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Speaker`s name: Theo te Winkel
Headline/Topic: The History of ESCIF

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De Schakel established 20th July 1976 in NL

Schakel = link in the chain

Link between people with SCI and others

Dick te Winkel (1937-2019)

- Diving accident early morning 5th August 1961 at the age of 24
- Changed studies mechanical engineering to mathematics
- Employed by KLM Operations Research → free travel, IATA and many international contacts
- ‘Schakel’ not related to SCI nor international

DON = Dwarslaesie-Organisatie NL

- Dick boardmember → change statutes and name to DON
- 2004 symposium 25th anniversary in Utrecht
- Invitation to 7 other European countries
- Flemish Jacky Boelens and Swiss Thomas Troger only participants from abroad

Schweizerische Parapflegiker Verein

- 2004 Nottwil 15 foreign associations invited
- Daniel Joggi/Guido Zäch/Urs Styger/Thomas Troger (CH)
- Jane + Andy Horsewell (DK) Gerhard Exner/Beate Kellerman (D)
- Hans Wiessinger/Manfred Schweizer(A)
- Sophocles Alepis/Nikoletta Marcou (GR)
- Raffaele Goretti/Pietro Barbieri (It) Pekka Hätinén (Fin)
- Esther Peris Valle/Inés Garcia Gonzales (E) Colm Whooley (Ir)
- Dougy Johnstone/Adrian O'Donnell (ESC)
- Winnifred Bokma-De Moes/Dick te Winkel/Cedric Lourens (NL)
- Tomas Sinevicius/Bernatavicius Juozas/Ieva Zigmantaviciute (Lit)

Annual Meetings (CONGRESSES)

- 2005 Nottwil
- 2007 Lobbach (D)
- 2009 Vienna/Wien (A)
- 2011 De Rijp (NL)
- 2013 Nottwil
- 2015 Brno (CZ)
- 2017 Piran (SK)
- 2019 Göteborg (S)
- 2021 Nottwil
- 2006 Nottwil
- 2008 Umag (HR)
- 2010 Lobbach
- 2012 Licignano (I)
- 2014 De Rijp
- 2016 Wien/Vienna
- 2018 Prague (CZ)
- 2020 --- covid-19
- 2022 Samorin (SK)

Annual Meeting or congress?

- + a quarterly Newsletter (digital)?
- Some remarks:
 - 2005 from Lithuania 4 participants
 - where are the 'Brits'? (Brexit?)
 - „ „ „ French/Fins/Scandinavians?
 - „ „ „ Ests, Lets, Ukrainians, Balkanians, South Europeans?
 - what/how do we meet and learn from e.other?



Thank you for your attention.

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