

Nottwil, 30 May 2012

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

Minutes

7th Assembly of Delegates

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Daniel Joggi chairs the assembly of delegates

1	<p>Approval of the minutes of the sixth Assembly of Delegates of ESCIF from 20 May 2011</p> <p>The minutes of the sixth Assembly of Delegates of ESCIF from 20 May 2011 were approved by the delegates.</p>
2	<p>Approval of the President's report</p> <p>The President's Report was sent to member organisations and delegates before the congress.</p> <p>Since last year congress we set up a working group on quality in SCI rehabilitation and management. In this group were Gunilla Ahren, Frans Penninx and our president Jane Horsewell.</p> <p>The executive met several times, more than in the past.</p> <p>Corinne Jeanmaire presented a poster at the Interdependence conference in Vancouver on behalf of the ESCIF research group.</p>

	Special guest is Shivjeet Raghaw from India. Shivjeet and Jane have been working together on several projects since 2010. He will found a national SCI consumer association in India.
3	<p>Presentation of the accounts</p> <p>Jani Trdina presents the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account. The profit for the year is Euro 12'850.76. Jani proposes that the balance be carried forward to the 2012 account. The accounts are unanimously approved and the profit will be carried forward to the 2012 accounts.</p>
4	<p>Presentation of the auditor's report</p> <p>The Report of the statutory auditors to the Assembly of Delegates on the 2011 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 the budget 2012</p> <p>Jani Trdina presents the budget for 2012. The Assembly approves the budget.</p>
8	<p>Election of the auditor</p> <p>The Executive committee recommend Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) as auditors. PWC is unanimously elected.</p> <p>Frans Penninx proposes that ESCIF thinks about changing the auditor every 6 to 8 years.</p>
9	<p>Election to the Executive. The post of Treasurer is open for election. Janez Trdina is willing to stand for re-election</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Treasurer Jani Trdina, Slovenia, Netherlands As there are no other nominations, Jani is elected without contest.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Not subject to re-election</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">President Jane Horsewell, Denmark Vice President Winnifred De Moes Board member Gunilla Ahren, Sweden Board member Pietro Barbieri, Italy</p>
10	<p>Amendments to the statutes</p> <p>Article 2 accepted without contest Article 3 accepted without contest Article 4 accepted without contest (without fee on line 9) Article 8 accepted without contest Article 12 accepted without contest Article 14 accepted without contest - We have to clarify that English is our official language Article 18 accepted by 14 members; two against Article 19 accepted without contest</p>
11	<p>Presentation and admission of new members</p> <p>AKSON from Finland presents this organisation. The Executive proposes to accept AKSON as</p>

	<p>a member. website: www.aksonry.fi AKSON is accepted without contest</p> <p>Albania attended in 2007 at the congress. Since then they have not paid the membership fee. They have not been active at all. We tried to have contact but they have not replied. The Executive committee recommends to expulse Albania. The assembly accepted without contest the expulsion of the Albanian member organisation.</p>
12	<p>Discussion of ESCIF statement on Quality Gunilla made a short introduction on this report. The report is accepted without contest. Jane encouraged the members to send it out to their members and to SCI professionals. Daniel Joggi thinks we should get feedback from the spinal units.</p>
13	<p>Future ESCIF activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILIAS - return to work The investigation into the return to work after SCI was further delayed while the research group worked to ensure uniformity with the Swiss Paraplegic Research cohort study SwiSCI. The study is to be launched in Switzerland, Netherlands, Norway and Denmark in May 2012, and will be extended to other ESCIF member countries in 2013. • The final report of IPSCI will be launched at the ISCoS meeting in September in London later this year. The ESCIF Executive would like to thank all ESCIF members who have contributed to this joint WHO/ISCoS publication. • The SCI Consumer Workshop at ISCoS 2012 ESCIF has arranged the first independent SCI consumer workshop to be held at the ISCoS meeting in London in September. The workshop, entitled <i>The SCI consumer agenda: global perspectives</i>, will be chaired by Jane Horsewell and will include presentations by Frans Penninx on the conclusions of ESCIF's deliberations on "quality in SCI rehabilitation" and by Pietro Barbieri on the preliminary results of the investigation into the impact of the economic crisis. Other speakers are colleagues from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and US. www.globalsci.net ESCIF asks the members for feedback. • ESCIF Congress and Assembly of Delegates 2013 After discussions with our colleagues in Turkey, TOFD, it has been decided to postpone Turkey's hosting of the ESCIF Congress. The problem was one which most countries will recognise – a lack of accessible accommodation! We had hoped to hold the congress in Istanbul where TOFD has been actively involved in projects to make the many historical monuments in the city accessible to wheelchair-users. Negotiations between TOFD and, for example, the Ministry of Tourism will continue. We look forward to the opportunity to visit Istanbul in the future. ISCOS meeting will be in Istanbul in October 2013 The Congress will be hold in Nottwil, Switzerland from 5 - 7 June 2013. • An extension of the study into the impact of the economic crisis ISTUD would be able to do more for ESCIF – for example, an ongoing monitoring of the situation. Daniel Joggi pointed out that the parameters should be measurable and comparable. The questions should be clear and understandable. • A project focusing upon the successful reintegration of people with SCI From rehab back home back to life, long term, lifelong care Frans Penninx and Anti Dahlberg would like to help. •

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A project on the consumer view of "quality of life" Jane would like to get input from consumers view point <p>The Executive Committee will work further on the above themes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dick Te Winkel In Germany if you don't have the Berhindertenausweis (disability card) you do not always get the possibility to benefit EDF has a working group on this. So it does not make sense to make a project on this.• Frans Penninx asked about specific activities on the SCI research group. A telephone meeting is planned following the conference in Vancouver.
14	Any other business

Urs Styger
Secretary