

## 8th IFSHT TRIENNIAL CONGRESS

Join us June 24-26, 2010 in Orlando, Florida for an exciting meeting with international colleagues. Visit [www.hands2010.com](http://www.hands2010.com) for all congress information.

## DANISH SOCIETY OF HAND THERAPISTS

by Inge Helleberg, President

The Danish Society of Hand Therapists has 122 members and holds two meetings a year. The spring meeting April 30th this year in Odense focused on



L to R: Peter Skjødt from Århus Sygehus, Doddi Stolberg (Danish Delegate to IFSHT) from Sønderborg Sygehus, and Alice Ørts from Odense Universitetshospital

Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) and the hand patient. New diagnostic criteria and treatments were discussed.

Astrid Therkelsen, physician

from the University Hospital of Aarhus, reported on a study of 30 healthy persons whose forearm was immobilized for 4 weeks and then evaluated to determine if they had symptoms similar to CRPS. Helle Puggaard, an OT from Aalborg Hospital, presented guidelines for the rehabilitation of the CRPS patient.

The next Danish meeting will be October 23, 2009 at Glostrup Hospital with continued discussion of CRPS by Candy McCabe, a British nurse. The Danish society plans to join the IFSHT Triennial Congress in Orlando with at least one delegate and a few members have sent in abstracts to present.

## KENYA FORMS HAND THERAPY GROUP

The Kenya Hand Therapy Group has recently formed. Kenya is the second hand therapy group on the continent of Africa, with the first being The South African Society of Hand Therapists, founded in 1988. Mark Yego, Occupational Therapist, serves as president of the Kenya Hand Therapy Group, which currently has 18 members. The education of therapists in the specialty practice area of Hand Therapy is the society's top priority.

Recently the newly founded society applied for associate membership in IFSHT in



L to R: Wesleye Rono, Treasurer; Mark Yego, President; Hosea Chumba, Secretary; and Isabelah Kiplagat, Public Relations & Outreach

an effort to communicate with other therapists around the world and has asked IFSHT to let experienced hand therapists know that volunteer educators are sought to travel to Kenya and teach anatomy of the hand, care of tendon injuries and fractures of the hand, evaluation and assessment techniques, therapeutic methods in hand therapy and adaptive/therapeutic equipment for hand therapy. If you or another hand therapist is interested in volunteer teaching in Kenya contact Mark Yego at [mrkyego@yahoo.com](mailto:mrkyego@yahoo.com).

## NEW HAND THERAPY E-JOURNAL

A new Hand Therapy E-Journal for the Arabic World is being published in English starting November 1, 2009 in Jordan. Article submissions are requested. Send to: [jordanhandtherapy@yahoo.com](mailto:jordanhandtherapy@yahoo.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Nov 12-13, 2009	SGHR Annual Meeting	Biel, Switzerland	<a href="http://www.congress-info.ch/sghr2009">www.congress-info.ch/sghr2009</a>
Nov 12-13, 2009	NFH Annual Meeting	Oslo, Norway	<a href="http://www.handterapi.no">www.handterapi.no</a>
Nov 13-15, 2009	APFSHT Meeting (Asia Pacific Federation of Societies for Hand Therapists)	Kaohsiung, Taiwan	<a href="http://www.2009apfsht.ot.org.tw">www.2009apfsht.ot.org.tw</a>
Nov 19, 2009	Annual Meeting (language: Slovenian)	Maribor, Slovenia	<a href="mailto:mojca.marincek@gmail.com">mojca.marincek@gmail.com</a> or <a href="http://www.sdrri.si">www.sdrri.si</a>
Nov 21, 2009	NGHT Autumn Congress (with surgeons)	Amsterdam, Netherlands	<a href="http://www.handtherapie.com">www.handtherapie.com</a>
April 23-24, 2010	CSHT Annual Meeting	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	<a href="http://www.csht.org">www.csht.org</a>
April 17, 2010	JHS Annual Meeting (language: Japanese)	Niigata, Japan	<a href="mailto:seiji@kenroku.kanazawa-u.ac.jp">seiji@kenroku.kanazawa-u.ac.jp</a>
May 26-29, 2010	SHF Annual Meeting (with Scandinavian surgeons)	Visby Gotland, Sweden	<a href="http://www.sfh.nu">www.sfh.nu</a>
July 22-24, 2010	SVTM Annual meeting	Margarita's Island, Venezuela	<a href="mailto:sovetema@hotmail.com">sovetema@hotmail.com</a>