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Dear Delegate,

In 2011, the IFSSH commenced a project to produce a quarterly electronic magazine, or Ezine. This publication aims to deliver relevant information and news to the hand surgery community. It is provided electronically, free of charge to all interested surgeons, therapists, hand society administrators, institutions and trade subscribers. The early issues had a readership of 200 but this has rapidly increased over the past year to 10,000 subscribers - both directly and indirectly via the IFSSH member societies.

To broaden the subject matter, the IFSSH Executive Committee has recommended that it would be appropriate to invite the national Hand Surgery Societies to contribute local news. This commenced with the August 2013 issue. Society contributions may include items such as past and upcoming meetings and events, local happenings, awards and travelling fellowships, regional collaborations, historical information, or any other items of interest. We would like to include a short article from each member society once a year on a rotation basis – **your society's contribution is requested for publication in the next IFSSHazine.**

Could you please discuss this request with the Executive of your Society and advise me if you wish to contribute. **The deadline for the next issue (May 2014) is April 4th.** We would appreciate any material you can provide. These contributions could also include photos and anecdotes. The contribution should be up to half a page in length.

If for any reason you may have missed previous editions of this publication, you can find the back copies on the IFSSH website: www.ifssh.info.

All queries and contributions can be forwarded to ezine@ifssh.info. We appreciate the time and effort that this undertaking involves but do hope that it will increase the relevance for all readers, as well as promoting the activities of each society to their membership.

I look forward to receiving the news of your society for inclusion in the IFSSHazine. Please remember, if you miss this deadline, the next opportunity to share your national news in the IFSSHazine is not until 2015!

With sincere regards,

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