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HAND SURGERY & HAND THERAPY”

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A short overview of the history of EFSHT congresses: from past till present - by Gabriele Versümer Bucker

The European Federation of Societies for Hand therapy *EFSHT* was founded in 1989. After a few years with the focus on the development work and also the implementation of the EFSHT within the European Hand Therapy “Family” the 1<sup>st</sup> EFSHT Congress took place in 1993 as a satellite symposium connected to the meeting of the Federation of European Societies for Surgery of the Hand *FESSH*. In the following year 1994 the Irish Hand Therapy Association together with the British Association of Hand Therapists were the host of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EFSHT Meeting.

The journey to the following EFSHT Congresses lead the hand therapists of Europe to different European Countries as France (Paris, 1996), Italy (Bologna 1997), Greece (Athens, 1999) and Spain (Barcelona, 2000).

Since 2002 when the EFSHT Meeting took place in Amsterdam (Netherlands) the European Congresses were held regularly every 3 years at the same time and same place as the FESSH did. So 2005 in Sweden (Gothenburg), 2008 in Switzerland (Lausanne), 2011 in Norway (Oslo) and last but not least 2014 in France (Paris). There it was decided by the FESSH Council that the 2017 combined meeting FESSH-EFSHT would take place in the main capital of Hungary in Budapest.

The goal of the EFSHT is to improve and to pass on the knowledge of hand therapy and promote collaboration between hand surgeons and hand therapists.

Although Hungary has no national Hand Therapy Society - which is normally the host – it was decided at the Council Meeting in 2015 in Milan by the delegates of the European member countries to organise and to held the 12<sup>th</sup> EFSHT Congress in Budapest.

This will be the first in the eastern part of Europe. A new chapter in the history of EFSHT meetings.

Please come and join us in Budapest in June 2017.

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