

Slovak League Against Epilepsy

2021-2022 Report

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ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In June 2022, the Slovak League Against Epilepsy (SLAE) organized the Clinical Epileptology Course 2022, which was attended by 64 clinical and outpatient neurologists in a hybrid form. The event was an educational block dedicated to the diagnosis and comprehensive management of epilepsy and seizure disorders. In addition to the educational platform, it intended to improve professional communication in the regions of Slovakia.
- In November 2022, SLAE organized the 34th Slovak-Czech Epileptological Congress in Bratislava, which was held as a satellite event of the Slovak-Czech Neurological Congress. At the one-day event, 18 scientific and professional lectures were given, one company symposium was organized, and 5 posters were presented.
- SLAE organized the epileptology block as part of the 35th Slovak-Czech Neurological Congress in Bratislava and participated in the Practical Neurology symposium. Since the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine, SLAE has been monitoring the situation with the care of Ukrainian patients with epilepsy in Slovakia

CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

- To start new system of systematic education in Epileptology in Slovakia
- To support networking of neurologist taking care for patients with refractory epilepsy, to increase referrals to university hospitals with a capacity for further diagnostics

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- In 2023, SLAE aims to continue educational activities - an EEG course for the realization of which an ILAE grant will be applied for, a course on Pharmacotherapy of epilepsy, and the SLAE committee will start working on new Recommendations for the treatment of Epilepsy. The activities will include supporting young neurologists at foreign educational events and awarding scientific publications about epilepsy.
- SLAE must raise up the cooperation with different patients' organizations across the country.

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Clinical manifestation of CDKL5 deficiency disorder and identified mutations in a cohort of Slovak patients. Kluckova D, Kolnikova M, Medova V, Bognar C, Foltan T, Svecova L, Gnip A, Kadasi L, Soltysova A, Ficek A. *Epilepsy Res.* October 2021; 176:106699. doi: 10.1016/j.eplepsyres. 2021

MEETINGS

- Regular online bi-monthly meetings
- Meetings in person June 2022, November 2022 with the Czech League Against Epilepsy

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