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“DR. ALEJANDRO BADIA, A WELL RENOWNED HAND AND UPPER LIMB HAND SURGEON FROM THE UNITED STATES IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISSPORTH”

Miami, February 07, 2011 – Dr. Alejandro Badia, MD, FACS, and world-renowned Hand & Upper Limb Surgeon is the new President of the ISSPORTH (International Society for Sport Traumatology of the Hand). Hand specialists from different countries around the world (including the US, Brazil, Australia, Germany, Portugal, Italy, Norway, Estonia and United Kingdom) will team up to discuss, learn and promote new procedures and techniques on hand sport injuries. The goal of ISSPORTH is to educate athletes, trainers and physicians alike about the nuances of athletic hand and wrist injuries. **Members of ISSPORTH will convene in Milan, Italy on March 18th 2011.**

Dr. Badia affirms – “The understanding of orthopedic issues has greatly increased within the athletic world. ISSPORTH aims to further that knowledge by focusing on a little mentioned area of anatomy; the hand and wrist”. He is also expecting to share with other colleagues and medical practitioners interested in join ISSOPORTH member’s passion. Dr. Badia has just been nominated one of the top 45 great hand and upper extremity surgeons to know by *Becker’s Orthopedic & Spine Review*.

The **ISSPORTH** aims to promote the unrestricted and complete exchange of knowledge among the participating members of the Society; to exchange knowledge through publications and scientific meetings; to facilitate and extend study possibilities in and among the various countries, to promote as well, co-operation between Hand surgeons, Orthopaedic surgeons, Sport medicine doctors, Hand therapist or other specialists and professional figures who have a major interest in the hand and wrist sport related injuries.

Alejandro Badia, MD, FACS is a hand and upper extremity surgeon. He studied physiology at Cornell University and obtained his medical degree at NYU, where he also trained in orthopedics. A hand fellowship at Alleghany General Hospital in Pittsburgh was followed by an AO trauma fellowship in Freiburg, Germany. He runs an active international hand fellowship, serves on the editorial board of two hand journals, and organizes a yearly Miami meeting for surgeons and therapists that are devoted to upper limb arthroscopy and arthroplasty (www.miamihandcourse.com). This international meeting is held at the world-renowned Miami Anatomical Research Center (M.A.R.C.), the world’s largest surgical cadaveric training lab that Dr. Badia co-founded in 2005. In 2008, he completed the Badia Hand to Shoulder Center, a fully integrated clinical facility for the upper limb encompassing digital radiography, MRI extremity imaging, Integra rehabilitation facility and the Surgery Center at Doral. More recently, Dr. Badia inaugurated OrthoNOW, the first immediate orthopedic care center in South Florida which is staffed by surgeons from the International Orthopedic Group (IOG), a group of surgeons from lower extremity, upper limb and spine subspecialties who also treat elective orthopedic problems in international patients. He is member of the ASSH, AAHS, AAOS as well as honorary member of many foreign hand surgery societies.

He can be reached via www.drbadia.com, a patient education portal and website for hand surgeon academic exchange, or via (305) 227-HAND at the Badia Hand to Shoulder Center or at OrthoNOW, (305) 537-7272.

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