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SCI day in Greece

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY ASSOCIATIONS OF PERSONS WITH SCI AND THE SPINAL CORD SECTION OF THE HELLENIC SOCIETY OF PRM

The Hellenic Spinal Cord section (HeSCoS) of the Hellenic Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine society (HSPRM), warmly welcomes the second year of celebrating the 5th of September as the World SCI Day.

Our actions before, during and after the second SCI Awareness day, will take place in the following towns of Greece: **Athens, Thessaloniki, Patras and Amyntaio of Florina**. There will be a press release concerning the day, sound messages to the local and national radio and TV channels, and references to newspapers and internet. Additionally, several interviews will be given by members of HeSCoS and individuals with SCI.

In Athens, events celebrating SCI Day 2017, will be held with the collaboration of the Pan-Hellenic Association of Paraplegics and the Hospice for Neuro-Disability

: http://www.asylonianaton.gr/documents/ASYLO_ENG_OK.pdf

The events will conclude at the Hospice with interactive lectures among physicians, people with SCI and their caregivers, and the public. Official stakeholders will be invited to participate too. "YES, WE CAN" will be the motto for discussing independent living and many other aspects of everyday issues for persons with SCI living in Athens.

In Patras, events will take place during the whole day of 5th of September at St George's square, a central and popular place of Patras. Leaflets will be distributed to passers informing for enhancing public awareness concerning SCI. Interactive discussions with the participation of people with SCI, the regional association of paraplegics, official stakeholders and the public will focus on bringing information on SCI under different points of view.

In Thessaloniki, the capital of North Greece, events for the World SCI Day 2017 will take place also during the **82nd Thessaloniki International Fair (TFI)**, which will be held from 10 to 17 of September and is a unique landmark for the national exhibition agency. Every year during TFI the Panhellenic Association of Paraplegics (Macedonia-Thrace section) has a special presentation



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and organises many events enhancing public awareness concerning SCI. At an information desk/booth, a special reference to the World SCI Day will be made by relevant brochure and ISCoS' video screen projection. The same type of events took place last year with great success. More than 1500 persons visited the information desk and they were informed for SCI Day and the importance of prevention.

In Amyntaio of Florina, on 5th of September, events presenting information and enhancing the awareness of public, concerning SCI, will take place at the Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine Centre of the town. Interactive discussions with the participation of the multi-professional rehabilitation team of the Centre, people with SCI and their caregivers, and the regional association of paraplegics will take place during the day. Official stakeholders will be invited to participate too. Leaflets will be distributed for enhancing public awareness concerning SCI on 5th of September and the following days by the rehabilitation team of the Centre.

“YES, WE CAN” will be the motto for every event. During the above events **ISCoS' videos for prevention** and a video titled: **“Inspiring the logo for the World SCI day”** which has been created by Mr. Katagas for the SCI Day 2017, will be presented.

The HeSCoS will also make sure that during this day, in every part of Greece where celebrations for SCI Day are taking place, **endorsement in InSCI survey** of people with SCI will take place too. Associations of people with SCI will also be involved towards this effort.

On behalf of the Spinal Cord Section of the Hellenic Society of PRM

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