

FESSH Clinical Practice Committee – Special Interest Group (SIG) Leader Recruitment (*2026–2028 2 year Term)

Context

The Clinical Practice Committee supports the development of clinical excellence, innovation and collaboration across hand surgery in Europe.

As part of the FESSH 2026–2029 strategic vision, the Committee is evolving to become the home of all FESSH Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Responsibility for the SIGs has therefore transferred from the Relations Committee to the Clinical Practice Committee.

This change brings together clinicians with shared specialist interests within a single committee, helping to strengthen collaboration, education, research and innovation across Europe.

Unlike other FESSH committees, the Clinical Practice Committee is made up primarily of the Leaders of each FESSH Special Interest Group.

Committee Structure

For the 2026–2028 term, all Special Interest Group Leader positions are open for application.

Current SIG Leaders are warmly invited to apply.

Successful applicants will become members of the Clinical Practice Committee for an initial two-year term (2026–2028), establishing a common appointment cycle for all FESSH Special Interest Groups.

Special Interest Group Leader Positions

Applications are invited for the following SIGs:

1. Hand Trauma Prevention
2. Hand Trauma
3. Green Hand Surgery
4. Dupuytren Disease
5. 3D Hand Surgery
6. Dynamic Imaging
7. Congenital Hand Surgery (PULPe)
8. Micro & Hand Surgery
9. Upper Limb Spasticity

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Clinical Practice Committee Member Role

As a SIG Leader you will:

- Lead the strategic development of your Special Interest Group.
- Coordinate the activities of your SIG.
- Develop and support educational, clinical and research initiatives within your specialty area.
- Encourage collaboration between your SIG and other FESSH committees.
- Represent your SIG within the Clinical Practice Committee.
- Report progress and future plans to the Clinical Practice Committee Chair.

Reporting

SIG Leaders report to the Chair of the Clinical Practice Committee, who reports to the FESSH Council. There will be an expectation of a quarterly report (every 3 months) submitted to the CPC Chair.

Time Commitment

Approximately 3–5 hours per month, plus:

- Attendance at the FESSH Congress (in person)
- Participation in 3–4 virtual meetings each year
- Leadership of SIG meetings and projects throughout the year

Requirements

Essential

- Active and paying member of a national hand surgery society affiliated with FESSH.
- Applicants must be in good standing within their national society and within FESSH.
- Demonstrated expertise or a strong interest in the relevant clinical field.
- Ability to work collaboratively within an international environment.
- Commitment to the aims of FESSH and active participation within the Committee.

Desirable

- Previous leadership or committee experience.
- Experience in clinical research, education or guideline development.
- Experience working within international collaborations.
- Enthusiasm for developing new clinical initiatives within FESSH.

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Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be active, fully paid members of their national hand surgery society at the time of application and for the duration of their appointment.
- Provide a letter of support or confirmation of no objection from their national hand surgery society.
- Indicate clearly which Special Interest Group they wish to lead.

Recruitment and Selection

All Special Interest Group Leader positions are subject to open recruitment for the 2026–2028 term, including current SIG Leaders.

Applications will be reviewed by the Chair of the Clinical Practice Committee in conjunction with the FESSH leadership.

Selection will be based on:

- Relevant expertise and experience.
- Demonstrated leadership and commitment.
- Vision for the future development of the Special Interest Group.
- Ability to contribute actively to the Clinical Practice Committee.
- Overall balance of expertise, geography and diversity across the Committee.

How to Apply

Please indicate clearly which SIG Leader position you are applying for on the form.

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