

NL-De Rijp, 29 August 2014

**To all our members and
interested European organisations**

Minutes

9th Assembly of Delegates

Date 28 August 2014
Time 09:00 – 10:10
Location Hotel De Rijper Eilanden
NL-1483 MA DE RIJP
Chairman **Daniel Joggi, Switzerland**

Nations Austria (4 votes), Belgium (4 votes), Croatia (4 votes), Czech republic (2 org), Denmark (2 org), England (4 votes), Finland (2 org), France (2), Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain (2org), Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine

16 Nations

At the beginning of the assembly, the delegates were informed about the voting rights. The nations with one organisation have 4 votes the nations with two organisations have 2 votes per organisation.

1	<p>Approval of the minutes of the 8th Assembly of Delegates The minutes of the eighth Assembly of Delegates of ESCIF from 7 June 2013 were approved by the delegates</p>
2	<p>Approval of the President's Report The President's Report was sent to member organizations and delegates before the congress. Jane held a short speech about the last year activities. This report covers the period from the last ESCIF Congress and Assembly of Delegates – June 2013 to the present – and outlines what has been done and achieved since the last meeting of ESCIF delegates.</p> <p>Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Assembly of Delegates 2013 • ESCIF Congress 2013 in Nottwil, Switzerland • ESCIF Executive meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for the ESCIF Congress 2014 • Communication with members: ESCIF website and newsletter • ISCoS 2013 in Istanbul 28 – 30 October 2013 • Global SCI Consumer Network meeting • International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury (IPSCI) • Information gathering on MRSA • Project on lifelong care, monitoring and management of SCI • Successful (re) integration of people with SCI • Fundraising and sponsorship <p>The annual report is approved by the delegates.</p>						
3	<p>Presentation of the accounts</p> <p>Jani Trdina presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account. The accounts have been sent to all members. The profit of the year is Euro 27965.52. Jani proposes that the balance will be carried forward to the 2014 account. The accounts are unanimously approved and the profit will be carried forward to the 2014 accounts.</p> <p>Frans Penninx asked how high ESCIF reserves will be allowed to grow. ESCIF wants to have enough money and is for the first time able to start a project before having found sponsors.</p> <p>Daniel Joggi explains that in Switzerland there are reserves for two years..</p>						
4	<p>Presentation of the auditor's report</p> <p>The Report of the statutory auditors to the Assembly of Delegates on the 2013 financial statement is presented by Jani Trdina.</p>						
5	<p>Approval of the accounts and discharge of the Executive</p> <p>The Auditors recommend approval of the report. The Assembly approves it unanimously.</p>						
6	<p>Decision on membership fees</p> <p>The annual membership fee remains at Euro 350</p>						
7	<p>Approval of budget 2014/2015</p> <p>Jani presents the budget 2014 and 2015. The Executive committee decided to establish both budgets, as we are already late in the year.</p>						
8	<p>Election of auditor</p> <p>The Executive committee recommends Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) as auditors. PWC is unanimously elected.</p>						
9	<p>Proposal to the Assembly of Delegates 2014 – End Paralysis Foundation</p> <p>The Executive board of the European Spinal Cord Injury Federation proposes that ESCIF becomes an official partner of the newly-established End Paralysis foundation* and that the federation is named as a partner on the foundation's website endparalysis.org. If accepted, this proposal will not prevent individual member organisations of ESCIF from entering into partnership agreements or similar with End Paralysis.</p> <p>* Corinne Jeanmaire made a presentation about this at the beginning of the congress Wednesday evening.</p> <p>The proposal was accepted by the Assembly</p>						
10	<p>Elections of 3 members of the Executive Committee (President and 2 board member)</p> <p>Candidates are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Jane Horsewell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Board member</td> <td>Gunilla Ahren</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Board member</td> <td>Nuutti Hiltunen</td> </tr> </table> <p>Pietro Barbieri withdrew as a candidate. No other candidates were presented from the Assembly.</p> <p>The candidates made a short presentation that had been sent out with the documents.</p>	President	Jane Horsewell	Board member	Gunilla Ahren	Board member	Nuutti Hiltunen
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	Jane Horsewell was elected as President for 4 years until the Assembly of Delegates 2018 Gunilla Ahren and Nuutti Hiltunen were elected as Board member for 4 years until 2018
11	Any other business Next congresses 2016 Austria (Hannes Wiesinger) will check if it is possible 2017 Denmark (Niels Balle) 2018 Croatia (Janko Ehrlich-Zvorak) Spain could host a congress but the accommodation will not be at the same place. We have to check if it is possible under these conditions. No inputs

Urs Styger
Secretary