

The 12th Biennial SASCA Congress was held from 7th to 9th April 2016 at Spier Conference Centre

Western Cape, Cape Town.

I arrived there last 6th April and I stayed at Spier Hotel where the conference was held. The conference began on 7th April morning and took end on 9th in the morning. The delegates were 168 from several countries. The main focus areas of the congress was the autonomic nervous system and its implications on the rehabilitation process. The organizers have invited Prof. Andrei Krassioukov from Vancouver. He is the world's leading expert in the autonomic nervous system and had enlightened the delegates on the intricate and essential part of the field. He has published extensively on this and still works in the rehabilitation unit in Vancouver. The congress promised to be a special event as it will be the first get together after the formation of the African Spinal Injuries Network, (AFSCIN).

As far as I'm concerned, that conference permitted to me to rise and improve my knowledge about SCI. Above that, i will be able to share what I've acquired with my colleagues here at the Rehabilitation Service in order to provide the SCI management in Madagascar.

The attendance to this conference would settle down our vision:

- to establish a centre of excellence for SCI Rehab in Antananarivo;
- to develop a network of SCI Rehab Service accross Madagascar.

So, I would like to attest all my gratitude to SPIRIT mainly to the Professor Wagih ELMASRI to have given to me the opportunity to attend this big conference. I also wish the continuation of our collaboration in the future.