

# AFSCIN3 REPORT

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**Congress venue** : Taj Pamoudzi Hôtel ,Lusaka, Zambia

**Date of congress**: 1 - 3 November 2018.

**Theme of congress**: Peer support- the lived experience.

**Congress participants** : 14 countries : Physicians, Physiotherapists, Nurses,Occupational therapists, Social workers, peer support and peer trainers, consumers. Representatives of ISCOS and SASCA.

For Madagascar, we were 3 participants (Two doctors and one physiotherapist):

-Dr RAKOTONIRAINY Jean Jacques Renaud, Head of Rehabilitation Department CHU/HUJRA Antananarivo.

-Dr RAKOTONDRANJA Emodeur, Head of Rehabilitation Department in CHU/ Fianarantsoa

- RAZAFIARISON Joachim, Physiotherapist, CHU/Fianarantsoa

**Congress proceedings**:

Day 1: -Sessions of the current status of SCI management in Africa.

-Future planning for SCI management in Africa.

Day 2 and 3: Scientific conference and practical workshop.

At day 3 in the morning, we made our presentation “Evolution of management of the patients with SCI in Antananarivo” presented by me and “ Management of the patients with SCI at the CHU Fianarantsoa” presented by my colleague Dr Emodeur.

We were able to share with other African countries our reality and our experiences in the management of patients with SCI.

**Comments**: AFSCIN3 allowed us to:

-Improve our knowledge on the care of SCI patients.

-Share experiences between African countries.

- Develop contacts with different people involved in the care of SCI patients.

-Emphasize the importance of the peer support, the lived experience. The existence of peer support facilitates the motivation of SCI patients in their care.

-Look for and bring new things that are applicable in our country to improve the care of our SCI patients.

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