

8th IFSHT TRIENNIAL CONGRESS

More than 500 attendees representing 41 different countries gathered in Orlando, Florida June 24-26 for three days of exciting international exchange about hand therapy. The keynote lecture by Marc Garcia-Elias,



DELEGATE'S COUNCIL MEETING

Delegates meet in Orlando representing the 37 IFSHT Member countries.

MD, PhD entitled *Understanding Carpal Mechanics and its Relationship with the Evaluation of Treatments Used for Wrist Instability: A Historical Perspective* began an enlivened discussion about new ways to treat problems of the wrist. *Sculpting the Brain: Developing New Directions of Hand Rehabilitation* with Ton Schreuders and others explored the challenges of the brain in treating hand injuries. The panel discussed how to use innovative techniques and gave case study examples.

In *Healing and the Human Hand*, Dr. Don

Lalonde together with international therapists discussed when we should start moving fractures and repaired tendons, challenging us to consider new rationale for early motion. The afternoons were filled with sessions, workshops and papers covering many aspects of Hand Therapy including evaluation, splinting, clinical management, thumb treatment, pediatrics, muscle transfers, mirror therapy and cost-saving clinical "pearls." On



2010-2013 IFSHT EXECUTIVE BOARD

L to R on Front Row- Sarah Ewald: **President-Elect** (Switzerland); Lynne Feehan: **President** (Canada); Heidi Miettinen: **Treasurer** (Finland). **Back Row-** Patricia Rappaport: **Historian** (USA); Judy Colditz: **Immediate Past-President** (USA); & Ursula Wendling: **Secretary-General** (Switzerland).

Friday night at the Country & Western gala we needed a bigger dance floor as everyone enjoyed line dancing!

NEW IFSHT MEMBER COUNTRIES

We welcome our new FULL MEMBER Countries:

Colombia, Kenya & Hong Kong.



And our CORRESPONDING MEMBER countries:

Bahrain, Barbados, Jordan, Mexico & Latvia.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2013

Our 9th IFSHT Triennial Congress will be held in New Delhi, India, concurrent with the 12th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand. Dates and website information are below. See you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Sept 10-12, 2010	NZAHT Annual Meeting	Auckland, New Zealand	www.nzaht.org.nz
Sep 23-24, 2010	Norwegian Annual meeting	Toensberg, Norway	www.handterapi.no
Sept 29-30, 2010	SGHR Annual Meeting (with surgeons)	Interlaken, Switzerland	www.sghr.ch
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
Oct 7-9, 2010	15 th Annual DAHTH Mtg. (with surgeons)	Nürnberg, Germany	ergo@bsandi.de
Oct 15-17, 2010	AHTA National Conference	Perth, Western Australia	www.ahta.com.au
Nov 11-12, 2010	BAHT Conference (with surgeons)	London, United Kingdom	www.hand-therapy.co.uk
Dec 3-5, 2010	SHTI Congress	Mumbai, India	nandgaonkar.hemant@gmail.com
Dec 16-18, 2010	Annual Congress GEM	Paris, France	www.gem-sfcm.org