

IFSHT Mission Statement

*To promote global networking and educational opportunities
to develop and enhance the practice of hand therapy.*

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TO: IFSHT Delegates
FROM: Nicola Goldsmith, IFSHT President
RE: IFSHT Information

We hope you, your family, and your colleagues are all doing well during this global pandemic. It is such a worrying time for us all and with most of the world in lock down, it is likely that friends and family are struggling. The April Hand Therapy Connections Newsletter shares tips and resources for you during this difficult time. We welcome your stories on the IFSHT Facebook page.

2022 Triennial Congress, London UK

The next congress in London has had a venue change to the Excell Arena in eastern London. This conference location offers higher capacity and a large exhibit area, with 9 venue hotels on site. Please note that the dates have also changed to 6-10 June 2022.

We are delighted to announce two excellent leaders have been appointed as the Co-Chairs of the Triennial Scientific Program: Fiona Sandford, UK and Helen Buchanan, South Africa. They are now accepting volunteer names to serve on the Scientific Program Committee and the Abstract Review Committee. Please send volunteer contact information to secretarygeneral@ifsht.org.

Membership Survey on Society Growth

Thank you for your input on the survey in which you shared how your society grew, the strengths in your organization, and continued growth needs. The Executive Committee analyzed these results and paired strengths from Full Member Countries to needs from Associate/Corresponding Member Countries. You will receive a separate email with an invitation to contact each other to explore problem solving strategies to help grow hand therapy.

REACH. The IFSHT Newsletter

Previously, IFSHT has used two electronic publications, *Update* and *Hand Therapy Connection* to communicate with its members. Starting this summer, these two publications will be discontinued and one digital communication will be used to share international information relevant to hand therapy. More information about this new publication will follow.

Website Compromise

Last month, the IFSHT.org website was hacked under the Education Tab, with educational programs replaced with chemical sales offerings. This part of the website was open for delegates to enter their specific information. The IFSHT webmaster has now closed this section and removed the illicit data. We want to assure you that everything on the website is encrypted and no personal data nor IFSHT financial data is housed on the website. Pending further safeguards that will be implemented, we ask that you forward any upcoming educational offerings to Susan de Klerk, IFSHT Information Officer at informationofficer@ifsht.org who will assure that this information is uploaded properly. Our new website will be live later this year. Hopefully you will take this opportunity to look at the contact information listed for your country to assure all information is current (Members Tab). Please forward any changes to the Information Officer to correct until the website security is resolved.

Sincerely,
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