

## Application for a Special Interest Group, NoSCoS

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Proposed Name of Special Interest Group	Special Interest Group Spina Bifida (SIG-SB)
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Date and year of Constitutional meeting, <i>to be filled out by the NoSCoS board.</i>	
Main Purpose, Interest or Theme of Special Interest Group	Persons with Spina Bifida (SB) have a congenital spinal cord disorder (injury), often involving cognitive impairments, which puts special demands on the healthcare. The aim of this special interest group (SIG) is to highlight the concerns of persons with SB within NoSCoS, by gathering and disseminating information and research with the goal to develop adequate follow up guidelines and improved care and quality of life for persons with SB.
Core members of the Special Interest Group, and their Designations	<p>Core members:</p> <p>Martina Bendt, PhD, Physiotherapist Manager of Spinalis outpatient Clinic <a href="mailto:martina.bendt@aleris.se">martina.bendt@aleris.se</a></p> <p>Hanna Gabrielsson, PhD, Registered nurse, Senior Lecturer, Swedish Red Cross University, <a href="mailto:hanna.gabrielsson@rkh.se">hanna.gabrielsson@rkh.se</a></p> <p>Dorothee Riedel, MSc, Occupational therapist, Spinalis <a href="mailto:dorothee.riedel@gmail.com">dorothee.riedel@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Members:</p> <p>Kerstin Lundberg Larsen, <a href="mailto:kerstinLundberg.Larsen@sunnaas.no">kerstinLundberg.Larsen@sunnaas.no</a>, Physiotherapist, MSc. Sunnåås Hospital</p> <p>Ingeborg Lidal, <a href="mailto:ingeborgbeate@gmail.com">ingeborgbeate@gmail.com</a>, PhD Medical doctor, PhD</p> <p>Anders Andrae, <a href="mailto:anders@willut.se">anders@willut.se</a>, founder of Skogstur, a Swedish organisation for outdoor activities for persons with disabilities</p> <p>Carl Norrman, <a href="mailto:carlmagnusaron@hotmail.com">carlmagnusaron@hotmail.com</a>, Skogstur</p> <p>Rasmus Isaksson, <a href="mailto:rasmus_isaksson@hotmail.com">rasmus_isaksson@hotmail.com</a>, Spinoff, a Swedish organization of persons with SB</p> <p>Cato Lie, <a href="mailto:cato.lie@ffo.no">cato.lie@ffo.no</a>, International federation for spina bifida and hydrocephalus</p> <p>Alette.halvor.jensen@regionh.dk, Occupational Therapist, Hornbäck, Danmark</p> <p>Jonas Gripenland, PhD, MD, <a href="mailto:jonas@gripenland.com">jonas@gripenland.com</a></p> <p>Co-opted members:</p> <p>Antoinette.botman@health.nsw.gov.au, Australia</p> <p>Carylyn Lim, paediatric rehabilitation physician leading the Spina Bifida Clinic at Sydney Children's Hospital in Australia</p> <p><a href="mailto:Carylyn.Lim@health.nsw.gov.au">Carylyn.Lim@health.nsw.gov.au</a></p>

Focus areas for your Special Interest Group over the next 2 years	Focus areas for the first two years of SIG-SB is to establish contact and identify possible collaborations within research and development in the clinical work, between the Nordic countries. Equally important is to involve persons living with spina bifida and their organizations in SIG-SB.
Who can be a member of the Special Interest Group?	This SIG is for all healthcare professionals as well as for persons with SB, and their organizations, who's voices are of great importance.
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