

8th IFSHT TRIENNIAL CONGRESS

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THE FIRST CERTIFIED GERMAN HAND THERAPISTS by Angela Harth, IFSHT delegate & DAHTH Education Committee Member

October 7, 2009 marked a milestone in the development of hand therapy in Germany. During the joint meeting of the German



L to R: The First German Certified Hand Therapists: Sabine Haas-Schinze, Ingela Henningsen, Hanne Riewe, Martin Krell, Monika Schäfer, Margit Koch. Sven Goss is not in the photo.

Society of Hand Therapists (DAHTH) and the German Society of Hand Surgeons (DGH) in Tübingen, oral exams were held as the final step in the formal accreditation process leading to a certificate in hand therapy. Seven

candidates applied and successfully sat the exam. They may now use the official title "Certified Hand Therapist DAHTH."

The first step in the accreditation process involved candidates successfully completing 12 modules which form the DAHTH educational programme. This includes theoretical, specialist clinical, and practical skills. Participants are OTs and PTs who have experience in hand rehabilitation and who demonstrate a high level of competence in hand therapy practice. The education committee of the DAHTH is proud of this progress and committed to advancing the speciality through a formal accreditation process and improving the quality of patient care in Germany.

THE VENEZUELAN SOCIETY OF HAND THERAPISTS (SVTM) by Aurora Muños

SVTM is a scientific and multidisciplinary society aimed at developing the specialty of hand therapy and upper quadrant treatment. Founded in June 1995 by 15 therapists, today we have 24 members and 8 partners. In September 1999 SVTM became a Full Member of IFSHT and in 2001 became a member of the South American Society of Hand Therapy. Our Society together with the Venezuelan Society of Hand

Surgery organizes an annual meeting and two or three continuing education courses. Currently we are working to create a postgraduate course in Hand Therapy. SVTM is managed by a Board of 7 members and 1 international delegate. Board members are elected every 2 years and meet once a month.



The Venezuelan Board: (L to R): Rosa Marina Pérez PT, Vocal I; Antonio Díaz PT, Librarian; Nairubia Uzcátegui PT, Vice-President; Velis Rodríguez OT, President; Véronica Fernández PT, Vocal II; Leni Gallardo OT, Secretary; & Amneris Robles PT, Treasurer

COURSE IN MALMÖ, SWEDEN

In 2011 the Department of Hand Surgery at Lund University will offer a course: "Rehabilitation in Hand Surgery," which will provide 15 higher educational credits (ECTS) and is open to OTs and PTs who are experienced in treating hands. For more information: www.education.lu.se/o.o.i.s/22395.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
April 17, 2010	JHS Annual Meeting	Niigata, Japan	seiji@kenroku.kanazawa-u.ac.jp
April 23-24, 2010	CSHT Annual Meeting	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	www.csht.org
May 26-29, 2010	SFH Annual Meeting (with surgeons)	Visby Gotland, Sweden	www.sfh.nu
June 23, 2010	ASHT Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL, USA	www.asht.org
July 22-24, 2010	SVTM Annual meeting	Margarita's Island, Venezuela	sovetema@hotmail.com
Sept 10-12, 2010	NZAHT Annual Meeting	Auckland, New Zealand	www.nzaht.org.nz
Sept 29-Oct 2, 2010	AACM Annual Meeting (with surgeons)	Mendoza, Argentina	capitulodeterapistasaacm@gmail.com
Sept 29-Oct 2, 2010	Italian Hand Therapy Conference AIRM	Savona, Italy	roseluciano@hotmail.com