



Relationship

ESCIF 2014 and ISCoS 2014

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ISCoS Annual
Scientific
Meeting

2-4 September 2014

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The International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) promotes the highest standard of care in the practice of spinal cord injury for men, women and children throughout the world. Through its medical and multidisciplinary team of professionals ISCoS endeavours to foster education, research & clinical excellence.



Members:

- 87 countries
- 17 affiliated societies
- Annual scientific meeting (Maastricht 53th)
- Committee meetings during congress for policy

Congress more scientific than policy (unlike ESCIF)



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Conference 2014

- 5 Pre conference workshops
- 7 Keynote speakers
- 4 Parallel sessions
- 181 Posters
- 4 Sponsor satellite symposia
- Guttman lecture
- 5 Congress themes



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Congress themes

- Ageing in SCI
- Physical capacity and fitness in SCI
- Consumer rights
- Sexuality
- Orthotics (including FES) in SCI



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Consumer sessions

- **Keynote Jane Horsewell:** Consumer initiatives in the comprehensive management of spinal cord injury: best practice and policy
- **Workshop 1: ESCIF SCI consumer workshop:** consumer initiatives: pushing the SCI agenda forward
- **Workshop 5: End of life decisions in SCI:** a consumer right to have a choice?



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- Workshop 11: IPSCI report: implications
- Workshop 13: Improving QoL for people with SCI and their families: a comparison of different approaches to peer mentoring
- Oral session 5: Consumer rights



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Organizing topics

- Wheelchair accessible congress center
- Adapted rooms
- Transport

- Discussion started about ISCoS policy



- **Approach to topics:**
 - ✓ **ISCoS: SCI professional / scientific view**
 - ✓ **ESCIF: SCI consumer (organisation) view**
- **Common topic this year:
(healthy) ageing**

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- **ESCIF SCI consumer workshop during ISCOS**
- **In 2010: initiative to form a Global SCI Consumer Network**

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WHY THIS INITIATIVE?

- To establish an active global network of consumer groups and organisations of people living with SCI
- To learn from each other, sharing info. & knowledge
- To impact the SCI agenda worldwide
- To help each other to promote “local” initiatives that will benefit people living with SCI
- To collaborate with other stakeholders – incl. SCI professionals, researchers and providers of aids – to improve quality of care & life of people living with SCI

SITUATION / DISCUSSION

- From 2010 until now
- Lack of activities / input / commitment (money?)
- Are we standing at a crossroads?
- Next to each other or (more) with each other?
- Coordination + cooperation between consumers, professionals and their organisations