Through "IFESS Newsletter", we aim at sharing important information about the IFESS society and also at providing a space where each member can communicate important news or information to our community. Welcome on board and enjoy!

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NEWS FROM IFESS

From IFESS to IFESS association

The new IFESS association has been constituted by 38 founding members, physically present at the founding meeting, all IFESS lifetime members, and all IFESS annual members. In the tradition of IFESS we elected the IFESS board of directors and the IFESS officers to become executive board members of the IFESS association. The election procedure of having every year 3 of the 9 board members replaced has been kept and will be continued the same way. The 4 officers are now part of the executive board as board members with special function, i.e. secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president. They will also be elected by the general assembly every 3 years, in continuation of the procedure that had been established by IFESS. Almost all decisions that had to be made regarding memberships, and the election of the executive board have been made unanimously. There was all in all only one vote against including Lifetime members of the former IFESS as Lifetime members of the new IFESS Association. We also had our first elections.

Election results: on a continuation the IFESS executive board consists of: Philip Troyk, Gad Alon, Dingguo Zhang until end 2018; Christine Azevedo Coste, Ken Yoshida, Winfried Mayr until end 2019; Ines Bersch-Porada, Glen Davis, Milos Popovic until end 2020. IFESS executive board members with special function are until end of 2019: Thierry Keller (President), Simona Ferrante (Vice President), Michael Friedrich Russold (Treasurer), Erika G. Spaich (Secretary). As internal financial auditors Cesar Marquez and Michael Baumberger have been elected. Manfred Bijak has been elected as backup auditor. Congratulations to all the elected! Next Elections: our next elections for substitution of 3 the executive board members (Philip Troyk, Gad Alon and Dingguo Zhang) will start soon. Nomination period has been opened at the AGM and will close October 31, 2018. From the BoD Thomas Janssen, César Marquez, Jonathan Jarvis, Philip Troyk, Gad Alon and Dingguo Zhang have been nominated. As IFESS president I’m very happy that we have now formally transformed the IFESS to an association that is more inclusive and closer to its members in the hope of lively participation. Cheers, Thierry Keller (President IFESS).

2019, June 24-28 IFESS conference REHABWEEK, Toronto Canada

The preparations of the IFESS conference at the Rehabweek 2019 are progressing well. We were very pleased to receive a large number of workshop applications from which 8 workshops directly related to FES have been accepted by the Rehabweek workshop review panel. This was a great start, congratulations to the IFESS workshop organizers! On the 19th of November the online registration for the conference will start and also our paper/poster submission portal will open. The deadline for paper/poster submissions will be the 15th February 2019. With the online registration opening we will also put online a first preliminary program of the IFESS conference. Please have a look here. (link: https://www.rehabweek.org/scientific-information/ifess-program/)

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IFESS August 2018 conference: the 22nd IFESS Annual Conference (http://ifess2018.com/) took place at the Swiss Paraplegic Centre Nottwil. The preconference workshop was attended by 78 participants and the subsequent scientific conference was attended by 140 participants from 24 countries. The Vodovnik Award was granted to: Mr. Constantin Wiesener, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany (1st place), Ms. Ana Claudia Garcia Lopes, Hospitais de Reabilitação, Brazil and Universidade de Brasília, Brasília, Brazil (2nd place), Ms. Milica Isaković, Tecnalia Serbia and University of Belgrade (3rd place). Joint sessions were organized with the parallel Tetrahand World Congress with the topic IFESS meets Tetrahand.

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Upcoming events announcement

☞ 13th Vienna International Workshop on Functional Electrical Stimulation is now scheduled for September 23-25th, 2019. A new location, closer to the center of Vienna is under negotiations. Please save the date and follow the updates on the website: http://2019.fesworkshop.org

☞ GET Ready FOR CYBATHLON 2020 The CYBATHLON is a unique championship in which people with physical disabilities compete against each other to complete everyday tasks using state-of-the-art technical assistance systems. After the successful launch of CYBATHLON in 2016, the gates of the SWISS Arena in Kloten near Zurich will be opened for the continuation of the CYBATHLON on May 2–3 2020, when exciting races and challenging tasks will await pilots and spectators for the second time. Teams can again compete in six different disciplines, of which one is a Functional Electrical Stimulation Bike Race. The tasks will continue to be relevant to everyday life, but will reflect advances in research (full race task description). Is your team ready for the challenge to present and test your latest FES technology in a bike race? Than register your team for CYBATHLON 2020 now. Starting slots are limited and filling up...

Selection of recent publications


