



7th Triennial International Hand and Wrist Biomechanics Symposium & 1st International Symposium for Hand Research

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The Triennial International Hand and Wrist Biomechanics Symposium was initiated in 1992 by Professors Kai-Nan An, William P. Cooney III, Marc Garcia-Elias, and Frédéric Schuind with the support of the NATO Science Committee. Since then, this triennial event has taken place in (1) Brussels, Belgium, (2) San Francisco, CA, USA, (3) Minneapolis, MN, USA, (4) Izmir, Turkey, (5) Syracuse, NY, USA, and (6) Tainan, Taiwan. These symposia have provided a valuable international forum for global scientific exchange among surgeons and researchers who are interested in hand and wrist biomechanics and its clinical applications.

For the first time, the *7th International Triennial Hand and Wrist Biomechanics Symposium* will be held in conjunction with the *1st International Symposium for Hand Research*. The combined symposia will continue to cover the traditional topic of hand biomechanics while extending to the multifaceted research scope of the hand. Our aims are to promote multidisciplinary research of the hand and to foster cross-fertilization among hand investigators in related fields such as anatomy, surgery, engineering, biology, neurophysiology, ergonomics, therapy, and other disciplines. By bringing together hand researchers in multidisciplinary areas, we hope to effectively advance hand science and to collectively address challenging hand problems.

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