

Call for Committee Members Background **FESSH Journal & Publications Committee (2026–2029)**

FESSH is entering a new phase—building a connected European knowledge ecosystem in hand surgery. Publications will play a central role in linking research, education, and clinical practice across Europe.

As Journal & Publications Chair, I am inviting motivated colleagues to join the committee and help shape the future of our field.

What we aim to build

- A European knowledge platform for hand surgery
- Stronger multicentre research and collaboration
- Integration of journal, textbook, and education
- Modern dissemination (visual abstracts, podcasts, digital formats)
- Innovative initiatives such as an Evidence Hub and AI-supported literature tools

Who should apply

- Surgeons with an interest in research, publishing, and education
- Colleagues motivated to contribute and innovate
- Open-minded team players with a European perspective
- Early- and mid-career applicants are encouraged

What you gain

- Contribute to the academic development of hand surgery in Europe
- Work on modern publishing initiatives
- Build a strong international network
- Increase your visibility within FESSH

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FESSH Journal & Publications Committee Member Recruitment (2026–2029 Term)

Context

FESSH is entering a new phase of development, with a focus on strengthening integration between research, education, and clinical practice across Europe.

The Journal & Publications Committee plays a central role in this strategy, supporting high-quality scientific output and modern dissemination of knowledge across the European hand surgery community.

Vision for 2026–2029

The committee will contribute to building a connected European knowledge ecosystem in hand surgery.

Key areas include:

- Strengthening multicentre research collaboration across Europe
- Integration of journal, textbook, and educational content
- Development of modern dissemination formats (visual abstracts, podcasts, digital platforms)
- Exploration of innovative tools, including evidence synthesis platforms and AI-supported literature approaches

Committee Member Role

Committee members will contribute actively to the development and delivery of the publications strategy.

Reporting

Members report to the Journal & Publications Chair, who reports to the FESSH President and Council.

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Time Commitment

Approximately 3–5 hours per month, including:

- Participation in virtual meetings (3–4 per year)
- Attendance at FESSH Congress (where feasible)

Additional time may be required during active project phases.

Responsibilities

- Contribute to the development of FESSH publications strategy
- Support journal-related initiatives and editorial development
- Participate in development of new publication formats (digital, visual, educational)
- Facilitate collaboration in research and academic outputs across Europe
- Work collaboratively with other FESSH committees (Education, Research, YEHS, Communications)
- Support dissemination of FESSH outputs across platforms
- Attend meetings and contribute to committee discussions

Person Specification

Essential

- Active member of a national hand surgery society affiliated with FESSH
- Interest in research, publishing, and academic development
- Ability to work collaboratively within an international team
- Commitment to contributing actively to committee work

Desirable

- Experience in scientific publishing or peer review
- Involvement in clinical or academic research
- Interest in digital dissemination formats (e.g. visual abstracts, podcasts)
- Experience in education or academic programme development
- Interest in innovation in knowledge delivery (including AI-supported tools)

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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

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by the Journal & Publications 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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