



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022



EUROPA HOTEL, BELFAST  
NORTHERN IRELAND

Welcome to Belfast, Northern Ireland and the 2022 Annual Conference of the Irish Hand Surgery Society. Our conference traditionally brings Hand Surgeons and Therapists from all across Ireland together to expand our knowledge and share our experiences, new techniques and pitfalls in hand surgery. We always enjoy the social aspect and the ability to keep in touch with colleagues from all corners of the Island.

We are really excited to finally have a full programme as a face to face meeting and look forward to meet up with old friends as well as meeting new faces.

We are delighted that Prof Don Lalonde has come from Canada to our meeting and he brings his wealth of experience in hand surgery and especially WALANT techniques. We also look forward to hearing from Prof Raymond Tallis and his entertaining lecture on the development of the mammalian hand. On top of this we have discussions on difficult cases, scientific free papers and a session of the re-emergence of the “rheumatoid hand”.

Thank you to our Trade Partners who have sponsored the meeting. Please take time to browse their stands.

I hope you will enjoy visiting Belfast and take time to explore our beautiful city and all it has to offer.

*Michael Eames*  
*President IHSS*



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## VISITING SPEAKERS

### Professor Don Lalonde



Professor of Surgery Dalhousie University Saint John Canada  
Past President of the Canadian Society for Surgery of the Hand  
Past Chairman of the American Board of Plastic Surgery  
Past President of the American Association for Hand surgery  
Past President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons  
Honorary member of the American Society of Hand Therapy  
Over 150 papers and 30 book chapters  
Editor of the Wide Awake Hand Surgery book Thieme Pub New York 2016

### Professor Raymond Tallis



Formerly Professor of Geriatric Medicine University of Manchester  
Visiting professor St Georges Hospital Medical School  
Professor Tallis retired from the NHS in 2006 to become a full time writer. He has published fiction, three volumes of poetry, and 23 books on the philosophy of mind, philosophical anthropology, literary theory, the nature of art and cultural criticism. Together with over two hundred articles in *Prospect*, *Times Literary Supplement* and many other outlets, these books offer a critique of current predominant intellectual trends and an alternative understanding of human consciousness, the nature of language and of what it is to be a human being.



“The Hand” is a comprehensive examination and celebration of the human hand which, it is argued, lies at the root of most of what sets humans apart from other animals. The hand is the biological key to our progressive liberation (over the last several million years) from biology. [The Hand](#) offers an account of how it is that humans, who are in many respects part of nature, are at the same time distant from it, as is reflected in their unique ability to manipulate and conceptualise the natural world.



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## PROGRAMME DAY 1

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

12.30 – 1.45	Registration and Buffet Lunch	Grand Ballroom
1.45 – 2.00	Welcome	Mr M Eames President IHSS
2.00 – 3.15	Scientific Free Papers	Chairperson Mr D Swain & Mr R Hanson
3.15 – 3.45	Coffee and Trade Stands	Grand Ballroom Chairperson Ms D Shirley
3.45 – 4.15	Upper Limb Blocks	Dr DJ Johnston
4.15 – 5.30	My experiences of WALANT surgery	Prof D Lalonde
5.45 – 6.15	IHSS AGM	Grand Ballroom
7.00 – 8.00	Drinks reception	Europa Level 1
8.00 – Late	Conference Dinner	James St South Restaurant



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## PROGRAMME DAY 2

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 – 8.30	Breakfast	Europa Dining Room
8.30 – 9.00	Registration and Trade	Grand Ballroom
9.00 – 10.30	The Rheumatoid Hand – A post COVID comeback?	Chairperson Ms O Flannery & Mr H Lewis
	Current concepts in Rheumatoid management	Dr V McGoldrick
	Hand therapy for rheumatoid patients	Ms C Davidson Mrs L Law Mrs E McPhillips
	Arthroplasty in the rheumatoid hand	Mr N Thompson
	Soft tissue procedures in RA	Mr D Swain
10.30 -11.00	Coffee and trade	Grand Ballroom
		Chairperson Mr K Herbert
11.00 - 12:00	The Importance of Hand Therapy	Prof D Lalonde
12:00 - 13:00	The Evolution of the Mammalian Hand	Prof R Tallis
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Grand Ballroom
14:00 – 15:00	Interesting clinical cases	Chairperson Ms L Wilson & Mr P Sullivan
15:00 – 16:00	Operations I don't do....	Mr M O'Sullivan
	Operations I wish I did...	Mr P Maginn
16:00	Close of meeting	Mr M Eames



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