

# Nominees for the 2013-2016 IFSHT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE (vote for 3)



### **Rosemary Prosser (Australia)**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- IFSHT Publishing committee chair 1998 -1995
- IFSHT Treasurer 1995-1998
- IFSHT Congress Chairperson 2007
- APFSHT Secretary 2005-2007 and President 2007-2009
- AHTA Secretary 1989-1991 and President 2013-2015

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

I have been involved with the IFSHT since the first meeting I attended in 1989 in Tel Aviv. I believe that the IFSHT has a key role to play in helping member countries assist each other in advancing hand therapy skills and knowledge in terms of research, education and communication. The IFSHT plays an important role in these strategies. I am a hand therapist dedicated to all of these aspects. I have been involved in research for 20 years and have published 8 journal papers, contributed to a hand surgery text book and co-edited a hand therapy text, Hand and Upper Limb Rehabilitation. I have also given papers at least 7 IFSHT Congresses. I have also been involved in education and teaching both in Australia in post graduate hand therapy courses and in several other countries at Hand Therapy Conferences. These include New Zealand, USA, Vietnam, Myanmar (Burma), Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Hungary. I have been a regular voluntary visitor to Vietnam and Myanmar. Visiting these countries has allowed me to meet many wonderful colleagues and given me an appreciation of different cultures, medical systems and therapy techniques that may be used. Communication regarding the needs of each member is necessary if we are to improve hand therapy across the board. We need to embrace the needs of all therapists in all countries and work on a range of strategies. Identifying key personnel in each country is vital to achieving this. One of my initiatives in this area was to start the sponsorship program for therapists from developing countries to attend the IFSHT congress. At the 2007 IFSHT in Sydney we sponsored 3 therapists. It would be my pleasure to continue to assist the development of hand therapy and the IFSHT.



### **Tracy Fairplay (Italy)**

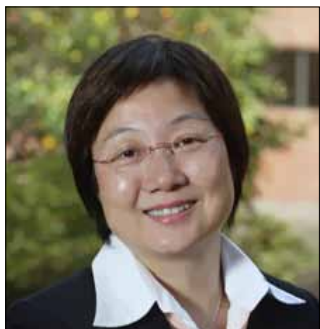
#### **ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- EFSHT and IFSHT National (Italian) Delegate 2004-2010
- EFSHT President 2010-2012
- EFSHT Executive Committee Past President 2012-2014

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

In the past eight years I have served on the executive board of the EFSHT and have had the opportunity to collaborate with hand therapy colleagues from all over Europe. In these years I have gotten to know those thera-

pists who have an affinity towards the administrative and logistical aspects of promulgating their national society and the European and International hand therapy federations. Whereas, I have become acquainted with other therapists who prefer to dedicate their time in fine tuning the scientific aspects of our profession. I feel that these years of experience and collaboration at such a broad level, rather than just within my national society, have given me the possibility to recognize specific characteristics and personalities of my hand therapy colleagues.



### **Cecilia Li (Hong Kong)**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- 2005-2011 Associate Head, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
- 2004-2006 President, Asia Pacific Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy
- 2007- present Founding member & Chairman, Education Subcommittee, Hong Kong Society for Hand Therapy
- 2009- present Committee member, Rehabilitation Committee, International Society for Burn Injuries

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

I have been engaged in clinical and research work on hand therapy in the past two decades. Both my MPhil and PhD studies focus on evaluation and treatment of various hand conditions. Throughout the years, I have been engaged in different hand organisations promoting the clinical and research excellence in hand therapy. I was the delegate to join the IFSHT since 2004. I was the founding president of APFSHT in 2004 and thereafter, I have been successful in founding the HKSHT in 2007 when the APFSHT conference was held in Hong Kong.

I would like to contribute more to IFSHT with a view to link the society with our APFSHT such that hand therapy could be further promoted in Asian countries where both clinical and research activities are behind. In addition, I would like to introduce more specialized training programme for therapists working in Asian countries through the collaboration with IFSHT.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR CONFIRMATION VOTE**



### **Ursula Wendling (Switzerland)**

*Secretary-General automatically is Membership Chair*

## BYLAWS CHAIR (vote for 1)



### **Zoe Cliff (United Kingdom)**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- Chair person British Association of Hand Therapists 2007-2010 (including BAHT representative to IFSHT and EFSHT)
- Director British Association of Hand Therapists 2005-2010 (including national conference organisation for 5 years)
- BAHT and Chartered Society of Physiotherapy representative to Commissioning Guidance Working Group with British Orthopaedic Association and British Society of Surgery for the Hand 2012-2013

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

I feel my previous experience as a director and Chair of British Association of Hand Therapy provides me with a good grounding to take on the role of IFSHT Bylaws Committee Chair. In addition to this previous experience I am also involved in creating Commissioning Guidance Documents for elective hand surgery which will guide purchase of hand surgery in England from April 2013 onwards which requires close attention to detail.

I understand the need for accuracy in this role accompanied by the importance of responding in a timely manner to communications with other colleagues involved in IFSHT.

I am keen to continue my involvement within the world of hand therapy and I feel this role is suited to my skills and time commitments at this present time

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR (vote for 1)



### **Melanie Eissens (Netherlands)**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- 2001-now University Medical Center Groningen, Hand Therapist, full time
- 2005-now Committee member Dutch Society for Hand Therapy (NGHT)
- 2009-now Core-teacher Post-Bachelor study Hand Therapy
- European Certified Hand Therapist, 2010

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The reason why I should be elected is that I have an enormous dedication towards hand therapy. My interest and participation is present in many different areas within the fields of hand therapy, e.g.:

treatment of patients, scientific interest (finishing MSc HT, performing research, scientific papers), teaching and giving presentations, developing a post-bachelor program hand therapy (core teacher), being board member of the Dutch Society for Hand Therapy and as such, updating the national journal, and being one of the core group members in the Certification process in the Netherlands, co-author of the hand Therapy Profile as the fundament for European Certification by EFSHT (ECHT). Finally, being one of the first European Certified Hand Therapists.

These clinical experiences and skills will support in fulfilling a position as chair of the education committee. Understanding of different areas within hand therapy will assist determination of requirements of the field and coordination and harmonization within the committee.





**Lucelle van der Ven Stevens (Netherlands)**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- Member of the board within the Dutch Society for Hand Therapy (1999 – 2005)
- Chair of the EC of the IFSHT (2010-2013)
- Member of the EC of the IFSHT (2007-2010)
- Stand-in Member of the EC of the EFSHT (2008 to present)
- Member EC of the Dutch Society for Hand Therapy (1999-present, amongst other things a substantial contribution to Profile of Hand Therapy)

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Lucelle van de Ven is researcher (PhD-candidate) and therapist (OT/CHT-NL) in the field of Hand Therapy. She is also a lecturer at several post-graduated Hand Therapy courses. She has been involved in the development of the ICF coreset for Hand Conditions. At the moment she is conducting several studies of the Project “HandART: Hand Assessment Recommendations for Therapy”. As a chair 2013-2016 of the EC, Lucelle van de Ven-Stevens wants to continue the work of the EC in consultation with the Executive Committee of the IFSHT. The activities as a chair include informing and discussing with the members what the goals and activities of the EC are or should be. As a Hand therapist and as a researcher Lucelle wants to encourage collaborations all over the world making use of each other expertise to improve the knowledge and familiarity of the profession, and therefore to stimulate hand therapy education.

**Financial Review Committee (vote for 1)**



**Julianne Howell ( USA)**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD**

- American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS) Affiliate Director 1987-1990 and 2005-2008
- American Society of Hand Therapists (ASHT) Research Division Director 1999-2002
- Corporate Partner, Clinical Specialty Seminars 1991-2001
- Journal of Hand Therapy Editorial Board Member 1994-2006
- Business owner, Hand Management Specialists, Richmond, Virginia USA 1985-1994

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

I, Julianne Howell am honored to be nominated for the position of Chair of the Financial Review Committee 2013-2016. I will contribute my full attention toward the financial soundness of the society. Although I have not held a similar professional society position, I have managed my own therapy practice, partnered in a continuing medical education business, and orchestrated the business plan and oversight of an outpatient hand therapy department for a large corporation. In all situations, knowledge and application of my financial skills were foremost for success. I strongly endorse a sound budget and will do my best to monitor expenditures and income in cooperation with IFSHT leadership. This opportunity to collaborate with hand therapists worldwide supports my professional goals for ongoing learning, sharing and meaningful contribution to the profession.

