

11th TRIENNIAL IFSSH CONGRESS

Oct 31- Nov 4, 2010; Seoul, Korea

Dr. Lynne Feehan (PhD), current President of IFSH (2010-2013) recently attended the 11th Triennial congress of IFSSH in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The congress had over



Outgoing IFSSH president;
Dr. James Urbaniak

1300 participants from 60 countries, with approximately 900 free papers, 300 posters, 60 symposia and 12 plenary sessions. In his presidential address, Dr. James R. Urbaniak (USA), 2007-2010 IFSSH President, explored the challenging clinical decisions around thumb reconstructive surgery. The IFSSH council approved Argentina's bid to host a joint IFSSH / IFSH meeting in 2016.

KOREAN SOCIETY FOR HAND THERAPY: HAND THERAPY SYMPOSIUM

Oct 30, 2010; Seoul, Korea

While in Korea, Dr. Feehan also attended a one-day symposium hosted by the Korean Society for Hand Therapy (KSHT) and was welcomed by the current president of KSHT, Tae Hyun Cha, and the IFSH delegate, Mary Pesco, who has been an enthusiastic supporter

of hand therapy in Korea for many years. The session was attended by over 100 therapists and featured a series of lectures related to hand therapy. Dr. Feehan presented an overview of international hand therapy practice entitled *What is Hand Therapy?* and led a splinting workshop attended by 30 therapists.



IFSH president, Lynne Feehan, (center) with members of the Korean Society for Hand Therapy

GLOBAL HAND THERAPY J Wim Brandsma RPT, PhD

It all started with Paul Brand. Through reading about Dr. Brand I got increasingly involved in leprosy rehabilitation and had the privilege of being associated with him from 1983 to 1986 at the leprosy hospital in the USA.

Since 1973 I have lived and worked in 7 different countries and have visited many more countries as a consultant. Recently I spent a week in Indonesia facilitating a course on the hand as it can be affected by leprosy neuropathy. Currently my leprosy involvement is from Holland, managing a randomized clinical trial research project that will take place in 5 different leprosy endemic countries:

Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Indonesia and Brazil. The project will examine to what extent neuropathy can be treated and nerve function impairment can be prevented in subclinical and clinical leprosy neuropathy. Thank you to IFSH for the donation of 2 Jamar dynamometers to support this research. Early

next year, for the 14th consecutive year, I will facilitate a course in Nepal for the Asia region. When not traveling, I work in the largest hand therapy clinic in Holland with clients, research, protocol development, and training.



Wim Brandsma teaching about leprosy neuropathy in Ethiopia

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: Listing of upcoming courses sponsored by member countries does not indicate IFSH endorsement.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Mar 24-25, 2011	Annual Meeting	Gothenburg, Sweden	www.sfh.nu
April 29-30, 2011	CSHT Annual Meeting (with surgeons)	Vancouver, Canada	www.csht.org
May 13, 2011	Annual Meeting (with surgeons)	Odense, Denmark	www.etf.dk/haandterapi
May 14, 2011	NGHT Spring Meeting	The Netherlands	www.handtherapie.com
May 26-28, 2011	EFSHT Eurohand2011	Oslo, Norway	www.eurohand2011.com
Sep 22-25, 2011	ASHT Annual Meeting	Nashville, Tennessee USA	www.asht.org
Oct 5-7, 2011	Congreso Argentino & Sudamericano de Terapistas de la Mano (with surgeons)	Puerto Madero, Argentina	organizacion@mariagraziani.com