

Newsletter for the ESCIF Assembly 2014



Dear Colleagues

I hope that all our members have “arrived” safely into 2014!

We are writing now a “special” Newsletter related to the Congress and Assembly of Delegates in 2014, because we want to ensure that you have the opportunity (in good time) to contribute the ideas, views and opinions of your organisation to the annual meeting in late August 2014.

First of all, we have elections coming up! It is very important for ESCIF that we consider very carefully who sits on the Executive of the federation. We need people who are committed to the idea of a pan-European organisation, who can support the mission and vision of ESCIF – and who are willing and able to contribute the time and effort necessary to achieve our shared and ongoing goals.

As it turns out, those who are up for election this year are all willing to stand for re-election – but you need to ask yourselves whether you have candidates in your organisation who can fulfil the current tasks and, at the same time, provide new input and dynamism to the federation.

ESCIF has achieved many of the goals we set ourselves in 2006 – we need to maintain and improve upon this impressive record.

On behalf of the ESCIF Executive

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Elections to the executive

In 2014 three positions in the Executive are up for election; the President and two board members. We therefore call for nominations to the Executive from all member organisations of ESCIF. We would appreciate it if you could send a short presentation of the person(s) you wish to nominate. The election for the position of President is held as a "separate" election; the two positions as board members will be awarded to the two candidates who receive the highest and next highest number of votes among the candidates who are nominated. When you send your nominations, please make sure that you state clearly whether your candidate is standing for the position of president or as a board member.

The presentations of your candidates (and those who are standing for re-election) will be sent out together with the notification of the Assembly that will be sent to all the delegates at least six weeks in advance of the Assembly. Please send the presentation to Urs Styger, secretary@escif.org.

The three people in the current Executive who are up for re-election are:

Jane Horsewell (Denmark), President

Jane has served one term as Vice President (2006 – 2010) and one term as President since 2010.

Pietro Barbieri (Italy)

Pietro has served one term as 2nd executive since 2010

Gunilla Åhrén (Sweden)

Gunilla has served one term as 1st executive since 2010

All three persons that are up for re-election are willing to stand for a new term of four years.

Proposals from members

We would like to remind all member organisations that according to ESCIF statutes, all proposals from members to the Assembly of Delegates are to be submitted to the Head Office at least twelve weeks before the Assembly. If your organisation has any proposals for the Assembly of Delegates, please send your proposals to Urs Styger, secretary@escif.org, before 5th June, 2014.

Members' input

A major purpose of ESCIF is to support "*closer relationships between the individual national SCI parent organisations and the exchange of information*". To facilitate this we initiated *Members' input* as an integral part of the Assembly. This was included for the first time in De Rijp in 2011 and has continued since then.

Once again we ask members of the federation to submit a short presentation of a current or recent project, collaboration or other activities and actions that might be of interest or inspiration for other member organisations. If your organisation would like to give a presentation, please send your abstract to Winnifred de Moes, vice-president@escif.org, before 30 June 2014. The abstracts will be reviewed by representatives of the Executive.

The presentation must not exceed **10 minutes**. Due to time pressure, all presentations must be given in English.

Congress and congress website

ESCIF Congress and Assembly of Delegates 27 – 29 August 2014 in De Rijp, The Netherlands

Programme «Healthy Ageing: what can be done?»

In 2014 the annual ESCIF Congress will be organised in cooperation with the Dutch SCI Association. The Congress is being held for the ninth time and for the second time in the Netherlands and will take place from 27 - 29 August 2014 in Hotel De Rijper Eilanden in De Rijp, 30 km. from Amsterdam. The theme of the congress is: Healthy Ageing: what can be done? You can find more information on the congress website www.escifcongress.org

Registration for the congress will be open early March. Please check the website.

Please register before 1 June 2014.

Visit www.escif.org or scan the QR-code for more information.

