

IFSSH & IFSHT Hand in Hand

Sydney Australia • 11-15 March 2007



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

**10th Triennial Congress of the
International Federation of Societies
for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) &
7th Triennial Congress of the
International Federation of
Societies for Hand Therapists (IFSHT)**

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2 Invitation from the Organising Committee Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

The hand surgeons and therapists of Australia invite you to Sydney in March 2007 for the IFSSH and IFSHT Congresses. It will be the first time that the International Federations have met under the Southern Cross and the first time that they have met together, at the same time and at the same venue.

"Hand in Hand" is the theme of the congress. This theme reflects the collaboration between surgeons and therapists which is so necessary to achieve optimal patient care.

We are planning stimulating and challenging scientific programs with a combination of instructional lectures, symposia and workshops, together with your important contributions in the form of free papers and poster presentations.

To ensure that your visit to Australia is a memorable one, you will have opportunities to learn about Australian aboriginal customs, attend a performance at the Sydney Opera House, climb the Harbour Bridge and explore and discover the delights of Sydney and its surrounds.

We look forward to welcoming our colleagues from around the world. See you in Sydney in 2007.



Roland Hicks
Organising Committee Chair
IFSSH Congress



Rosemary Prosser
Organising Committee Chair
IFSHT Congress



Sydney - Congress City

Sydney, Australia is the venue for the 10th Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) & the 7th Triennial Congress of the International Federation of Societies of Hand Therapists (IFSHT) to be held from 11 to 15 March 2007.

Sydney is without doubt one of the most beautiful cities in the world with a reputation for friendly people, a cosmopolitan lifestyle, wonderful shopping and world-class entertainment.

Our magnificent harbour, renowned Opera House and sunny beaches combine to make Sydney a unique destination and a city of sophistication and fascinating variety.

The Venue

The combined Congress will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour, just minutes from Sydney's central business and shopping district.



The Convention Centre is the focal point of Darling Harbour, one of the world's most imaginative urban redevelopment projects, alive with shops, restaurants and visitor attractions.

The Centre offers first class facilities to both delegates and presenters. Its central location means that accommodation, restaurants and the central business district are all within walking distance.



4 Scientific Program – IFSSH

The Scientific Committee of the Australian Hand Surgery Society is organising what will hopefully be an exciting and innovative scientific programme for the 10th IFSSH Congress. There will be five concurrent scientific sessions with a mixture of symposia, instructional course lectures, invited lectures and free papers. The days will be structured such that free papers on any particular topic will follow a symposium on the same subject. The inaugural Swanson Lecture will be one of a number of special invited lectures which will combine the experience of senior members of the hand surgery world with recent advances affecting the cause, diagnosis and management of hand surgery conditions.

IFSSH Daily Schedule		Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	
0700-0745		Special Lectures				
1000-1030	Registration 1000-1600	Symposium	Symposium	Combined Symposium IFSSH/IFSHT	Symposium	
1030-1230		Free Papers	Morning Tea Free Papers – until 1200 only	Free Papers	Free Papers	
1230-1300		Invited lecture	Sport Social Activities Leisure			Lunch
1300-1400		Lunch		Swanson Lecture Lunch	Lunch	
1400-1600	Committee Meetings	Symposium		Symposium	Free Papers	
1600-1630		Afternoon Tea		Afternoon Tea	Operations / No Longer Do – invited speakers	
1630-1800		Free Papers		Free Papers	Closing Ceremony Finish	
Evening	Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Reception	Cultural Evening Leisure	IFSSH Banquet	IFSSH/IFSHT Party		

IFSHT Daily Schedule

Scientific Program - IFSHT

The 2007 IFSHT conference will be exciting and thought provoking. The international faculty will give expert views related to their clinical experience on many issues that challenge hand therapists. Presentation style will include plenary sessions, panel presentations/discussion, workshops and free papers.

Proposed topics include central driving mechanisms, wrist, arthritis, tendon, splinting, occupational injuries, outcome measures, elbow, shoulder, scar management and the great stiffness debate. Hands on workshops covering manual oedema mobilisation, splinting, wrist examination, splinting without thermoplastics, and hand therapists evidence based electrotherapy.

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0830-1000	President's Address 0830-0900 Plenary	Plenary	Combined Symposium IFSSH/IFSHT Problems of the PIP joint	
1000-1030	Morning Tea			
1030-1230	Plenary The stiffness debate Invited lecture	Scientific Sessions Wrist; Occupational injuries; CRPS	Combined Symposium IFSSH/IFSHT Problems of the PIP joint Swanson Lecture	
1230-1400	Lunch			
1400-1530	Scientific sessions: Arthritis; Free papers; Nerve compression	Scientific sessions: Elbow; Outcomes, Replants; Sports injuries	Scientific sessions: Scar/wound care; Shoulder; Free papers; Soft tissues	
1530-1600	Afternoon Tea			
1600-1800	Workshops: Manual Oedema Mobilisation; Sensibility update; Splinting	Workshops: Wrist examination; Manual Oedema Mobilisation; Splinting	Workshop: Evidence based approach to electrotherapy; Splinting Closing Ceremony	
Evening	Cultural Evening Leisure President's reception 1800-1900	IFSHT Banquet		IFSSH/IFSHT Party
	Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Reception			

Important Dates

- Call for Papers and Registration Brochure
February 2006
- Closing Date for Abstracts
1st August 2006
- Very Early Registration
15th September 2006
- Early Registration
20th November 2006
- Standard Registration
15th January 2007
- Late Registration
28th February 2007

Social Program and Tours

Social Program

The Congress Social Program will be a time for delegates to catch up with old friends and meet new ones in a relaxed atmosphere, away from the hustle and bustle of the scientific sessions.

Magnificent venues, fine wines, delicious food and a relaxed atmosphere will ensure many nights of entertainment and memories to take home.

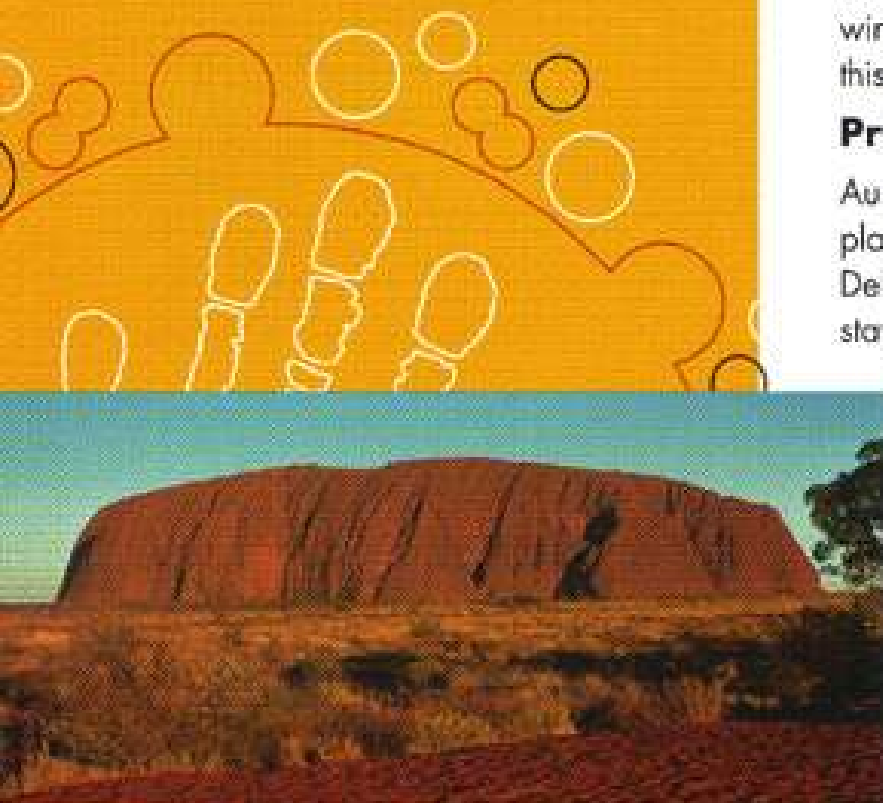
Accompanying Guests Program

Accompanying guest will have the chance to treat themselves to an array of optional tours and experience the best that Sydney has to offer. Opportunities to scale the mighty Harbour Bridge, see a koala, learn about the Australian Indigenous People – The Aborigines, go bush-walking, horseriding, or visit the famed Hunter Valley wine country are a small sample of what this exciting program will have to offer.

Pre and Post Congress Tours

Australia has an abundance of exciting places to marvel at and explore. Delegates are encouraged to extend their stay and enjoy the breath taking beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, view a sunset like no other at Uluru (Ayers Rock), experience the beauty and tranquility of the Tasmanian Wilderness or take a short trip over the Tasman to visit New Zealand. The diverse range of options for pre and post congress tours is guaranteed to satisfy a wide range of holiday preferences. The Congress Travel Office will provide you with full details.

Please see the Congress website for details on pre and post Congress meetings.



Sponsorship

A successful world congress relies on the valued support provided by sponsors. An exciting range of sponsorship opportunities has been developed to maximise benefits to the sponsoring companies, the conference and delegates. Some of these opportunities have already been taken up by our industry partners so please contact the Congress Secretariat to find out more about the remaining sponsorship opportunities.

Industry Exhibition

A major element of the World Congress will be an exhibition of the latest products and services. The daily program has been structured to maximise the opportunity for participants to visit the exhibition. All lunches and refreshments and the Poster session will take place in the exhibition area. If you would like to find out more about how you could become involved in exhibiting please contact the Congress Secretariat.

Accommodation

A wide range of hotels and apartments will be booked to suit all needs and

budgets. All details as they are available will be listed on the website or please contact the congress secretariat.

General Information

The Registration Brochure and Call for Abstracts will be distributed in February 2006. Please complete and post the attached card to ensure that you receive a copy.


The Organising Committee

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