

International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry : A Brief History

The International Committee for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry was founded in 1960 in Paris, France and the Draft of Statutes was approved in Frankfurt, Germany in 1964. A decision to change its name to the International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry (IFSHC) was taken in 1976 and the new statutes and name were incorporated at the Brighton Congress, UK in 1980.

The first President was **Torbjorn Caspersson** (1964-1968), with **Theodor H. Schiebler** serving as the first Secretary General.

The first Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Histochemistry and Cytochemistry was held in 1960 in Paris, France, and was organized by J. Verne and R. Wegman. To date there have been 14 International Congresses.

The **Young Histochemist Awards** were established in 1984. The **David Glick Lectureship** was created in 1982 by an anonymous donation. The **Pieter van Duijn Lectureship** was established in 1996. The title of **Honorary Associate/Fellow** was created in 1980 and entered the By-Laws of IFSHC in 1984.

Presidents and General Secretaries of IFSHC

Year	President	General Secretary
1964-1968	Torbjorn Caspersson	Theodore H. Schiebler
1968-1972	Torbjorn Caspersson	Theodore H. Schiebler
1972-1976	David Glick	Pieter van Duijn
1976-1980	Pieter van Duijn	Olavi Eränkö
1980-1984	Olavi Eränkö	Kazuo Ogawa
1984-1988	Kazuo Ogawa	John R. Garrett
1988-1992	John R. Garrett	Mels van der Ploeg
1992-1996	Mels van der Ploeg	H. Dariush Fahimi
1996-2000	Paul Nakane	Denis Baskin
2000-2004	C. J. F. (Ron) van Noorden	Denis Baskin
2004-2008	Denis Baskin	Robert. Y. Osamura
2008-2012	Robert. Y. Osamura	Serap Arbak
2012-2016	Serap Arbak	Zbigniew Kmiec

International Congresses of IFSHC

14 International Congresses of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry have been held

Year	Congress Location
1960	Paris, France
1964	Frankfurt, Germany
1968	New York, USA
1972	Kyoto, Japan
1976	Bucharest, Romania
1980	Brighton, UK
1984	Helsinki, Finland
1988	Washington DC, USA
1992	Maastricht, The Netherlands
1996	Kyoto, Japan
2000	York, UK
2004	San Diego, USA
2008	Gdansk, Poland
2012	Kyoto, Japan

The next International Congress of IFSHC will be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2016

Archives

The archives of IFSHC are deposited with the Wellcome Foundation, London, UK.