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## Umag / Croatia

- Executive meeting 23 April 2008
- Congress 24-26 April 2008
  - SCI and age
    - Professor Zvonko Jejla Spinal cord injuries in the senior population in Croatia
    - Dr Gabriele Kirchmair Everyone wants a long life - no-one wants to get old
  - Workshop on and polishing of our Policy Statement on the treatment, rehabilitation and life-long care of people with a spinal cord injury
  - second Assembly of Delegates

Many thanks to Manda Knezevic and Janko Ehrlich for this very successful congress organisation

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## Meetings workgroups in Copenhagen

- Group 1 4-5 March 2009  
**Establishment of regional and/or national spinal cord registers in all European countries**
- Group 2 24-25 March 2009  
**Centralisation of the treatment, rehabilitation and life-long care of people with spinal cord injuries**
- Many thanks  
to Jane for organising the meetings  
to Coloplast for sponsoring them and  
to all the participants for their constructive work

## Preparing congress of 2008

- Executive meeting in Lobbach  
4-6 September 08
- Visit to Vienna to test site of congress  
13-14 December 2008 (Daniel and Urs)

## Telephone meetings:

- 17 July 2008
- 10 November 2008
- 20 January 2008
- 21 April 2008

## Cost efficiency

## Activities

- Factsheet for the organisation of a congress
- Work on ESCIF Policy (Preamble + working groups)
- Follow up Integration project (It takes two to tango)
- Update of ESCIF website
- Preparing of congress
- Finances and sponsoring

## Coming this year

- ISCOS congress in Florence Italy
- EDF meeting
- Meetings of workgroups in Copenhagen in autumn with medical specialists (probably again sponsored by Coloplast)
- Preparation of congress 2010  
Main topic: SC repair and assistive technology  
proposal from England to hold it in Stoke Mandeville
- New collaboration IPSCI WHO-ISCoS  
(International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury)  
(Pietro Barbieri, Daniel Joggi, Jane Horsewell for ESCIF)

## Your Executive committee

Daniel Joggi, president, Switzerland  
Jane Horsewell, vice president, Denmark  
Winnifred Bokma, Netherlands  
Pekka Häätinen, Finland  
Jani Trdina, treasurer, Slovenia  
  
and secretary Urs Styger, Switzerland