## Letter of Motivation - Candidacy for President of NoSCoS

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Dear Members of NoSCoS,

I am honoured to put forward my candidacy for the position of President of the Nordic Spinal Cord Society (NoSCoS). My ambition is to strengthen Nordic collaboration, with a particular focus on education, knowledge exchange, and research within the field of spinal cord injury rehabilitation.

Having dedicated many years to this specialised area, I have witnessed first-hand the transformative impact that high-quality rehabilitation and compassionate care can have on individuals and their families. These experiences have profoundly shaped my commitment to advancing our field. I firmly believe that by working together across borders, we can cultivate a more connected and resilient professional community—one that benefits both practitioners and the people we serve.

In a field as specialised and relatively small as ours, mutual support and collective advancement are essential. I am committed to fostering structures and platforms that facilitate the sharing of clinical and scientific expertise, and to promoting collaborative research initiatives that enhance the quality, visibility, and impact of our work.

I bring extensive experience in organisational leadership, having served on the NoSCoS Board since 2019 and as Vice President since 2021. These roles have provided me with valuable insight into the organisation's structure, strengths, and potential. I am passionate about continuing to develop our shared efforts to improve the lives of individuals living with spinal cord injury—and their families—across the Nordic region, throughout all stages of life.

It would be a privilege to receive your support, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue this important work together.

Yours sincerely,

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