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Message from the President

TO TALK THROUGH ONE'S OWN HAT



Dear Friends,

I sincerely apologise for failing to mention, in the last year's message, some distinguished surgeons who were instrumental in the development of Hand Surgery in India. The following eminent names in surgery of *leprosy* afflicted hand were missed:

1. Dr A Salafia and Dr G Chauhan of Mumbai - Published a book 'Treatment of Neuritis in Leprosy', 1997 ⁽¹⁾
2. Dr Atul Shah of Mumbai.
3. Dr GN Malavia of Agra.

Dr Ashok Sengupta and his team from Kolkata's Institute of Child Health and Calcutta Medical Research Institute were the pioneers of **Microsurgery and Reimplantation**. Their first paper was published in Indian Journal of Surgery in 1968 ⁽²⁾. They presented their series of 62 cases of re-implantation of hands and fingers from March 1975 to March 1977 ⁽³⁾. Only after developing their micro vascular anastomosis skills in the animal laboratory on rats for nine years, Dr Sengupta and his team started these complex procedures on humans. They designed a very cost effective microscope, for Rs 150, by utilizing Indian binocular lenses and the humble ENT lamp. It is no surprise that Dr Sengupta was the founder President of ISSH in 1974. This information and representation of our country at IFSSH conferences will be included in the next edition of the book 'Hand Surgery Worldwide'. The Indian chapter of this book is contributed by our past President, Dr Raja Sabapathy ⁽⁴⁾. More than 10 surgeons from India have participated in IFSSH conferences before 1998. I was invited to present 2 papers at the IFSSH in Paris (1992), one paper in Helsinki (1995) and one paper Vancouver (1998). I am especially keen to record similar representation at IFSSH meetings prior to 1992, as I am almost certain that some of these earlier conferences were attended by hand surgeons from India. I would be grateful if you could forward any such information or certificates to our office at the Ganga Hospital in Coimbatore.

Hand surgery in **trauma** was initiated by many young surgeons in the early 1970s; leading this, were Dr BB Joshi of Mumbai and Dr Venkataswami of Chennai, who I have acknowledged in last year's Newsletter.

My further interest in **elective Hand Surgery** led to a literature search through the Indian Journal of Surgery, IJS (1940 to 1993) and the Journal of Anatomical Society of India, JASI (1955 to 1981). The first paper was published by Dr DP Ghosh in 1951 - 'Glomus Tumor of Finger Pulp' in the IJS ⁽⁵⁾. In 1955, Dr BD Mishra published his work on 'Arteria Mediana' in the JASI, based on cadaveric study exploring the incidence and prevalence of persistent median artery ⁽⁶⁾.

The third paper was by Dr Indra Bhargava in 1956 in the JASI, 'An extra muscle in forearm' ⁽⁷⁾. To conclude I proudly quote the fourth paper, authored by my teachers from the Anatomy department of my alma mater, BJ Medical College, Pune. Dr Bhadkamkar and Dr Mysorkar described 'Bilateral Extensor Digitorum Brevis Muscle in the Hand', in the JASI 1960 ⁽⁸⁾.

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I have listed the above references to clarify the title of my message. In my opinion any dogmatic statement made at a presentation or publication of any kind should be backed by scientific evidence and to not 'talk through one's own hat' (a time honoured British phrase)! Such talk should neither be accepted nor tolerated at any scientific meeting.

I thank the members of ISSH and my well-wishers for giving me the opportunity to serve as the President of our prestigious society. I hope all of us will continue to encourage young surgeons to further develop Hand Surgery in India; so that such a fascinating, rewarding and satisfying field of work gets due recognition, not only by the Government and Health Authorities, but also by the common man!

I look forward to welcoming you in large numbers at the 38th ISSH meeting in Mangalore in November 2014!

Yours sincerely,

Dr VS Patil
President ISSH

Message from Secretary



Dear Colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to update you all where we left at our last annual meeting in Pune. The International Relations Committee of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) invited the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand (ISSH) to take part in their International Visiting Professor Program. The role of the U.S. Visiting Professor was to enhance the development of hand surgery across the world and foster positive relationships between hand surgeons based in the United States and other countries.

Under this program Prof. Terry Light, who is the authority on management of congenital hand differences, visited various centers in India. Report on his visit is included in this newsletter.

ISSH has been conducting Basic Hand courses in different parts of country to create awareness about art and science of hand surgery. In future there is a plan to start "Advanced Hand courses" to take things to next level. To increase reach we should have local hand clubs and regional/state chapters which organize academic meets at frequently.

Strength of any organization is its members. Therefore to increase our strength we motivate our friends and colleagues, who are practicing hand surgery, to become member of ISSH (membership forms can be downloaded from www.isssh.org) .

We all know it takes great efforts and hard work behind all conferences. This year Dr B J Kamath and his team are organizing the annual conference at Mangalore from 14th - 16th November 2014. I request you all to make it a big success by attending this academic feast.

Looking forward to welcoming you all at Mangalore!

Have safe journey !

Vikas Gupta

Brief Note on 38th ISSHCON 2014 at Mangalore from 14-16th Nov. 2014

Greetings from Mangalore.

We extend a warm welcome to all for the 38th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of the Hand to be held in this coastal city of Karnataka from 14-16th November, 2014 at the TMA Pai International Convention Centre. We have planned a Video Workshop on the first day exclusively on Brachial Plexus Surgery. The theme of the Conference is "TIPS and TRICKS in Hand Surgery" and most of the presentations will be video based.

We have 5 Speakers who have confirmed their presence from beyond our borders, in addition to the galaxy of speakers from within. We promise to make this a memorable event. Please visit the conference website www.issshcon2014.com for more details.

ISSH Orations of 2014

Prof. Venkatswami Oration

Orator: Prof. Andrew Burd, Hong Kong

Title: Hand Burns - Plastic Surgeon OR Burns Surgeon?



Prof. BB Joshi Oration

Orator: Dr. Marc Garcia Elias, Spain

Title: What have I learnt after trying for 35 years to understand Carpal instability?



Presidential Invitation talk

Prof. Marko Bumbaseravic , Serbia

"Contemporary Treatment of Mangled Upper Extremity"

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Note on ISSHCON 2013 Pune

37th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Surgery of the Hand was held at Pune from 20th to 22nd Sept. 2013. The conference was organized by Pune Association of Plastic Surgeons in association with the Departments of Plastic Surgery Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune at Hotel Four points by Sheraton.

Dr. Joshi P. V. was the Organising Chairman and Dr. Parag Sahasrabudhe was the Organizing secretary of the conference.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Arun Jamkar, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik.



ISSHCON 2013 inauguration ceremony

The conference was attended by 190 Hand Surgeons and Hand Therapists from all over the country. Prof. Christophe Oberlin from Paris France delivered Prof. B.B. Joshi Oration and Prof. Venkataswami Oration was delivered by Prof. Roberto Adani from Verona Italy.



Prof. Cristophe Oberlin delivering Prof. B.B. Joshi Oration



Prof. Roberto Adani delivering Prof. Venkataswamy Oration.

Key note lectures on various interesting topics in Hand Surgery were delivered by senior national faculty including Dr. G. Balakrishnan, Dr. Raja Sabapathy and Dr. Mukund Thatte. Symposiums on Rehabilitation of burn hand and Replantation were well appreciated by the delegates.

There was Best Paper awards for delegates and therapist along with Free Paper sessions. In the poster session there were 11 poster presentations. A separate hand therapy session was conducted by Mr. Pande Ganesh, Joint Organizing Secretary ISSHCON 2013 and Mr. Vivek Kulkarni. In addition there were combined sessions of therapist with the surgeons, and special talks by surgeons in therapy Programme as well.



A Marathi dance programme of 'Lawani' was a highlight on banquet night.

All the delegates expressed their happiness with Puneri hospitality and Punctual academic feast organized under the guidance of our Organizing Chairman Dr. P V. Joshi.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Council Meeting of the ISSH at Four Point Sheraton Hotel, Pune on 20 – 9 – 13

President Dr. V.S. Patil chaired the meeting. He was accompanied by Secretary Dr. Vikas Gupta, Dr. P. Kotwal, Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. B.J. Kamath, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Shailesh Gupta, Dr. Ahire, Dr. Acharya, Past President Dr. Bhaskaranand Kumar and Managing Trustee Dr. Balakrishnan.

- Meeting began with Dr. Gupta distributing the account statement among the executive members about the amount he had received so far (after taking over from Dr.Rath). this amount was around Rs. 2 lacs approx. (Rs. 1.25 lacs approx. from new members, Rs. 80,000 transferred from Dr. Rath). Dr. Gupta also mentioned the amount spent Rs.5000 on the best paper awards.
- Dr. Balakrishnan expressed his inability in arranging the trustee's report on time in view the auditors difficulty in tallying the account details. Overall he mentioned of an approximate surplus amount of Rs. 1.00lacs in the account statement. He circulated the letter from the auditors expressing their inability in completing the account details in time. The auditing work is still going on in view of problems related to TDS tallying of accounts related to IFSSH meet.
- Dr. Balakrishnan mentioned of the current balance in the account in relation to funds allotted to Acland's fellowship (approx. Rs.11 lacs), orations(approx. Rs 12 lacs), Funds related to National travelling fellowship.
- Dr. Raja Sabapathy informed about the dues to be given to the IFSSH and IFSHT which was US \$1000 annually. In view of the ever increasing value of the dollar it has put stress on the society accounts.
- Prof. Balakrishnan felt that in the coming days the value for Dollar will fall and the dues can be cleared then. He also expressed his concerns about the need for increasing the allocation of funds for the Orations/ Acland's fellowship/IFSH Dues. He felt that the account details must be sent from the Secretary in Paper and avoid e-mails.
- Dr. S. Raja Sabapathy informed that the turnover of the IFSSH meet was approx. Rs.12,35,51,000 and in view of the problems related to recent dollar conversions significant budget constraints had to be arranged. The positive of the Meeting was earning of Rs.18,12,222. 50% of which will go to the IFSSH and the remaining amount will go to the ISSH.
- Dr. Balakrishnan felt the need for the presence of an additional member in the trustee apart from him and Dr.Malaviya. He also suggested that they be changed periodically. The council members felt the need to pass a resolution to that effect after taking due consent from Dr. Malaviya. It was also felt that only the past president can become a member of the trustee.

- Dr. Sabapathy suggested Dr. Chandraprakasam's name for the additional member's name. Dr. Bhaskaranand felt that the tenure of 5 years should be adequate which can be extended at the GBM. It was felt that the EC will select the member to be ratified by the GBM.
- Dr. Balakrishnan felt that ISSH would be unable to give seed money for organizing the annual conference. The organisers will have to open an account. Donations can go to the account (also ISSH account) and the donors can avail the 80G benefit.
- Dr. Balakrishnan informed that the trust account has been changed from savings to a corporate account which has resulted in the bank collecting TDS from the account. He expressed the desire to transfer the current account from Canara Bank to State Bank of Mysore.
- He requested that henceforth the funds from the sale of Acland's book may directly be transferred to the ISSH. He suggested a receipt book for the same. He promised to reimburse the amounts incurred on the costs of publishing documents/newsletters/receipts in relation to ISSH as requested by Dr. Sabapathy.
- Dr. Balakrishnan again stressed the need for allocation for additional funds to Orations/IFSSH dues/Aclands fellowship in view of additional costs.
- Dr. Sabapathy expressed difficulty in getting funds from abroad over sales of the Acland's books. Giving an example of the Finnish Hand Society which bought 25 book for 20 euros each with additional courier charges of 200 euros. These funds as Dr. Kotwal informed will be difficult to get back as due official procedures and permissions are required. Dr. Balakrishnan sought some time to get information from the auditors in this matter.
- Dr. Sabapathy informed that last year Rs.71,000 was earned towards sale of the book. Rs. 50,000 overall earning will got to the Acland's funds.
- Dr. Sabapathy informed that Dr.Ravi Mahajan has given Rs. 100,000 as earning from the Amritsar meet in 2012. The EC decided to transfer this amount along with the amount from new membership drive received from Dr. V. Gupta(Rs. 1.5 lacs) to the IFSSH dues funds. It was also decided to increase an additional amount of Rs. 25,000 to each of the orations from 15000 to Rs. 17,500
- Dr. Sabapathy also gave a suggestion of using the IFSSH Painting book as a source of revenue for the Society
- Dr. Sabapathy asked for the opinion of the members on how to manage the amount of Rs.900000 received from the Delhi Meet. He gave a suggestion of subscription of the Asia Pacific Hand Surgery Journal for the members, the cost of which will be incurred from the interest from this fund. Dr. Ahire suggested a nominal amount be charged for the journal but Dr. Sabapathy pointed out the poor response to JHS (European ed.) in the past. It was decided that Dr. Sabapathy should negotiate with the Singapore publisher for the same.

- Dr V.S. Patil expressed the difficulty in organizing funds for the 2013 meet. The members felt that the responsibility for arranging conference must be with the organizers alone.
- Dr. Ahire felt the need for the executive member to mandatorily organize/promote an academic event during their tenure.
- Dr. Sabapathy and Dr. Thomas felt that this should be kept desirable rather than mandatory.
- Members felt that this year no one was found qualified for the Acland's travelling fellowship.
- Dr. Anand Chandak has been selected for the Inland Travelling fellowship. The members felt that Dr. Samrat Taori can apply for the same, next year.
- Dr. Vikas Gupta Informed the members about 3 publishers whose quotations can be considered. Theme (Rs. 14 lacs), Elsevier (Rs. 4 lacs), Medknow (Rs. 3.5 lacs). He felt that the journals could be a good source for revenue in the form of Advertisements for the ISSH. Dr. Sabapathy and Dr. Balakrishnan felt that this be kept pending till the APFSSH Journal issue is resolved.
- Dr. Kamath and Dr. Sathish Bhat presented their program for the 2014 ISSH meet in Mangalore.
- It will be a full 3 day programme from 14th, 15th, and 16th of November with CME programme to be held both on Inaugural and the concluding day. Dr. Balakrishnan felt that instead of Brachial Plexus Injuries, more basic concepts like tendon transfer be kept for CME program
- Dr. Sabapathy felt that to save costs we must switch over to e-newsletters. Further matter in this regard to be decided at the GBM.
- Dr. Vikas Gupta circulated the e-mail of Dr. Pankaj Jindal who had expressed his displeasure at being denied role in the present conference in Pune.
- The members including Dr. Bhaskaranand, Dr. Kotwal and Dr. Balakrishnan felt these to be false and not worth discussing.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual General body Meeting of the ISSH at Four Point Sheraton Hotel, Pune on 21 – 9 – 13.

President Dr. V.S. Patil chaired the meeting. He was accompanied by Secretary Dr. Vikas Gupta and Treasurer Dr. G. Balakrishnan

Dr. Vikas Gupta welcomed the members and requested Dr. Balakrishnan to give the Trustees report.

Dr. Balakrishnan welcomed all the members and informed them that the trustee report is still not finalized. This was in view of the extensive accounting involved for the IFSSH meet in March, New Delhi and the late arrival of the account details from Amritsar Meet. Since the money from the IFSSH meet came in the name of ISSH this had created an additional burden of tallying the accounts for our auditors.

He read out the account details and told that at present there is a corpus fund of Rs. 12 lacs. The Acland's fellowship account amounted to 10lacs and 59 thousand. He informed that it was now becoming difficult to maintain the amount allotted for the fellowship and additional funds were needed. This was also the case with the national traveling fellowship, which has a fund of Rs.46,000. He also stressed the need for an additional amount of Rs. 50,000 for the 2 orations. He highlighted the increasing amount for the IFSSH dues due to rupee depreciation which amount to around Rs. 60,000. He felt that an amount of approx.. Rs.5 lacs was needed to balance the additional demand.

He informed that Rs. 65,000 was received from the Manipal meeting and Dr. Mahajan from Amritsar had pledged Rs. 100,000. The trust had received Rs. 4,00,728 this year and thankfully corpus fund will not be disturbed. A resolution was passed to send all the details of the current year account in PDF format and send it to the members by e-mail.

He informed that in future the conference organizers should not ask for PAN no. as it creates additional burden on the auditors. He informed that seed money. Any transaction should be only in the form of donations to the ISSH directly (by third party). The ISSH can then release the funds for the organizers. Otherwise the organizers should start a new conference account and then the final amount can be transferred to the ISSH as donations. Dr. Avinash Deodhar informed that he has conveyed all the details for opening an account for conference to Dr. Kamath (who is the next organizing chairman)

As requested by Dr. Anantharam the AGM passed a resolution that henceforth the organisers will have to open an account with PAN no. which then has to inform the ISSH. Dr. Balakrishnan promised to issue a letter of order to that effect from the ISSH.

Dr. B J Kamath informed that he will be the organizing chairman Dr. Sathish Bhat as the organizing secretary and Dr. Surendra Kamath as Treasurer for the upcoming 2014 ISSH conference in Mangalore.

Dr. Vikas Gupta read out the details of the account for the current academic year. There was a balance of approximately Rs. 2 lacs. The meeting ratified transfer of Rs. 1.5 lacs from this amount to the corpus fund. The meeting discussed the tenure of the trustee members. Dr. Raja Sabapathy suggested the tenure be kept for a period of 5 years which can be extended as per decision taken by the members at the annual AGM. This was followed by the presentation of report of Acland fellowship for the year 2012-13 by Dr. Hari Venkatramani. He gave an informative account on his visit to Hand Centres in USA. He visited Chicago for the WSRM meet where he stayed for 4 days. He participated there as a panelist for a Symposia on "Improving Outcome in Replants". He interacted with Dr. Millesi and Dr. Yamano. This was followed by his visit to the St. Louis and the Barnes Jewish Medical Centre which is one of the largest Medical University in the world. He marveled at their documentation system where every information is stored electronically. Here he interacted with Dr. Boyer and Dr. Gelberman who took him on a university tour. He later visited the Shriner's Children's hospital. He said that its OPD, Training and research facility was an inspiring eye opener. This was followed by his visit to the Mayo Clinic which he was told to be one of the largest medical facility in the world. One of the key learning points he mentioned here was the importance given to the outstanding OPD facility. He then

visited one of the premiere microsurgery centers in Louisville, Klienert & Kutz Institute where he interacted with the Doyens of Microsurgery, Dr. Kutz, Dr. Tsu Min Tsai, and Dr. Bob Acland. He informed that Dr. Sunil Thirkannad took him to the very place where the decision to transfer the rights of the Acland's Microsurgery manual to the Indian Society for Surgery of the Hand was made. The funds from the sale of this book eventually led to the establishment of the ISSH International Acland's Travelling Fellowship.

This was followed by Dr. Amit Vyas's presentation for the ISSH Inland Travelling fellowship. He had visited Dr. Mukund Thatte in Mumbai. He visited three hospitals where Dr. Thatte works, Bombay Hospital, Wadia Children's Hospital and Sushrusha Hospital. His aim was to learn tips and tricks in the management of brachial plexus injuries in which Dr. Thatte has vast experience. He had a fulfilling experience under his fatherly guidance. He was impressed by his surgical skills and particularly the way he counseled his patients. Dr. Thatte does most of his Brachial plexus work at the Bombay Hospital and Pediatric hand surgery work at the Wadia Hospital. He thanked Dr. Thatte, Dr. Raja Sabapathy, Dr. Rath and Dr. Warriar for all the help received towards this fellowship.

Dr. Gupta informed about the decision to award the next year's Inland fellowship to Dr. Anand Chandak from Ahmedabad. He said that they (EC) were unable to find a suitable candidate for the Acland's Travelling fellowship as well as nominations for new EC members.

Dr. Shailesh Gupta informed about the office bearers for the scheduled 2015 Indore ISSH Conference. Dr. Prakash Bangani will be the Organizing Chairman and Dr. Shailesh Gupta as the Organizing Secretary and Treasurer.

Dr. Sabapathy informed that so far around Rs. 25 lacs has been earned from the sales of the Acland's Manual. 177 books were sold from the time of Amritsar conference till now out of which 142 were in India (which amounted to Rs.71,000). 25 of them were sent to Finland for 20 euros each.

He also informed that there was a record no. of participants for the IFSSH Meeting in New Delhi. The profits earned were approximately Rs.18 lacs. Half of this amount will come to ISSH. He said that the accounts for the IFSSH are still being finalized in view of a different format being required by the concerned authorities, which should be ready in a month's time.

He told that 200 of the Children's Painting books from the IFSSH proceedings were sold and 400 are still left. He requested the members to help sell the books for the ISSH as souvenirs to NGOs, Medical and Pharma Companies.

Dr. Gupta announced the 2 vacancies for the EC members post to replace Dr. Shailesh Gupta and Dr. Binu Thomas whose terms end in the current year. Dr. Hari proposed the name of Dr. Anant Sinha from Ranchi which was seconded by Dr. Nehete. Dr. Thatte proposed the name of Dr. Jiten Kulkarni from Aurangabad which was seconded by all others. The house ratified the selection of these new members to the council as there were no other nominations.

The members also ratified the entry of 25 new members to the ISSH. Dr. Balakrishnan felt that in future the new members must be present in the AGM if they want their names to be accepted. It was also decided to award the 2016 ISSH conference to Ranchi as proposed by Dr. Anant Sinha and 2017 to Mumbai as proposed by Dr. Ahire.

Dr. Kotwal informed that a new Supreme Court ruling has come which says that Therapist can't use the prefix 'Dr.' to their name. This has also been stated in a Circular from MCI and Govt. of India. Dr. Sabapathy informed that he had followed a similar protocol during the preparations of the programme of the IFSSH/ IFSHT Meeting in New Delhi. IFSHT followed the guideline of therapists who have done Ph D were addressed as Doctors and the rest as Ms or Mr and this was followed during the preparations of the international meeting.

The members were informed of a Letter from Dr. Jindal which had made allegations against some of the members. The EC found all these accusations to be baseless. The members felt that all these matters should be resolved at personnel level. The members unanimously decided that in future such matters should not be brought up in the house for discussion.

Dr. Kamath gave an invitation to all the members to come to Mangalore to attend next year's Meeting tentatively dated on the 14th, 15th and 16th of November 2014. The theme for this conference will be Tips and Tricks. He informed that It will be a full day session on all three days which includes workshops in Brachial Plexus Injuries and Distal Radius fractures, A competitive session on Ideas and Innovation, Blazer for ISSH members. Dr. Thatte suggested that the dated be changed to Thursday to Saturday so that they be allowed time to reach home and rest on Sunday.

Dr. Patil thanked all the members for coming to Pune and making the Conference a Success.

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 TMA Pai convention Center in Mangalore on Friday Nov 14 2014 @ 4.30 PM. 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 TMA Pai convention Center in Mangalore Saturday, Nov 15, 2014 @ 5PM. 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
2. Post of Vice president – one post

Please send your nominations to the secretary ISSH before 31st October 2014 to our secretary at handsurgeryclinic@gmail.com

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 by 7th November, 2014.

Fellowship Guidelines

1. Each year one candidate will be chosen for the Fellowship and it carries an award of Rs. 1-00 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 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.

ISSH Inland Fellowship Society for Surgery of the Hand 2014

Application could be sent to the Secretary by email at handsurgerclinic@gmail.com by 31st October 2014.
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 Prof Terry Light's Visit.

The International Relations Committee of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand had in their efforts to build goodwill and as an outreach teaching Programme deputed Prof Terry Light, Past President of the ASSH to India and Bangladesh. He visited Ganga Medical Centre, Coimbatore, Vedanta Hospital, Nashik and Medanta Hospital, New Delhi and centers in Dhaka during the 3 weeks visit. This was the inaugural visiting professorship Programme of the ASSH and the international relations committee of the ASSH will use the experience gained to formulate the future programmes.

Future meetings:

8th Biennial Congress of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery – 19th to 22nd Mar, 2015
Venue: Grand Hyatt, Mumbai.

For details please visit, www.wsr2015mumbai.com

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