

Call for Committee Chair

FESSH Education & Training Committee (2027–2030)

Role title

Chair, Education & Training Committee
Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH)

Reports to

FESSH President via Council.

Direct Reports / Committee Composition

Leads and coordinates the FESSH Education & Training Committee, working closely with the FESSH Office, Course Directors, faculty members and other FESSH committees.

Role Purpose

Provide strategic leadership for the Education & Training Committee and oversee the development and delivery of FESSH's educational portfolio.

Maintain the high educational standards for which FESSH is internationally recognised, ensuring that educational activities remain contemporary, relevant and accessible to hand surgeons across Europe.

Key Responsibilities

1. Strategic Direction

- Develop and deliver the Education & Training Committee strategy aligned with the FESSH Strategic Plan.
- Continue to evolve the FESSH educational portfolio to meet the changing needs of European hand surgery.
- Promote educational excellence, innovation and collaboration across Europe.

2. Educational Portfolio

Provide strategic oversight of:

- FESSH Academy Courses
 - Foundation Courses
 - Advanced Courses
- Senior Travelling Fellowship Programme
- Review and approval of FESSH-endorsed and FESSH-supported educational courses

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3. Committee Leadership & Governance

- Chair committee meetings and coordinate the annual work programme.
- Support and mentor committee members.
- Develop annual objectives and monitor delivery.
- Promote collaboration across the Committee and wider Federation.

4. Collaboration

Work closely with:

- Examination & Curriculum Committee
- Young European Hand Surgeons (YEHS) Committee
- Clinical Practice Committee
- Journal & Publications Committee
- Communications Committee

to ensure alignment between education, clinical practice, assessment and professional development.

5. Monitoring & Reporting

- Provide quarterly reports to the Executive Committee and Council.
- Review educational outcomes and recommend improvements where appropriate.
- Work with the FESSH Office to ensure efficient delivery of educational activities.

6. Transition & Succession

- Support succession planning within the Committee.
- Ensure appropriate handover to the incoming Chair at the completion of the term.

Person Specification

Essential

- Active FESSH member in good standing.
- Letter of support from their National Hand Surgery Society.
- Demonstrated leadership within hand surgery education.
- Experience organising or directing educational courses or programmes.
- Strong organisational and communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively across Europe.
- Commitment to the educational mission of FESSH.

Desirable

- EBHS Diploma holder.
- Previous involvement in FESSH educational activities.
- Experience in curriculum development or faculty leadership.
- International educational collaboration.
- Experience in educational governance or quality assurance.
- Interest in innovation in surgical education.

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Time Commitment

Approximately **4 hours per week**, plus:

- Attendance at FESSH Congress.
 - Attendance at Council meetings as required.
 - Regular committee meetings (virtual and in person).
 - Close liaison with Course Directors, faculty members and the FESSH Office throughout the year.
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Remuneration

Honorary position. Reasonable travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed in accordance with FESSH policy.

Application Process

Applications should include:

1. Completed FESSH Committee Chair Application Form.
2. One-page statement outlining motivation and vision for the Committee.
3. Curriculum Vitae.
4. Letter of support from the applicant's National Hand Surgery Society.

Recruitment Timeline

- **Call for Applications:** Mid-August 2026 – August Hand Out + SoMe + webpage
- **Closing Date:** 11 October 2026
- **Interviews:** 8 November 2026, Nice, France
- **Appointment:** Following recommendation to FESSH Council
- **Term of Office:** June 2027 – June 2030

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