

☐ **Call for Committee Members Background** **FESSH Congress Committee (2026–2029)**

FESSH is entering a new phase—strengthening the organisation and scientific impact of the annual European Congress in hand surgery. The Congress Committee plays a central role in linking national societies, host organisations, and the FESSH community across Europe.

As Congress Committee Chair, I am inviting 2–3 motivated colleagues to join the committee and help shape the future of our annual European meeting.

☐ What we aim to build

- A high-quality annual FESSH Congress that unites European hand surgeons
- Strong collaboration with host societies and national organisations
- Integration of scientific, educational, and social programme elements

☐ Who should apply

- Surgeons with an interest in congress organisation, scientific programme development, and European collaboration
- Colleagues motivated to contribute and innovate
- Open-minded team players with a European perspective
- Early- and mid-career applicants are encouraged

☐ What you gain

- Shape the future of the annual FESSH Congress and its scientific programme
- Collaborate with leading hand surgeons and host societies across Europe
- Increase your visibility within FESSH

Recruitment document (opens with the link)

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FESSH Congress Committee Member (2026–2029 Term)

Context

FESSH is entering a new phase of development, with a focus on strengthening the quality, reach, and impact of the annual FESSH Congress across Europe.

The Congress Committee plays a central role in this strategy, overseeing the organisation, scientific programme, and delivery of the annual FESSH Congress in partnership with the host society and the FESSH Office. We also deal with meetings patronages.

Vision for 2026–2029

The committee will contribute to delivering a world-class annual Congress that unites European hand surgeons and advances the field with increasing practical education.

Key areas include:

- Strengthening collaboration between FESSH and host national societies
- Integration of scientific, educational, and social programme elements
- Increasing practical aspects of the meeting, including workshops and groups discussions
- Oversight of congress organisation, structure, and financial management in partnership with host societies

Committee Member Role

Committee members will contribute actively to the planning and delivery of the annual FESSH Congress and support its strategic development. Different tasks will be divided by the chair to focus on developments of several congress aspects: abstracts evaluation and grouping, supervising of workshops organisation, collaboration on Educational Afternoon.

Reporting

Members report to the Congress Committee Chair, who reports to the FESSH President via Council.

Time Commitment

Approximately 3–5 hours per month (variable; higher in the months preceding the annual Congress), including:

- Participation in virtual meetings (2-3 per year)
- Responsiveness to emails within few days
- Attendance at the annual FESSH Congress (expected)

Additional time may be required during more active phases of congress organisation.

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Responsibilities

- Contribute to the planning and development of the annual FESSH Congress scientific programme
- Liaise with host societies on organisational, structural, and financial aspects of the Congress
- Support CME accreditation processes and compliance with European requirements
- Facilitate collaboration between FESSH and national societies in congress preparation
- Work collaboratively with other FESSH committees (Education, Research, YEHS, Publications, Communications)
- Support evaluation and continuous improvement of congress quality and format
- Attend meetings and contribute to committee discussions

Person Specification

Essential

- Active member of a national hand surgery society affiliated with FESSH
- Interest in congress organisation, event management, or scientific programme development
- Ability to work collaboratively within an international team
- Commitment to contributing actively to committee work

Desirable

- Experience in congress or event organisation
- Involvement in scientific committee work or programme planning
- Experience in education, course, or symposium development
- Interest in innovation in congress delivery and participant experience

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be active, valid (full) members of their national hand surgery society at the time of application and for the duration of their term
- Applicants must provide a letter of support or confirmation of no objection from their national society
- Applicants must be in good standing within their national society and within FESSH

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Recruitment Process

All committee member positions are subject to open recruitment at the start of each term, including current members.

Early- and mid-career applicants are encouraged to apply.

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by the Congress Committee Chair in conjunction with FESSH leadership.

Selection will be based on:

- Alignment with committee priorities
- Relevant experience and interest
- Ability to contribute actively to committee projects
- Overall balance of the committee across geography, experience, and expertise

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