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Hand Surgery and the Digital Revolution

Guidelines for scholarship application to attend the 12APFSSH / 8APFSHT Congress 11-14 March 2020 • Melbourne, Australia

12APFSSH/8APFSHT Congress is pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to selected Occupational Therapists or Physiotherapists from developing countries within Asia Pacific to attend the Congress in 2020. Funding available may cover Congress registration and/or contribute towards return economy flights from the applicant's relevant capital city.

Eligibility criteria for sponsorship include:

- A qualified Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist
- Employment within an eligible country within Asia Pacific as outlined on the APFSHT Congress website <http://temp.icmsaust.com.au/Developing-Nations-List.pdf>
- Leadership or active participation in developing Hand Therapy as a specialty practice area in his/her country, with at least 2 years of hand therapy experience.
- Candidates must have satisfactory written and spoken English comprehension to benefit fully from the Congress
- Be willing to be hosted in a fellow therapists home for the duration of the Congress, or, fund their own accommodation.

Identification of Successful Candidates:

Candidates are expected to report on Congress findings to their home organisation/ society/ colleagues and will be required to submit their plan in their application.

Therapists can self-nominate, along with the endorsement of two of the following:

- Their professional leads
- An orthopaedic or plastic surgeon they work with
- A hand therapist from a IFSHT member country who has visited or worked with the nominating therapist in a qualifying country

Priority will be given to:

- Applicants who have submitted an abstract (either a poster or oral presentation) for the Congress
- Applicants from member countries of the International Federation of Societies of Hand Therapy
- Applicants whose economic status makes self-funding challenging or impossible

Procedure

The therapist seeking financial assistance is required to complete the application and forward it to the organising committee prior to 15th of June 2019. All successful candidates and their nominating person will be notified by the organising committee by the 1st of December 2019.



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Application for 12APFSSH / 8APFSHT Congress Scholarship 2020

Name of Applicant	
First name	
Surname name	

Title <small>(please tick correct box)</small>			Profession <small>(please tick correct box)</small>			Number of years of Hand Therapy experience						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupational Therapist (OT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physiotherapist (PT)	

Contact Information		
	Applicant	Contact details of endorsing therapist
Name		
Employer		
Work Address		
Telephone <small>Please list phone numbers with country codes</small>	Home	
	Work	
	Mobile	
E-mail address		



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Criteria for the application									
Please describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience in hand therapy ● Leadership skills, ● Research in hand therapy, or ● Evidence of participation in the development of hand therapy within your home country ● How you will disseminate the knowledge you have gained to your colleagues. (Please use only the space provided. 10-point font)									
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I, (applicant name), hereby confirm that the information presented in this application is true.

Date and location

Signature of applicant

Name of applicant



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Please attach to this application the following:

- Copy of diploma or degree as an Occupational or Physical Therapist
- Signed letter of recommendation / support from either an:
 - individual therapist from a member country of IFSHT,
 - from their own country's hand therapy society (if a member society of IFSHT), or
 - from an employer or physician/surgeon they work with if the applicant is from a country without IFSHT membership

If successful, please tick each box to confirm your commitment to:

- Be willing to commit to a pre-determined level of self-funding (this may include, but not limited to, costs associated with accommodation, obtaining a visa, travel to your capital city and airport transfers).
- Be available to travel to Melbourne, Australia to attend the Congress for its entirety.
- Be willing to present a short paper or poster presentation of either a scientific/clinical nature or about hand therapy in your own country at the Congress.
- Share your new-found knowledge with fellow therapists in your home country/society.
- Be able to receive grant funds via PayPal or direct bank transfer. Cash reimbursement will not be available. Grant funds will be reimbursed either during or immediately after the Congress.

***Please save a pdf copy of the completed application and e-mail to:
scholarships@apfssh2020.org***

Applications close 15th of June 2019