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Aims

Initiative 1: Improve the genetic literacy of ILAE members

Initiative 2: Develop information sources regarding genetics of epilepsy for the public, taking into account regional sensitivities, cultural factors and possible stigmatization related to epilepsy and genetics.

Initiative 3: Assist in coordination of international efforts to understand the basis of complex epilepsies that will require large multinational cohorts.

Mission

Improving knowledge and application of genetics in epilepsy across the world.

Commission Activities from July 2011 through July 2012

Regular teleconferences to drive the initiatives. Effective formation of the ILAE Consortium on Complex Epilepsies. Development of a Commission report on SCN1A testing in epilepsies

Accomplishments from July 2011 through July 2012

Initiative 1: Facilitation of VIREPA courses on genetics for physicians
Input into Educational session on genetics at International meetings
Development of a Commission report on SCN1A testing in epilepsies

Initiative 2: Developing brochure on genetics of epilepsy for patients. "Road tested" on clinic patients in the U.S. Modifications are being made and the plans are to develop versions for wider use.

Liaison with IBE regarding dissemination of information on genetics

Initiative 3: Successful formation of ILAE Consortium on Complex Epilepsies. Highly successful meeting in London in March 2012 which has cemented the Consortium and developed a work plan which has been carried out

Recommendations for Future Work

Completion of the initial work of the Consortium and potential expansion of its aims

Sam Berkovic
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