




**An introduction to**



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*Considering the benefits of a global SCI consumer organization*  
**The International Spinal Cord Society 49th Scientific Meeting**



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## When?

ESCIF was founded in Nottwil, Switzerland, in March 2006 by SCI organizations from 16 European countries



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# Who?

Albania  
Austria  
Belgium  
Bosnia Herzegovina  
Czech Republic  
Croatia  
Denmark  
England  
France  
France  
Finland  
France  
Germany



Ireland  
Italy  
Lithuania  
Netherlands  
Portugal  
Romania  
Scotland  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Switzerland  
Turkey  
Ukraine

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## Why?

To improve the quality of life of people who are living with a spinal cord injury - throughout Europe

To create a unified voice

To be proactive in setting the SCI agenda

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## How?

Information-gathering projects

Working groups on SCI issues

Policy statements

Annual congresses

Newsletters and [www.escif.org](http://www.escif.org)



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## So what?

Experience and knowledge

Confidence and strength

Collaboration and partnerships

Influence and impact

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