ATTENTION

EUROPEAN DIPLOMA IN HAND SURGERY
Lausanne, Switzerland, 17-18 June 2008.

The council of FESSH is intending to hold its 11th Diploma Examination during the FESSH meeting as a part of the 13th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand in Lausanne, Switzerland 19 - 21 June 2008. Any European surgeon whose National Hand Society is member of the FESSH and who is interested in sitting this examination should complete the enclosed registration form and send it as soon as possible to Dr. Zsolt Szabo, Chairman of the Examination Committee of FESSH. A copy should also be sent to the Secretary of your National Hand Society.

Entry Criteria Because of the differences which exist in training in hand surgery in different parts of Europe the Council of FESSH have agreed that different sets of criteria will have to be utilised according to the prevailing pattern of training in the candidate’s own country:
1. Where training in hand surgery is not subsequent to accreditation in a major surgical speciality, the background training should incorporate a minimum of 3 years spent in general surgery, orthopaedics and plastic surgery, and at least 1 year of this time must have been spent in either one or other of the latter two specialities. Thereafter 2 years’ training in a centre accredited for training in hand surgery with 100% exposure to hand surgery for that period will be required.
2. In countries where training in hand surgery follows accreditation in a major surgical speciality other than orthopaedic or plastic surgery, 2 years’ training in an accredited centre with 100% exposure will again be required.
3. In countries where training in hand surgery follows accreditation in orthopaedic or plastic surgery, 1 year’s training with 100% exposure to hand surgery in an accredited centre will be sufficient to allow entry to the Diploma Examination. Candidates from countries in which hand surgery is already a separate speciality in its own right will be eligible for entry to the European Diploma Examination without further training provided that:
   a) Their general background training (minimum duration 2 years) has incorporated exposure to orthopaedic and/or plastic surgery for at least 1 year
   b) Their speciality training in hand surgery has been for a minimum of 3 years in an accredited centre with exposure to both orthopaedic and plastic surgery techniques, including microsurgery.
   c) They have achieved accreditation in hand surgery in their own countries. Surgeons who are interested in sitting the examination, but whose training background does not match any of the above, can still submit an application which will then be assessed individually by the Examination Committee with regard to their eligibility to sit the examination.

Logbooks: As part of the conditions for entry to the examination candidates will have to submit a certificate attesting satisfactory performance in an accredited unit, together with a logbook detailing their operative experience. The logbook which will be sent to candidates on formal registration will also provide guidelines as to the numbers and types of operations which candidates will be expected to have participated in either as assistant or principal operator.

Format of Examination
1. MCQ elimination paper
2. Provided candidates have given a satisfactory performance in (1) they will be allowed to go forward to the oral examinations, each conducted by two examiners. The subject matter of the orals will be as follows:
   a) The acutely injured hand
   b) General reconstructive surgery with particular reference to:
      i) secondary reconstruction after trauma
      ii) congenital malformations
   c) Miscellaneous local pathology and general systemic disease, e.g. hand infections, Dupuytren’s contracture, degenerative and inflammatory arthritis, and tumours of the hand.
Each oral will comprise an assessment of the candidate’s knowledge of basic sciences, investigative procedures, conservative management, and operative surgery.

Examination fees
The fee for the whole examination will be 350 Euros.

Languages for Examination
Candidates will be able to take the written paper and the orals in any of the five main European languages, i.e. English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish.

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST
11th DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN HAND SURGERY
to be held in
Lausanne, Switzerland 17-18, June 2008

Name __________________________________________
Address _________________________________________
Qualification e.g. University degrees, surgical diplomas, etc.
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Current Centre of Employment
______________________________________________________________________________
Position held _____________________________________________________________________
Surgical Discipline(s) if any in which you already hold accreditation ______________________
Languages in which you are fluent _________________________________________________
Preferred first and second language for examination _________________________________
(Must be one of the five main European languages, viz. English, French, German, Italian or Spanish)

On completion, this form should be sent to: Dr.Zsolt Szabo- Hungarian Society for Surgery of the Hand 3051 Miskolc, Szentpeteri k. 72-76 Pf.88 Hungary / Tel.00 36 30 205 3554/fax 00 36b46 515237 e.mail zsoltzsabo@axelero.hu and a copy should also be sent to the Secretary of your National Hand Society. This form does not constitute formal registration for the Diploma examination. Full details with the official entry form will be sent to you in due course. Deadline for final registration is 15 January 2008.