

**Minutes of the 2 Annual Assembly of 26 April 2008 in UMAG,
Hotel Sol Garden Istra**

Date: 26 April 2008 from 10:00 - 17:25

Location: Hotel Sol Garden Istra, Umag Croatia

Present: Croatia, Italy, Nederland's, Germany, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Slovenia,
England, Scotland, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland

Candidate: Romania

Absent: Lithuania (had to leave earlier), Albania (did not get the Visa), France,
Ireland, Portugal

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| 1 | The minutes of the first annual meeting of ESCIF dated 19 April 2007 are approved by the delegates. |
| 2 | The Annual Rreport presented by Daniel Joggi is unanimously approved. Every delegate is given the written report. |
| 3 | Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account are presented by Adrian O'Donnell to the members. The accounts are unanimously approved. The loss of the year 2007 is Euro 5 960.23 and the balance will be covered by the Swiss Paraplegic Association. |
| 4 | The report of the Auditors to the Assembly of Delegates on the Financial Statements 2007 is presented by Adrian O'Donnell. The Auditors recommend approving this report. The Assembly approves unanimously. |
| 5 | After the resignation of Adrian O'Donnell, Scotland, one new board member had to be elected. 2 candidates were nominated. Elected is Janez Trdina, Slovenia. |
| 6 | The Executive committee recommend Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) as auditors. PWC is elected unanimously. |
| 7 | The budget presented by Adrian O'Donnell is unanimously approved. The annual membership fee is EURO 300. |
| 8 | Admission of new members: |

Romania is accepted by the Assembly
Montenegro and Bosnia Herzegovina are granted provisional membership of ESCIF
to be confirmed at the Assembly in 2009 where they must be present.

22 nations are now ESCIF members.

- 9** The Assembly approves the Policy Statement as discussed on 25 April 2008. The policy document will be modified to use the expression " persons with a spinal cord injury" rather than patients or other nomenclature if and where it makes sense. An introduction or preamble which makes specific reference to the UN Convention – and in particular Articles 4 and 26 - will be formulated and sent to member organisations for comments/revision.

10 Any other business

The Slovenian organisation will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2009 and every nation will be invited. They intend to celebrate this birthday around 16 April 2009

The Netherlands has produced a directory of accessible Protestant churches in the Netherlands. This will be extended to include Catholic churches, synagogues and mosques. The info will be available on the website

ESCIF is looking for an organisation to organize the Congress in 2009

Janko Ehrlich proposes that the federation that organizes the congress should not have to pay the annual membership fee. This matter will be discussed in the Executive Committee.

Dr. Daniel Joggi
President ESCIF

Urs Styger
Secretary ESCIF