

First International SCI Nurse Conference, Maastricht, 2014

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Pre-conference Sexuality Workshop:

Eighty SCI Nurses from around Europe attended an extremely interesting 5 1/2 hour workshop to discuss sexuality associated with spinal cord injury. A presentation on sexual function in men and women with a spinal cord injury, created much discussion, which continued during an interactive dinner. An International Expert Panel answered questions raised by the attendees following dinner table interactive, educational activities. The evening provided a fantastic opportunity for SCI nurses to network and share experience from all over Europe relating to this important topic.

SCI Nurse Conference:

SCI Nurses from all over the World totalled 160 delegates and were from Korea, India, Norway, Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Eire, England, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, ensuring multi-national representation.

The day provided an international perspective, with presentations of a high standard, and reflected the professionalism of many highly qualified and experienced SCI Nurses, whose aim is to share best practice in this specialised field of nursing.

The many Poster Presentations further enhanced information sharing relating to clinical practice, patient education and the complexities of SCI nursing in low and middle income countries.

Future Plans:

Following overwhelmingly positive feedback, plans are already in progress to ensure SCI Nurses have a voice at The International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) Annual Conferences - The next ISCoS conference will be held in May 2015 in Montreal, Canada.

Gratitude is extended to the SCI Nurse Conference Organising and Educational Committees, to the healthcare professionals who presented, everyone who attended the conference, and especially to Hollister for their incredible assistance and support of the event.

