



## European Spinal Psychologists Association Scientific Committee role

- PURPOSE:** To support the ESPA executive committee to provide a European professional forum to support the development and dissemination of psychological knowledge; share clinical and psychological practice to promote the highest standards of care; facilitate clinical research through providing a collaborative, cross nation and culture, network for clinicians and researchers in spinal cord injury
- KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. To be a member of the Scientific Committee and support the Executive, with other committee members:
    - 1.1 To provide an ESPA Conference every 2 years
    - 1.2 To provide a joint pre-conference with the ISCoS Psychosocial committee when the ISCoS meeting is in Europe
  2. To help identify a location, theme and speakers for each conference.
  3. To plan the programme through reviewing oral and poster abstract submissions
  4. To oversee the Awards and Scholarships (Annette Johansen-Quale; Professor Paul Kennedy and Mrs Linda Hall)
- In addition to the duties of all Committee members, each should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the Committee reach sound decisions. This will involve scrutinising Committee papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, and/or providing advice and guidance relevant to the area of ESPA's work in which the Committee member has special expertise.
- TIME COMMITMENT:**
1. Approximately 1 hour per month for general administration and committee business.
  2. Approximately 4 hours reviewing abstracts and agreeing the conference programme with fellow committee members.
  3. Other time as required by the role and agreed by the Committee.
  4. Tenure for approximately 5 years but may be elected for further terms.
- THE PERSON:**
1. Commitment to ESPA, it's values and objectives.
  2. Integrity.
  3. Sees the bigger picture; can take decisions for the good of the organisation, good and independent judgement.
  4. Willing and able to devote the necessary time and effort to their role



5. Excellent interpersonal skills: tact; willing to share own views and listen to others.
6. Team player: flexible, helpful and communicative
7. Understanding of the context in which ESPA and its members work
8. A specific area(s) of expertise matching current organisational need.
9. We aim for half of the committee to be a practicing psychologist who provides direct clinical work to people with spinal cord injury.
10. All committee members must have a first degree in psychology with their defined employment role be as a psychologist in the country of their employment.

Personal Assistance attendants will be supported as required.

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