025 from 1730 hrs. to 1930 hrs, at Hotel The Westin, Mumbai , India.

A formal GBM notification will be sent one month prior to the meeting.

Election Notice:

Nominations are invited from eligible & desirous members of ISSH for election to the following posts in the ISSH Executive Council. If there are more applicants than the number of posts vacant, election by secret ballot will be held.

Post	Numbers	Tenure	Starts
Vice President*	One	One-year	1st Jan 2026
Member at large	Two	Three years	1st Jan 2026

*Vice President is the President Elect.

The nominations should be sent in the prescribed application form to reach the secretary, ISSH on or before 23:59 hrs on 26th August 2025.

Deadline for withdrawal of nomination is 12 noon on 3rd. September 2025.

The Election will be held during and simultaneous with the GBM on 2nd day of ISSHCON 2025 between 1730 hrs. and 1930 hrs on 10th September 2025 at Hotel The Westin, Mumbai.

Only those Indian members of ISSH whose names were in the members register at the time of this notice are eligible for voting.

- A person standing for EC elections should be an Indian member residing in India and practicing in India only. Persons with OCI card with different nationality passport will not be eligible to contest for a post of the ExCo or any place in the society.
 - ISSH members changing their nationality should inform the society within 3 months
 - Members with OCI status, residing and registered to practice in India will enjoy all rights as IN members except for voting rights and election to EC. 'OCI' may be affixed to their membership details. They can retain the membership number.
 - Members not ordinarily residing in India and not practicing in India at the time of application or later are ineligible for any administrative posts of ISSH
- Application for EC members post: Previous attendance of ISSHCON of at least three conferences in the last five years is necessary

Application for Election to the post of Vice President and Executive Council member needs to be made in a prescribed form

Application form Vice President ISSH



Application form EC Member ISSH



Call for 49th ISSHCON 2027

- Application must be made in a prescribed form.
- Application should be received latest by 31st August 2025.
- The applicant is the Organising secretary or the Organising Chairman.

Prerequisites:

- The Organising Secretary should have been an EC member OR should be an active ISSH Member for at least five preceding years and should have attended at least three ISSHCONs in preceding three years at the time of making an application
- In addition to above, the applicant should be present in person in the AGM and be registered for the respective ISSHCON where the application is being made.

Call for 12th Mid-term CME 2026

- Application should be received latest by 31st August of the preceding year of the proposed CME.
- Application must be made in a prescribed form
- The applicant is the Organising secretary. The ISSH President will be the Chief Guest at the occasion.
- Committee members as faculty will be at the discretion of the Organising Secretary

Prerequisites:

- The Organising Secretary should have been an EC member OR should be an active ISSH Member for at least three years and should have attended at least one ISSHCON in preceding three years at the time of making an application
- In addition to above, the applicant should be present in person in the GBM and be registered for the respective ISSHCON

Application form ISSH Mid Term CME



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Let us know!

Email secretary@issh.org with supporting documents by **August 15**

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