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First Ever Upper Limb Sports Injury Symposium in Miami

Conference Features Faculty from Brazil, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Estonia, Australia, and the US

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Hand surgeons, therapists, athletic trainers, and other sports related professionals from all over the world gathered in Miami to discuss the most common sport specific injuries of the upper limb seen in athletes.

The ISSPORTH symposium was organized by local physician, Alejandro Badia, MD, FACS, a world-renowned hand & upper limb surgeon, founder of OrthoNOW, immediate orthopaedic care center the second president of the International Society for Sport Traumatology of the Hand (ISSPORTH).

ISSPORTH, an international society dedicated to educating athletes and medical professionals, refines techniques and promotes the advancement of knowledge in all areas related to athletic injury of the hand, wrist and elbow. The purpose is to have both amateur and professional athletes treated correctly to avoid being victims of improper diagnosis that can lead to an abrupt end to their careers.

The symposium began with a welcome speech by Juan Carlos Bermudez, Mayor of the City of Doral, with a board meeting for delegates and active members following immediately after. It then kicked into full gear as the medical presentations continued thereafter.

Highlights include presentations by Dr. Richard Luchetti, the President-elect of SICM who spoke on the 1D Lesion. Dr. Moroe Beppu, upcoming President of the Japanese Hand Society also successfully presented on the specifics of athletic wrist injuries.

ISSPORTH successfully served as the scientific bridge between Dr. Badia's annual Miami Hand Course and the American Academy meeting (AAOS) (to take place) in San Francisco, as the world's second largest medical meeting.

Over the years, Dr. Badia has treated injuries to Kobe Bryant's wrist, Mike Miller's thumb and Rajon Rondo's elbow. The doctor suggests that these basketball injuries alone, underscore need for greater understanding of upper limb injuries in athletes. He believes that the greater communication of knowledge within the medical community will lead to greater medical care, which is central to ISSPORTH's message.

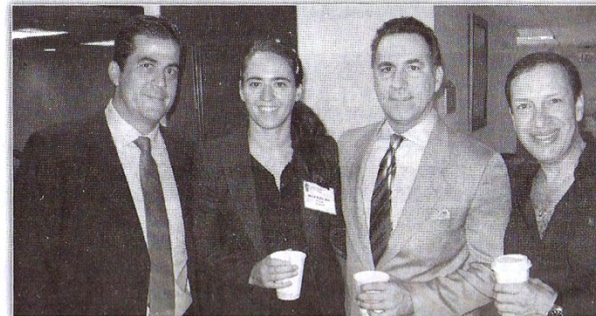
Dr. Badia affirms that through his involvement in ISSPORTH he will continue to promote Miami-Dade county and the City of Doral as a medical tourism destination. "The understanding of orthopedic issues has greatly increased within the athletic world. ISSPORTH aims to further that knowledge, and I plan to bring this message home to Miami, by focusing on a little mentioned area of anatomy; the hand and wrist."

Dr. Alejandro Badia, MD, FACS is a hand and upper extremity surgeon at Badia Hand to Shoulder Center in Doral, Florida. Dr. Badia studied physiology at Cornell University and obtained his medical degree at NYU, where he also trained in orthopedics. He runs an active international hand fellowship, serves on the editorial board of two hand journals, and organizes a yearly Miami meeting for surgeons/therapists that is devoted to upper limb arthroscopy and arthroplasty. This international meeting is held at the world renowned Miami Anatomical Research Center (M.A.R.C.), the world's largest surgical cadaveric training lab which Dr. Badia co-founded in 2005.

For more information on ISSPORTH please visit www.issporth.org or for more information on Dr. Badia please visit www.drbadia.com



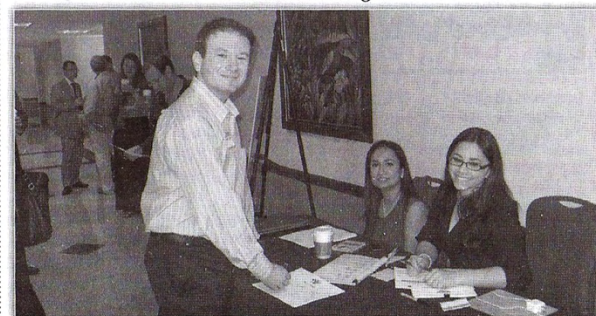
Dr. Loris Pegoli, Mayor Carlos Bermudez, Dr. Alejandro Badia and Dr. Moroe Beppu



Dr. Nicole Badur and Dr. Badia in the middle



Eli Panell, Dr. Alejandro Badia, Mayor Carlos Bermudez and Dr. Loris Pegoli



Dr. Charles Lascano