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RIO DE JANEIRO

BIDDING BOOK

**2031 IFSSH
and
IFSHT**

Triennial Congress



Rio De Janeiro • Brazil

HANDS'N'RIO

2031 IFSSH/IFSHT
Triennial Congress





The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand and the Brazilian Society of Hand Therapy are proud to announce Rio de Janeiro, the heart of Latin America, as a candidate city to host the 2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress





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1. Objectives



Our vision for hosting the 2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress in Brazil is to create a seamlessly balanced event that integrates scientific excellence with vibrant social and touristic experiences, ensuring a comprehensive and memorable journey for all participants. Brazil's pleasant tropical climate in the spring makes it an ideal destination, particularly for visitors from the northern hemisphere.

The congress will feature an outstanding scientific program complemented by social events that highlight Brazil's rich culture, known for its diverse population and celebrated religious and racial tolerance. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in ecotourism, exploring Brazil's stunning natural landscapes from the iconic beaches of Rio de Janeiro to the awe-inspiring Amazon Forest.

Rio de Janeiro stands as a vibrant city, merging natural beauty with a unique cultural tapestry, and boasts an excellent infrastructure for hosting international events, as demonstrated by its successful handling of the Football World Cup, the Olympic Games, and the G20 2024 Meeting.

Choosing Brazil as the host for the congress offers not only a high-caliber scientific event but also an enriching cultural and social experience, where learning and leisure coexist in harmony. We invite you to select Brazil as the perfect location for this meeting, where Rio de Janeiro eagerly awaits with open arms.

Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand

Brazilian Society of Hand Therapy



2. Finances

The budget was designed to cover and meet all the needs reported in the bidding book. Additionally, costs were managed throughout the process to include the best suppliers and market materials and achieve a general cost-benefit ratio for the event.

The budget foresees the following services:

- Rental of Windsor Barra space;
- Infrastructure (electricity and hydraulic power, generators, etc.);
- Audio visual and IT equipment, radios and translation for plenary area;
- Scenography;
- Gala Dinner;
- Welcome Reception;
- Food and Drinks;
- Speakers;
- Shuttle;
- Marketing Plan / Creation;
- Material of Participant;
- Support services (cleaning, security, firemen, etc.);
- Human Resources (producers and coordinators for services like: registration, logistics, catering, assembly, etc.);
- Assorted items;
- Charges, licenses and insurance.

Brazil has a low operational cost in dollars, which allows for more economical registration fees compared to other countries. In 2024, SBCM held its 44th Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery and maintains a tradition of always achieving financial profit from its events. However, what is presented is only a draft, and the final values will be discussed and agreed upon with the IFSSH.



DRAFT BUDGET EXPENDITURE

EXPENSES	EXPENSES IN USD (1 dolar = R\$ 6,00)	Forecast in R\$
CONGRESS VENUE	\$ 341.780,19	R\$ 2.050.681,16
DESIGN PRINT / PROMOTION MARKETING	\$ 35.500,00	R\$ 213.000,00
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM	\$ 13.633,33	R\$ 81.800,00
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	\$ 4.883,33	R\$ 29.300,00
PERSONNEL + MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 8.966,67	R\$ 53.800,00
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION	\$ 3.333,33	R\$ 20.000,00
ADMINISTRATION - PCO COSTS	\$ 30.833,33	R\$ 185.000,00
AV AND STAGE DECORATION	\$ 96.666,67	R\$ 580.000,00
EQUIPMENT, SIGNAGE & DECORATION	\$ 4.500,00	R\$ 27.000,00
EXHIBITION SET UP & INFRA STRUCTURE	\$ 53.283,33	R\$ 319.700,00
SOCIAL EVENTS	\$ 140.833,33	R\$ 845.000,00
CATERING	\$ 11.366,67	R\$ 68.200,00
ACCOUNTING, FINANCE & BANK	\$ 5.383,33	R\$ 32.300,00
WELCOME TEAM AT RJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND BOARD TRANSFER IN / OUT	\$ 15.166,67	R\$ 91.000,00
CONTINGENT INCLUDE IN BUDGET	\$ 33.333,33	R\$ 200.000,00
TOTAL COSTS	\$ 799.463,53	R\$ 4.796.781,16

CONGRESS DETAILED EXPENSES

[Spreadsheet](#)



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REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird rate	Regular rate	Late rate
Surgeon Member	\$ 500,00	\$ 550,00	\$ 600,00
Surgeon Non-Member	\$ 600,00	\$ 650,00	\$ 700,00
Therapists & Allied Health Professionals	\$ 350,00	\$ 400,00	\$ 450,00
Trainee, Residents, Fellow	\$ 350,00	\$ 400,00	\$ 450,00
Countries IDH < BRAZIL (*)	\$ 100,00	\$ 200,00	\$ 300,00
Students	\$ 300,00	\$ 350,00	\$ 400,00
Accompanying persons	\$ 150,00	\$ 150,00	\$ 150,00
Complimentary Registration - Invited speakers, committee, society staff	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

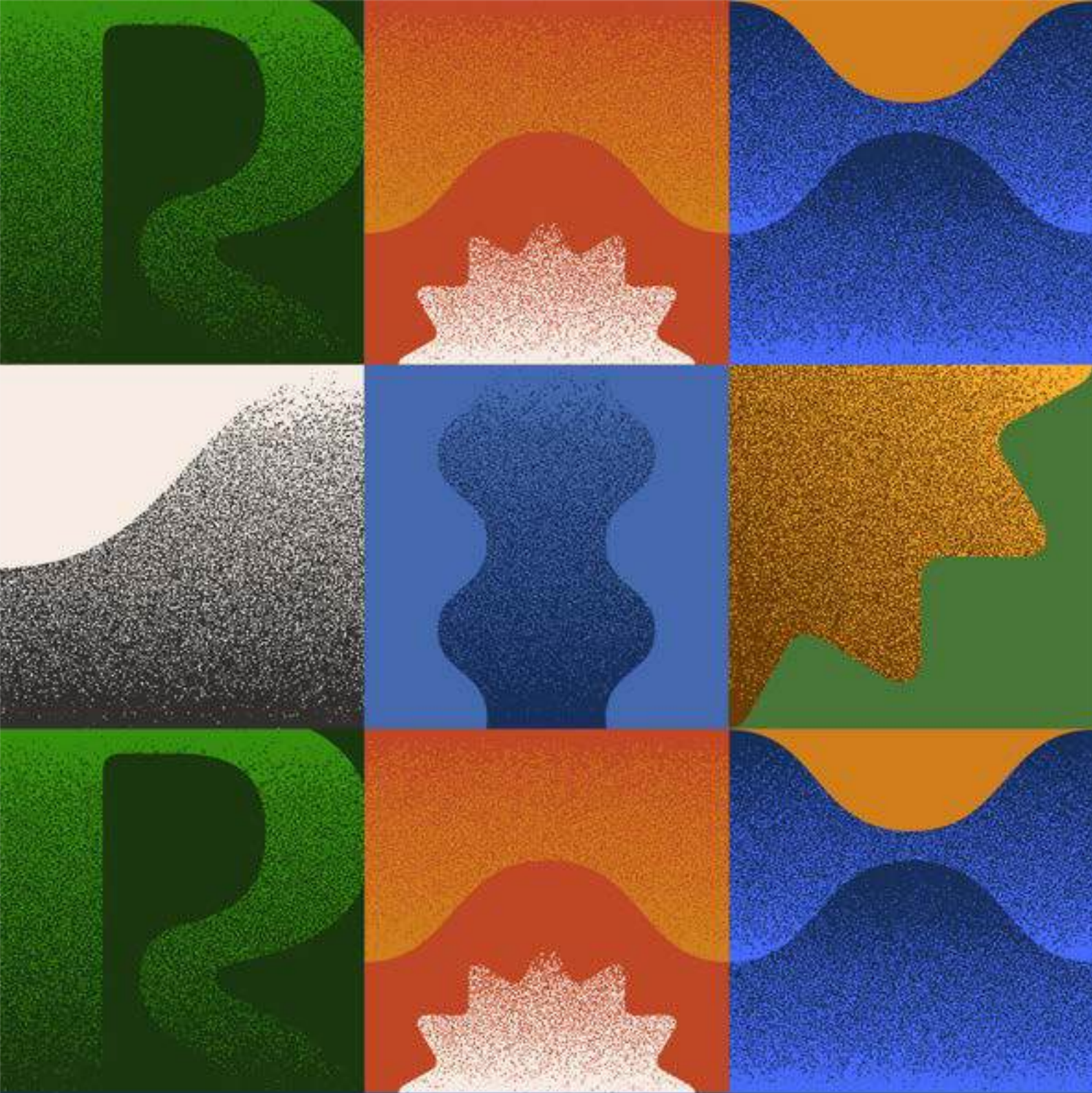
(*) IDH: Human Development Index (HDI) is a comparative measure used to rank countries by measuring quality of life, and their degree of economic development.

(**) 1 Dollar ≡ R\$ 6,00

PROJECT SURPLUS

Summary	Income USD \$	Income R\$
Other Funding (local government etc)	\$ 4.666,67	R\$ 28.000,00
Exhibition / Sponsorship Income	\$ 405.000,00	R\$ 2.430.000,00
Delegate Registration Fees	\$ 1.108.300,00	R\$ 6.649.800,00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1.517.966,67	R\$ 9.107.800,00
Fixes Costs	\$ 799.463,53	R\$ 4.796.781,18
SURPLUS	\$ 718.503,14	R\$ 4.311.018,82

- **Estimated values, subject to adjustments as required by the IFSSH/IFSHT.**



3. Fund Raising and Financial Support

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand is the largest and oldest society of its kind in South America, with well-structured events and a loyal following within the country, the Society is well-positioned to attract increased interest from sponsors and exhibitors.

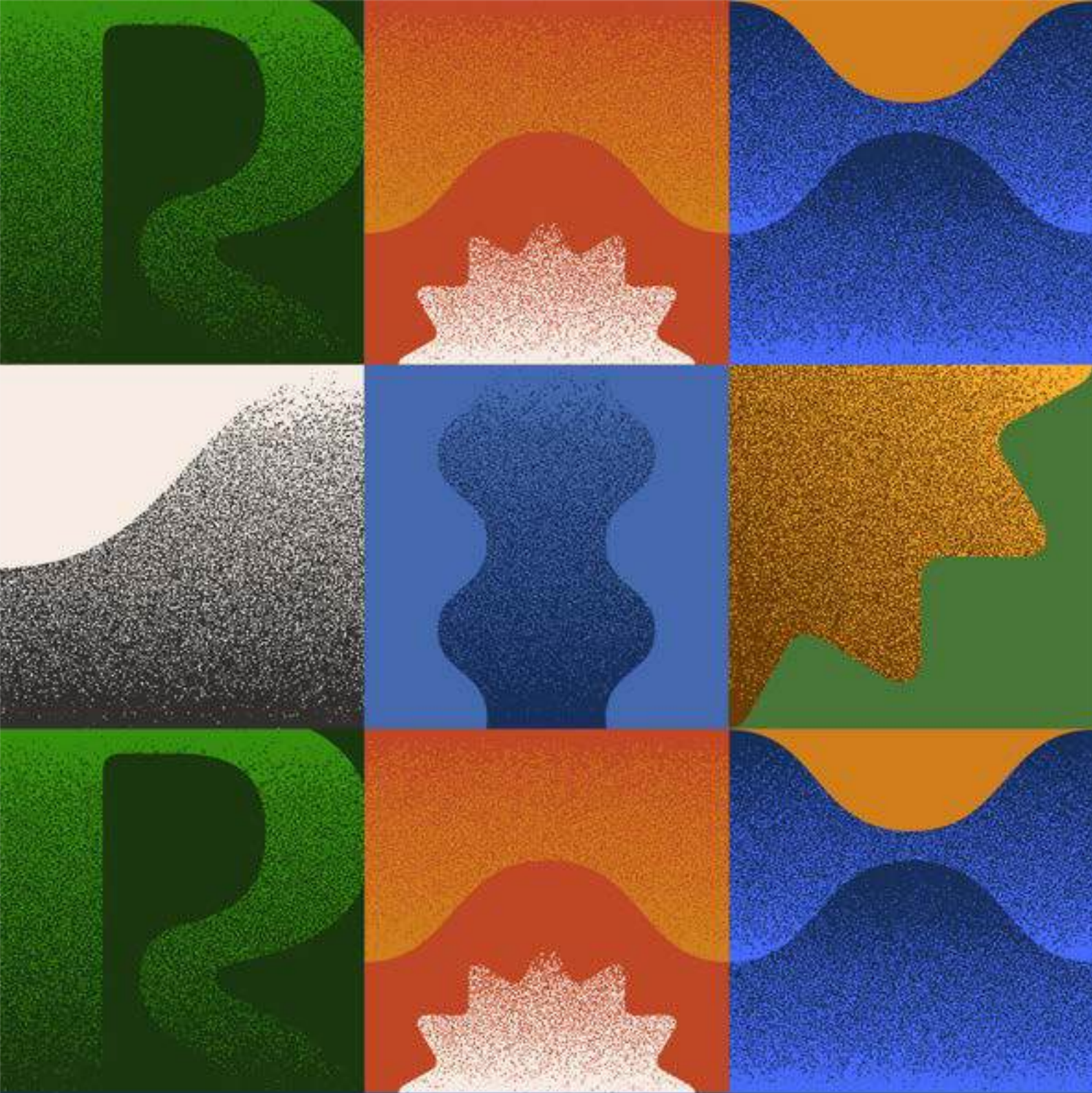
In Brazil, we have identified over 70 companies as potential sponsors for the IFSSH 2031 & IFSHT 2031. These include both national and multinational corporations, highlighting the congress's potential for substantial commercial growth.

Potential Sponsors

- | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| • Alliance Medical | • GMreis | • Orthoscan | • Salvapé |
| • Anadem | • Helca | • Ortocir | • SBOT Prev |
| • Arthrex | • Intermedic | • Ortomedical | • SC Medical |
| • Biodevice | • Iomed | • Ortossíntese | • Smart Surgical/DMC |
| • Biomax | • Lasting Life | • Orthoserve | • Starmedic |
| • BSN – Medical | • Lefix | • Osteon | • Techimport |
| • Biotecnologia | • Leverfix | • Ossur | • Techmedical |
| • Depuy Synthes | • Medartis | • P & G | • Tóride |
| • Dilivros | • Medic Educ | • Poeira e Silva | • Traumec |
| • Dvdent Lupas | • MN Suprimentos | • Politec | • Trimed |
| • Efectiv | • Montserrat | • Quantum | • Visão |
| • Fixamed | • Neoortho | • Rhosse | • Zeiss |



Commercial Exposition Area in 2024 Annual Meeting SBCM



4. Organizational Structure of the Congress

Congress chair (leader of the Organizing Committee)

Rames Mattar Jr.



EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF HAND SURGERY AND MICROSURGERY

Challenges, Innovations, and Inclusion in the Specialty – A Global Perspective

Hand surgery and microsurgery are essential for restoring functionality and aesthetics to patients worldwide. However, regional disparities in medical practice remain a significant challenge, even with scientific and technological advancements. In this context, the IFSSH Congress 2031 aims to be more than a scientific event—it will serve as a milestone in uniting specialists from different countries, promoting the exchange of experiences, reducing inequalities, and adapting innovations to the economic and cultural realities of each region.

A: Committee for Venue, Transport and Accommodation



André Eiras



**Bernardo Couto
Neto**



**Eduardo Farias
Vasquez**



Fábio Azevedo Lima



Gabriel de Araujo



**Henrique Pinto de
Barros Netto**



**José Maurício do
Carmo**



Rudolf Kobig



Sandro Adeodato



Victor César Jr.



B: Committee for Social Events



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Lima Jr.**



**Antonio Tufi Neder
Filho**



**Henrique de Barros
Pinto Netto**



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Braga-Silva**



**Milton Bernardes
Pignataro**



**Raimundo de
Araujo Filho**



**Raquel Bernardelli
Iamaguchi da Costa**



C: Committee for Publications



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Costa**



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Falcochio**



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**João Baptista Gomes
dos Santos**



**Marcelo Rosa de
Rezende**



**Maurício Pinto
Rodrigues**



**Pedro José Pires
Neto**



Samuel Ribak



Sandro Adeodato



D: Committee for Public Relations



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Fernandes**



**Gustavo
Mantovani**



Márcio Aita



**Milton Bernardes
Pignataro**



Renata Paulos



**Ricardo Kaempf
de Oliveira**



Rui Barros



Rui Ferreira



E: Committee for Scientific Program and Satellite Meetings



**Diego Figueira
Falcochio**



**Gustavo
Mantovani**



**Gustavo Santiago
Figueiredo**



**Jefferson
Braga-Silva**



**Marcelo Rosa de
Rezende**



**Paulo Randal
Pires Jr.**



Rames Mattar Jr.



Renata Leal



The scientific program has been meticulously designed to address both the most common procedures and the most disruptive innovations in the field, with an inclusive approach that values diversity in practices and international collaboration. This congress will be a convergence point for science, technology, and humanity, shaping the future of the specialty.

General Objectives of the Scientific Program

To address the demands of such a dynamic and diverse field, the IFSSH Congress 2031 has outlined clear objectives for its scientific program, covering traditional surgeries and the most recent transformative advances:

- **Focus on Commonly Performed Traditional Surgeries:**

Procedures like tendon repairs, osteosynthesis, and treatment of compressive syndromes, which form the foundation of surgical practice, will receive special attention.

- **Capacity Building and Practical Training:**

Satellite and pre-congress courses focusing on arthroscopy, microsurgery, and advanced techniques will allow participants to develop practical skills.

- **Exploring Minimally Invasive Surgeries:**

Practical sessions on arthroscopic and robotic techniques will ensure surgeons are prepared for these innovative and less invasive approaches.

- **Challenges in Complex Reconstructions:**

Techniques such as nerve and muscle transfers, composite tissue allotransplantation, and advances in regenerative medicine will be central to the discussions.



- **Peripheral Nerve Surgeries:**

Innovative diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for compressive neuropathies and traumatic injuries will be highlighted.

- **Promoting Evidence-Based Medicine:**

Sessions dedicated to presenting scientific research to support clinical and technological practices.

- **Experience Sharing and Global Inclusion:**

Exchange of Experiences Between Countries: Sessions focused on sharing strategies, challenges, and solutions adapted to the economic and cultural conditions of different regions.

Reducing Inequalities: Discussions on adapting medical innovations for countries with limited resources, promoting greater equity in healthcare access.

Strategic Partnerships and Satellite Events

Strategic partnerships will enhance the congress's educational impact, bringing the world's best specialists and practical training to Brazil.

These satellite events will enable practical learning, knowledge exchange, and access to the latest innovations.

- **IBRA (International Bone Research Association) Course**

Location: Rio de Janeiro

Practical: Exercises with pre-fractured specimens for up to 40 participants.

Theoretical: Sessions for a larger audience with live streaming of practical activities.

Case discussions presented by members of the Brazilian faculty.

Confirmed Partner: Dr. José-Manuel Vázquez, IBRA Director.



- **Practical Arthroscopy Course (Arthrex, IWAS and IRCAD)**

Location: To be defined.

Option 1: Arthrex Lab in São Paulo (30–40 participants, confirmed by director Jesus Sevillano).

Option 2: Collaboration with IRCAD labs in Barretos (SP) or Rio de Janeiro to expand capacity.

Focus: Practical training in advanced arthroscopic techniques.

- **AO Foundation Course**

Confirmed Partner: Alexandre Palotino, Brazilian Representative.

Proposed Format: Practical training for 36 participants using Sawbone models.

- **IWAS-LAWA (Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association) Course**

International Collaboration: Support from LAWA and IWAS leaders.
Focus: Wrist arthroscopy techniques and advanced hand surgery.

- **Symposia with IFSSH Committees:**

Congenital Deformities: Pre-congress course or symposium focusing on the OMT classification system.

Pediatric Hand Group (PULM Talks): Course led by international experts.

Flap Course (Upper and Lower Limbs):

Practical course in anatomy labs, emphasizing periosteal and reconstructive flap techniques.

Virtual and Hybrid Options:

Live streaming of practical and theoretical components for a global audience, integrating professionals from low- and middle-income countries.



- **Potential Innovation Areas for the IFSSH Congress 2031**

The congress will be a unique opportunity to explore emerging trends and transformative advances in hand surgery. The following areas will receive special attention:

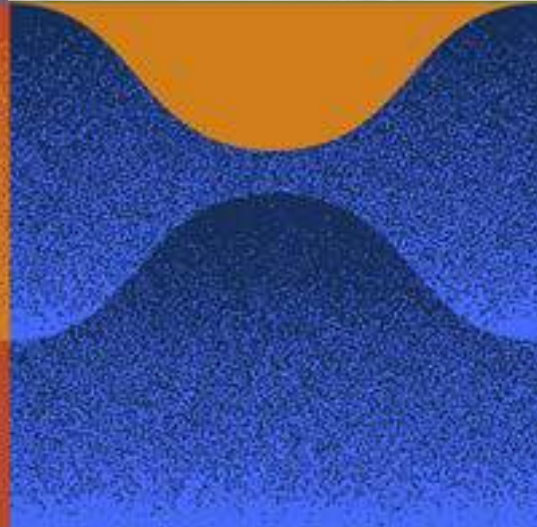
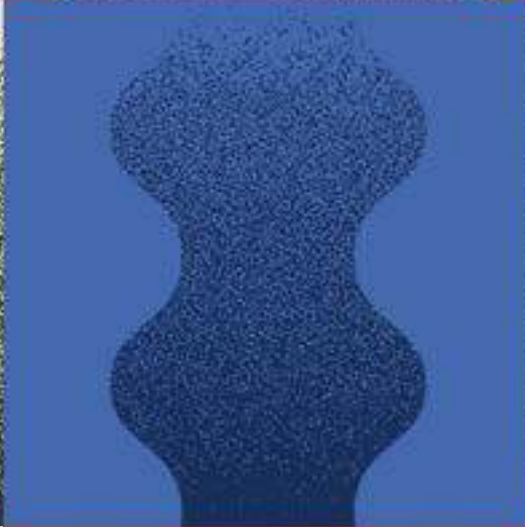
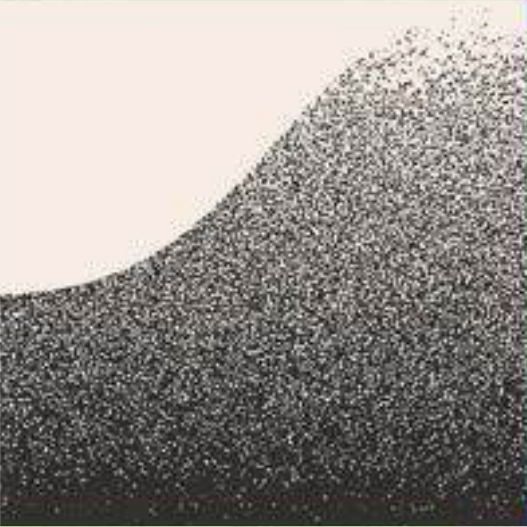
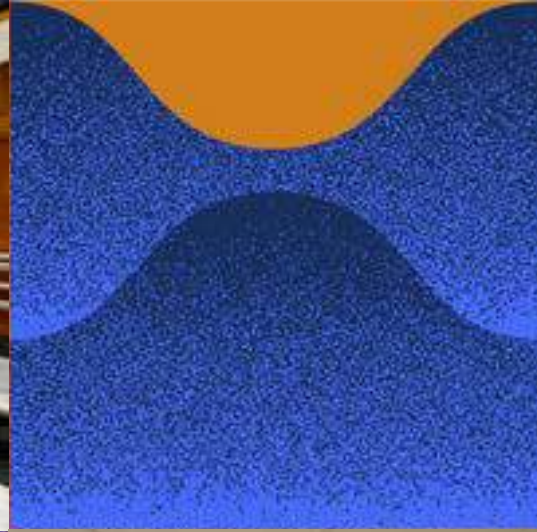
- Microsurgery and Microvascular Transplants:
 - Advances in severe injury repair, nerve, and vein grafts.
- Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine:
 - 3D printing for nerve, bone, and tendon repair.
 - Stem cell applications for tissue regeneration.
- Robotic Surgery and Assisted Technologies:
 - Robotic platforms with artificial intelligence.
 - Augmented reality for surgical planning and intraoperative visualization.
- Functional Transfers and Allotransplants:
 - Nerve and muscle transfers for motion rehabilitation.
 - Multiple tissue transplants for complex reconstructions.
- Innovative Education and Training:
 - Virtual simulators and microsurgery academies.
- Nanotechnology and Microrobots:
 - Tools at the nanoscale for tissue repairs and smart implants.
- Ethical and Global Approaches:
 - Discussions on equity in surgical access and ethical management of AI-generated data.



Programme Outline

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8h	Pre-Courses				
9h	Pre-Courses	Free Papers	Free Papers	Free Papers	Free Papers
10h	Pre-Courses	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting
10:30	Pre-Courses	Opening Cerimony and Magna Lecture			
12h	Lunch	Lunch / Industry workshop	Lunch / Industry workshop	Lunch / Industry workshop	Closing Cerimony
13:30h	Pre-Courses				
15h	Pre-Courses	Free Papers	Free Papers	Free Papers	
16h	Pre-Courses	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	Coffee Break - Poster Viewing and Trade Exhibition Visiting	
16:30-18h	Pre-Courses				
"Evening Programme"	Welcome Drinks	President Dinner/Reception	Free Evening	Congress Dinner & Party	





5. Congress Center Facilities

Windsor Expo & Convention Center

Presentation

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PLENARY

2,500 people

ADDRESS

Av. Lucio Costa, 2.630,
Barra da Tijuca

Complete Infrastructure for Events and Accommodation in Rio de Janeiro. Spacious and Comfortable Seaside Environments

The Windsor Convention Center & Hotels (CC&HW), located in Barra da Tijuca, is recognized as Brazil's best and most comprehensive facility for integrated accommodation, services, and events. With modern spaces and a prime location, the impressive venue can host up to 7,000 people simultaneously, with its largest auditorium accommodating up to 2,500 people.

CC&HW provides a complete solution for events. In addition to event spaces, attendees will benefit from Windsor's high-quality services, as the complex includes the following hotels: Windsor Barra (5-star), Windsor Oceanico (4-star), and Windsor Tower (3-star), together offering 1,168 rooms in Barra da Tijuca.

The Windsor Convention Center & Hotels features 23,000 square meters of modular event spaces and is just one block from the beach. It offers a comprehensive setup combining accommodation, excellent dining, and a multifunctional event space, supported by a highly qualified team of professionals.

Renowned for its service excellence, the Windsor Network has earned national and international awards, establishing it as a leading reference in the corporate and events sectors.





WINDSOR BARRA



17 Floors
338 Apartments

88 Superior
149 Superior Executive
26 Deluxe
12 Jr. Suite
14 Executive Suite
12 Master Suite
1 Presidential Suite
36 Family Plan



Services

- Rooftop Pool
- Lounge bar
- Gym
- Restaurant
- Sauna
- Beach Service
- Room Service





WINDSOR OCEANICO



17 Floors
453 Apartments

124 Standard
278 Superior
25 Superior Plus
15 Superior Executive
11 Deluxe
03 Executive Suite



Services

- Rooftop Pool
- Lounge bar
- Restaurant
- Gym
- Sauna
- Room Service





WINDSOR TOWER

18 Andares
378 Apartments

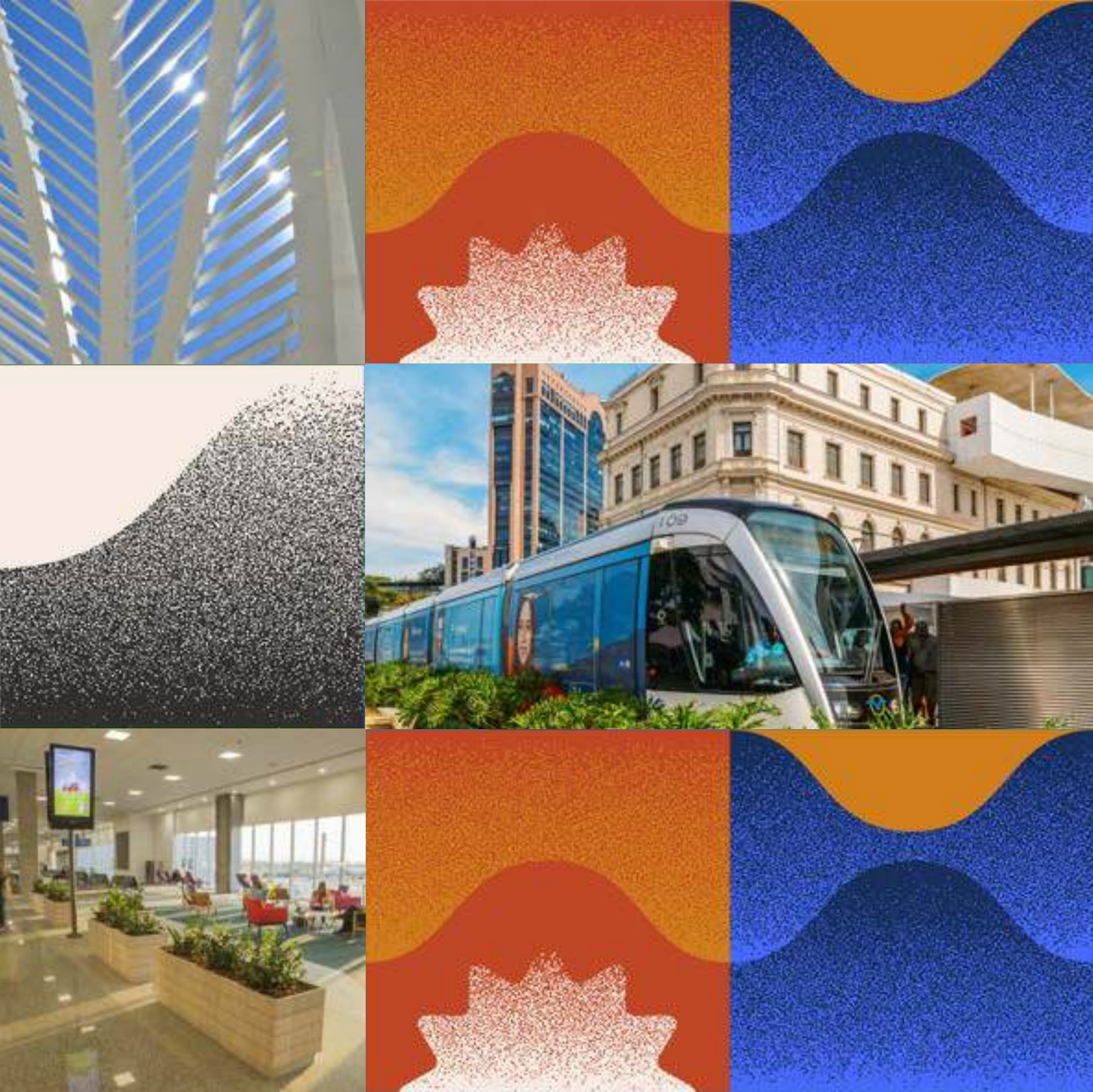
202 Standard
64 Superior
24 Superior Plus
88 Superior Executive



Services

- Fitness Center
- Rooftop Pool
- Pool Bar
- Sauna
- Restaurant
- Room Service





6. Congress Services Operation

AERIAL ACCESS

TWO MAIN AIRPORTS:

INTERNATIONAL **RIOgaleão** **GIG**

Located at Ilha do Governador, it's 20 minutes from main hotels in the South Zone by the express way Linha Vermelha (Red Line) and 40 minutes from West Zone (Barra da Tijuca) by Linha Amarela (Yellow Line).

CAPACITY
36 MILLION
PASSENGERS PER YEAR

TERMINALS
2

TRANSPORTATION
BUS, TAXI, SHUTTLE
AND BRT



DOMESTIC **Santos Dumont** **SDU**

Located in the heart of Rio's Downtown area, the airport is only 10 minutes away from the South Zone, region that concentrates a large number of hotels and main tourist attractions.

CAPACITY
10 MILLION
PASSENGERS PER YEAR

TERMINALS
1

TRANSPORTE
BUS, TAXI, SHUTTLE
AND VLT



AIR TRAVEL TIME:



Europe
from 9 to 12 hours



North America
from 9 to 14 hours



Central America
about 7 hours



South America
from 3 to 6 hours



Africa
about 10 hours



Asia
about 25 hours



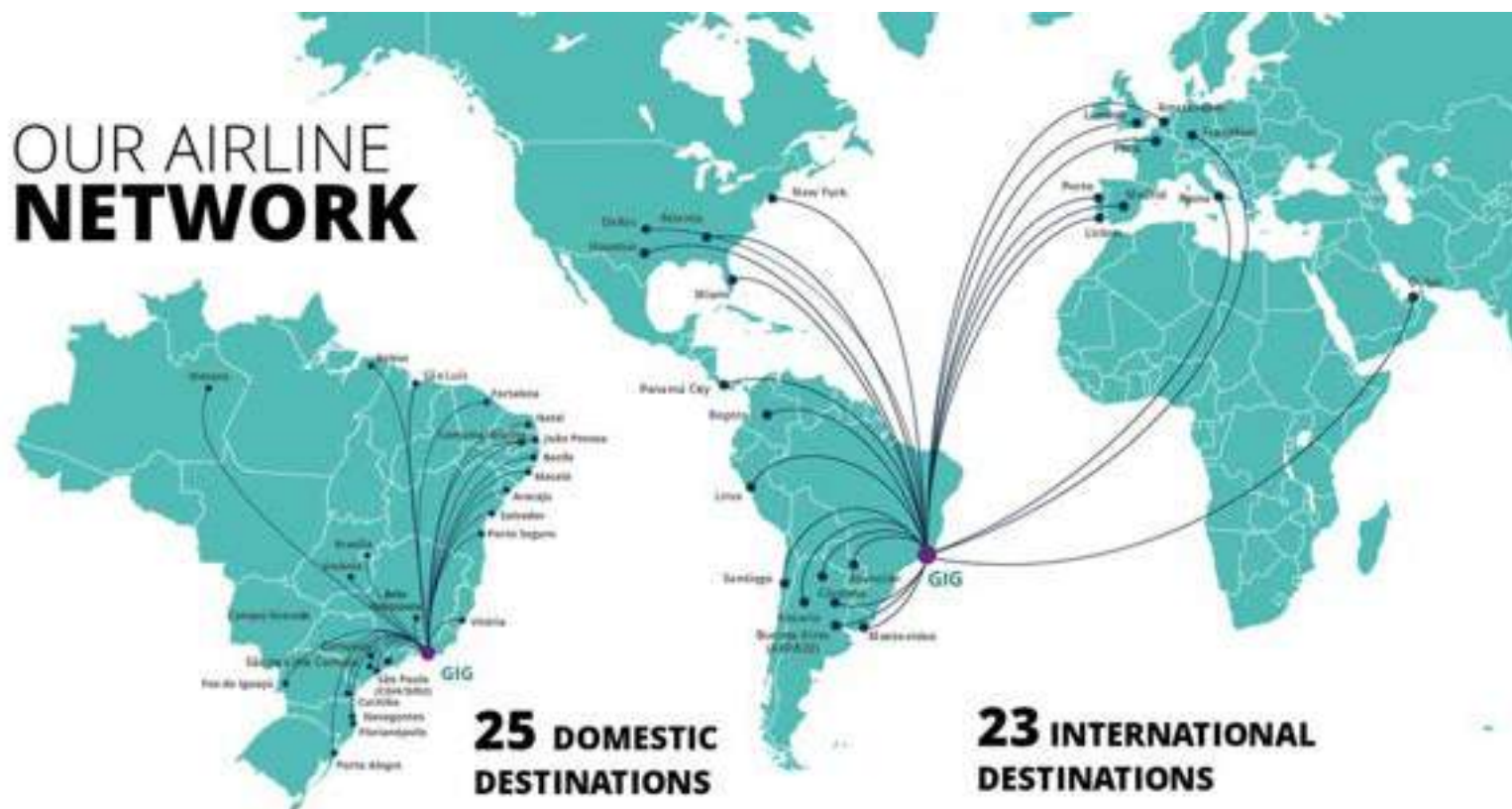
Oceania
about 18 hours

RIOgaleão

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internacional
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OUR AIRLINE NETWORK



Airline Network | INTERNACIONAL



More seasonal and daily flights to strategic destinations such as Dallas, New York, Rosario, Montevideo and Asunción will strengthen global connectivity and consolidate the airport RIOgaleão as an essential hub in Latin America.

AIRLINES	DESTINATIONS	
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires
	COR	Córdoba
	ROS	Rosario 
	CDG	Paris
	MIA	Miami
	JFK	New York 
	DFW	Dallas 
	BOG	Bogota
	LHR	London
	EZE	Buenos Aires
	PTY	Panamá City
	ATL	Atlanta
	JFK	New York 
	DXB	Dubai
	EZE	Buenos Aires
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires

AIRLINES	DESTINATIONS	
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires
	COR	Córdoba
	MVD	Montevideo
	ROS	Rosario 
	MAD	Madrid
	FCO	Rome
	AEP/EZE	Buenos Aires
	SCL	Santiago
	MVD	Montevideo
	AMS	Amsterdam
	SCL	Santiago
	LIM	Lima
	FRA	Frankfurt
	ASU	Asunción 
	SCL	Santiago
	MVD	Montevideo 
	US	Lisbon
	OPO	Porto
	IAH	Houston

Airline Network| DOMESTIC

GIG will have 34% more domestic seats in December than in the same month in 2023 and 17% more than in Dec/19.

ARLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	AJU	Aracaju
	BEL	Belém
	BSB	Brasília
	CGH	Congonhas
	CNF	Belo Horizonte
	CWB	Curitiba
	FLN	Florianópolis
	FOR	Fortaleza
	GRU	Guarulhos
	GYN	Goiania
	IGU	Foz do Iguaçu
	JPA	João Pessoa
	MAO	Manaus
	MCZ	Maceió
	NAT	Natal
	NVT	Navegantes
	POA	Porto Alegre 
	REC	Recife
	SJK	São José dos Campos
	SSA	Salvador
	VCP	Campinas
	VIX	Vitória

AIRLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	BPS	Porto Seguro 
	CNF	Belo Horizonte
	CWB	Curitiba
	NVT	Navegantes
	POA	Porto Alegre 
	REC	Recife
	VCP	Campinas
AIRLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	BPS	Porto Seguro
	BSB	Brasília
	FLN	Florianópolis 
	FOR	Fortaleza
	GRU	Guarulhos
	IGU	Foz do Iguaçu
	JPA	João Pessoa 
	MAO	Manaus
	NAT	Natal
	POA	Porto Alegre 
	REC	Recife
	SLZ	São Luís
	SSA	Salvador
	VIX	Vitória
AIRLINE	DESTINATIONS	
	CGH	Congonhas 

AIRPORT EXPERIENCE AND MOBILITY



CONCIERGE SERVICE

"Meet & Greet" team in 4 different languages, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Customized packages with solutions such as: Fast Track, Families with children, Sports delegations, etc.

This can be a great option for VIP guests, authorities, or other passengers you want to provide with an exclusive and customized experience.



DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE

RIOgaleão has special signage totems and welcome desks that can be customized according to the identity of your event.



COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS

RIOgaleão can offer various discounts and exclusive deals at currency exchange offices, lounges, restaurants, and more. In total, there are 7 VIP lounges, 1 hotel, and over 85 shops and restaurants.



MEETING POINT

A dedicated area where you can have your team assisting event participants, organizing transfers, holding quick group meetings before departure, or even pre-registration for the event.



MORE SECURITY

With enhanced patrolling throughout the airport and the creation of Galeão Presente, an even safer and more peaceful experience is guaranteed for all passengers.

WAITING AREA

Buses and vans can wait in the waiting area before accessing the curbside. This area is located less than 5 minutes from the main terminal. Additionally, packages are offered for parking tourist vans and curbside support (Concierge).



TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS

RIOgaleão has a strategic location in the city, and it also features a dedicated lane and revitalized roads to ensure quicker and more convenient access to the airport.

Taxi and Car Rental Services

Offers special conditions with accredited taxi companies and car rental services.

Uber App

The Uber pick-up area at RIOgaleão is organized into sections with different colors and features an Uber parking lot, making transportation faster and more convenient for all passengers.

Municipal Transportation

- **BRT TIG-GIG Bus:** Departing every 20 minutes, reaching the Gentileza Terminal in up to 22 minutes via an exclusive lane.
- **Semi-Executive Express Buses:** Heading to Copacabana/Leblon and Barra da Tijuca.



HOTELS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio de Janeiro has approximately 42,500 rooms in various types of accommodation. New investments are constantly being made in this sector, offering a wide range of hotels, from the most famous international chains to excellent national hotels. The hotel industry, concentrated between the South, West and Center Zones of the city, is prepared to receive all types of guests - leisure, business and events. All the facilities are easily accessible, with international standard infrastructure. Besides the hotels, the city also offers hostels and budget accommodations.

*5% Municipal Tax;
Service Tax of 10%



CAPACITY (ROOMS)

South Zone
+ 19 mil

West Zone
+ 12 mil

City Center
+ 9 mil

North Zone
+ 900

MAIN HOTEL CHAINS

COPACABANA PALACE
A BELMOND HOTEL
RIO DE JANEIRO

GRAND | HYATT

Fairmont


JW MARRIOTT


Hilton


Sheraton
HOTELS & RESORTS


PESTANA
HOTEL GROUP


ACCOR

MOBILITY

Prior to hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016, Rio de Janeiro received investments to improve its infrastructure for airports, seaports, roads, transportation and accommodation.

Rio de Janeiro counts on experienced companies to provide shuttle buses to attend meetings and events.



**Urban Mobility
that connects all
regions in the city.**



SPECIAL BUSES
WITH AIR CONDITIONING



LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE (VLT)
CITY CENTER AND PORT ZONE



SUBWAY CONNECTING
NORTH, CENTER, SOUTH AND
WEST ZONES



BRT
BUS RAPID TRANSIT



BICYCLE LANES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY



**OFFICIAL
TAXIS**



TOURISM AND EXECUTIVE
TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES



CAR RENTAL
COMPANIES



**TRANSPORTATION
APPS**



ACCESS

Brazil Visa Exempt Countries

Citizens from over 60 countries are not required to obtain a visa in order to enter Brazil. Holders of a valid passport traveling for tourism, business, artistic or sports activities are granted a stay of up to 90 days, not exceeding 180 days within a 12-month period, counted from the date of the first entry.

Some countries that are visa exempt to Brazil:

BRAZIL VISA EXEMPT COUNTRIES			
Andorra	France	Mexico	Slovakia
Argentina	Germany	Monaco	Slovenia
Austria	Greece	Morocco	South Africa
Bahamas	Guatemala	Namibia	South Korea
Barbados	Guyana	Netherlands	Spain
Belgium	Hong Kong	New Zealand	Suriname
Bolivia	Hungary	Norway	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Iceland	Panama	Thailand
Chile	Ireland	Paraguay	Trinidad and Tobago
Colombia	Israel	Peru	Tunisia
Costa Rica	Italy	Philippines	Turkey
Croatia	Liechtenstein	Poland	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Portugal	United Kingdom
Denmark	Luxembourg	Romania	Uruguay
Ecuador	Malaysia	Russia	Vatican
Finland	Malta	San Marine	Venezuela

For complete information:

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/porta-consular/vistos/quadro-geral-de-regime-de-vistos-para-entrada-de-estrangeiros-no-brasil>

Brazil launches an electronic visa platform for citizens of USA, Australia and Canada

Travelers must provide a valid visa starting from April 10, 2025

Effective 10 April 2025, nationals of Australia, Canada, and the United States require an Electronic visitor visa to enter Brazil. A platform through which travelers can obtain the Electronic Visa (eVisa) to enter the country has been launched. Travelers can submit their applications and supporting documents online. Once the application is approved, travelers receive their eVisa confirmation electronically.

The eVisa will allow multiple entries and will have the same validity as conventional visas for the following nationalities:

- Canadians: 5-year period;
- Australians: 5-year period;
- Americans: 10-year period.

Americans, Canadians, and Australians must apply for the document if their arrival in Brazil is scheduled for April 10, 2025 onwards. The system was developed by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the intention of simplifying the process, making it convenient, fast and easy.

All details can be accessed online here: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>

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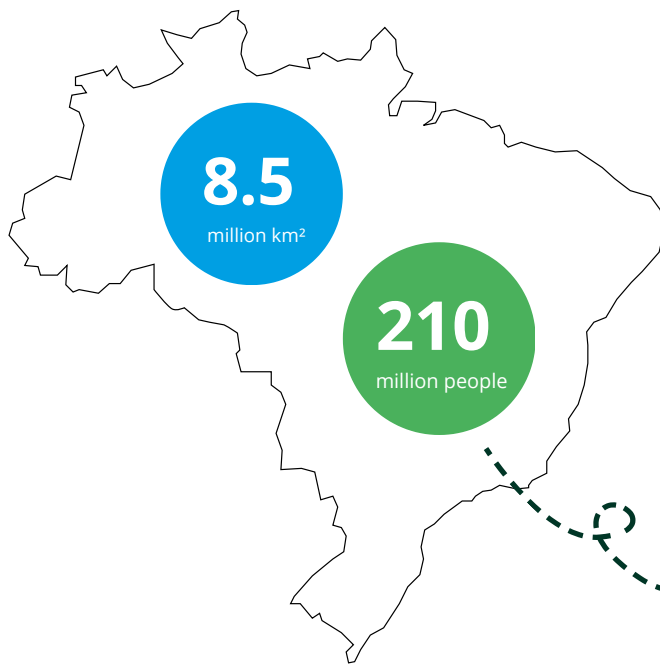
Contact the eVisa team: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/contact-us>

Agreement with Japan

Brazil and Japan have reached a bilateral agreement and, since September 30, 2023 visa requirements have been waived for trips between Brazil and Japan for up to 90 days. In this case, the waiver is reciprocal: it applies to Brazilian visitors heading to Japan and to Japanese visitors heading to Brazil.

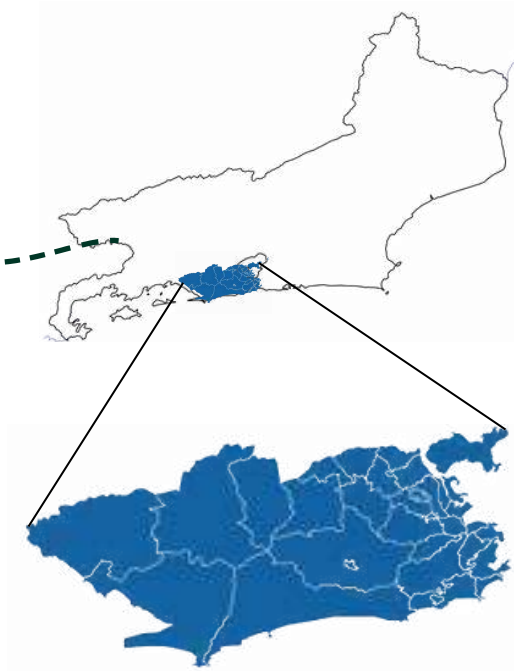
Reciprocity

The reintroduction of the visa requirement was based on the principle of reciprocity, reinstated in May of 2023.



Brazil is a country with an extraordinary ecological and natural environment. well known for its splendid beauty, the warmth of its people, and its renowned attractions such as Christ the Redeemer, Sugar Loaf Mountain and Copacabana beach.

Rio de Janeiro is a unique city, few places in the world harmoniously combine nature and a bustling city. In addition to a great metropolis, you will find stunning beaches, one of largest urban forests in the world, lagoons, waterfalls, and a beautiful bay, all within one city



42,500
Hotel Rooms



6,2 mi
Inhabitants



30%
of the total tourists
who visit the country



Direct Flights
from main destinations
around the globe



A YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION

Rio de Janeiro offers a mostly sunny climate year-round.



Climate: mostly sunny with average temperature of 27°C/80° F

MONTH	MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE		MINIMUM TEMPERATURE		RAIN DAYS
	F°	C°	F°	C°	
JAN	100	38	64	18	12
FEB	99	37	66	19	9
MAR	99	37	64	18	9
APR	99	37	63	17	11
MAY	97	36	52	11	9
JUN	90	32	54	12	7
JUL	91	33	55	13	6
AUG	97	36	57	14	7
SEP	99	37	57	14	10
OCT	99	37	59	15	11
NOV	100	38	61	16	11
DEC	99	37	64	18	14



LARGE EVENTS




2025

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODONTIC CONGRESS
10.000 ATTENDEES



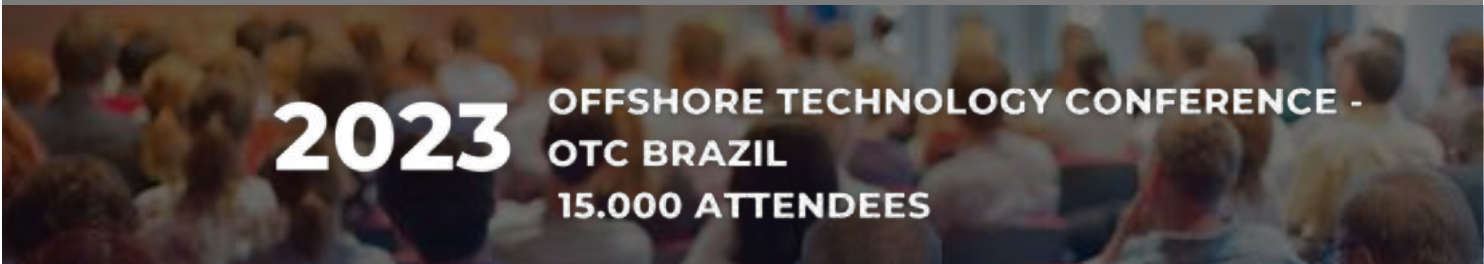
2024

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHILD
AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
1.500 ATTENDEES



2024

BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF CATARACT AND
REFRACTIVE SURGERY
5.000 ATTENDEES



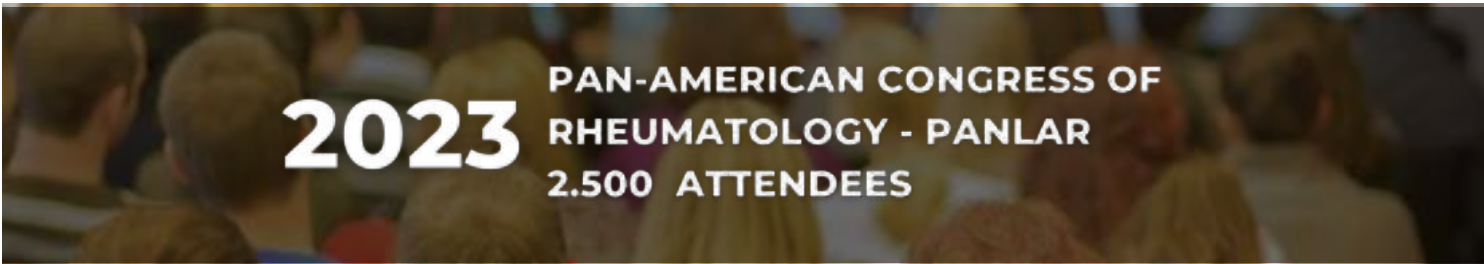
2023

OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE -
OTC BRAZIL
15.000 ATTENDEES



2023

WEBSUMMIT
40.000 ATTENDEES



2023

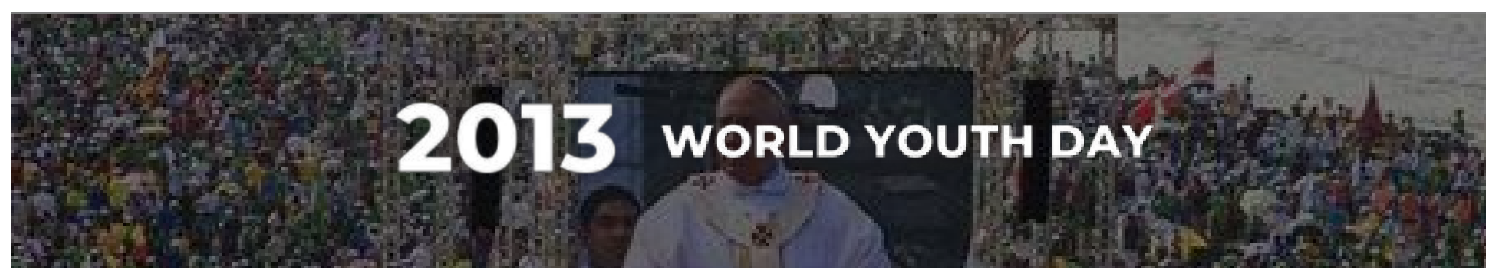
PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF
RHEUMATOLOGY - PANLAR
2.500 ATTENDEES



2022

WORLD CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY - WCC
11.500 ATTENDEES

MEGA EVENTS





7. Administrative Services

Flight Cost for Site Inspection: Brazilian Society will cover costs for the President and/or Secretary General.

On-site Inspection: Visit Rio will cover ground services.

Congress registration: Online registrations or on-site.

Cancellation Policies: All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing and include the registrant's full name and a brief explanation of the reason for cancellation. It will be possible to cancel the registration for the meeting or a pre-course and receive a refund according to the following conditions: Notifications received on or before three months prior to the event will receive a refund of all fees paid. Optional social event tickets are non-refundable. No refunds will be issued for missing a session or event, including sessions missed due to travel delays. No refunds are issued on-site. Refunds are issued via the original payment method (credit card or check) unless otherwise notified.

Publication handling and processing: All publications will be prepared by Predicado, a leading agency in communication and relationships, specializing in enhancing institutional interests and brand reputation.

Communications between organizers, congress administrative staff and the Executive Committee of the IFSSH: All communication will be through SBCM and directed to Dr. Rames Mattar Jr. On-site inspection for the President and/or Secretary General at least one year prior to the Congress.: The local committee and Visit Rio are prepared to host the technical visit at the convenience of the IFSSH.

Courtesy registration and accommodation for the IFSSH President, Secretary-General and Administrator and their spouse/significant other will be provided by SBCM.

VISIT RIO SUPPORT

Bidding Process

Complimentary:

Site Inspection:

- Plan and arrange all the visits
- Airport Transfers
- Accommodation
- Provide car with driver for the site inspection
- Lunch during the visit period
- A member of Visit Rio team will escort the group during the time in Rio

Guidelines:

- Up to 2 members of the applying entity and/or event organizer;
- Up to 3 days in the city (2 nights);
- Complimentary for accommodation, meals, and local transportation during the visit period, subject to availability and approval of Visit Rio partners;
- The visit request must be formalized by email at least 10 business days before the expected arrival date of the members.

*Any requests outside of the above description will be subject to analysis and approval by the board of directors.





8. Logistics of the Congress

ACCOMMODATION

BARRA DA TIJUCA & SURROUNDINGS

HOTEL	CATEGORY	NBR. ROOMS	DISTANCE WINDSOR CC	DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GIG	DISTANCE DOMESTIC AIRPORT - SDU
C Design Hotel	4	278	15.3 km	41.9 km	44.2 km
Courtyard by Marriott	4	264	17.4 km	31.6 km	33.9 km
Grand Hyatt	5	436	5.6 km	33.7 km	30.9 km
Hilton Barra	5	298	11.4 km	29.4 km	32.0 km
Ibis Barra da Tijuca	Budget	240	3.3 km	34.2 km	25.4 km
Lagune Barra	3	306	15.5 km	33.2 km	35.5 km
Novotel Barra da Tijuca	4	234	3.5 km	33.4 km	33.4 km
Novotel Parque Olímpico	4	149	12.0 km	28.7 km	31.2 km
Plaza Barra First	4	104	10.5 km	33.5 km	32.3 km
Radisson Barra	4	378	3.7 km	35.1 km	26.3 km
Residence Inn by Marriott	4	140	17.4 km	31.6 km	33.9 km
Windsor Barra	5	338	Part of the Windsor Convention Center	33.1 km	27.7 km
Windsor Oceanico	4	444	Part of the Windsor Convention Center	33.1 km	27.7 km
Windsor Tower	3	378	Part of the Windsor Convention Center	33.1 km	27.7 km

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The Barra da Tijuca area also offers numerous low-cost accommodation options such as hostels and Airbnb.



ACCOMMODATION

SOUTH ZONE

HOTEL	CATEGORY	NBR. ROOMS	DISTRICT	DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GIG	DISTANCE DOMESTIC AIRPORT - SDU
B&B Hotel Copacabana Forte	3	168	Copacabana	24.3 km	11.6 km
Belmond Copacabana Palace	5	239	Copacabana	23.7 km	9.2 km
Copa Sul Hotel	3	88	Copacabana	23.6 km	11.2 km
Emiliano Rio	5	90	Copacabana	23.8 km	11.1 km
Fairmont Copacabana	5	375	Copacabana	24.1 km	11.4 km
Fasano Rio de Janeiro	5	89	Ipanema	23.9 km	13.2 km
Grand Mercure Copacabana	4	295	Copacabana	23.6 km	11.2 km
Hilton Copacabana	5	545	Copacabana	22.8 km	8.2 km
Ibis Botafogo	Budget	270	Botafogo	21.3 km	6.9 km
Ibis Copacabana Posto 2	Budget	128	Copacabana	23.4 km	8.9 km
Ibis Copacabana Posto 5	Budget	231	Copacabana	22.7 km	11.0 km
Janeiro Hotel	5	53	Leblon	23.5 km	14.3 km

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ACCOMMODATION

SOUTH ZONE

HOTEL	CATEGORY	NBR. ROOMS	DISTRICT	DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - GIG	DISTANCE DOMESTIC AIRPORT - SDU
JW Marriott	5	245	Copacabana	23.4 km	10.0 km
Mar Ipanema Hotel	4	84	Ipanema	23.7 km	13.3 km
Mercure Boutique Hotel Copacabana	4	119	Copacabana	23.4 km	10.0 km
Miramar Hotel by Windsor	5	200	Copacabana	26.0 km	11.0 km
Novotel Rio de Janeiro Leme	4	274	Leme	23.5 km	9.0 km
Novotel Praia de Botafogo	4	134	Botafogo	19.8 km	6.0 km
Pestana Rio de Janeiro	4	292	Copacabana	23.0 km	10.9 km
PortoBay Rio de Janeiro	4	117	Copacabana	23.2 km	8.7 km
Rio Othon Palace	5	572	Copacabana	23.4 km	10.6 km
Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort	5	538	Leblon	24.9 km	15.6 km
Sol Ipanema Hotel	4	90	Ipanema	23.5 km	13.1 km
YOO2 Rio de Janeiro	5	131	Botafogo	20.0 km	11.0 km

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Shopping Centers - Barra



Security

Rio Operations Center (COR)

The Rio Operations Center (COR) was the first Olympic equipment delivered by Rio's City Hall. Inaugurated in December 2010, six years before the Rio 2016 Games, the building serves as the headquarters for the integration of urban operations in the municipality. About 30 agencies (municipal secretariats and utilities) are integrated into the building to monitor the city's operation and minimize its impacts on citizen routine or during major events. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the COR seeks to anticipate solutions by alerting responsible sectors of the risks and urgent measures that should be taken in emergencies such as heavy rainfall, landslides and traffic accidents. More than 500 professionals take turns in different shifts in this city monitoring.



BPTur - Tourist Police Battalion

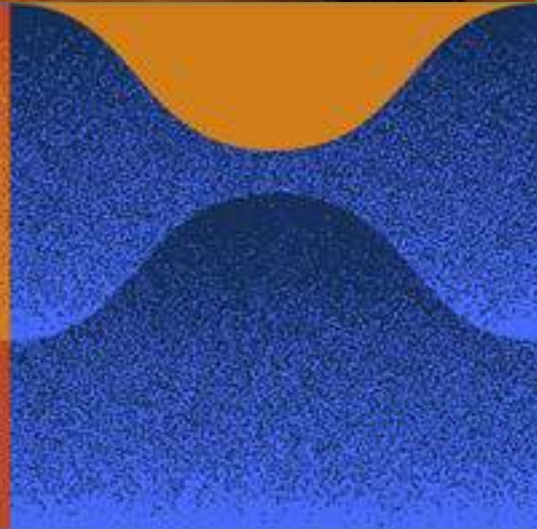
It's a special operational unit of the State of Rio de Janeiro Military Police, being the only battalion dedicated to the ostensible policing in areas of great tourist flow in the state capital. Also available to support congress and events that attract large numbers of tourists, reinforcing the policing on the region where the event takes place. In addition, amongst the government initiatives to grant security are the projects "Rio Presente" and "Rio + Seguro" which operates in areas of large tourist concentration reinforcing security with policeman and municipal guards that are retired or on day off duty.

The implementation of these two projects have been reducing considerably the number of incidents, mainly in the Downtown and South Zone areas. Also, the operation of BPTur and the increase of police force in the streets have impacted positively in the quality of life of residents and tourists. Besides all the above measures, it is usual to have security reinforcement in areas where big events are taking place. BPTur, in addition to being the battalion responsible for consular activities in Rio de Janeiro, works very closely with other specialized commands, such as expressways, highways and crowd control. All this connection between battalions of different specialties, guarantee the necessary security for events in the city.

Through the partnership established between the Rio Convention and Visitors Bureau and BPTur, it is possible to provide police reinforcement for events by analyzing each demand.

These measures will further enhance security and wellbeing of all visitors in Rio de Janeiro. It is of utmost priority to the city to provide a trouble-free and most pleasant experience to all our visitors.





9. Social/Leisure Activities

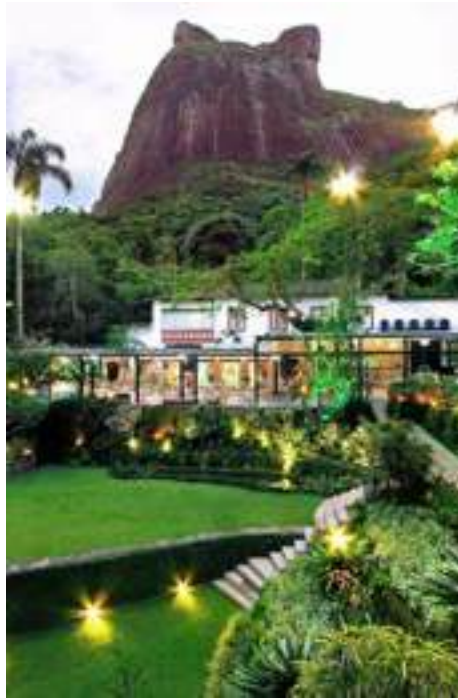
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

BARRA DA TIJUCA & SURROUNDINGS

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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[**Roxy Dinner Show**](#)



[**Sugar Loaf Mountain**](#)



[**Marina da Glória**](#)



[**Blue Note**](#)



[**Botanical Garden**](#)



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DINING OPTIONS



Academia da Cachaça
(Leblon and Barra da Tijuca)



Assador
(Flamengo Park)



Baleia Rio's
(Flamengo Park)



Bota Cucina Italiana
(Flamengo Park)



Boteco Boa Praça
(Ipanema)



Sacrilegio
(Lapa)



Casa Camolese
(Jardim Botânico)



Casa da Feijoada
(Ipanema)



Chez Claude
(Leblon)



Churrascaria Palace
(Copacabana)



Confeitaria Colombo
(Downtown)



Corrientes 348
(Glória and Barra da Tijuca)

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DINING OPTIONS



Embaixada Carioca
(Urca Mountain - Sugar Loaf)



Escama
(Jardim Botânico)



Fogo de Chão
(Botafogo and Barra da Tijuca)



Garota de Ipanema
(Ipanema)



Refettorio Gastromotiva
(Downtown)



Giuseppe Grill
(Leblon)



Maguje
(Jardim Botânico)



Meza Bar
(Botafogo)



Territorio Aprazível
(Santa Teresa)



Mesa do Lado
(Leblon)



Páreo
(Gávea)



Toca da Traíra
(Barra da Tijuca e Botafogo)

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Christ the Redeemer

From the top of Corcovado Hill, amidst a stunning urban forest, the imposing statue of Christ the Redeemer reigns supreme. It's no wonder that Christ, the largest Art Deco sculpture in the world, is listed among the New Seven Wonders of the World. As the city's iconic symbol, it stands with open arms, welcoming visitors to Rio de Janeiro.

To reach the statue, which stands 38 meters tall at an altitude of 710 meters, you have two options: a delightful train ride that winds through the Atlantic Forest from the Cosme Velho neighborhood, or a trip via authorized vans that travel along the Paineiras Road. Regardless of your choice, the view is breathtaking.

[Learn More](#)



Sugar Loaf

The cable car ride connecting the Urca and Sugarloaf Mountains is a must-do in the city. From here, you'll be treated to a stunning view that includes Botafogo Bay, Copacabana Beach, and the entrance to Guanabara Bay. At 395 meters above sea level, Sugarloaf Mountain offers additional perspectives of the city, including Pedra da Gávea, downtown Rio, Copacabana Beach, and the Christ the Redeemer statue.

To enhance your visit, there are dining and entertainment options available, panoramic helicopter tours, and a large amphitheater on Urca Hill that hosts concerts and events, all set against the breathtaking cityscape.

[Learn More](#)



Maracanã Stadium

Maracanã Stadium has hosted some of the most important matches in Brazilian football history and has seen many significant international moments. As the venue for the 1950 and 2014 World Cup finals, it is open for tours every day. The Football Museum, located on the ground floor of the stadium, features treasures that will delight football enthusiasts. Inside, you'll find a collection of jerseys, cleats, and a walk of fame. There are many surprises awaiting you!

[Learn More](#)



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Lapa Arches and Santa Teresa district

Located in the Largo da Lapa Square, the center of Rio's turn-of-the-century nightlife, the Lapa Arches hold their place in history as the most monumental work undertaken in colonial Rio. This magnificent structure contains 42 arches in two tiers. Originally built as an aqueduct to supply the city with water, today they carry another outstanding attraction: the scenic tramlines linking the Carioca Station downtown to the picturesque Santa Teresa district, a vibrant artistic community, with a great range of bars, restaurants, museums, cultural centers and artist's studios.



Rio's BioPark

Located in Quinta da Boa Vista, an area formerly owned by the imperial family, the former Rio de Janeiro zoo is now known as BioParque do Rio. It has undergone a major renovation, transforming from a traditional exhibit-based zoo into a modern Biodiversity Conservation Center. With key programs focused on education and research, the revamped BioParque ensures animal welfare while combining environmental education with visitor comfort.

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Tijuca National Park

Rio's largest park is the Tijuca National Park, covering 3,300 hectares, and including Tijuca Forest. The Park is the largest urban forest in the world. As you look up at the Corcovado from the Lagoa, the mass of greenery clinging to the edge of the mountain and stretching miles to your left, is the Tijuca National Park. Roads run through the entire length of the park allowing visitors to enjoy its many natural wonders, and at the weekend some of the routes become pedestrian only. The most well-known part of the park is the Tijuca Forest which is reached from Alto da Boa Vista, accessible from all parts of the city.

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Botanical Garden

Created in 1808 by D. João VI of Portugal, the Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden is famous for the exuberance and the scientific importance of its plant collection, as well as for the beauty of its landscapes. Its bicentennial history is expressed in its monuments, buildings and artworks. The visitors can walk along the alleys or rent an electric car to see plants from all over the world, visit the greenhouses (Orchids, Bromeliads, Ferns, Insectivorous Plants) and the thematic collections and gardens, like the Japanese Garden, created in 1935 from the donation of 65 species of typical Japanese plants.

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Lage Park

Originally a sugar mill, the park is a significant part of the city's historical heritage. Notable features include imperial palm trees, artificial lakes and islands, and caves with aquariums embedded in their walls that house various fish species. In the central courtyard of the mansion, near the pool, there is a bistro where you can enjoy meals while attending the art and music events held at the venue throughout the year.

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Pedra Branca State Park

Located in the West Zone of the city, this park is one of the largest urban natural parks in the world. Established in 1974, it is covered with typical Atlantic Forest vegetation and spans an area four times larger than Tijuca National Park (equivalent to 12,500 Maracanã stadiums). It is home to the highest point in the city, Pico da Pedra Branca, which stands at 1,024 meters. The park serves the residents of Rio de Janeiro by supplying important reservoirs: Pau da Fome, Camorim, Texas, and Engenho Novo. Additionally, Pedra Branca offers a variety of trails and ecological tours.



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Catacumba Park

Situated by Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas in an area reforested in the 1970s, the park boasts a diverse range of plant life. In the lower section, paved paths, small stone-paved plazas, and sculpture displays create an ideal setting for walks and picnics. In contrast, the upper section features denser forested areas where a 600-meter trail leads to a beautiful viewpoint. The park also offers various activities such as tree climbing, rappelling, zip-lining, and a climbing wall.



Museum of Tomorrow

Museum of Tomorrow is an Applied Sciences museum which explores the opportunities and challenges which humanity will be forced to tackle in the coming decades from the perspective of sustainability and conviviality. It was conceived to be the first of a new generation of science museums around the world exploring possibilities by using audiovisuals, interactive installations and games. The museum's building was designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, whose style brings together technique, functionality and beauty based on the observation of nature.

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MAR - Rio's Museum of Art

MAR is located in Praça Mauá, in two buildings with both heterogeneous and interconnected profiles: the Dom João VI Mansion, listed and eclectic, which houses the exhibition rooms, and the neighbouring building, in a modernist style – originally a bus station – where the Escola do Olhar is situated. Its exhibitions unite historical and contemporary dimensions of art through national and international exhibitions of long and short duration.

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SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

AquaRio

With 26,000 m² of built area and 4.5 million liters of water, AquaRio is the largest marine aquarium in South America with 8,000 animals from 350 different species on display. Lots of unprecedented attractions, grandiose enclosures and tanks and all the necessary infrastructure provide educational and entertainment to the public. In addition, there are another 24 secondary tanks and specific areas where the public, especially children, can interact with some of the exposed animals.

[Learn More](#)



Yup Star Rio

With 88 meters high, 54 air-conditioned gondolas with capacity for up to eight people and accessible for people with disabilities, the Ferris wheel is definitely part of the city's postcards. Located in Porto Maravilha on Orla Conde – very close to AquaRio – Rio Star takes around 20 minutes to go around and can provide a beautiful view of the wonderful city for up to 432 people at the same time.

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Mural Etnias

As you stroll through Boulevard Olímpico, you'll have the opportunity to marvel at the "Mural Etnias" by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra. This is the largest graffiti mural in the world, standing 15 meters high and stretching 170 meters long. Created to celebrate the gathering of people from around the globe during the 2016 Olympic Games, the mural features images of representatives from all five continents.



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION

Flamengo Park

Known as one of the city's largest recreational areas, this vast green space connects downtown to the South Zone, beginning at Santos Dumont Airport, passing through the neighborhoods of Flamengo and Glória, and extending to the edge of Botafogo. Designed by landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx, the park features a diverse range of flora, including both native and exotic species, as well as an extensive bike path. It is a popular spot on weekends for sports activities.



Barra da Tijuca and surroundings

Located in the West Zone of Rio, this area boasts major international hotel chains, modern shopping centers, state-of-the-art cinemas, and acclaimed restaurants, among other attractions. Culture is also a highlight, with the Cidade das Artes, the largest cultural space in Rio, situated here. Nearby, the Pontal Museum is considered the largest and most significant folk art museum in the country. Its collection, the result of 45 years of research and travels throughout Brazil by French designer Jacques Van de Beuque, is composed of approximately 9,000 pieces from 300 Brazilian artists, produced from the 20th century onwards. Additionally, the extensive Barra da Tijuca beach is another significant feature of the area.



Beaches

Rio de Janeiro's coastline is renowned for its diverse beaches, each with unique characteristics. Leme, an extension of Copacabana, features calm waters ideal for swimming. Copacabana itself, famous for its mosaic sidewalks, is bustling with bars, kiosks, hotels, and restaurants, and invites leisurely strolls along its shore. Moving along the coast, Arpoador, Ipanema, and Leblon beaches stretch for another 4,000 meters. These spots are popular for surfing, enjoying sunsets, and are famously featured in the song "Girl from Ipanema."

São Conrado beach is known for hang gliding, while further west, Barra da Tijuca offers 18 kilometers of golden sand, making it Rio's longest beach. Next, Recreio is noted for its rough seas, followed by a series of beautiful beaches including Prainha, Grumari, Barra de Guaratiba, Pedra de Guaratiba, and Sepetiba. Pedra de Guaratiba, with its charming fishing village, provides fresh seafood to numerous local restaurants.



Barra da Tijuca

Barra da Tijuca is a popular area in Rio de Janeiro known for its beautiful beaches and natural landscapes.

It is located in the western zone of the city and offers a variety of entertainment, leisure, and cultural options for tourists. The area is also characterized by its extensive stretches of white sand and crystal-clear beaches.

Barra da Tijuca Beach is one of the main attractions of the region, stretching over 18 kilometers. It is popular among surfers and kitesurfers, and features numerous bars and kiosks that create a lively atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing day under the sun and by the sea.

Barra da Tijuca offers shopping options such as Barra Shopping, one of the largest shopping centers in Latin America, and Village Mall, a luxury shopping center. It is also a perfect place for sports enthusiasts, with various activities like cycling, running, surfing, and stand-up paddleboarding.

Finally, the Barra da Tijuca area is also known for its diverse gastronomy, with a wide variety of restaurants offering everything from traditional Brazilian cuisine to international and sophisticated options.

In summary, Barra da Tijuca and its surroundings are a complete tourist destination, offering paradise-like beaches, preserved natural areas, leisure, entertainment, and cultural options, as well as diverse and high-quality gastronomy. It is a must-visit place for those who want to experience the best of Rio de Janeiro.



SIGHTSEEING & EXCURSION SURROUNDINGS

NITERÓI (Metropolitan Region)

It is a city known for its beautiful beaches and for being home to the MAC - Museum of Contemporary Art of Niterói. Designed by renowned architect Oscar Niemeyer, the museum is a work of art in itself, with its flying saucer-shaped architecture and a privileged view of Guanabara Bay. The museum's collection includes works by important Brazilian and international artists that attract visitors from all over the world.



PETRÓPOLIS (Imperial Green Mountains)

Also known as the "Imperial City", it is located 68 kilometers northeast of the city of Rio de Janeiro. The name of the city ("Pedro's city") honors Pedro II, the last emperor of Brazil, who is buried in the Cathedral of São Pedro de Alcântara.



VALE DO CAFÉ (Coffee Valley)

The nobility of its farms and large colonial houses complement the landscape with a welcoming atmosphere and pleasant climate. The region offers visitors an excellent climate and a historical journey through Rio de Janeiro through its rural architecture - large colonial houses, farms and slave houses - a rich cultural heritage that is worth visiting and exploring.



ARMAÇÃO DOS BÚZIOS (Sun Coast)

Known simply as Búzios, it is a tourist town located 173 km east of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Búzios remained virtually unknown until 1964, when French actress Brigitte Bardot visited the small village. Since then, Búzios has become popular among Rio's high society, who wanted to escape the urban life of Rio de Janeiro and enjoy the more than 23 beaches that the peninsula has to offer.



ARRAIAL DO CABO (Sun Coast)

It is a true paradise of breathtaking beauty. The pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters provide a stunning backdrop for relaxing or adventurous activities such as diving and snorkeling. The charming atmosphere of a fishing village, surrounded by lush green mountains, adds a touch of authenticity to this Brazilian gem. A visit to Arraial do Cabo is an unforgettable experience.



CABO FRIO (Sun Coast)

It is a beautiful coastal city with a rich history and incredible natural beauty. Its crystal clear waters and golden sand beaches attract visitors from all over the world. The historic downtown area is filled with charming colonial architecture and delicious restaurants. Cabo Frio is also home to a diverse range of wildlife, including sea turtles and dolphins, making it an ideal destination for nature lovers.



SAQUAREMA (Sun Coast)

The title of national surfing capital is perfect for Saquarema - on Itaúna beach, waves reach up to three meters high, ensuring that the city has hosted world competitions since the 1970s. The rough seas, however, do not discourage families who come in search of the fine white sands and the beautiful landscape formed by many lagoons. To see it all at once, head to the small church of Nossa Senhora de Nazaré, on top of the hill that divides Itaúna from Vila beach.



ILHA GRANDE (Green Coast)

It is an island located off the coast of the state of Rio de Janeiro. The island, which is part of the municipality of Angra dos Reis, remains largely unexplored. It is a popular tourist destination, known for its scenic beauty, pristine tropical beaches, lush vegetation, and rugged landscape.



PARATY (Green Coast)

It is a charming colonial town surrounded by lush green mountains and sparkling blue sea. The town is known for its cobblestone streets, colorful buildings and historic churches, offering a glimpse into the country's rich cultural heritage. In 2019, Paraty's historic center was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



The vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro offers countless possibilities of **exclusive experiences**, each showcasing unique adventures that are exclusive to its dynamic landscapes. Whether it's indulging in a **sunrise breakfast** at the iconic **Christ the Redeemer** statue, enjoying a **sunset cocktail** against the backdrop of **Sugarloaf** Mountain's breathtaking vistas, or luxuriating on a **private yacht** in Guanabara Bay, Rio's visual splendor provides an unmatched setting for unforgettable moments. A private **helicopter tour** above the cityscape reveals its breathtaking beauty from a unique perspective, allowing visitors to absorb the captivating interplay between urban life and nature that defines Rio.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Immersive experiences abound, with the opportunity to learn about **samba** and the history of "**carnaval**" in a private tour at a traditional samba school, with local performers, capturing the rhythm and soul of Brazilian culture firsthand. The **culinary scene** entices with an immersive journey through Brazilian cuisine. Indulge in the offerings of renowned Brazilian BBQ establishments, featuring exceptional cuts of meat, and savor the distinct flavors of specialty seafood dishes like the beloved "moqueca" at local eateries. Embracing contemporary tastes, you'll find modern variations such as vegan alternatives to our traditional "feijoada," all accompanied by the globally celebrated caipirinha. This rich culinary tapestry allows you to relish the diverse and captivating flavors that define the allure of Brazilian cuisine. In Rio de Janeiro, the possibilities are as diverse as they are enchanting, ensuring that an event in this captivating city will be filled with once-in-a-lifetime encounters that are truly unique to Rio's enchanting charm.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Rio de Janeiro, known for its vibrant social scene and spirit of respect, places growing importance on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). One of the communities receiving special attention in this regard is the LGBTQIAPN+ community. Many commercial establishments and public spaces in the city are recognized as inclusive and safe environments for LGBTQIAPN+ individuals, reflecting the city's commitment to embracing all identities.

Nevertheless, diversity in Rio de Janeiro extends far beyond the LGBTQIAPN+ community. The city is a microcosm of Brazil's vast religious diversity, where various faiths coexist and are respected. From African-derived religions like Candomblé and Umbanda to Catholicism, Protestantism, and other spiritual practices, Rio celebrates a rich tapestry of beliefs. This religious pluralism is a testament to the city's broader commitment to fostering a culture of mutual respect and inclusion.

The commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion must transcend being a mere trend or occasional initiative; it should be embedded as a core value in society.



Promoting inclusivity and equality should be an ongoing effort, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, religion, or other characteristics—are respected and afforded equal opportunities. Rio de Janeiro serves as a positive example of how DEI principles can be seamlessly integrated into the cultural and social fabric of a city, welcoming and equitable for all people, regardless of their differences.



Afrotourism: Rio, a city connected to its ancestry

Rio de Janeiro is one of the largest urban centers in Brazil and carries a strong influence from African culture, reflected in its music, cuisine, religiosity, and architecture. The city is a true point of connection with African heritage, home to important historical landmarks such as the Cemitério dos Pretos Novos (Cemetery of New Blacks), the Museum of Samba, and Pedra do Sal, which serve as living testimonies of the history of slavery and Afro-Brazilian resistance.

In addition, Rio is known for hosting the largest number of Candomblé temples in Brazil and for being the stage for cultural manifestations such as samba and capoeira, which have their origins in African traditions. Tours that explore these influences, such as visits to quilombola communities and Afro-Brazilian neighborhoods like Saúde and Santo Cristo, offer an authentic and educational experience, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in Afro-Brazilian culture and history.

Afro-tourism in Rio de Janeiro is a movement to reclaim the history of Black people in Brazil,



emphasizing their significant contributions to the formation of both Carioca and Brazilian identity. It is an opportunity to experience the city's history, recognizing the importance of African culture in its diversity and richness. By exploring these spaces, visitors not only learn about the past but also experience the continuity of a heritage that remains alive at the heart of the city, in the sounds of samba, dances, religious festivals, and cuisine.







10. Professional Assistance

Wishing to provide a high quality technical scientific content to the **2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress**, the Brazilian Society for Surgery of Hand (SBCM) will rely on a partner Professional Congress Organizer who will answer for the strategic and operational planning of the event. This solution was adopted intending to deliver, besides the full-time engagement of SBCM – in content, jointly with IFSSH&IFSHT, a professional event organization.

The experience of the partner company and quality of the operational and administrative services offered are critical factors to this choice. Companies specializing in event organization are fully aware of the specific needs of each congress, thus generating significant benefits to the event. Besides working with a focused and strategic approach, on a daily basis, the deal with partner suppliers fully prepared to meet the requirements of any scenario.

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) is proud to recommend **ATEP Events** as the Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) for the **2031 IFSSH and IFSHT Triennial Congress**. This recommendation stems from a strong and successful partnership, as well as ATEP Events' proven expertise in organizing numerous national events for SBCM.

Notably, ATEP Events has been responsible for the effective organization of the prestigious Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery from 2011 through to the upcoming edition in 2025. Their consistent professionalism and dedication make them a reliable choice for the upcoming international congress.

About ATEP Events

ATEP Eventos is a privately held, independent organization led by a team of professional women with over 20 years of experience in the events industry. The company provides comprehensive support for organizing congresses and events of all sizes, ranging from small gatherings to large-scale conferences. With expertise spanning planning, organization, and execution, ATEP Eventos is committed to delivering excellence. Their approach combines cutting-edge technology with personalized, human-centered service, ensuring a seamless and memorable experience for every event.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Bearing in mind the financial health of the event, ATEP Events has already prepared a draft proposal, encompassing full congress management, before, during and after the event. The project includes:

- Complete conference advice, consultancy and ongoing coordination with the Conference Organizers.
- Management of scientific content: services to speakers, hospitality and timely accurate information to ensure top quality participation and management of the VIP lounge.
- Management of registrations and papers: management of the registration and technical-scientific paper submission system.
- Venue liaison and review of hotel contracts to assure compliance with cut-off dates and other details.
- Development and monitoring of the meeting budget. Financial management providing financial reports for each event and for the meeting as a whole; review all bills and verification of accuracy for payment.
- Sponsor and Exhibit Sale: identify key messages – why should a company sponsor, how to boost exhibition sales, identify potential sponsors – who would sponsor, and the tools and channels – how to communicate to the sponsors.
- Sponsor and Exhibit Management: ATEP will provide full administrative and logistical support to your sponsors. We will develop the sponsorship prospectus and draft sponsorship agreements while our team will implement pre-event sponsorship benefits and on-site sponsorship benefits to ensure that their expectations are met and that they receive commensurate returns for their investment.
- Catering management providing creative food and beverage within the meeting budget. Develop detailed written specifications for hotel reviewing banquet event orders.

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

- Management of deadlines as well as function space assignment, appropriate room setup, audiovisual needs, phone lines, office equipment, security arrangements, signage ordering and placement, guest amenities, floral arrangements, photographer, and specific entertainment if required.
- Recommendations for suppliers based on research and experience, as required by the event.
- Delegate Liaison: All design, production, and distribution of pre-program materials for participants, including confirmation letters, maps, event information, tickets/passes to program events as needed.
- Assistance with other program materials as required e.g. participant packets, evaluation, program booklets and post-conference follow-up materials.
- Assistance with some on-site aspects of the poster set-up and poster boards.
- Onsite services (registration desk, coordination of staff members, speaker ready room, miscellaneous personnel as needed, coordination of ground transportation, signage, etc.).
- Coordination and supervision of the travel agency supplier regarding ground transportation services (and flights and visas, if necessary).
- Assistance with visa letters to delegates and participants. (Preparation and sending the visa letter for participants to apply directly at the consulate in their country.)
- Post conference reports with complete data of attendance, financial reports, review of final bills and pictures.

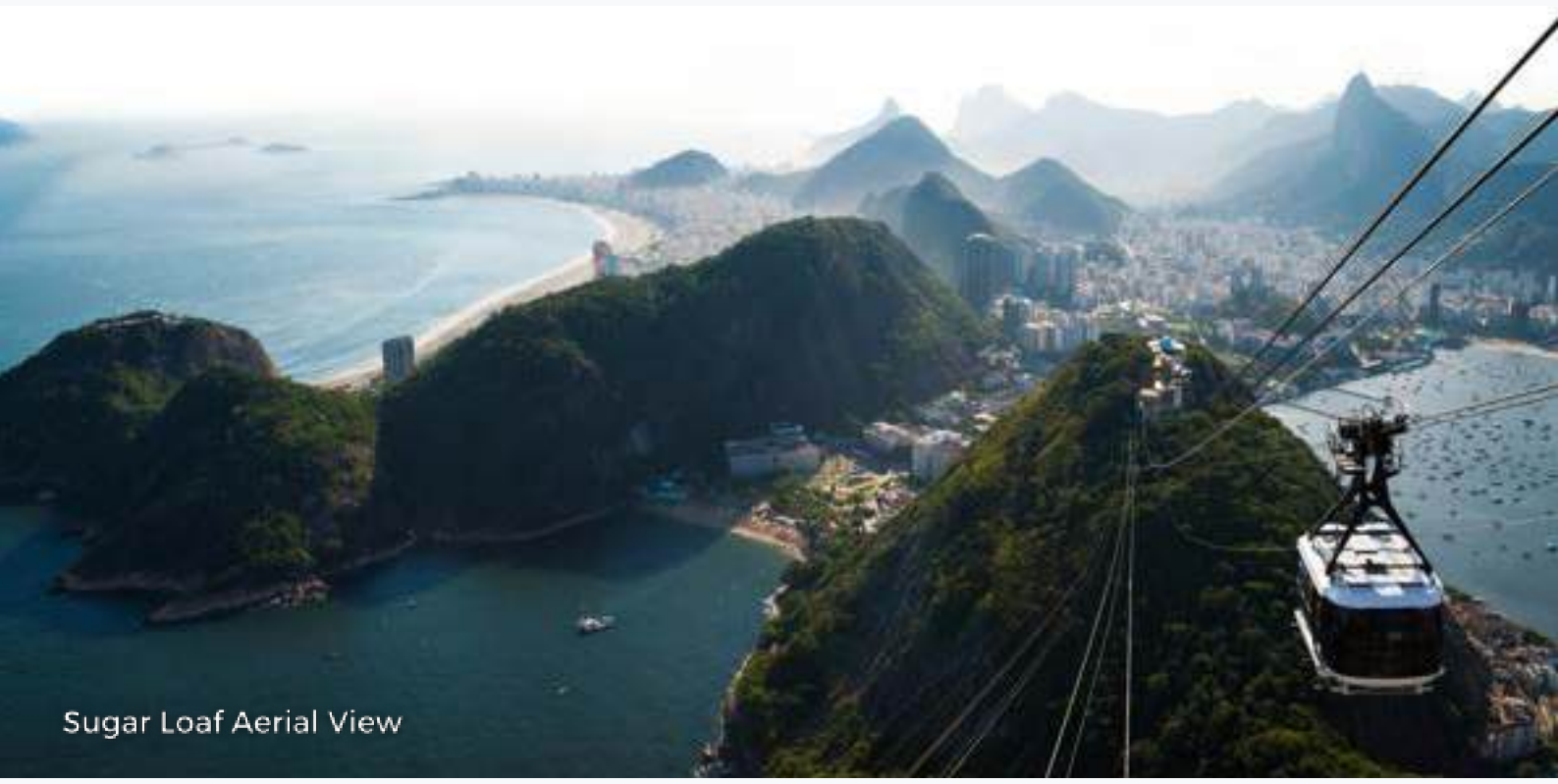
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Among the services offered by Lunestur, we highlight:

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- An electronic ticket ("e-ticket") issuance system with all airlines that offer this service.
- A reservation and information system for hotels in Brazil and abroad.
- Car rental services in Brazil and abroad.
- Airport/hotel/airport transfer services, city tours, and specific interest excursions.
- Preparation of national and international travel packages for individuals, families, groups, and companies in general.



Sugar Loaf Aerial View

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We have a multidisciplinary team with complementary skills, integrating technical rigor with creativity and analytical capacity to propose customized solutions to clients. Furthermore, our structure and professionals are fully integrated into the digital transformation, and our services incorporate the full potential of the latest innovations and technologies.

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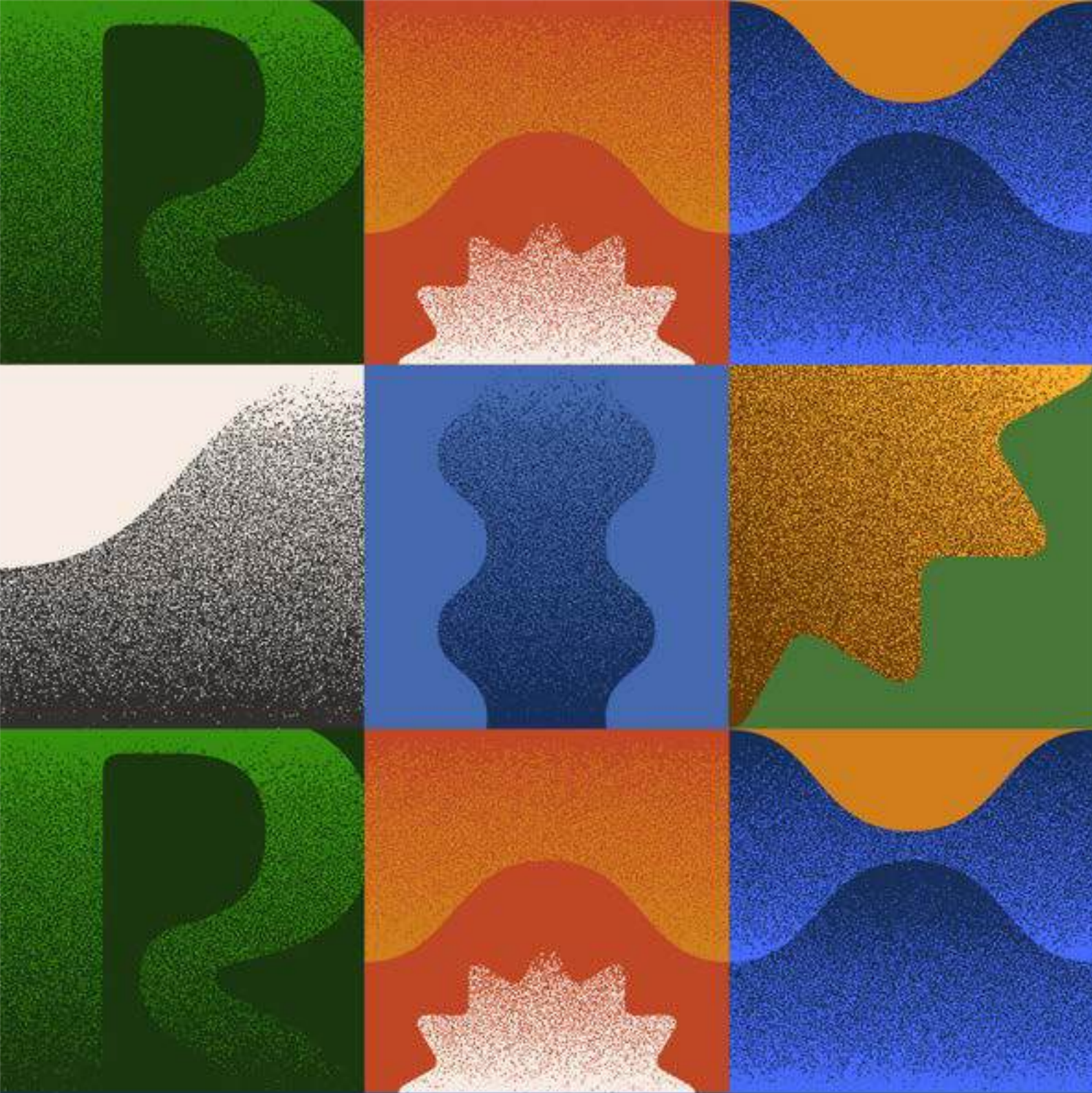
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Help on procedures for exhibitors
and registrants



Sartori Eventos is engaged in the planning, organization, management, and execution of Medical-Scientific Congresses and Corporate Events. We develop unique projects with expertise in every detail.

Based in São Paulo, Sartori Eventos was founded in 2007 and is led by professionals with over 20 years of experience in the events market. Our work is complemented by the experience and competence of professionals with a cohesive and agile structure, who, through their technical background, offer clients the satisfaction and return expected from the project.

The main focus of Sartori Eventos is its commitment to clients and constant investment in suppliers and technology. The pursuit of client satisfaction is the primary objective of Sartori Eventos, which provides tailored solutions to meet your exact needs.



11. Support Letters

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO



Rio de Janeiro, November 01st, 2024.

Hon.

Dr. Daniel Nagle, MD

President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

Ref.: 18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH Congress 2031

Dear Dr. Nagle,

The city of Rio de Janeiro expresses its enthusiasm for the candidacy of Rio de Janeiro as the host city for the **18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH Congress in 2031**. As a destination that values and encourages the development of the events industry, we recognize the importance of hosting such an important event.

Rio de Janeiro's candidacy for this event is based on the city's capacity for tourism. We are proud to boast a significant hotel infrastructure, quality tourism services, and varied opportunities for entertainment, leisure, and gastronomy. We believe that hosting the **IFSSH Congress 2031** in Rio de Janeiro will provide a unique opportunity to showcase our city to the world, while also contributing to the advancement of the field of the hand surgery.

Therefore, the Rio de Janeiro City Hall is pleased to express its Institutional Support for the **2031** edition for the city of Rio de Janeiro. It is important to note that our support does not imply any obligation for sponsorship or any nature of Public Administration.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the IFSSH Congress participants in Rio de Janeiro and to showcase the art of hospitality of the cariocas.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Paes
Mayor of Rio de Janeiro

LETTER FROM THE BRAZILIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURISM PROMOTION



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Ofício nº 24/2024/CCPE/GNEI/DMINS/PRESI-EMBRATUR

Brasília, 25 de novembro de 2024.

To: Dr. Daniel Nagle, MD

President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

Re: 18º Congress of the Intl Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH.

Respectfully, we address International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand with the purpose of formally supporting the international event 18º Congress of the Intl Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH which is in the process of being raised for Brazil, to be held in 2031.

It is our conviction that the Brazil have all the necessary conditions to host this event, which currently constitutes one of the most important meetings in the sector.

We believe that the 18º Congress of the Intl Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH plays an important role when it comes to international events to exchange knowledge, share the latest advances and discuss innovative solutions in the field of surgery of the hand. Furthermore, when they take place in internationally recognized environments in Brazil, all participants benefit from the experience, including the events themselves, which will have greater possibilities of increasing the number of registrations.

Brazil leads the ICCA (International Congress & Convention Association) Ranking in Latin America with the largest number of international events held in 2023, ranking 20th worldwide. Furthermore, there are approximately a 1.100 doctors specialized in surgery of the hand, according to the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery, there are 18 residency courses in this specialty in Brazil. This confirms that Brazil has experience in holding international events, with a portfolio of large convention centers, superior category hotels with spaces to host events and congresses, as well as unique experiences in incredible places.

Currently, Brazil has six UNESCO Global Geoparks, in addition to 24 world heritage sites, 35 educational and research institutions that are part of UNITWIN/UNESCO, 14 Brazilian cities that are members of the Creative Cities Network, 7 biosphere reserves, 7 elements of intangible cultural heritage and 560 schools associated with the UNESCO network. We highlight Rio de Janeiro as a destination that brings together the joy of the Brazilian people, cultural mix, the incredible UNESCO Geopark, an iconic place with sustainable practices and home to one of the seven wonders of the world (Christ – The Redeemer), gives the events a powerful legacy that offers participants an experience of a lifetime. It is a destination where you can find and combine the excellence of nature, the environment, a peaceful cultural mix and excellent expertise in promoting events with a qualified scientific network. Rio has established itself as a global benchmark for urban innovation, with vibrant and resilient communities that have flourished. It also houses the Federal University of Rio

de Janeiro, internationally recognized for the quality of its teaching, as well as other large universities, such as the Universidade Federal Fluminense, the State University of Rio de Janeiro and PUC Rio.

Some of these Universities have professors specialists in orthopedics and traumatology courses, which will help to enhance the dissemination of knowledge generated to the community involved, if the event takes place in Rio de Janeiro.

In addition to universities offering orthopedics and traumatology courses, Rio de Janeiro is home to the Jamil Haddad National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics (INTO), an agency directly administered by the Ministry of Health, a reference in the country for highly complex orthopedic surgical treatment, and one of the most renowned medical residency courses in hand surgery, which is also designed to exclusively serve patients of the Brazilian Unified Health System (SUS). INTO is currently the only Brazilian hospital to be a member of the International Society of Orthopedic Centers (ISOC), which brings together the 19 best orthopedic centers in the world.

Embratur reinforces the importance of research and medical residency courses in hand surgery to complement our large free and universal health network - SUS. The 18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH has much to contribute to the entire Brazilian population that receives hand surgery and treatment 100% free of charge.

It is important to highlight that Brazil and the local community are completely motivated by this opportunity, counting on the engagement of sector entities, the Visit Rio Convention Bureau and the entire trade in the region organized to welcome participants to their event.

We appointed the Visit Rio Convention Bureau as our official coordinator with Embratur, exclusively for the operational procedures to facilitate support for this event.

We thank you for your attention and promptness, and offer our wishes of the highest esteem and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Marcelo Freixo
President EMBRATUR



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LETTER FROM THE LOCAL CONVENTION BUREAU



Rio de Janeiro, November 01st, 2024.

Hon.

Dr. Daniel Nagle, MD

President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand

Ref.: 18th Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - IFSSH Congress 2031

Dear Dr. Nagle,

We were truly pleased to know that the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand is considering the possibility of holding the **IFSSH Congress 2031** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Visit Rio Convention Bureau, representing the entire tourist industry in our city, will feel extremely honored if the city is selected to host the event.

Rio de Janeiro is a cosmopolitan city with 6.2 million inhabitants. Its International Airport, the gateway to Brazil from major countries around the world, currently operates with 23 direct flights to international destinations, in addition to flights to the main Brazilian capitals. Rio has an extensive hotel network with approximately 42,500 rooms in different categories.

The city has well-equipped convention centers, including Riocentro, one of the largest in Latin America. With qualified services, experienced professionals, and all the necessary and suitable infrastructure, Rio de Janeiro is an ideal destination for hosting events, where visitors can also enjoy the lush natural and architectural beauty, significant cultural heritage, culinary diversity, and the unique hospitality of the *Cariocas*.

The Visit Rio Convention Bureau offers institutional support for this event to be held in our city and it is certain that it will be a great success.

Sincerely,

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Carlos Werneck,
Executive President

A decorative banner at the bottom of the page with a colorful, abstract background of green, orange, blue, and white shapes. It contains contact information for the Visit Rio Convention Bureau.

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LETTER FROM THE BRAZILIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – AMB



OF/PRES/AMB/139/2024

Sao Paulo
December 12, 2024

To
Antonio Carlos da Costa
President
Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM)

Subject: Support for the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM) to host the World Congress on Hand Surgery in 2031.

Dear President,

With my warmest regards, I am writing to express my appreciation for the initiative to launch Brazil's candidacy to host the World Congress on Hand Surgery in 2031 in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The importance of this event in the international medical-scientific landscape is widely recognized, representing a unique opportunity to elevate the specialty both within the country and beyond its borders.

The Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH), along with the simultaneous event of the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy (IFSHT), not only highlights the relevance of technical and scientific advancements in the field but also promotes the exchange of knowledge among specialists from different nations. Without a doubt, hosting them in Brazil will mark a significant milestone and bring immense benefits for the training of our professionals and for the Brazilian medical community as a whole, consolidating the country as a center of excellence and reference in hand surgery.

Based on the ideals that guide the Brazilian Medical Association (AMB) to foster education, innovation, and integration in the medical field, I express my total and unconditional support for the candidacy presented by the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM). I am convinced that Brazil has the full capacity to organize and provide high-standard infrastructure for an event of this magnitude, and that the choice of Rio de Janeiro reflects the potential, cultural richness, and hospitality we can offer to delegates from all continents.

Furthermore, holding the congress on our territory will be instrumental in strengthening international cooperative ties and promoting discussions on innovative practices within the field of hand surgery and therapy. This context will allow Brazilian professionals, in partnership with their international colleagues, to have direct contact with the latest practices and contribute to the advancement of medical and technological solutions that will transform lives.

I reiterate my enthusiastic recommendation for Brazil's proposal to be supported by the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand. I am available to endorse the



necessary institutional support, as well as to collaborate on any other initiatives that may strengthen the Brazilian candidacy.

I am confident that this effort will receive the appreciation and approval of the representatives of the international federations. I thank you in advance for the excellent work of the SBCM and for the dedication of your team in leading this important project.

Warm regards,

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CÉSAR EDUARDO FERNANDES
President
Brazilian Medical Association (AMB)

**LETTERS FROM THE BRAZILIAN MEDICAL SOCIETIES OF
ORTHOPEDICS AND TRAUMATOLOGY, RECONSTRUCTIVE
MICROSURGERY, AND BONE RECONSTRUCTION AND LENGTHENING**



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To the Esteemed Mr. Dr. Antonio Carlos da Costa President of the
Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM)

Dear Doctor,

We would like to congratulate the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the
Hand (SBCM) on the selection of Rio de Janeiro as the proposed host
city for the World Congress of Hand Surgery in 2031.

We recognize the positive impact that this congress will bring to the
development of Hand Surgery in Brazil, in addition to strengthening
the education of doctors and encouraging scientific and technological
innovation.

Thus, we express our full support for SBCM's bid to host the Congress
of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand
(IFS5H) and the Congress of the International Federation of Societies
for Hand Therapy (IFSHT) in 2031.

We are available to contribute as needed and reinforce our
commitment to the success of this important initiative.

São Paulo, December 11, 2024

Sincerely,


Fernando Baldy dos Reis
President





SOCIEDADE BRASILEIRA DE
MICROCIRURGIA RECONSTRUTIVA

Barretos, December 09th, 2024.

To Whom it may concern,

It is with great professionalism and dedication that Brazilian Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery offers its unwavering support for the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their endeavor to host the 2031 Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).

The SBCM stands as a pillar of excellence in hand surgery, known for its innovative approaches, fostering international collaboration, and commitment to the advancement of surgical education and research. With a robust network of highly qualified surgeons and a proven history of organizing successful and impactful events, the SBCM is exceptionally prepared to host a congress that will resonate on a global scale.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress in Brazil will not only place the spotlight on the nation's rich cultural heritage and renowned hospitality but also facilitate a significant exchange of expertise and advancements in the field of hand surgery. Brazil's strategic location and state-of-the-art conference venues are poised to provide an outstanding experience for all participants.

We firmly believe that the SBCM's dedication to progress and collaboration aligns perfectly with the IFSSH's objectives, making it an exemplary choice for the 2031 congress. We are confident that the SBCM will orchestrate a landmark event that propels the field forward and strengthens international ties among hand surgery professionals.

Thank you for considering this proposal, and we eagerly anticipate the privilege of hosting the global hand surgery community in Brazil in 2031.

Respectfully,

Carlos Gustavo Lemos Neves

President of the Brazilian Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery - SBMR

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São Paulo, 12/05/2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of ASAMI BRASIL - Associação Brasileira de Reconstrução e Alongamento Ósseo, I am writing to express our strong support for the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) Congress in 2031.

The SBCM has a long-standing tradition of excellence in the field of hand surgery, demonstrated by its commitment to advancing surgical techniques, fostering international collaboration, and promoting education and research. With a vibrant community of highly skilled surgeons and a history of successfully hosting significant national and international events, the SBCM is well-equipped to deliver a congress that will be both impactful and memorable.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress in Brazil would not only highlight the country's rich cultural heritage and hospitality but also provide an unparalleled opportunity for global knowledge exchange within the field of hand surgery. Brazil's strategic location and world-class conference facilities will ensure a seamless experience for all attendees.

We firmly believe that the SBCM's dedication to innovation and collaboration aligns perfectly with the goals of the IFSSH, making Brazil an ideal host for the 2031 congress. We are confident that the SBCM will deliver an event that will advance the field and foster connections among hand surgeons worldwide.

Thank you for considering this bid, and we look forward to the possibility of welcoming the global hand surgery community to Brazil in 2031.

Sincerely,

Fábio Lucas Rodrigues

LETTERS FROM THE ENTITIES THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PRE AND CONGRESS ACTIVITIES



To the Voting Delegate of the IFSSH

Basel, December 11, 2024

**Support for the Bid of the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery
to Host the IFSSH Congress 2031**

Dear Delegate,

On behalf of IBRA (International Bone Research Association), it is a privilege to extend our support to the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro.

IBRA has a proud history of participating in congresses and other events that have consistently fostered international collaboration and the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge in hand surgery. Over the years, we have been honored to conduct scientific events with many Brazilian hand surgeons in collaboration with the Brazilian Hand Society.

The opportunity to host the IFSSH Congress in Rio de Janeiro presents an excellent platform to continue these collaborative efforts and highlight the dynamic advancements in the field. SBCM, with its proven track record of organizing impactful events, is well equipped to deliver a congress that will inspire and unite the global hand surgery community.

We are confident that this congress will provide a unique environment for learning and networking, contributing significantly to the advancement of hand surgery practices worldwide.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to supporting and participating in what promises to be an exceptional event in 2031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Vazquez", is written over a light blue circular stamp. The stamp contains the text "IBRA" and "International Bone Research Association" around its perimeter.

José-Manuel Vazquez
Executive Director
IBRA Administration Office



Dear IFSSH,

On behalf of AO Trauma, I am thrilled to extend our wholehearted support for the IFSSH Congress 2031, set to be held in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro and organized by the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM). This congress is a prestigious event that will serve as a cornerstone for the global hand surgery community, offering a unique platform for sharing pioneering research and innovative surgical techniques.

The choice of Rio de Janeiro, a city renowned for its rich culture and hospitality, promises to provide an inspiring backdrop for fostering international collaboration and professional exchange. We are confident that the SBCM's expertise and dedication will ensure a successful and impactful congress.

AO Trauma is proud to support an event that aligns with our mission to advance education and research in orthopedic trauma and hand surgery. We eagerly anticipate the diverse sessions and workshops that will enhance the professional growth of all participants and contribute to the advancement of the field.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to organizing a congress that promises to be both transformative and inspiring. We look forward to the success of the IFSSH Congress 2031 and to strengthening our collaborative efforts within the global community.

Sincerely,

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Alexandre Bustamante Pallottino

Chairperson AO Trauma Brazil

AO Trauma



12/05/2024

To the Distinguished Members of the Selection Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of commitment that PULM Talks extends its full support to the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their proposal to host the 2031 Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).

With a dynamic network of accomplished surgeons and a history of hosting influential and successful events, the SBCM is well-equipped to organize a congress that will have a profound global impact.

Bringing the IFSSH Congress to Brazil would not only spotlight the country's rich cultural tapestry and exceptional hospitality but also create a unique forum for the exchange of leading-edge knowledge and practices in hand surgery. Brazil's prime location and world-class facilities promise an enriching experience for all participants.

We are confident that the SBCM's commitment to excellence and collaboration aligns seamlessly with the goals of the IFSSH, making it an outstanding candidate for the 2031 congress.

PULM Talks is thrilled to announce our participation in your congress, where we will conduct a special session. As an international group of pediatric hand surgeons, we look forward to sharing valuable insights and fostering global collaboration in the field.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to the honor of welcoming the international hand surgery community to Brazil in 2031.

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David McCombe



Latin American Wrist Association (LAWA)

Advancing Wrist Surgery and Research in Latin America

São Paulo, 19 de December de 2024

Dr. Antonio Carlos da Costa
President, Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery (SBCM)

Dear Dr. Antonio,

On behalf of the Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association (LAWA), I would like to express our gratitude for the invitation and the opportunity to contribute to the advancement of wrist arthroscopy during the 2031 World Congress of Hand Surgery (IFSSH).

We reaffirm LAWA's commitment to collaborating in the design and management of the scientific program dedicated to wrist arthroscopy, including the organization of specialized spaces for sessions, seminars, symposia, and other academic activities of significance. We are honored to participate in initiatives that foster knowledge exchange and the global progress of hand surgery.

We would like to respectfully clarify that our technical support and involvement in the creation of these specialized areas do not reflect any official preference or position of LAWA or IWAS regarding the selection of the host city for the congress. As international organizations, we value impartiality and remain equally open to supporting other candidacies from different countries in accordance with the selection process established by the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH).

We are at your disposal to collaborate and provide our expertise in the event's execution, always aiming to strengthen science and surgical practice for the benefit of the entire medical community.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Gustavo Mantovani Ruggiero
President, Latin American Wrist Arthroscopy Association (LAWA)

Acknowledged by:
Dr. Martin Caloia
President, IWAS

LETTERS FROM LOCAL INSTITUTIONS THAT OFFER TO HOST THE PRE-CONGRESS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP



GOVERNO DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO
UNIVERSIDADE DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO
FACULDADE DE CIÊNCIAS MÉDICAS
HOSPITAL UNIVERSITÁRIO PEDRO ERNESTO

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 11, 2024

To the IFSSH

On behalf of the Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), I am honored to express our enthusiastic support for the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

UERJ has a proud history of excellence in medical education and training, particularly in the field of hand surgery. Many skilled hand surgeons practicing in Rio de Janeiro and beyond have received their foundational education and advanced training at our institution. Our commitment to fostering high standards of surgical practice and research has contributed to developing a strong community of hand surgeons equipped to lead and innovate.

In addition, UERJ is prepared to host candidates for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, offering them a unique opportunity to engage with our expert faculty and experience firsthand the advanced surgical techniques and research conducted at our institution.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress in Rio de Janeiro would not only highlight the city's cultural and scientific offerings but also showcase the expertise and contributions of our local surgical community. The SBCM, supported by institutions like UERJ, is well-equipped to deliver a congress that will inspire and advance the global field of hand surgery.

We firmly believe that the vibrant setting of Rio de Janeiro, combined with the organizational expertise of the SBCM, will provide an exceptional environment for international collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Thank you for considering the SBCM's candidature. We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the global hand surgery community to Rio de Janeiro for an unforgettable IFSSH Congress in 2031.

Sincerely,



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Rio de Janeiro, 12 de dezembro 2024

To the IFSSH,

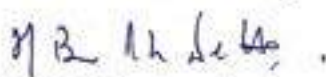
On behalf of the Hospital Federal da Lagoa, I am delighted to support the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

As an accredited center for hand surgery training, we are committed to excellence in medical education. We are prepared to welcome candidates for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, offering them exposure to our expert faculty and cutting-edge practices.

Hosting the IFSSH Congress will showcase Rio de Janeiro's cultural vibrancy and our local surgical expertise. With SBCM's leadership and our support, we are confident in delivering a transformative event for the global hand surgery community.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you to Rio de Janeiro in 2031.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr Henrique de Barros Pinto Netto

Head of the Orthopaedic and hand service of the Lagoa's Federal hospital



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To the IFSSH Congress Selection Committee,

Subject: Support for SBCM's Bid to Host the IFSSH Congress 2031

The Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia (INTO) is honored to support the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in their bid to host the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

As the largest hand surgery center in Rio de Janeiro, INTO is equipped to host international fellows for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, fostering valuable exchanges and learning opportunities. Our commitment to excellence and innovation makes us an ideal partner for this event.

We are confident that Rio's vibrant atmosphere and our advanced facilities will provide an exceptional congress experience, promoting global advancements in hand surgery.

Thank you for considering this bid. We look forward to welcoming you to Rio in 2031.

Yours sincerely,

JOSÉ PAULO GABBI ARAMBURU FILHO
Coordenador Assistencial/INTO/MS

Portaria de Pessoal GM/MS nº 547, de 07/08/2024 publicada no DOU nº 152 em 08/08/2024.

13 de dezembro de 2024

To the IFSSH,

The Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF) fully supports the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) in hosting the IFSSH Congress 2031 in Rio de Janeiro.

As an accredited center for hand surgery training, we are proud to contribute to the advancement of medical education. We are prepared to host candidates for the pre-congress traveling fellowship, providing them access to our expert faculty and state-of-the-art facilities.

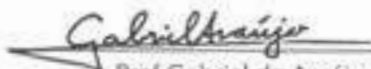
Hosting the congress in Rio de Janeiro will not only highlight the culture of our city but also our surgical expertise. Under the leadership of the SBCM, we are confident that this event will foster international collaboration and promote progress in hand surgery.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rio de Janeiro in 2031.

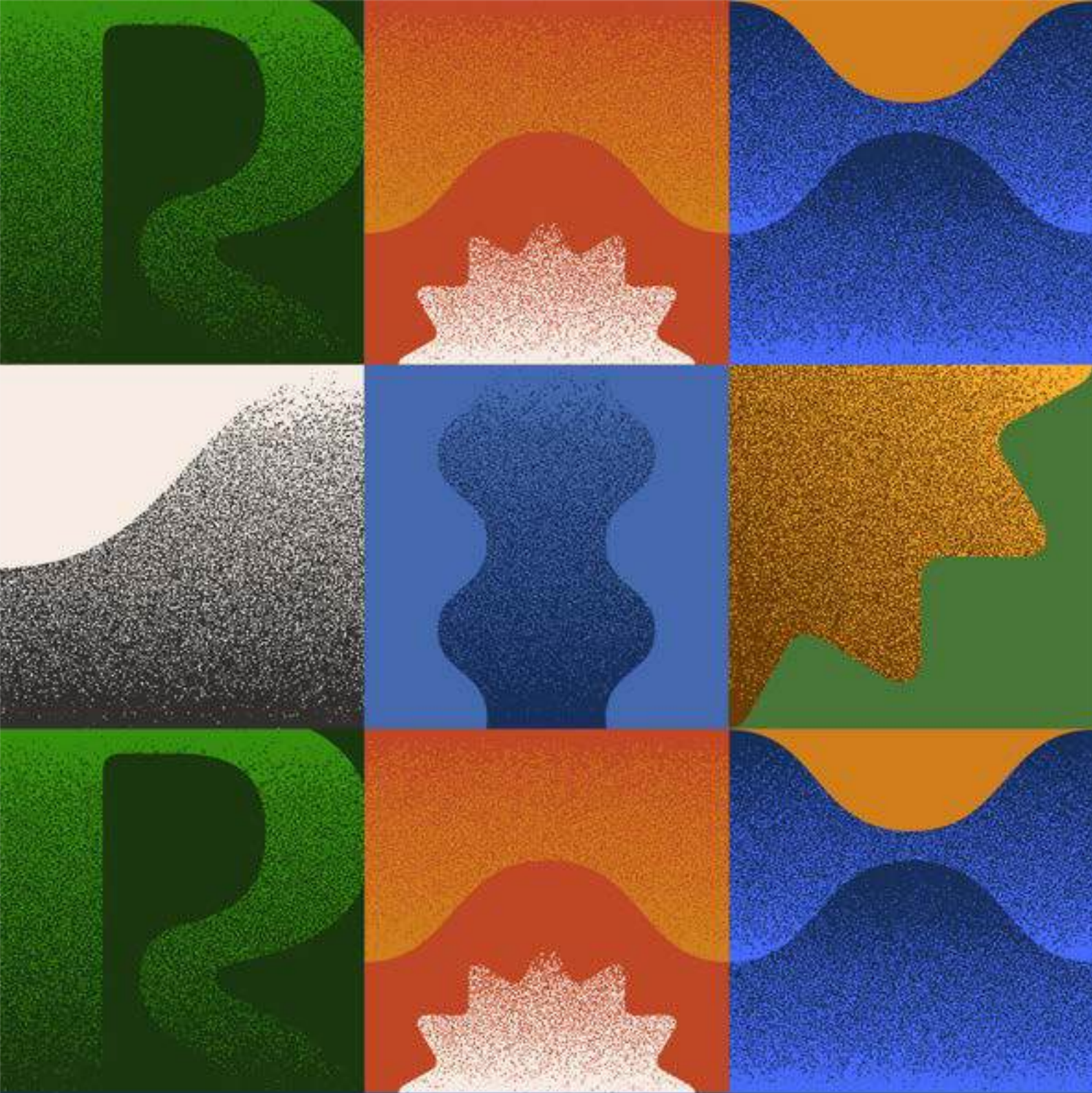
Sincerely,



Prof Dr Beni Olej
Teaching and Research Manager



Prof Gabriel de Araújo
Hand Surgery Residency Supervisor



12. Experience

The History of the SBCM

In a wartime scenario, specifically World War II, from the push given to the evolution of the techniques and medical knowledge that gave rise to the specialist area of Hand Surgery. In Brazil, being enormously influenced by their British and French colleagues, a few general and plastic surgeons performed surgery on hands, and these individuals became pioneers in the specialist area. In the period immediately following World War II, the country received visits from well-known specialists such as Guy Pulvertaft, Watson Jones, Trueta and Sterling Bunnell. These visits provided the incentive for the creation of our society.

In Rio de Janeiro on June 17, 1959, 57 doctors signed the Minutes of the Foundation of the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery. After a number of conferences and courses, the SBCM's first large-scale event was the First International Congress, held in Rio de Janeiro between 19th and 21st July, 1965. Bulcão chaired the Congress, which welcomed around 400 participants, with simultaneous translation provided for a number of different languages, whilst it also boasted the participation of recognized names from the field of Hand Surgery at the time, such as: Erik Moberg, Joseph Boyes, Starck, O'Brien, Kauko Vainio, the Argentines Firpo and Loda, as well as our own Brazilian pioneers.

The IFSSH - the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - was founded in 1966. The SBCM performed an active role in its foundation, being one of the eight founding societies alongside those from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Scandinavia and Japan.

Dates and some of the many notable events that have built the history of the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand.

In 1945, Orlando Graner created in Santa Casa de São Paulo the first Hand Surgery service in Latin America.

In 1965, Ronaldo Azze and Marcus Castro Ferreira start performing the first reimplants of limbs at the FMUSP Hospital das Clínicas, creating South America's first Microsurgery Service in 1974.

In 1985, Arlindo Pardini publishes the first edition of the multi-authored book on the specialist area of “hand traumas” in Brazil, which has since seen two further editions.

In 1992, the SBCM takes part in the founding of the South American Hand Surgery Society, in São Paulo.

In 2004, Arlindo Pardini assumes the presidency of the IFSSH, a position never before held by a professional from Latin America.

The SBCM has sixty five years of history and, since its beginnings, it has been committed to staging national and international events and courses, as well as contributing to meetings with important international scientific knowledge, and in the form of publications in periodicals and books focusing on hand surgery. The Society publishes an informative quarterly periodical, the ‘Manus’.



First international course in Rio de Janeiro in 1965, where the foundation of an international federation was discussed.



II Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery, 1969 in Rio de Janeiro



In 1966, Alipio Pernet represented Brazil in the foundation of IFSSH



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Brazilian Committee - Boston/ USA 2014
The largest delegation of countries of the
US Congress throughout its history



In 2017 in the city of San Francisco,
the Brazilian Society for Surgery of
the Hand launched its unofficial bid
to host the 2025 Congress



Brazilian Committee - FESSH 2018, official
country invited, numerous presentation of
scientific papers among the programming



At the Brazilian Hand Surgery Congress, we have had a massive presence of international speakers

William H. Seitz, Jr., M.D., 69th President of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University Chairman, Orthopaedic Surgery, Lutheran Hospital Cleveland Clinic Orthopaedic and Rheumatologic Institute.

The "shrinking world": International ease of travel, instant global communication, shared common goals, intellectual pursuit of scientific information, cultural differences and the beauty of sharing them. These modern day wonders have not always existed in the field of Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery. But, because of the efforts of some International pioneers, luminaries and visionaries in our beloved surgical specialty, the world of Hand Surgery has built many conduits and bridges between colleagues around the globe for the purpose of sharing knowledge, surgical techniques and research for the betterment of all people in all lands. From the time of birth, the Hand becomes the developing child's antenna, exploring its unfolding world as a tool of experimentation. In time it becomes an instrument of communication, industry, art, music, love, and yes, even surgical reconstruction. The recognition of the great importance of the Hand only became clear surgically during the second World War, when surgeons emerging into a new world of modern medicine realized how little they knew about the Hand and how limited they were in reconstructing it when injured. Had they studied its anatomy and function as carefully as had Michelangelo centuries earlier, they would probably not have found themselves in the situation they did. But a few surgeons, internationally who recognized the importance of the Hand in every aspect of human life began to study, share ideas, and develop a surgical subspecialty dedicated to the care of this incredibly precise, articulated, artistic and beautifully complicated organ. This remarkable awakening did not happen in a single location, nor in a single country. As such, a few surgeons in Europe, the U.S., Asia, Australia and South America recognized the need to very expeditiously develop a surgical specialty dedicated to the Hand, and its reconstruction. In Brazil, a number of pioneering surgeons began to embrace Hand Surgery as a specialty. In 1945, (the year before the inaugural meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand), Professor Domingos Delfino started the 1st Hand Surgery Service in São Paulo. Professor Godoy Morreia Chief of Orthopaedics at Faculdade de Medicina, University of São Paulo, opened the second dedicated Hand Surgery Center directed by Lauro Barros de Abreu until 1979. From 1945 on, many Brazilian Surgeons traveled the world to bring back new technology, information and techniques to expand the ever-increasing practice of "cutting edge" Hand Surgery. In 1965 the first replantation was performed in São Paulo, and by 1974 Ronaldo Azze and Marcus Castro Ferreira developed the first Microsurgery Center in all of South America. This explosion in the interest in and dedication to the specialty of Hand Surgery spread across all of Brazil with centers opening in many metropolitan areas. In Rio De Janeiro, Danilo Gonçalves, Director of Orthopaedics, Hospital Souza Aguiar, developed a Center

for Emergency Care of the traumatized hand, as well as a center for care of the Rheumatoid Hand. He was instrumental in the June 17, 1959 organization of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand at the inaugural meeting in Rio De Janeiro. He also collaborated with José Raul Chiconelli to develop the first Hand surgery training program, also in Rio. At the Inaugural meeting of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand there were 44 Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery founding Members. In 1965, under the leadership of Henrique Bulcão de Moraes, Brazil hosted the first International Meeting of Hand Surgery with attendees from every continent, which stimulated many more young surgeons to pursue a career in this blossoming field. The following year Brazil was recognized as a world leader in Hand Surgery and was asked to be one of the Founding Nations of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (I.F.S.S.H.) at its inaugural meeting in Chicago, represented by Dr. Alipio Pernet. The past 60 years have witnessed the evolution of the Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand into a recognized world leader in the expansion of Hand Surgery throughout the entire Upper Limb. It now has five regional societies and remains a cornerstone member of IFSSH. I am a better surgeon today because of all I have learned from many Brazilian Colleagues who have willingly shared their knowledge with me on every trip I have made to Brazil. I was also delighted to help host The members of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand as the ASSH Guest Nation at our Annual Meeting at which I was inducted as the 69th ASSH President, in 2014. I am delighted that currently 56 of my Brazilian colleagues are International Members of ASSH! I am especially grateful to the authors Samuel Ribak and Osvandré Lech for the honor and privilege of congratulating and saluting all of my Brazilian Colleagues and members of Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand through this humble remembrance on this auspicious occasion of their 60th Anniversary. To conclude, I would like to thank the Brazilian Society of Hand Surgery for everything you shared with me, taught me and, above all, the kindness shown to me during all these years! I hope our academic collaboration will continue for many years and that we work together to build bridges and provide better and better care for our patients everywhere. With deepest admiration and gratitude for our friendship and fellowship, **Bill Seitz.**

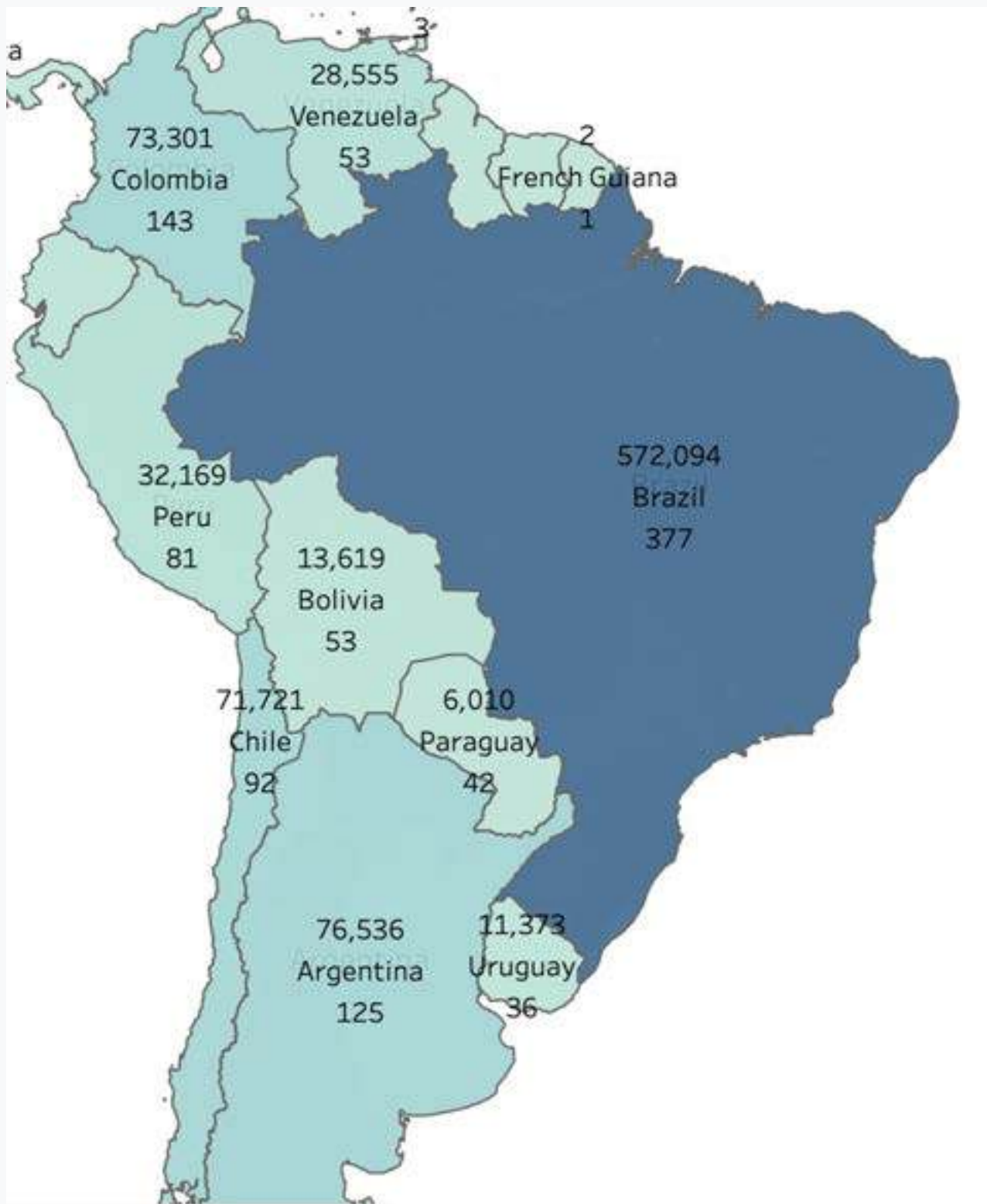


Table showing numbers from the last 12 Brazilian hand surgery congresses organized by SBCM:

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
City	São Paulo	Rio de Janeiro	Maceió	Foz do Iguaçu	São Paulo	Belo Horizonte	Fortaleza
Attendance	576	692	569	585	742	438	645
Budget - Real	R\$ 615.270,50	R\$ 928.675,00	R\$ 775.821,86	R\$ 866.941,51	R\$ 995.208,51	R\$ 785.140,00	R\$ 893.775,35
Buget - Dollar	\$301.219,28	\$405.393,31	\$343.572,85	\$245.321,46	\$304.755,18	\$252.019,00	\$219.525,31
Expenses - Real	R\$ 479.176,03	R\$ 648.437,91	R\$ 499.201,14	R\$ 567.138,33	R\$ 632.039,88	R\$ 517.646,10	R\$ 540.664,27
Expenses - Dollar	\$234.591,22	\$283.061,77	\$221.071,32	\$160.485,11	\$193.544,79	\$166.157,19	\$132.795,66
Income - Real	R\$ 136.094,47	R\$ 280.237,09	R\$ 276.620,72	R\$ 299.803,18	R\$ 363.168,63	R\$ 267.493,90	R\$ 353.111,08
Dollar quotation	2,0426	2,2908	2,2581	3,5339	3,2656	3,1154	4,07
Income - Dollar	\$66.628,06	\$122.331,54	\$122.501,54	\$84.836,35	\$111.210,38	\$85.861,82	\$86.729,65

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City	Gramado	P	Rio de Janeiro	Campinas	Nova Lima	Florianópolis
Attendance	720	A	573	603	596	824
Budget - Real	R\$ 982.295,00	N	R\$ 964.749,06	R\$ 1.201.875,57	R\$ 1.355.909,43	R\$ 1.854.763,73
Buget - Dollar	\$248.336,49	D	\$187.479,17	\$232.921,62	\$272.238,17	\$327.263,12
Expenses - Real	R\$ 599.042,03	E	R\$ 720.089,65	R\$ 872.956,16	R\$ 1.147.806,75	R\$ 1.271.819,80
Expenses - Dollar	\$151.445,34	M	\$139.934,64	\$169.177,55	\$230.455,52	\$224.405,79
Income - Real	R\$ 383.252,97	I	R\$ 244.659,41	R\$ 328.919,41	R\$ 208.102,68	R\$ 582.943,93
Dollar quotation	3,9555	C	5,1459	5,16	4,9806	5,6675
Income - Dollar	\$96.891,16		\$47.544,53	\$63.744,07	\$41.782,65	\$102.857,33

Scientific Production - LILACS – statistics of contribution in South America



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Humanitarian Missions

Summary of Social Actions by SBCM (2015 – 2025)

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) has been actively involved in organizing humanitarian missions for children and adults with hand and limb deformities across Brazil. These actions aim to provide quality healthcare and improve the quality of life for patients by addressing complex medical needs that are often unmet due to resource constraints.

2025: A surgery marathon in Belém do Pará, located in the heart of the Amazon rainforest, will focus on children with congenital deformities, as part of the 45th Brazilian Congress of Hand Surgery. Up to 30 surgeries are planned.

2024: In partnership with SBOP, a specialized surgical team led by Dr. Francisco Soldado conducted surgeries focused on correcting tibial pseudarthrosis in São Paulo, using innovative techniques such as the periosteal vascularized free flap to avoid amputations.

2023: The "Uma Mãozinha" initiative in Macapá attended to 16 children, providing necessary surgeries for congenital upper limb issues. Macapá, located in the northern Amazon region, faces socio-economic challenges and geographic isolation.



2022: A series of surgical marathons in Natal and Pará focused on correcting sequelae and deformities, with significant patient and professional engagement.

2021: Nationally coordinated surgery marathons were held in multiple regions, targeting pediatric hand deformities, and emphasizing the need for early interventions.

2019 & 2016: Efforts in Alagoas and Pará included surgeries for brachial plexus injuries and preventive health marathons, respectively, highlighting the importance of specialized care.

In September **2015**, the SBCM's Mãos em Ação project in Alagoas provided free diagnosis and treatment for hand injuries, raising awareness about accident prevention. The initiative included diagnostics, consultations, and surgeries to improve public healthcare services.

The ongoing commitment of SBCM through these initiatives has not only addressed critical health issues but also fostered professional development and awareness, enhancing the overall healthcare landscape in Brazil.





13. Co-operation with the IFSHT



IFSSH / IFSHT Combined congress

Founded in 1988, the Brazilian Society of Hand Therapy (SBTM) was established with the mission of uniting occupational therapists and physical therapists who specialize in the rehabilitation of the hand and upper limb. This initiative was marked by a pioneering collaboration between therapists and hand surgeons, underscoring the critical importance of interdisciplinary approaches to the functional recovery of patients.

Today, the SBTM boasts a membership of 361 professionals who engage in a rich variety of programs, including workshops, scientific meetings, roundtables, and discussion groups. These activities are dedicated to exploring the latest advancements in the field and ensuring that members remain connected to global innovations. Additionally, the society hosts biennial scientific events, such as the Brazilian Congress on Hand Rehabilitation, which has become a cornerstone for knowledge exchange and the recognition of the significant contributions of Brazilian professionals.

A notable achievement of the SBTM is the enhanced participation in international events, which has grown significantly over the years. Society members have made impactful contributions to congresses organized by the International Federation of Societies for Hand Therapy, the American Society of Hand Therapy, and the Philadelphia Hand Meeting. During these events, Brazilian therapists showcase their work, sharing the depth of their experiences and the high caliber of research conducted in Brazil. This international presence has firmly positioned Brazil as a key player in the global hand therapy arena.

SBTM also takes pride in its collaborations with esteemed international therapists such as Evelyn Mackin, Elaine Fess, Roslyn B. Evans, Judy C. Colditz, and Judith Bell. These partnerships have been instrumental in adapting global best practices to the Brazilian context.

With over three decades of history, the SBTM remains steadfast in its mission to promote excellence in hand and upper limb rehabilitation, emphasizing scientific practice and the exchange of knowledge. This enduring legacy reflects the society's commitment to transforming lives through technical and human advancements.



Maria Cândida Luzo
Chairperson



Débora Orlando
Secretary

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Fernando Pontes





14. Peri-Congress Traveling Fellowship

The Brazilian Society for Surgery of the Hand (SBCM) is delighted to offer a unique peri-congress traveling fellowship experience. This opportunity allows fellows to enhance their skills and knowledge across a network of 33 accredited training centers, which are prepared to welcome participants. Fellows will benefit from an enriching and immersive experience in diverse clinical settings throughout Brazil, engaging with leading experts and gaining valuable insights into the field of hand surgery.

Accredited Training Centers:

- Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina de Goiás
- Hospital Life Center Sistema de Saúde S/A
- Hospital Madre Teresa e Maria Amélia Lins
- Hospital São Francisco de Assis
- Santa Casa de Belo Horizonte
- Hospital Porto Dias
- Hospital Getúlio Vargas PE
- IMIP - Instituto de Medicina Integral Prof. Fernando Figueira
- Hospital Universitário Cajuru - PUC
- Hospital de Clínicas da Universidade Federal do Paraná
- Hospital Federal da Lagoa
- Hospital Universitário Antônio Pedro da Univ. Federal Fluminense
- Hospital Universitário Pedro Ernesto (UERJ)
- Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia (INTO)
- Hospital da Cidade de Passo Fundo - HO
- Hospital São Lucas da PUC de Porto Alegre - RS
- Irmandade da Santa Casa de Misericórdia de Porto Alegre
- Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul, Campus HSVP, IOT Passo Fundo-RS
- IOT - Hospital Municipal São José
- Escola Paulista de Medicina - EPM/UNIFESP
- Faculdade de Medicina do ABC
- Hospital Alvorada
- Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina de Ribeirão Preto
- Hospital do Servidor Público Municipal de SP
- Hospital IFOR - Rede DOR São Luiz
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- Hospital Santa Marcelina
- Instituto de Ortopedia e Traumatologia HCFMUSP
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo - Campus Campinas
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo - Campus Sorocaba
- Santa Casa de São Paulo
- UNESP - Botucatu
- UNICAMP - Universidade Estadual de Campinas

The four institutions based in Rio de Janeiro have already sent a document offering to host the candidates for the pre-congress travelling fellowship.



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