

To all members of ESCIF and inter-  
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## **Newsletter June 2010**

### **1. ESCIF Congress 2010 in Lobbach**

Once again ESCIF was fortunate enough to enjoy the hospitality of the Manfred Sauer Foundation centre in Lobbach, Germany. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Manfred Sauer and to his staff for making us feel so welcome. Special thanks to Veronika Geng for all her practical support both before and during the days of the congress.

The theme of the congress this year was "SCI cure and assistive technology". We are extremely grateful to our speakers – Professor Fin Biering-Sørensen, Professor José del R. Millán, and Professor Kenneth G. Hunt – for their interesting, lively and insightful contributions to the congress theme *SCI cure and assistive technology*. Our thanks, too, to Per Maximilian von Groote for his introduction to the project *International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury*.

The congress presentations can be downloaded from [www.escif.org](http://www.escif.org)

### **2. Elections to the Executive**

The Assembly of Delegates elected former Vice President Jane Horsewell (Denmark) to the position of President of the European Spinal Cord Injury Federation. Winnifred de Moes (Netherlands) was elected as the new Vice President and two new members – Gunilla Åhrén (Sweden) and Pietro Barbieri (Italy) – took the final two vacant positions in the ESCIF Executive. The Assembly expressed thanks to Daniel Joggi and Pekka Häntinen for their contributions to the work of the federation over the past four years.

### **3. ESCIF policy working groups**

The reports and recommendations from three working groups were discussed at the meeting in Lobbach. The final reports on spinal cord injury registers, centralisation of SCI treatment, rehabilitation and life-long care, and peer-counseling and support will be posted on the ESCIF website after the summer.

#### **4. Information update**

So that we can ensure that ESCIF material reaches the right people in the member organisations, we would ask you to update the information in the questionnaire attached to this mail.

#### **5. ESCIF congress 2011**

See next page! More information will follow – but write the dates in your diaries now!!

Yours faithfully

European Spinal Cord Injury Federation

Jane Horsewell  
President

Urs Styger  
Secretary



# Welcome to the 2011 ESCIF Congress and Assembly of Delegates in The Netherlands.

Congress theme:  
(Proven) Quality of SCI Rehabilitation

18 – 20 May 2011  
in Hotel De Rijper Eilanden,  
De Rijp (30 km. north of Amsterdam)

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