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affecting the musician



Reaching new heights: hand surgery for sport

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The International Society for Sport Traumatology of the Hand (ISSPORTH) is devoted to the treatment of conditions specifically regarding the hand and the wrist in athletes. It was founded in Italy in March 2011 by a group of hand surgeons and hand therapists from all over the world (from Europe, Australia, Africa, Asia, North and South America).

Membership is open to surgeons as well as hand therapists with an eye to athletic trainers and allied health professionals caring for the sportsman. The idea of founding a new scientific society addressing the treatment of wrist and hand conditions in athletes emerged from the frequent observation, worldwide, that meetings regarding hand surgery, sports, orthopaedics and traumatology often lacked presentations specifically regarding the subject of athletic injuries.



The main purpose according to the by-laws of our society are:

1. to promote the unrestricted and complete exchange of knowledge among the participating members of the Society
2. to exchange knowledge through publications and scientific meetings
3. to facilitate and expand the opportunities for study and research within and among the participating members and to promote cooperation between

hand surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, sports physicians, hand therapists and other hand specialists and other specialists and professional figures who have a major interest in the anatomy and function of the hand and wrist.

The Governance of the society is composed by an executive board formed by a President - Alejandro Badia (USA), Vice-President - Riccardo Luchetti (Italy), General Secretary - Loris Pegoli (Italy), Treasurer- Paolo Cortese (Italy). Furthermore there is a delegate representatives from each continent: Mike Hayton (Europe), Micheal Solomons (Africa), Steven Topper (North America), Eduardo Pereira (South America), Moroe Beppu (Asia) and Gregory Bain (Oceania), as well as an Hand Therapist Delgate Tracy Fairplay and an Olympic



Committee Delegate Mike Loosemore.

ISSPORTH is still in its infancy as a society, but very active and growing in new members from all over the world in a short period of time, as well as gaining interest from figures not strictly related to surgery or rehabilitation. Many medical subspecialty societies are established each year. We, as

ISSPORTH and all its members, would like to be a reference point, in collaboration with IFSSH which we consider as our parent organisation. Our inaugural symposium was organised in Milan in March 2011 with a large number of participants thus demonstrating that there is a great

interest in this fascinating subject. This on-going interest already has led to the organisation of other meetings and symposiums that will be held in the near future (February 2012 in Miami, May 2012 in

Estonia and February 2013 in Japan). ISSPORTH has the goal of being a society open to anybody who would like contribute their specific knowledge concerning the global treatment of athletic wrist and hand injuries.

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