

1930–1939



- 1930 Foester and Penfield's paper on the surgical treatment of post-traumatic epilepsy published in Brain
- 1931 Dandy carries out the first corpus callosum section to remove a congenital cyst
- 1932 Ritchie Russell's landmark paper in Brain on head injury and post-traumatic epilepsy
- 1933 Epileptic inmates of some US asylums subject to forcible sterilisation
- 1934 Adrian and Matthews publish a renowned paper in Brain corroborating Berger's EEG findings
- 1934 The first intra-operative electrocortigram by Foester and Altenburger



- 1935 A group of neurologists meet at the Lingfield Epilepsy Centre and relaunch the ILAE
- 1935 Great Britain, the United States and Scandinavia form branches of ILAE
- 1935 Lennox presents EEG findings to 2nd International Congress of Neurology in London
- 1936 First EEG laboratory opens – in Boston at the MGH
- 1937 Second series of Epilepsia launched
- 1937 James W. Papez describes his limbic circuit
- 1937 First report of the anticonvulsant effects of the vital dyes (Brilliant Red) in epilepsy
- 1938 First use of phenytoin in epilepsy
- 1938 Holland and Czechoslovakia form branches of the ILAE
- 1938 Lennox, Gibbs and Gibbs divide seizures according to their EEG characteristics into petit mal, psychomotor and grand mal variants
- 1939 Action T4 – The mass murder of handicapped persons with epilepsy begins in Germany
- 1939 5th ILAE meeting in Copenhagen – then the ILAE again disrupted by the Second World War

- 1930 Immunisation against typhus by Hans Zinsser
- 1931 Mumps vaccine developed
- 1932 First sulphonamide antibiotic – Prontosil – developed by Armand Quick
- 1933 First carcinogen identified – a polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
- 1934 Vitamin C manufactured by Tadeusz Reichstein
- 1935 Prefrontal leucotomy developed by Egaz Moniz

- 1935 Cortisone isolated from the adrenal gland
- 1936 ECT described by Ugo Cerletti
- 1937 First antihistamine developed by Daniel Bovet
- 1938 First total artificial hip replacement by John Wiles
- 1938 Sulphapyridine (M&B 693) manufactured by Arthur James Ewins and Montague Phillips
- 1939 Vitamin K discovered and synthesised