

Application to YEHS Committee for the position of Head of Scientific Meetings.

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I am in my final year of plastic surgery residency in Scotland. From August I will undertake a TIG Hand Surgery Fellowship in Edinburgh, followed by a congenital hand fellowship. I completed a microsurgical fellowship in 2022. I have a master's degree, and I currently undertake a PhD in Public Health as it relates to hand injury epidemiology and health economics. I have authored 11 papers. I have 29 academic conference presentations. I have obtained 6 research grants. I currently hold a clinical lecturer appointment at the University of Glasgow. This demonstrates my interest and ability to deliver in the field of research relating to hand surgery.

I have previous experience relating to this role. In 2022 as part of the young hand surgeons committee to the scientific meeting IFSSH London 2022 I delivered three roles. The roles included delivering the first fellowship program associated with IFSSH meetings. This large undertaking involved developing application forms, marking scheme, contacting and co-ordinating host centers, and an education program for the fellows. I delivered two scientific sessions, the first on education in hand surgery and the second in diversity in hand surgery. These roles involved designing a session program, co-ordinating speakers and both sessions have resulted in publications contributing to the field of hand surgery.

Given my previous research experience and committee experience, I would be well positioned to delivered on the role of head of scientific meetings. I would be able to provide advice to the Executive Board and the General Assembly on the scientific activities of the YEHS at the FESSH congress as outlined by the role specification. I am reliable, able to meet deadlines and work well as a member of a team. I would like to apply for this role to continue to improve care in hand surgery through research.