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# **The 30th** *International Conference On* **Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus**

*Bridging The Healthcare And Prevention Gaps -  
A Multidisciplinary Team Approach With The Community At Heart*

**24 - 26** | **AVANTÉ Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor**  
**October 2024** | **Greater Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

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## Welcome Message

With great pleasure, we welcome you to the 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. This meeting continues the successful tradition of bringing together individuals impacted by this condition alongside their families, healthcare professionals, policy makers and researchers from around the world for a truly international discussion on the latest medical advances and scientific findings on topics in the field of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH).

The conference program will feature scientific tracks, consumer sessions, workshops and forums covering a wide range of topics related to Human Rights, Prevention, and Optimising Management & Integrated Care. For this, we are working to assemble an outstanding faculty with deep involvement in SBH care and prevention from around the world along with relevant partners in the public-private-civil sector.

As the finale and tribute to the amazing families and persons with SBH, there will be a fundraising Gala Dinner designated as an 'An Evening of Stars and Strides' to celebrate the achievements and resilience of individuals living with SBH. This event promises an unforgettable evening of cultural performances, inspiring speeches and will serve as a platform to acknowledge talent and outstanding achievements by SBH individuals who have excelled in face of challenges.

Moreover, this conference will coincide with the World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day on October 26th, which is the annual international day dedicated to fostering support for individuals impacted by this condition whilst celebrating their contributions and achievements in all areas of life.

The local organisers of this event, the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Malaysia (SIBIAM) is an association that has tirelessly served the SBH community in Malaysia for more than 17 years. Over the years SIBIAM has formed strategic partnerships with the Rotary Club Damansara and the District Action Group for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (DASH) a special initiative within the Rotary network to carry out its activities.

Therefore, together, we look forward to providing you with an ambitious program as part of this 30th anniversary International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus in the beautiful city of Petaling Jaya, Selangor taking place from October 24 to 26, 2024.

Thank you for being a part of this significant event and we wish you an impactful and memorable conference experience.



**Prof Dr Amaramalar Selvi Naicker**  
*President  
Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus  
Association of Malaysia  
Chairperson, National Organising Committee*



**Dr Sylvia Roozen**  
*Secretary General  
International Federation for Spina Bifida and  
Hydrocephalus  
Chairperson, International Scientific Committee*

## 30th IFSBH 2024 Committee

<b>National Organising Committee Chair</b>	Prof Dr Amaramalar Selvi Naicker President, Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Malaysia
<b>National Organising Committee Co-Chair</b>	Ir. Dr Kribanandan Gurusamy Naidu Chairperson, Rotary District Action Ground for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
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<b>National Scientific Committee Co-Chair</b>	Dr Chern Phei Ming
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<b>Rotarians / DASH Committee</b>	Mr Alex Abraham Mr Leslie Salehuddin
<b>Social Programme Committee</b>	Dr Elyana Jalil
<b>Sponsorship Committee</b>	Dr Chua Li-Shun
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dr Chan Yean Koon Mr Francis Arulanandam
<b>Secretariat</b>	Medical Conference Partners Mahesvari Varatharaj

## We Welcome Participants for IFSBH 2024

### Scientists/Clinicians:

- Scientists
- Family Medicine Specialist
- General Practitioner
- Gynaecologist
- Neurosurgeon
- Obstetrician
- Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Paediatrician
- Rehabilitation Physician
- Student
- Urologist
- Others

### Allied Health Professionals:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Counsellor
- Educator
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Orthotist
- Paediatric Colorectal Team
- Physiotherapist
- Prosthetist
- Psychologist
- Student
- Others

### Person with SBH, Families and SBH Associations:

- Child under 21 years old as of October 2024
- Adult SBH
- Parent or Caregiver

### Others:

- Architect
- City Planner
- Counsellor
- Disability Advocate
- Engineer
- Government Agency
- Hospitality and Tourism Industry
- Policy Maker
- Robotic
- Rotarian
- Student
- Teacher
- Technologist
- And for those who are interested



### *Benefits of participating for SBH persons and families*

The SBH (Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus) conference offers various benefits to attendees of different age groups. For participants aged 18 and older, the conference provides opportunities to learn about global SBH communities, stay updated on medical care and rehabilitation advancements, attend workshops on Independent Living Skills, Vocational Training, and Hobbies, and explore the host city to embrace new cultures and experiences.

Attendees between 13 and 17 years old can engage in technology exploration, attend workshops on skills and hobbies, and connect with both Malaysian and international SBH peers. Younger children (below 12 years old) have the chance to connect with SBH friends, participate in play-based learning led by occupational therapists and physiotherapists, and engage in educational exploration and travel activities.

### *Benefits of participating for government, policy-makers and advocates*

- Gain knowledge about what is happening within the SBH community.
- Gain knowledge from individuals from the SBH community and guest speakers that will provide an insight into their needs.
- Learn about developments from various industries that are available to assist the SBH community.
- Share best practices among governments regarding how they create opportunities for the SBH community in their respective cities, states, or countries.

### *Benefits of participating for healthcare professionals*

- Understand the need for a multidisciplinary approach to SBH care.
- Update knowledge on current healthcare practises.
- Learn about related developments in the fields of technology, applications and products that can help improve the quality of life for SBH persons and families.
- Connect with other healthcare professionals and related industry players.
- Join SBH family groups to better understand their needs to make healthcare relevant

### *Benefits of participating for other professionals and private companies*

- Learn from individuals from the SBH community and guests who will provide insights into their needs.
- Discover developments available across various industries.
- Participate in an ideathon or a hackathon.

## About SIBIAM

Since 2007, the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Malaysia (SIBIAM) has empowered individuals with spina bifida and hydrocephalus (SBH) and their families. This non-profit organisation brings together SBH individuals, families, healthcare professionals, Rotarians, and volunteers to champion the SBH community.

SIBIAM's objectives are to increase awareness about Spina Bifida and its related complications affecting lives of persons with Spina Bifida and to provide assistance in areas of healthcare, medical & rehabilitation devices, education and support to ensure equal access to education and vocation and finally to encourage social integration and the will to stay strong and live a healthy, active and independent life as members of the community through planned projects, national and international events, self-help programmes and advocacy.

SIBIAM's motto is "ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE". The Willing Spirit represents the passion of the association to motivate and encourage spina bifida persons to be the best version of themselves.

Mission: To assist SBH community through direct support to members, education and awareness as well as advocacy.

Their vision is to become a one-stop solutions provider for Spina Bifida patients, family members and friends, through which we can provide an avenue for open communications among members. The organisation also serves as a platform for patients and their loved ones to obtain and share relevant information on disease management. Ultimately, our goal is to organise and support an increasing number of activities related to Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

### Committee Member List Of 2023-2025

President	Prof Dr Amara Naicker
Vice President	Ir Dr Kribanandan Gurusamy Naidu
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## About IFSBH

The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF) was founded by people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SBH) and their families in 1979. Over the years, it has grown from a voluntary association into a professional disabled people's organisation (DPO) with global coverage, democratic structure and transparent and accountable processes.

### A BETTER LIFE FOR EVERYONE

IFSBH highest value is the promotion and protection of the human rights of people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The majority of IF member organisations are led and governed by adults with SBH or parents of children with SBH. Children are active participants in IFSBH members' activities: they are involved in child-led activities, training workshops on independence and holiday camps.

Nowadays, many young people with SBH have taken over the leadership of their organisations. In most cases, IF members choose close cooperation with medical and education professionals and researchers, given the importance of these professions to children and adults with SBH for their survival and development.

### MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of the International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus is:

- to improve the quality of life of people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and their families,
- and to reduce the incidence of neural tube defects and Hydrocephalus by primary prevention;

by raising awareness, and through political advocacy, research, community building and human rights education.

### IFSBH Board Members

President	Mr Cato Lie, Norway
Board Member	Dr Papatya Alkan Genca, Turkey
	Mrs Emma Suardiaz, Spain
	Mrs Giulia Bizzotto, Italy
	Dr Aziza Mustafa Elnaeema, Sudan
	Mr Rasmus Isaksson, Sweden
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## Faculty



### Keynote Speaker

#### PROF DR RICHARD FINNELL

Distinguished Professor Of Paediatric Genetics  
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## Programme Overview

Day 1 - 24 October 2024 (Thursday)

Start	Hall A	Hall B
0730 - 1800	Registration	
0830 - 0915	Country updates Where Are We Now? (Country Updates)	
0915 - 0945	Country Updates by National Spina Bifida Associations	
0945 - 1015	D1.1 Premium Sponsored Session	
1015 - 1045	Morning Tea Break	
1045 - 1115	Keynote Lecture 1: The Biology of Neural Tube Defects: How the Environment Impacts Spina Bifida Risks	
1115 - 1145	Plenary 1: Epigenetic, Genetic And Environmental Contributions In Prevention Of Spina Bifida	
1145 - 1205	Landmarks And The Future Of Spina Bifida Prevention	
1205 - 1225	Building A Multidisciplinary Team And Why This Matters	
1225 - 1300	Prevention Of Neural Tube Defects: A Global Update	
1300 - 1400	Lunch, Exhibit Visit & Networking	
1400 - 1430	D1.2 Premium Sponsored Session	
1430 - 1450	Antenatal Screening & Care In Fetal NTD Through Delivery	Bridge The Gap: Living With Spina Bifida  Join A Powerful 1 Hour Discussion With Patients, Families And Healthcare Professionals. We'll Explore The Challenges, Progress And Advancements In SB Care, Fostering A Deeper Understanding Between The Community And Medical Professionals. Find Hope And Practical Solutions For A Brighter Future.
1450 - 1510	Family Planning For Childbearing Women With Spina Bifida	
1510 - 1530	The State Of Fetal Spina Bifida Surgery: Today And Tomorrow	
1530- 1550	Utilizing Biomimetic Intervention Strategies To Repair Spina Bifida In Utero	Master Your Hospital Visits: Empowering Patients & Providers  This 1-Hour Workshop Equips Both Patients With Spina Bifida And Healthcare Providers (HCPs) With The Knowledge To Make Clinic Visits Smooth And Productive. Learn Essential Information For Effective Communication From Both SB/Family And HCP Perspectives. Take Control Of Your Healthcare Journey!
1550 - 1610	The Impact Of Fetal Spina Bifida Surgery On Hydrocephalus Management And Care	
1610 - 1630	Q&A	
1630 - 1700	Evening Tea Break	
1700 - 1800	Opening Ceremony	
1800 onwards	Welcome Reception	

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Day 1 - 24 October 2024 (Thursday)

Start	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C	Hall D
0730 - 1700	Registration			
0800 – 0830	Plenary 2: Ethical Issues: A Global Perspective			
0830 – 0900	D2.1 Premium Sponsored Session			
0900 – 1000	Disability Advocacy: Creative Inclusive Communities			
1000 - 1030	Morning Tea Break			
1030 - 1050	Spinal Cord Release: Sciences Vs Reality	<b>Navigate The Path: Schooling &amp; Education For SB Children</b>  This 2-Hour Workshop Empowers Parents And Families On Navigating The Educational Journey Of Their Child With Spina Bifida (SB). Gain Valuable Insights From Specialists – Teachers, Therapists, And Even A SB Paralympian! Learn About Educational Options, Share Experiences, And Build A Roadmap For Success In Your Child’s Education	<b>Unleash Your Potential: Fun &amp; Fitness For All!</b> This 2-Hour Workshop Is Your Guide To An Active And Inclusive Lifestyle! Explore A Variety Of Accessible Recreational Activities Including Sports With The Society Of Special Olympia Malaysia (SomSOM) And Diveheart. Discover Valuable Resources From Community Support Services And NGOs. Find The Perfect Fit To Have Fun, Stay Active, And Connect With Your Community!	<b>Let’s Talk About It.</b> Community Outreach / Mental Health Programme (Art Therapy)
1050 - 1110	Neurosurgical Perspective In Spina Bifida & Management Of Hydrocephalus			
1110 - 1130	Early Bladder Management In The Neurogenic Bladder - How To Evaluate And How To Manage			
1130 - 1150	Is There A Role Of Video Urodynamics Study In Spina Bifida			
1150 - 1230	Workshop / Case Discussion On Urodynamic Study			
1230 - 1430	Lunch / Networking / COFFEE CHAT Session / Friday Prayers / UDS Special Interest Group			
1430 - 1450	Robotic Surgery In Patients With Spina Bifida	<b>Thrive At Work: Building Your SB Career!</b> This Interactive Workshop Equips Individuals With Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus To Chart A Successful Career Path. Learn From A Working Adult With SB And A Panel Of Experts – Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, And A SOCSO Representative. Discover Career Options, Navigate Urban Vs. Rural Challenges, Access Resources, And Gain Strategies For Securing Workplace Support And Employer Awareness. Empower Yourself For A Fulfilling Future!	<b>Launching Into Adulthood: A Roadmap For SB Success</b> Ready To Take Flight? This Workshop Empowers Young Adults With Spina Bifida (SB) And Their Families For A Smooth Transition To Adulthood. Hear Inspiring Stories From SB Individuals And Families, Plus Gain Practical Advice From A Team Of Experts – Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, And Clinical Psychologist. Learn Valuable Life Skills, Explore Resources, And Build Confidence For An Independent And Fulfilling Future. National And International Perspectives Included!	<b>I’m Special</b> Panel Discussion
1450 - 1510	Engineered/Fusion Toxins For Treatment Of Neurogenic Bladder Dysfunction			
1510 - 1530	Successful Management Of Incontinence			
1530 - 1550	Professional Openness And Oneness (POO) Power: Developing A Logical Framework And Network For Managing Neurogenic Bowel			
1530 - 1610	Surgical Options In Bowel Care			
1610 - 1630	Q&A			
1630 - 1700	D2.2 Premium Sponsored Session			
1700	End of Day 2			

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## Programme Overview

Day 3 - 26 October 2024 (Saturday)

Time	Hall A		Hall B	
0730 - 1700	Registration			
0800 – 0830	Innovative Multidisciplinary Approach To Developing Clinical Practice Guidelines For Neurogenic Bladder Management In Children And Adolescents: A Collaborative Endeavour		Let's Have Fun! A Special Half Day Programme For SB kids And families. More Details Coming Soon.	
0830 – 0850	Plenary 3: Trial And Tribulations Of Transition Care			
0850 – 0910	Roundtable Discussion: Transition Care			
0910 – 0930	Plenary 4: Ageing With Spina Bifida			
0930 – 1000	FORUM: Bridging The Gap: Hospital To Community (NGO perspective)			
1000 – 1030	D3.1 Premium Sponsored Session			
1030 – 1100	Morning Tea Break			
1100 – 1120	Common Musculoskeletal Deformities In Spina Bifida			
1120 – 1140	Orthopaedic Management In Spina Bifida			
1140 – 1200	Bone Health And Vitamin D Deficiency In Spina Bifida			
1200 – 1220	Nutritional Challenges In Paediatric Patients With Spina Bifida			
1220 – 1240	Mental Health In Spina Bifida			
1240 – 1300	Topic Coming Soon			
1300 – 1400	Lunch, Exhibit Visit & Networking			
Time	Afternoon Series of Workshops for Professionals taking place simulatiously in different rooms. Workshops are included in the main registration fees. Pre-registration for workshops is required.			
1400 - 1600	Symposium: Best Practice In Nutrition For Children With Spina Bifida: Keeping An Eye On Wellness	Mind Health: Psychological Support for SBH persons & Families	Special Interest Group Discussion By International Federation Youth Group	Workshop (Physiotherapy): Lets Get Moving: Home Exercises Program
1400 - 1600	Workshop (Occupational Therapy): Getting Independent  Advanced Rehabilitation Therapy For SB Hands On Robotic Applications: How To Assess Application Approach	Workshop (Neurogenic Bowel and Bladder): Keeping Continent: CIC and Bowel care	Workshop: • Gait Assessment And Orthoses • Gait Assessment • Prescription Indicators Discussion • Fitting And Check Out	Workshop: Sexual Health In SBH
1600	End of Scientific Conference			
1900 onwards	An Evening Of Stars & Strides : Fundraising Gala Dinner			

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## Call for ABSTRACTS

### Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should be written in Word, font Arial size 11, with 2.5 cm margins.
- Maximum two abstracts per submitters are allowed.
- The text should be written in English.
- Deadline for sending your abstract is **Extended Deadline 30 June 2024**, via the website only <https://sbhconference2024.com/>
- Abstracts should follow the template below:

The 30th International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus will be an in-person meeting. We are pleased to invite abstracts for oral or poster presentations on the following topics:

- Country update
- Quality of Life
- Multidisciplinary Care
- Genetics; Prevention
- Early detection & screening
- Intervention
- Ethic
- Epidemiology
- Education
- Advocacy and Empowerment
- Miscellaneous

How are abstracts assessed for inclusion in the scientific program?

- The abstract content should be explicitly linked to Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus;
- The abstract content must be received on time and presented in the appropriate format, e.g., it must not exceed the word limit (details on the next page);
- Research presented must adhere to applicable ethical standards in human and/or animal research and have obtained the necessary ethical approvals if it is an empirical study;
- Submissions of primary and secondary empirical research must include analyses and a summary of findings. It is not sufficient to state "the data will be analysed" or "findings will be discussed", unless it is an abstract for a "work in progress" presentation;
- English language and grammar should be satisfactory, spelling should be consistent.

Submissions of good quality abstracts meeting the above criteria will be accepted for inclusion in the scientific program. The most common reasons for rejecting abstracts are:

- Incomplete or insufficient empirical evidence reported in the abstract;
- The research is not directly relevant to Spina Bifida and or Hydrocephalus;
- The guidelines on abstract submissions are not adhered to;
- The abstract arrives after the deadline for submission;
- The number of presentations allowed for the presenting author is exceeded.

## Abstract Guidelines

- Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentations. (Authors are asked to advise their preference, however it is up to the committee to select abstracts for oral presentation);
- Abstracts must be submitted via the website <https://sbhconference2024.com/> only; Abstracts submitted by email or fax will not be accepted. Deadline for the abstract submission is 30.06.2024;
- Presenting authors must be registered participants. Only abstracts of authors who have paid their registration fees by the Early Registration Deadline will be scheduled for presentation and included for publication;
- Submission of an abstract will be acknowledged via e-mail;
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program book;
- Abstracts must be original;
- Abstracts must be submitted in English;
- Conflicts of Interest / Disclosure: Work submitted for presentation must include an acknowledgement of funding sources of commercial nature and/or consulting or holding of significant equity in a company that could be affected by the results of the study.
- Choose the type of your presentation: [Oral / Poster]
- Abstract topic (choose from the list of topics): [Write your answer]
- Title: 15 words or fewer (use upper-case letters only for the first word and names).
- Author(s) details (name and affiliation): First name(s) followed by surname(s); E-mail; Institution of affiliation, Country. Authors should be no more than 10. The first author is the presenting author.
- The body of the text should be no longer than 250 words and include (if applicable):
  1. **Background:** State the primary objectives of the study, including the main research questions, aims or theory being tested.
  2. **Methods:** Quantitative studies should include design, participants (including number of participants), measures and analysis; qualitative studies should include design, participants, methods of data collection and analysis, e.g. thematic analysis, discourse analysis, interpretative phenomenological analysis.
  3. **Findings:** Quantitative studies should include a summary of the results (accompanied by important statistical information); qualitative studies should include a description of the main findings such as the themes or categories generated. Note: it is not acceptable to state "findings will be presented later".
  4. **Discussion:** Conclusions and/or some discussion of the possible contribution to, or implications for, health psychology and other relevant contexts.
- Please do not include (a list of) references in the body or at the end of your abstract.
- For more information please contact the Conference Secretariat at [info@ifglobal.org](mailto:info@ifglobal.org)



## Registration Fee

Early Bird Until 1 July 2024				
Nationality	Malaysia		Developing Country	Developed Country
Ticket Type/ Category	3 Days Conference	3 Days Conference + Gala Dinner	3 Days Conference + Gala Dinner	3 Days Conference + Gala Dinner
Scientists/ Clinicians	MYR 900.00	MYR 1,200.00	EUR 275.00	EUR 500.00
Allied Health Professionals/ Students	MYR 750.00	MYR 900.00	EUR 200.00	EUR 300.00
Person with SBH, Families and SBH Associations	MYR 750.00	MYR 900.00	EUR 200.00	EUR 300.00
Others	MYR 750.00	MYR 900.00	EUR 200.00	EUR 300.00
Child SBH (Younger than 21 years old on 24 Oct 2024)	Free*			
Post Early Bird Until 30 September 2024				
Nationality	Malaysia		Developing Country	Developed Country
Scientists/ Clinicians	MYR 1,000.00	MYR 1,300.00	EUR 325.00	EUR 550.00
Allied Health Professionals/ Students	MYR 800.00	MYR 950.00	EUR 250.00	EUR 350.00
Person with SBH, Families and SBH Associations	MYR 800.00	MYR 950.00	EUR 250.00	EUR 350.00
Others	MYR 800.00	MYR 950.00	EUR 250.00	EUR 350.00
Child SBH (Younger than 21 years old on 24 Oct 2024)	Free*			
Regular Price 1 October 2024 onwards				
Nationality	Malaysia		Developing Country	Developed Country
Scientists/ Clinicians	MYR 1,200.00	MYR 1,400.00	EUR 375.00	EUR 600.00
Allied Health Professionals/ Students	MYR 850.00	MYR 1000.00	EUR 300.00	EUR 400.00
Person with SBH, Families and SBH Associations	MYR 850.00	MYR 1000.00	EUR 300.00	EUR 400.00
Others	MYR 850.00	MYR 1000.00	EUR 300.00	EUR 400.00
Child SBH (Younger than 21 years old on 24 Oct 2024)	Free*			

*\*Free for SBH child accompanying their parent / caregiver*

# Registration Fee

## Payment Methods Available:

### 1. IFSBH 2024 Bank Detail:

Account Number : 8010172469  
Account Name : Persatuan Spina Bifida dan Hydrocephalus  
Malaysia Bank Name : CIMB Bank Berhad Bank  
Address : Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan  
Branch : Taman Tun Dr Ismail  
Switch code : CIBBMYKLXXX

### 2. Online Credit Card Payment (Visa/MasterCard only)

### 3. Telegraphic/ Bank Transfer/ Wire Transfer/ Bank Cheque (Applicable to Malaysia's Local Bank Cheque only)

4. We accept **Local Purchase Order (LPO)**, please contact the Conference Secretariat at [secretariat@sbhconference2024.com](mailto:secretariat@sbhconference2024.com)

5. Online Transfer, Debit/Credit Card or Grabpay via Stripe. Notification of Registration Confirmation will be sent to your registered email upon full payment received. Please present the registration confirmation email at the registration counter during the congress.

6. For **Group Registration**, please contact the IFSBH 2024 Conference Secretariat at [secretariat@sbhconference2024.com](mailto:secretariat@sbhconference2024.com)

## Cancellation & Refund Policy

- The IFSBH conference secretariat MUST be notified in writing of all cancellations:
- Cancellation ON or BEFORE 15 August 2024: 50% Refund
- Cancellation AFTER 15 August 2024: No Refund

## Exchange Policy

If you have purchased a ticket and wish to transfer the ticket to others, please send an email request to the IFSBH 2024 Conference Secretariat at [secretariat@sbhconference2024.com](mailto:secretariat@sbhconference2024.com)

## Disclaimer

Whilst every attempt is made to ensure that all aspects of the conference as mentioned in this announcement will take place as scheduled, the Organising Committee reserves the right to make last minute changes should the need arise.

### Scientists/Clinicians:

- Scientists
- Family Medicine Specialist
- General Practitioner
- Gynaecologist
- Neurosurgeon
- Obstetrician
- Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Paediatrician
- Rehabilitation Physician
- Student
- Urologist
- Others

### Allied Health Professionals:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Counsellor
- Educator
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Orthotist
- Paediatric Colorectal Team
- Physiotherapist
- Prosthetist
- Psychologist
- Student
- Others

### Person with SBH, Families and SBH Associations:

- Child under 21 years old as of October 2024
- Adult SBH
- Parent or Caregiver

### Others:

- Architect
- City Planner
- Counsellor
- Disability Advocate
- Engineer
- Government Agency
- Hospitality and Tourism Industry
- Policy Maker
- Robotic
- Rotarian
- Student
- Teacher
- Technologist
- And for those who are interested



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# *An Evening of Stars & Strides Fundraising Gala Dinner*

*Join Us for An Evening of  
Cultural Performances  
SBH Talent Night  
Award Presentations  
Art Auction & Fundraising*

*Date* 26 October 2024, Saturday

*Time* 6:30 pm until 11:00 pm

*Venue* Tropicana Grand Ballroom,  
Tropicana Golf & Country Resort,  
47810, Petaling Jaya, Selangor

*Dress Code* Formal & Traditional

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## Calling for SBH Global Awards Nominations

### *SBH Global Lifetime Achievement Award*

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### *Global Healthcare Professional Hero Award*

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The general terms of the awards are :-

1. Open for nomination or self-nomination.
2. All nominations must be submitted by the **30 June 2024**.
3. All nominees will need to prepare and submit a 3-minute video showcasing their achievements / contributions **before the 31 July 2024**. The video submission must be complete together with the nominees conference ticket purchase in the same website.
4. Judges will review the submissions which fulfil the criteria.
5. The top 10 entries for each category will be shortlisted and announced by **the 1 September 2024**.
6. The award will be presented during the Gala Dinner.

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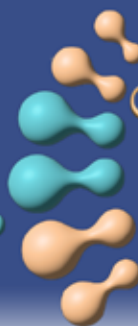




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### *Details for Nomination & Award Submission*

**The SBH Global Lifetime Achievement Award honours the achievements of SBH individuals and celebrates their resilience in overcoming challenges to live a meaningful life as well as make a positive impact in the community.**

#### **Examples of positive impacts are :**

- Mentoring other SBH individuals;
- Raising funds and resources for SBH organisations;
- Championing policies that empower SBH and the disabled community, law reform, politics, education and the creative arts.

**This award aims to showcase outstanding achievements of SBH individuals who inspire others to greater heights.**

Winners will be presented their award during the **GALA DINNER** in conjunction with the **30th International Conference on Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus** on the 26 October 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### **Why apply or nominate?**

This is an opportunity to highlight a transformative life - whether your own, or someone you would like to nominate.

### **We seek individuals who demonstrate:**



#### *Significant & Positive Impact*

Contributions that extend beyond self and immediate environment.



#### *Resilience in Facing Societal Challenges*

Contributions that display determination to overcome issues that come with SBH and disability.



#### *Leadership & Innovation*

Contributions that show initiative and wisdom in pursuing research, innovation or creative arts.

SBH GLOBAL  
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**TOP  
10**

**finalists will be provided with a complimentary  
4 night hotel stay at the conference hotel.**

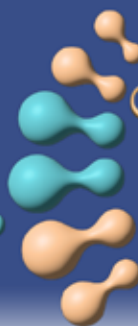
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### *Terms & Conditions for Nomination & Award Submission*

1. Open to SBH individuals above 30 years old of all nationalities.
2. Open for nomination or self-nomination.
3. All nominations must be received **by 30 June 2024** submit via QR code below.
4. Nominators are to inform their nominee of the nomination (the secretariat will also notify the nominee of the nominations made together with the next step of the award process).
5. Nominees are required to register and purchase their **3 Days Conference + Gala Dinner Ticket** via the conference website at [sbhconference2024.com](https://sbhconference2024.com) **by 31 July 2024**.
6. All registered nominees will need to prepare and submit a 3-minute video showcasing their achievements/contributions **before 31 July 2024**. The format of the video is:
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7. Judges will review the submission which fulfill the reviewing criteria below:
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  - Creativity of the video in telling the story of the nominees life.
8. The top 10 entries for each category will be shortlisted and announced **after 1 September 2024**.
9. The final judging session will take place during the conference and the award recipient will be presented during the Gala Dinner **on the 26 October 2024**.

#### **Review Criteria:**

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#### **Helpful Tip:**

The strongest entries should offer clear supporting evidence in their video such as photos, videos and endorsements from the community, industry or business which the individual has contributed to.

*Winners will have the opportunity to be recognised by their peers as well as connect with other inspirational SBH individuals.*

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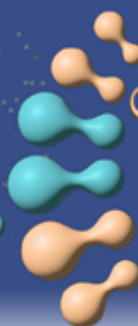
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- Developing educational materials and resources specifically tailored to SBH individuals;
- Organising workshops or seminars to train healthcare professionals on the best practices for SBH care;
- Conducting research studies to identify and address gaps in SBH healthcare delivery and outcomes;
- Providing pro bono or discounted healthcare services to SBH individuals who may face financial barriers to care;
- Establish/ run dedicated SBH clinical care services;
- Raising funds for SBH individuals/communities healthcare needs
- Active involvement with SBH families at community level.
- Advocacy, etc

**This award aims to recognise excellence and promote positive changes in SBH healthcare.**

### **Why apply or nominate?**

- You or your nominees' efforts deserve acknowledgment.
- To inspire others.
- Validate the hard work you've dedicated to SBH healthcare.

### **We seek individuals who:**



#### *Embody Compassion*

Provide tailored care and support, fostering trust and comfort for individuals with SBH.



#### *Demonstrate Dedication*

Advance SBH healthcare by advocating for policy changes and enhancing overall well-being of the SBH community.



#### *Drive Innovation*

Pioneer novel solutions, improving outcomes and quality of life for SBH patients.



#### *Champion Advocacy*

Raise awareness and advocate for equitable access to healthcare, empowering the SBH community globally.

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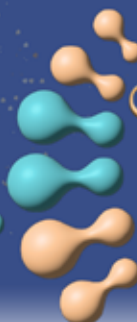
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*Winners will gain opportunities in collaboration, knowledge sharing,  
and personal growth within the healthcare community.*

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