

To all members of ESCIF and interest-
ed organisations

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1. ISCoS 2009 in Florence from 21 to 24 October 2009

Winnifred Bokma and Jane Horsewell took part in the 48th Annual Scientific Meeting of ISCoS from 21 to 24 October. With well over a thousand participants from all over the globe, the meeting provided ample opportunity to network and exchange ideas!

ESCIF was directly involved in two presentations: the first was the ESCIF poster *Setting the SCI agenda in Europe* that outlined the work of the ESCIF policy working groups; the second was the oral presentation by Dr Jan Reinhardt of the first results of the *It takes two to tango revisited* project.

Indirectly, ESCIF has also contributed to other projects that were presented at the meeting: the ISCoS/WHO collaboration on the report on *International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury* in which Daniel Joggi, Pietro Barbieri and Jane Horsewell are members of the Advisory Committee. Jane has also contributed to a couple of chapters in the report. Finally, the ISCoS/ASIA work on the Quality of Life and Activity & Participation datasets was presented by the leaders of the two working groups in which Jane has participated since last year.

In the attached file we send you the provisional programme of our Congress in Vienna. We would be grateful if all countries that did not reply to the questionnaire would do so now. As the space in Vienna is limited, we will follow the statutes: 2 delegates per member country/organisation plus 1 helper/accompanying person per delegate can participate. If a member country wishes to send more than 2 delegates (with accompanying persons), this will depend on the space available and ESCIF cannot guarantee accommodation at the Congress venue. We will send you the registration documents in January 2009.

2. Poster about ESCIF and results working groups

Jane Horsewell and Winnifred de Moes-Boekma presented a poster during the ISCoS congress in Florence.

3. Questionnaire – information about our members

We attach a questionnaire about your organisation. We would also like to update information from all current members.

4. Fact sheet for organisers of the Congress and Assembly of Delegates

We have made a couple of minor adjustments on the fact sheet sent to you last year.

5. Useful links

From time to time organisations/institutions request that their link should be posted on our website. Could you please send us links that you feel should be posted on escif.org

6. Articles about the congress in Vienna

Certainly you published in your magazine information about the last ESCIF congress in Vienna. Could you please send our secretary a PDF. We would like to publish the on escif.org.

7. ESCIF Congress in Stoke Mandeville 19 - 21 May 2010

The next congress will take place in Stoke Mandeville 19 - 21 May 2010.

We want to present an overview of what has been done in terms of cure and assistive technology, what the present situation is and what the prospects are.

8. Elections in 2010

Pekka Hättinen and Daniel Joggi will not be candidate for the next elections. Within the executive committee we discussed about this and we will nominate Jane Horsewell for the presidency. We need two candidates for the executive committee and we ask you to mention us persons that would accept an office within the board. If you need further information's please contact us.

Christmas will soon be upon us and will bring an eventful year to an end. We wish you all a reflective time until the end of the year, a happy festive season and lots of success in 2009.

Yours faithfully

European Spinal Cord Injury Federation



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