

Newsletter for the ESCIF Congress and Assembly 2015



Dear Colleagues

It doesn't seem that long ago since we met in De Rijp – but now the time has already arrived to remind you of the forthcoming ESCIF Congress and Assembly of Delegates!

As you already know, our hosts this year are ParaCENTRUM Fenix and we will meet in Brno, the Czech Republic, from 20 – 22 May.

We are very grateful to our hosts, and to their organising team, for all their efforts and we look forward to meeting up with them in Brno. (On a personal note, I should add that I was fortunate enough to visit Brno as a participant in the trans-national project which forms the basis of the congress theme – it is a beautiful city!)

We look forward to seeing you

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Welcome to the ESCIF Congress and Assembly 2015!
20 – 22 May 2015 in Brno, the Czech Republic
Programme «The employment of people after spinal cord injury»

In 2015 the annual ESCIF Congress will be organised in cooperation with ParaCENTRUM Fenix. The congress is being held for the tenth time and for the first time in the Czech Republic. The congress will take place in Hotel Maximus Resort in Brno, www.maximus-resort-hotel-brno.com. Brno is the second largest city of the Czech Republic.

You can find more information about the venue, programme and registration on the congress website www.escifcongress.org.

NB! We have experienced some difficulties with the new registration procedure and have therefore decided to extend the “early bird” registration deadline until 16 March 2015. No additional fees will be payable until this deadline. All other deadlines still apply.

Elections to the executive

In 2015 one position in the Executive is open for election. Winnifred de Moes (Netherlands) has served two terms in the Executive (2007 – 2015) and has been Vice-President since 2010. The Dutch member organisation DON does not wish to support Winnifred's candidature for a further term as this does not comply with the organisation's own statutes that specify a maximum period of 8 years in office.

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 so that everyone has the chance to consider the candidates.

The presentations of your candidates 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.

Proposals from members

If your organisation has any proposals for the Assembly of Delegates, please send them to Urs Styger, secretary@escif.org, before 11 March 2015.

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 *Members' Input* is an integral part of the Assembly.

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 an oral presentation, please send your abstract to Winnifred de Moes, vice-president@escif.org, before **31 March 2015**. 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.

Visit www.escif.org or scan the QR-code for more information about the European Spinal Cord Injury Federation.

