



# Chapter Reports 2013-2017

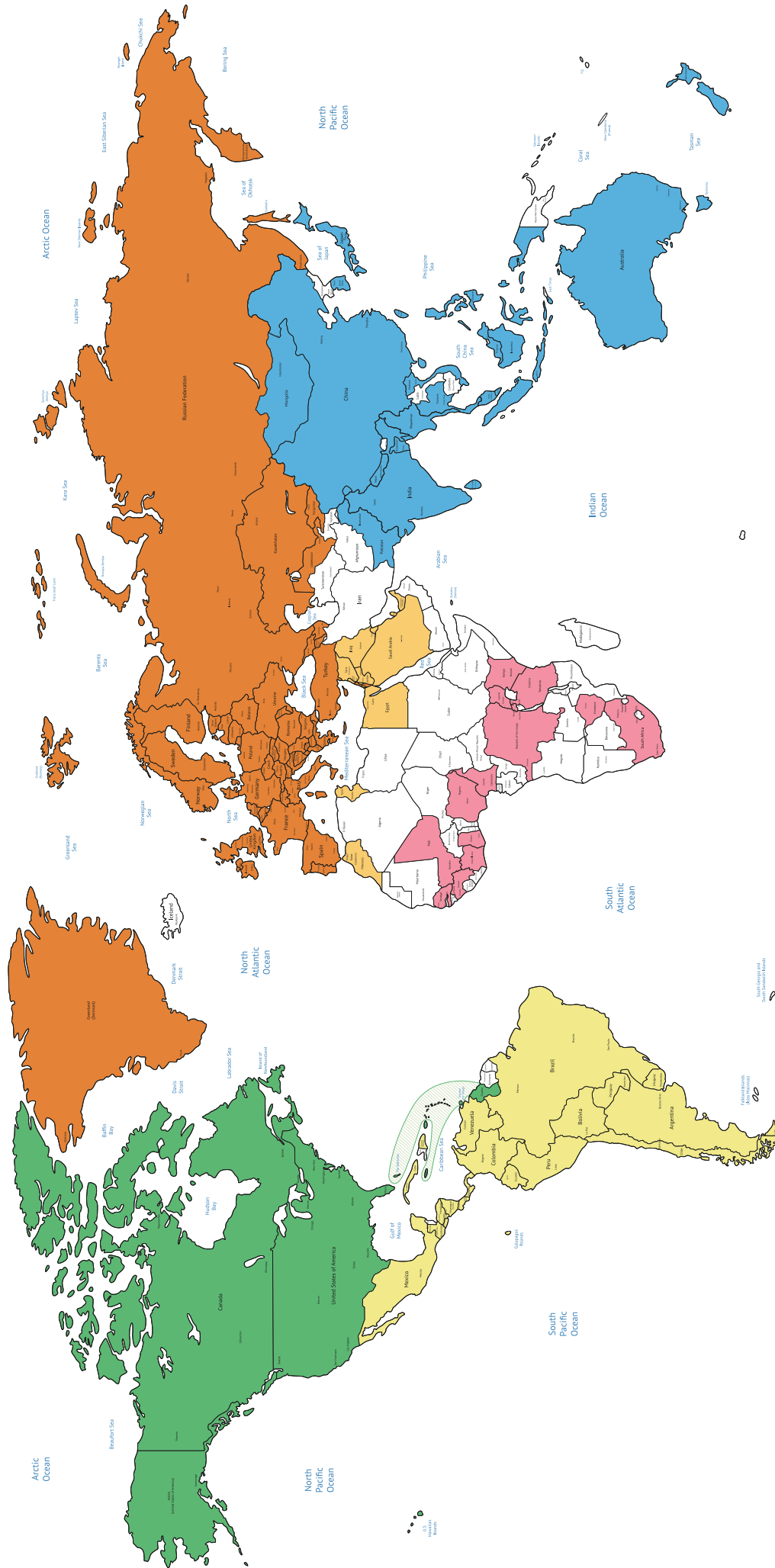


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## THE EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

The Annual Scientific Meeting is the Epilepsy Society of Australia's (ESA) major annual activity of the year. Held in Sydney in 2013, keynote speakers included Michael Wong of St. Louis, Missouri (USA) and Chris Semsarian of Sydney. Major topics that were addressed included tuberous sclerosis, epilepsy in the elderly and SUDEP. The 2014 meeting was held in Melbourne and featured the topics of status epilepticus, EEG in ICU and the epilepsies phenomenon arising from zones or networks. David Treiman of Phoenix, Arizona (USA) and Theodore Schwartz of New York were the keynote speakers and their participation was highly valued by attendees. The meetings attracted audiences of about 250 attendees. The quality of scientific presentations either as poster or platform continues to improve year-over-year, leading to more time being allocated to this portion of the meeting.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

The International Affairs committee of the ESA continues to work actively with the Commission on Asian and Oceanian Affairs. Currently, Andrew Bleasel serves as Secretary-General and John Dunne as Chair of the Constitution Task Force. Several other members, including Ernie Somerville and Wendy D'Souza, have participated in the Asian Epilepsy Academy workshops held throughout the region.

An Overseas Clinical Observership for young neurologists/epileptologists from the Asian and Oceanian region has also been established. This is for a period of three months at an epilepsy unit within a teaching hospital. The Observership provides funds of A\$10,000 to assist with travel and living expenses. The first recipient was Dr. Achrya of Fiji and the second will be Dr. San Oo of Myanmar.

### Educational Activities

The ESA organizes annual EEG and Clinical Epilepsy meetings. These serve as training activities for young neurologists with the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists and are held over three days in February. Both the 2013 and 2014 meetings took place in Melbourne.

Scholarships to support travel to ILAE international meetings and present research work performed in Australia in the amounts of A\$2,500 are awarded yearly to young health professionals. There were six awarded in 2013 and five in 2014.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

The ESA and the Joint Epilepsy Council of Australia (JECA) are attempting a joint bid to host the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Epilepsy Congress in 2019. The Co-chairs are Robert Cole and Ingrid Scheffer.

State-based members of JECA continue to receive support from ESA members through participation on committees, and in workshops and symposia.

### Future Plans

The EEG/Clinical Epilepsy course is to be held February 13-15, 2015 in Sydney.

The Annual Scientific Meeting will be October 21-23, 2015 in Adelaide.

The feasibility of travel scholarships to be offered to young neurologists within the Asian and Oceanian region to attend the EEG course is under examination.

### Officer Election Date

October 22, 2015.

### Respectfully Submitted

Dan McLaughlin, President

## AZERBAIJAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

Five articles were published in 2014 on topics related to epilepsy.

### Meeting

The Azerbaijan League Against Epilepsy (ALAE) sponsored its Scientific-Practical Conference.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

ALAE participated at the 6<sup>th</sup> Caucasian Regional Summer School on Clinical Epileptology, which took place at the 11<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Epileptology.

### Educational Activities

ALAE hosted the Organization of the School on Epilepsy for patients with epilepsy and their relatives.

### Future Plans

Future plans include the organization of our offices and a center for epilepsy.

### Officer Election Date

June 2014.

### Respectfully Submitted

Magalov Sh.I., Melikova Sh.Y.

## BRAZILIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

The Brazilian League Against Epilepsy (BLAE) was featured in the *Journal of Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology*.

### Meeting

BLAE's meeting was held April 3-5, 2014.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

#### 2013

BLAE took action steps along with the Brazilian Ministry of Health to establish protocols for epilepsy diagnosis at the primary care level.

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Additionally, it participated at the Latin American Summer School of Epilepsy (LASSE) February 17-26, 2013.

BLAE was represented at the International Epilepsy Congress in Montreal, Canada June 23-26, 2013.

It organized and developed different activities on September 9, 2013, National Epilepsy Day, including hosting booths in five cities, and participating in radio and television interviews.

From October 25 through 27, 2013, members participated in and supported the International Epilepsy Symposium in Sao Paolo.

Members also participated in and supported the Brazil/Italy Epilepsy Symposium held October 31-November 2, 2013 in Recife, Pernambuco.

BLAE organized and supported a task force regarding the use and indication of VNS therapy, which led to the publication of a position paper outlining the Chapter's position on the indication and use of that technology.

## 2014

BLAE participated at LASSE February 16-25, 2014.

It organized and conducted the 35th Brazilian Epilepsy Congress April 3-5, 2014 at Iguassu Falls, Parana, Brazil.

## Officer Election Date

April 3, 2014.

## Respectfully Submitted

Luciano De Paola, MD (President, 2012-2014)

## CANADIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

Six issues of CLAE Connections, our league newsletter, were published in 2013 and 2014. This newsletter highlights our Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE) rising stars, innovative programs and services (clinical, research or advocacy), major publications from our members, information on epilepsy-related meetings, success stories in major grant competitions, etc.

### Meeting

Our biennial meeting was held in London, Ontario October 17-19, 2014.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Our biennial meeting was a great success (see below under educational activities). As mentioned above, we also distributed six issues of our newsletter, CLAE Connections.

In addition, 2014 marked the renewal of our bylaws and the completion of a major financial audit (with no concerns). The past two years were significant for our Board, as we had a new management company, which

resulted in some slowdown of activities earlier on due to this major transition.

We funded two epilepsy fellowships and awarded our usual trainee/allied health awards for best publications (fellow award, grad student or medical student award, resident award and allied health student award).

Our membership was 223 in 2013 (2014 numbers are pending). Two of our founding members were awarded prestigious honors: Juhn Wada received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Epilepsy Research from the ILAE and Warren Blume received the Order of Canada.

In 2014, we had a number of new individuals elected to our executive board. These include:

<i>President-Elect:</i>	Jorge Burneo
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mary Lou Smith
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Jose Tellez-Zenteno
<i>Junior Representative:</i>	Colin Josephson
<i>CPEN Representative:</i>	Kathy Speechley
<i>ILAE Representative:</i>	Samuel Wiebe

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

Nathalie Jetté (incoming CLAE President) continues to lead the ILAE Stigma Task Force, which should be completing some of its initial tasks shortly. The task force includes members from a number of ILAE regions and chapters, WHO, IBE, and the global campaign against epilepsy. The group is finalizing a systematic review and report of the worldwide literature on stigma in epilepsy (more than 300 articles will be included in this report).

### Educational Activities

Our biennial meeting was held in London, Ontario in October 2014 and was a major success. Topics covered were an update on epilepsy in Canada, epileptic encephalopathies, video-EEG monitoring in critically ill patients, surgical failures, stigma, barriers and driving, neuroengineering and epilepsy, genetic counseling in epilepsy, and controversies and advances in neuroimaging of epilepsy and ictal semiology.

The CLAE was very pleased to have our IBE affiliate, the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance, facilitate a plenary session entitled, "Working Together to Improve Epilepsy Care in Canada," that highlighted the tremendous work going on across our diverse country to improve the lives of people living with epilepsy, and their families.

There were 155 attendees at the biennial meeting (a 50% increase from the previous meeting). We also had a significant increase in poster submissions-from 15 in 2012 to 40 in 2014.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

The CLAE is committed to working with community based epilepsy organizations. To that end, we have developed strong ties with the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance (CEA), which is a full-member organization of

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the International Bureau for Epilepsy. As such, the CLAE welcomed the CEA into the planning of our 2014 biennial meeting.

## Future Plans

The incoming President, Nathalie Jetté, has proposed the following activities over the next two years:

1. Needs assessment of our members;
2. Reevaluation of our Mission Statement;
3. Development of a five-year strategic plan;
4. Creation of committees/task forces to include a fund generation committee, awards committee, education committee, publication committee, guidelines committee, web content committee, and a driving guidelines harmonization task force;
5. Increased collaboration with the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance (our local IBE group) and increased collaboration with other NARC chapters (AES, Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean).

## Officer Election Date

October 17, 2014.

## Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Nathalie Jetté (President-elect)

## EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF THE CARIBBEAN

### Meeting

The Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean (ESC) held its biennial North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

The Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean was officially recognized as a member of the International League Against Epilepsy during its Annual Meeting held in Montreal, Canada in June 2013. To date, we have approximately 64 active members in the society. The ESC has held quarterly epilepsy clinics supported by several members of the Executive Board, as well as a visiting EEG technologist and a psychiatrist supported in collaboration with Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. This team travels to Antigua, St. Lucia and Tobago to support local clinics. A total of seven clinics have taken place since April 2013.

A ketogenic conference was held in March 2014 in Kingston, Jamaica. Presenters at the conference were Beth Zupec, a consulting dietician for the Charlie Foundation, and Mary Beth Joy and Karrie Stuhlsatz, registered dietitians from Dell Children's. This conference was initially requested, and then hosted, by two physicians at the University of the West Indies—Roxanne Chambers and Judy Tapper, who are stationed at Bustamante Hospital in Jamaica. The conference was well-received, with over 30 dietitians attending and several patients were started on the diet that was presented.

Since that time, further patients have been initiated and follow-up data was presented by the dietitians in question, as well as Drs. Tapper, Chambers and Clarke at the 4th Global Symposium Ketogenic Dietary Therapies for Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders held in Liverpool, England on October 8, 2014 and hosted by Matthew's Friends. The 4th North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy (NARCCE) was held in St. Lucia, May 22-24, 2014. It was a very well-attended conference that featured speakers from both North America and the Caribbean. The theme of the conference was "Caring for Patients with Epilepsy: Moving Beyond Medication."

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

Other projects have been developed as a result of networking efforts from the 4th NARCCE that include the better organization and population of the ESC website featuring educational material from the Caribbean Task Force of the North American Commission. EEG training has been ongoing with the visiting EEG technologists; however, a US-based company, Global Diagnostics, has recently donated an EEG to St. Lucia and has agreed to provide online training as well. Accommodations will be made for trainees to travel to the US for one month for training.

### Educational Activities

As mentioned above, the 4th North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy was held in St. Lucia, May 22-24, 2014. Speakers included Mary Zupanc, Selim Benbadis, Lionel Carmant, Peter Calen, and Raman Sankar. The President of the American Epilepsy Society, Sheryl Haut, and the President of the International League Against Epilepsy, Diogenes Santosviloria, were also in attendance. The lecture given by Elaine Wyllie, Professor at Lerner College of Medicine Epilepsy Center (Cleveland Clinic) highlighted the need for telemedicine and improving IT. The lecture was given via Skype teleconference with a live question and answer session.

Feedback from the conference was overwhelmingly positive, with participant comments including, "this was my first epilepsy conference and it was wonderful" and "excellent meeting-very well organized. Content was appropriate and a good mix for all level of attendees," and "an excellent conference; it made me more interested in reading more about epilepsy and it will improve my competence." The 5th North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy will be held in Barbados in March 2016 and there are requests currently being made for information on this conference.

### Future Plans

Future initiatives include educating teachers and children in the Caribbean about epilepsy and continuing to promote the driving initiative. Other plans include the 5th NARCCE (Barbados) as described above, training of EEG technologists, and continuing to explore and initiate a surgical site in Jamaica. Amza Ali in Jamaica is spearheading this initiative. A final initiative includes the expansion of quarterly clinics to St. Vincent and the continued expansion of the ESC.

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**Officer Election Date**  
December 2014.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
Dave F. Clarke, President

## SOCIETY OF EPILEPTOLOGY OF CHILE

(Chilean Chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy)

### Directory:

President: Cayetano Napolitano

Vice President: Daniela Triviño

General Secretary: Carla Manterola

Treasurer: Juan Luis Moya

Director: Marcelo Devilat

ANLICHE Director: Carlos Acevedo  
Tomás Mesa

## 1. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

### 1.1 Regular Meetings

Meetings took place the second Saturday of every month during 2013 and 2014.

#### Saturday, January 12, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "The Analysis of the Strategic Plan for Epilepsy in Latin America by the Pan American Health Organization," presented by Marcelo Devilat.
- A ministerial GES plan for non-refractory epilepsy in adults was presented by Dario Ramirez.

#### Saturday, March 9, 2013: Annual General Meeting

- The topic was entitled, "Neurocysticercosis as a Model for the Study of Focal Epilepsies," presented by Daniel Andreu, Neurology Resident at Salvador Hospital.

#### Saturday, April 13, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "The Contribution of Neuropsychological Assessment to the Evaluation of the Epilepsies," presented by Paz Carolina Hernandez, Neuropsychologist at the Neurology Unit of Hospital DIPRECA.

#### Saturday, May 11, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "Vagal Stimulator: Experience in Pediatrics," presented by Viviana Venegas, Pediatric Neurologist at San Juan de Dios Hospital - German Clinic.

#### Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8, 2013

- The XIII Winter Symposia in Epilepsy was held at the Hotel Neruda in Santiago.

#### Saturday, July 13, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "The Ketogenic Diet and Genetics in Epilepsy," presented by Juan Luis Moya, Pediatric Neurologist at the Luis Calvo Mackenna Hospital.

#### Saturday, August 10, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "Vagal Nerve Stimulator: Experience at Asenjo Institute of Neurosurgery" and was presented by Osvaldo Olivares, Neurologist at Asenjo Institute of Neurosurgery.

#### Saturday, September 28, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "The Proposal of New Criteria for Clinical Diagnosis of Generalized Tonic-clonic Seizures," presented by Dario Ramirez, Neurologist at Salvador Hospital.

#### Saturday, November 9, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "Bi-temporal Epilepsy: Dangerous Relationships?" and was presented by Cayetano Napolitano, Neurologist at Military Hospital.

#### Saturday, December 14th, 2013

- The topic was entitled, "Allergic Reaction to Carbamazepine: Pharmacogenetics" and was presented by David Martínez, Neurologist at Salvador Hospital/Chilean League Against Epilepsy.

#### Saturday, January 11, 2014

- The topic was entitled, "Vagal Nerve Stimulator: Neuropsychiatric Aspects" and was presented by Fernando Ivanovic-Zuvic, Psychiatrist at the Psychiatry Clinic, University of Chile. He is also President of the Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN).

#### Saturday, March 8, 2014

- General Ordinary Assembly and Celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Chilean Society of Epileptology.

#### Saturday, April 12, 2014

- The topic was a clinical case of DRESS Syndrome, presented by Carolina Gallegos, Neurologist at DIPRECA Hospital – Carabineers Hospital.

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## Saturday, May 10, 2014

- The topic was Dravet syndrome and was presented by Joanna Bórax, Pediatric Neurologist at Carabineers Hospital.

## Saturday, July 12, 2014

- The topic was a clinical case of status epilepticus and porphyry presented by Luis Espinoza, Neurologist at Bicentennial Clinic.

## Saturday, August 9, 2014

- The topic was entitled, "Non-lesional Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Surgery: Clinical Case and Invasive Monitoring," and was presented by Karina Rosso, Pediatric Neurologist at Catholic University of Chile.

## Saturday, September 13, 2014

- The topic was entitled, "Clinical Guides in Epilepsy," and was presented by Lilian Cuadra, Pediatric Neurologist at Asenjo Institute of Neurosurgery – Chilean Ministry of Health.

## Saturday, October 25, 2014

- The topic was epilepsy surgery in children and was presented by Christian Cantillano, Neurosurgeon at Sótero del Río Hospital.

## Saturday, November 8, 2014

- The topic was epilepsy and music. It was presented by Claudia Rifo, Pediatric Neurologist at Catholic University of Chile.

## Saturday, December 13, 2014

- The topic was epilepsy and mitochondrial disease. It was presented by Juan Luis Moya, Pediatric Neurologist at Calvo Mackenna Hospital – University of Chile.

## 1.2 Congresses and Symposia

### XIII Winter Symposium in Epilepsy 2013

On June 7-8, 2013, the XIII Winter Symposium in Epilepsy was held at the Neruda Hotel. Its theme was "The Clinics and Electroencephalogram as a Guide for Epilepsy Treatment."

The Organizing Committee consisted of Ledda Aguilera and Perla David (co-presidents), Marcelo Devilat, Andrea Aguirre and Mario Gonzalez. The symposium included conferences headed by leading local neurologists and neurophysiologists, industry symposia, and presentations of 16 original works in the form of posters.

### SOPNIA Congress 2013

On October 23-26, 2013, the XXXI Congress of the Society of Psychiatry and Neurology of Childhood and Adolescence (SOPNIA) was held in the city of Viña del Mar. This event was sponsored by our Society.

### XI Symposium in Neurophysiology 2013

The XI Symposium in Neurophysiology, which was organized by the Chilean Society of Clinical Neurophysiology, was held November 12, 2013, in the main auditorium of the University of Chile.

### SONEPSYN Congress 2013

On October 17 through October 19, 2013, the Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN) held its LXVIII Congress in the city of Viña del Mar. This event was sponsored by our Society.

### XIV Winter Symposium in Epilepsy 2014

On June 6 and 7, 2014, the XIV Winter Symposium in Epilepsy was held at the Neruda Hotel. Its theme was "Frontiers: Demarking Epilepsy and its Treatment." The Organizing Committee was made up of Juan Luis Moya and Cayetano Napolitano (Co-presidents), Carla Manterola, Marcelo Devilat and Perla David.

It included conferences facilitated by renowned neurologists, pediatric neurologists and neurophysiologists, industry symposia, and included a presentation of 18 original works in the form of posters.

### SOPNIA Congress 2014

On October 16 through 18, 2014, the XXXII Congress of the Society of Psychiatry and Neurology of Childhood and Adolescence (SOPNIA) was held in the city of Punta Arenas. This event was sponsored by our Society.

### SONEPSYN Congress 2014

From October 9-11, 2014, the Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN) held its LXIX Congress in the city of Puerto Varas. This event was also sponsored by our Society.

### XII Symposium in Neurophysiology 2014

The XII Symposium in Neurophysiology, organized by the Chilean Society of Clinical Neurophysiology, was held on November 12, 2014, in the main auditorium of the Davila Clinic.

## 1.3 New Members

In 2013, the Society added the following new members

- 1) Daniel Andreu (March); and
- 2) Paz Carolina Hernández, Neuropsychologist (April).



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In 2014, the Society added the following new members:

- 1) Karina Rosso (August);
- 2) Christian Cantillano (October); and
- 3) Claudia Riffo (November).

## 1.4 Working Hours/Opening Hours

Luisa Esparza is our current secretary. Her working schedule is: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Phone: +56222310172. Fax: +56222340671. E-mail: socepchi@tie.cl

## 2. ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

### 2.1 Celebration of Latin American Day of Epilepsy

Our society celebrated the Latin American Day of Epilepsy on September 9, 2014. The Chilean League Against Epilepsy organized diverse activities to commemorate this day, including the participation of patients and their families in several events.

At our meeting held on September 13, Perla David gave a commemorating speech.

## 3. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### 3.1 Chilean Journal of Epilepsy

The *Chilean Journal of Epilepsy* is the official publication of our Society. Dr. Perla David serves as its main editor, and this year, Dr. Ledia Troncoso joined the editorial board, which has provided a great contribution to this publication. During 2013 and 2014, we released the 12th and 13th volumes of this Journal. This year (2014) we will release three new chapters. The materials include original papers, case reports, reviews and updates. We also achieved indexation in SciELO in October 2014. Our current official ISSN number is 0719-5397. This is the product of the hard work and dedication of the Journal staff, due in large part to the efforts of Perla David. The magazine is also available online with its own website at [www.revistachilenadeepilepsia.cl](http://www.revistachilenadeepilepsia.cl).

### 3.2 Webpage

Our website, [www.epilepsiadechile.com](http://www.epilepsiadechile.com), is available to members and the general public. The site was updated during 2014. On the site, we have published information about the Society and issues related to epilepsy, broken down into the following sections:

1. Introduction
2. Activities (regular meetings, Winter Symposium in Epilepsy)
3. Notes (updates on epilepsy, history of epilepsy)
4. News about epilepsy

5. Staff and Associates
6. Links to ILAE, IBE, WHO and MINSAL; as well as to the *Chilean Journal of Epilepsy*
7. Contact information

The site has played an important role for university students, who are the most frequent users (asking for references), as well as for patients and their relatives. We have collaborated with many organizations to provide epilepsy-related topics actively throughout this website.

## 3.3 Library

Our library, located at the Society's headquarters, hosts a great number of journals and other publications. Issues of *Epilepsia*, the official publication of the ILAE, are archived in our library (from 1999 to present), and they are available for members at the headquarters of the Society of Epileptology of Chile, in addition to being offered online.

## 4. ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL IBE AFFILIATES

### 4.1 National Affiliations

Our Society maintains continuous interaction with:

- The Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN);
- The Society of Psychiatry and Neurology of Infancy and Adolescence (SOPNIA);
- The Chilean Society of Pediatrics (SOCHIPE);
- The Chilean Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (SOCHINEUROFISIOLOGIA); and
- The Association of Leagues Against Epilepsy, Chile (ANLICHE).

Various Society members also participate in the Epilepsy Regulatory Group of the Ministry of Health of Chile (MINSAL).

### 4.2 International Affiliations

The Society is a member of the Latin American Affairs Committee of the International League Against Epilepsy. It participated in the Organization of the VIII Latin American Congress on Epilepsy, which was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in September 2014.

### 4.3 Celebration of Latin American Day of Epilepsy

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## Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Cayetano Napolitano  
Dr. Daniela Triviño  
President  
Vice President

Dr. Marcelo Devilat B.  
Director

## CAAE PRIMARY ACTIVITIES OF CAAE IN 2013 & 2014

CAAE participated in many activities during the period of 2013-2014, including:

- Participation at National Conferences such as the 5th CAAE International Epilepsy Forum (2013), the 4th CAAE National EEG & Neurophysiology Congress (October 22-25, 2014) in Suzhou.
- Training courses in collaboration with ASEPA (2-3 times a year).
- Web-based training and the national examination of EEG technicians/doctors (certificate).
- Participation in International Epilepsy Caring Day (June 28), which was celebrated in most of the provinces/cities and featured public education and volunteer patient consultation.
- The preparation and publication of pilot issues of the *Chinese Journal of Epilepsy* in collaboration with *Epilepsia*.
- The establishment of subcommittees under the CAAE Board, including a CAAE Youth Committee, CAAE TSC Special Committee, CAAE Epilepsy Center Promotion Committee, and PWE's Subcommittee (as a branch of IBE). They all have had related activities to support part-time epileptologists working in poorer areas, which received good results.
- The new establishment of Shanxi & Shaanxi provincial associations against epilepsy. There are now a total of 18 provinces that have established provincial level epilepsy organizations.
- Education programs in collaboration with other international NGOs/pharmaceutical companies such as "Rainbow Bridge" (Project Hope, UCB), Dandelion Project (UCB), Livelihood Project (Basic Needs), etc.
- Providing technical support to the "National Epilepsy Prevention and Control Project in Rural Areas" (GCAE).

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

By the end of 2013, the project covered 18 provinces and 135 project counties representing a total population of 74.95 million people and with 2,414 township hospitals.

The national project has been funded by the State government, which has provided four million CHY/year (\$0.64 million US). It began in 2005 in 10 provinces and is now presently in 18 provinces. Funding was also increased to 15.15 million CHY/year (\$2.43 million US).

### Key statistics:

1. Total number of screened patients: 181,706
2. Total number of confirmed: 143,696
3. PHB treated: 82,943
4. VPA treated: 11,143
5. PHB+VPA: 2,297

Additionally, many public health workers have been trained, including 1,196 on a provincial level and 22,870 on a county level.

### Educational Activities

1. Training courses in collaboration with ASEPA (2-3 times per year);
2. Online training and national examination of EEG technicians/doctors (certificate);
3. Public education with the IECD (June 28);
4. Educational programs in collaboration with other international NGOs/pharmaceutical companies including "Rainbow Bridge" (Project Hope, UCB), Dandelion Project (UCB); Livelihood Project (Basic Needs), etc.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

- PWE conference in collaboration with IBE during the 5th CAAE International Epilepsy Forum
- PWE Summer Camp as part of the "Rainbow Bridge" Project;
- PWE education in different "Epilepsy Centers".

### Future Plans:

1. Election of CAAE Board by the end of 2014;
2. Formal publication of (Chinese) Epilepsy Journal;

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3. Another 2-4 provincial associations to be set up soon;
4. Continuation of other educational programs.

## Respectfully Submitted

Shichuo Li  
President of CAAE

## COLOMBIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Meeting

#### The National Congress of Epilepsy (Colombia)

#### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014:

The activities undertaken during these two years were primarily to complete all of the paperwork that must be submitted to finally get the Colombian League Against Epilepsy recognized as an association of health professionals that are dedicated to the care of those with epilepsy.

Steps were also taken to incorporate the official Law #1414 from the year 2010, and continuing to educate about epilepsy.

#### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

We participated in reforms made to Colombia's mandatory health plan, where coverage was achieved for second-line anticonvulsant drugs such as topiramate, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, oxcarbazepine, vigabatrin and lacosamide.

Working in conjunction with OPS, we implemented a model of care for patients with epilepsy based on resources available in Colombia, which are supported by the mhGAP strategy.

We also worked in conjunction with the Ministry of Health to adopt a guide for epilepsy care and supported arrangements for the initial development of the Colombian national guidelines for the management of epilepsy.

#### Educational Activities

We sponsored a course on the difficulty of epilepsy in Medellín in November 2013 with strong participation from both national and international speakers, who addressed neurologists, pediatric neurologists and other staff involved in the management of epilepsy. The course was used to gather and disseminate information to the institutions that are developing epilepsy groups throughout the country. At the same event, three scholarships were given to residents of neurology and neuro-pediatrics who submitted the best research. UCB sponsored the scholarships.

In 2013, we organized three regional courses and supported the organization for a fourth year. All courses are geared toward educating general practitioners and other health professionals involved in the care of patients with epilepsy. These courses were

held in the cities of Pereira, Barranquilla, Neiva and Cali, Colombia.

#### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

During the regional courses community, we held meetings to inform attendees about the rights and duties of patients in accordance with Law #1414 of the year 2010, as well as amendments to mandatory health plans in regard to patients and their families.

We also held meetings with the Ministry of Health for the development of the Bureau of Permanent Work on Epilepsy, as outlined in Law# 1414, enacted in 2010. We continue to encourage patients to organize a united front to work with the Bureau.

#### Future Plans

1. Legalize documents with the Colombian League Against Epilepsy in order to attain independence from its predecessor, and ensure a greater chance of success.
2. Reactivate community education and scholarships for residents who perform research in epilepsy.
3. Organize the XVI National Epilepsy Congress as a high-level course for physicians, neurologists and neurologists, particularly for those with an interest in the comprehensive management of epilepsy.
4. Elect of a new Board.

#### Officer Election Date

August 2, 2012.

#### Respectfully Submitted

Angelica M. Uscátegui Daccarett  
Secretary

## THE CONGOLESE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

The Congolese League Against Epilepsy (Ligue congolaise contre l'Épilepsie) was established in December 2012.

#### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

The main activity during the term 2013-2014 was a workshop on epilepsy organized in Kinshasa and held September 6-12, 2014. This workshop was co-financed by ILAE and the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO). During this meeting, subjects discussed included the epidemiology of epilepsy, etiology, physiopathology, EEG and treatments for epilepsy. Presenters came from Africa, the USA and Europe. Participants were from DR Congo (DRC), Congo-Brazzaville, Burundi, Cameroon, Bénin, Sénégal and Morocco.

#### Publications

There were two publications from members of the League.

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## Future Plans

Next year, we plan to implement both a National Bureau Against Epilepsy and an educational campaign across the country.

## Respectfully Submitted

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## COSTA RICA CHAPTER OF THE ILAE

### Meeting

A meeting was held on October 28.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

On August 28, 2014 the election of the Chapter's Director, Board and new President was held.

On October 20, the chapter held a meeting with the candidates for the IBE board, selecting the next meeting date for November 17, 2014.

On October 28, 2014, the 2014 Electroencephalography Meeting took place at Hospital Calderón Guardia in San José.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

March 26, 2014 was the National Day of Epilepsy. On this day a meeting with epilepsy associations and patients was held at Hospital Raúl Blanco Cervantes, San José. At the event, a speaker from ILAE Costa Rica talked about pharmaco-resistant epilepsy.

### Educational Activities

On October 28, 2014, the 2014 I Electroencephalography meeting was held at the Hospital Calderón Guardia in San José.

The chapter created a short-term fellowship for neurology residents in epilepsy at the Social Security.

The chapter also created a short-term fellowship for general physicians in epilepsy at the Social Security.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

On October 20, a meeting with the candidates for IBE board was held during which time the group chose November 17, 2014 as the next meeting date.

### Future Plans

We met on November 17 with IBE Costa Rica to officially establish the Association.

### Officer Election Date

August 28, 2014.

## Respectfully Submitted

Roberto Vargas Howell

## CROATIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

#### In 2013, our Chapter:

- Celebrated Epilepsy Day in Croatia on February 14. The event was organized by the Croatian League Against Epilepsy, Croatian Child Neurology Society, Association for Epilepsy, and City Hall.
- Held public lectures in the city of Zagreb as part of Epilepsy Day on February 14 at the City Hall.
- Participated at the 42nd Symposium of Croatian Child Neurology Society.
- Held a summer camp for children with epilepsy.

#### In 2014, our Chapter:

- Again celebrated Epilepsy Day in Croatia in February.
- Again held public lectures at City Hall (Zagreb) as part of Epilepsy Day.
- Held a course on epilepsy in Dubrovnik in October.
- Participated in the 11th Croatian Symposium on Epilepsy in the city of Osijek November 6-9, with international participation.
- Held a seminar entitled, "Controversies in Neurology," which was organized by the Department of Neurology, UHC Zagreb, Rebro.
- Participated in the 43rd Symposium of the Croatian Child Neurology Society with international participation. The event was held in Zagreb in December.

### Educational Activities

The Chapter offered a course on epilepsy in Dubrovnik in October 2014.

### Future Plans

We have plans to promote epilepsy awareness, and to connect and cooperate with national and international societies and organizations dedicated to health promotion and education in the field of epileptology. We would like to also increase the number of new specialists and subspecialists who are educated in the field of epileptology, and to improve pre-surgical diagnostics for epilepsy, as well as surgery for epilepsy in adults and children with refractory epilepsy in Croatia.

### Officer Election Date

June, 2012.

## Respectfully Submitted

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## CUBAN EPILEPSY CHAPTER OF ILAE

### Publications

Please visit our website at [www.epilepsysocu.sld.cu](http://www.epilepsysocu.sld.cu) for a complete list of publications.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Since 2012, our website [www.epilepsysocu.sld.cu](http://www.epilepsysocu.sld.cu) has been available. It contains information about the Chapter as well as other sections. The website has played an important educational role in Cuba. Other activities in 2013-2014 included:

- Participation in national epilepsy meetings at the Neurological National Institute in Havana.
- Four epilepsy symposiums during the IV International Conference for Neurological Restoration in Havana, Cuba which was held in March 2014.
- Participation in a Halifax course focused on epilepsy surgery at the Amejeiras Hospital in Havana.
- An "Epilepsy and Intensive Care Unit" course that took place November 7-8, 2014 in Havana.
- Active participation in LASSE, due to the LASSE awards.
- Participation in the Latin Epilepsy Congress due to the ILAE-LACE awards.
- The publication of many papers and textbooks by our members.
- Awarding four young medical doctors ALADE fellowships.
- Participation in national and international epilepsy research projects.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

We have started to work with the Latin American epilepsy program, Strategic Plan on Epilepsy, together with PAHO and the Cuban Health Minister.

A document discussing Cuban pharmacoresistant epilepsy treatment was published in October 2014.

### Educational Activities:

We are organizing a continuing educational program on epilepsy.

We are also holding ALADE Courses (I, II and III). These courses are conducted by the Cuban epilepsy chapter, and ALADE was held in 2012, 2013 and 2014. All meetings were well attended with more than 100 participants.

A regional epilepsy primary care course and online courses are now being offered as well.

EEG and epilepsy courses are now available, with the target audience being neurologists, clinicians,

neurophysiologists, neurosurgeons and psychiatrists in training.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

- A systematic meeting with patients and family support.
- Activities for the STAND UP Campaign.

### Future Plans

- To improve our knowledge and research in epilepsy.
- To organize our National Congress.
- To continue working in the Latin American epilepsy program (Strategic Plan on Epilepsy) together with the local PAHO chapter and the Health Minister of Cuba.

### Officer Election Date

2016.

### Respectfully Submitted

Lilia Morales Chacon, President

## DANISH EPILEPSY SOCIETY (DANSK EPILEPSISELSKAB)

### Meeting

The next Annual Meeting will take place March 6-7, 2015.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- We held a 1½ day Annual Meeting and another separate one-day meeting both years.
- We held an "Introduction to Epileptology" course at the Danish Epilepsy Center at Dianalund each year.
- We sponsored two bursaries for participation at the Baltic Sea Summer School in Epilepsy each year.
- We sponsored two bursaries for participation at the Dianalund Summer School on EEG and Epilepsy in 2014.
- We provided research grants amounting to 50,000 DKK awarded annually from the Lennart Gram Memorial Fund.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

Board members have assisted in planning and evaluating the results of a UCB-sponsored survey among epilepsy patients, general practitioners and hospital-based epileptologists regarding accessibility to,

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the quality of, and unmet needs in relation to epilepsy services in Denmark. The results will be further analyzed by the Danish IBE affiliate in order to define future initiatives in optimizing epilepsy care.

## Educational Activities

One of the main goals of our Annual Meeting is to promote education in the field of epilepsy. Below are dates and information about our meetings in 2013 and 2014:

- Annual Meeting, March 1-2, in Aarhus. Subject: Differential Diagnoses in Epilepsy
- Autumn Meeting, October 24, 2013, in Copenhagen. Subject: Epilepsy & Autoimmune Encephalitis
- Annual Meeting, March 7-8, 2014, in Copenhagen. Subject: Epileptic Syndromes
- Autumn Meeting, October 24, 2014, in Copenhagen. Subject: Mortality in Epilepsy

A lecture competition for young doctors is held during the Annual Meeting, with prizes awarded for the best lectures.

The three-day "Introduction to Epileptology" courses are held under the auspices of the Society, but organized by the Danish Epilepsy Center at Dianalund.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

A meeting between the Society Board and representatives from the local IBE affiliate (Dansk Epilepsiforening) has been held each year.

## Future Plans

A common database of VNS treatment in Denmark is being planned.

## Officer Election Date

Officers are elected at the General Assembly.

## Respectfully Submitted

Ioannis Tsiropoulos, Secretary, DES

## DUTCH LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Meeting

The League meets 3-4 times a year.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- We reviewed Dutch regulations for epilepsy patients and obtaining driver's licenses.
- We evaluated studies on SUDEP and ESES.
- We pursued seizure detection methods available for patients/parents.

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

The summary was coordinated by the Chairman of the League.

## Educational Activities

Once a year, a symposium on epilepsy, specifically for neurologists, pediatricians and others is held. Additionally, we publish a journal entitled "Epilepsie."

## Future Plans

We hope to implement the new Dutch policy on epilepsy in daily practice.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. G. Hageman, Neurologist, Secretary

## DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR EPILEPTOLOGIE (DGfE NETHERLANDS)

### Publications

Journal of Epileptology  
(<http://link.springer.com/journal/volumesAndIssues/10309>)

### Meeting

Information about our upcoming meeting in 2015 can be found at [www.epilepsie2015.de](http://www.epilepsie2015.de).

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

From a clinical perspective, the DGfE has been working to continuously define and describe standards of treatment and to improve them based on new insights. Numerous sub commissions of the DGfE perform invaluable expert work in providing guidelines and benchmarks in a number of fields (e.g. guidelines for driving license regulations, rehabilitation, quality criteria for epilepsy centers, epilepsy health care centers, deep brain stimulation and/or imaging technologies). The DGfE has also been centrally involved in measures that support continuous improvement of services and assistance for people with epilepsy; especially with respect to prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Regarding research, the DGfE has furthered its efforts to support research towards improved diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy patients. For instance, the DGfE has implemented a program for supporting research and offers support for young scientists seeking extramural research funding. Members of the DGfE have been extremely successful in attracting funding of large consortia, both nationally and internationally, for epilepsy research.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

As a society in an economically privileged part of the world, the DGfE recognizes its responsibility for helping to provide epilepsy care in developing countries. The DGfE is strongly committed to contributing to their improvement and has already implemented and financed several international support projects, embedded into a common initiative. For instance, the

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DGfE is currently supporting an epilepsy project in Namibia aimed at improving care and treatment for epilepsy patients in this country. All individuals and centers meet annually within a global outreach forum at the yearly meetings of the society.

## Educational Activities

We are committed to furthering education about epilepsy, both amongst the general public and health-care professionals. The German chapter offers a defined curriculum in clinical epileptology for medical doctors, culminating in a formal Certificate of Epileptology. During the annual conferences and at additional venues, education for clinicians is supported by the Academy of Education in Epileptology, which was founded in 2004 and provides a wide-ranging course program. The DGfE also supports a number of further measures for training and education in the fields of clinical and basic epileptology, including the Otfried-Förster Stipends for young doctors, which enable them to pursue epilepsy-related research projects.

Communication between researchers, clinicians and the general public is one major goal of the DGfE, which is provided by conferences, in print, e-publications and using other media. Our annual conferences aim to promote scientific exchanges and strongly support further education of our members. They now also incorporate a "patient day," which took place for the first time in 2014 in the former plenary hall of the German Government.

Publications of the DGfE include the quarterly print medium, "Zeitschrift für Epileptologie" (Journal of Epileptology). In addition, the DGfE hosts the Information Center Epilepsy, an online-only information resource for patients, doctors and the general public. The DGfE also participates in the production of educational films on the topic of epilepsy, as well as other outreach activities.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

The DGfE has been cooperating intensively with the German chapter of the IBE, the "Deutsche Epilepsievereinigung," on a number of issues. The DGfE has set apart a full day of its national annual meeting for patients, to be organized in close collaboration with the IBE chapter. Furthermore, the DGfE has been closely interacting with the IBE chapter on critical patient issues, such as those related to the licensing of new anticonvulsant drugs by the German government.

## Future Plans

The DGfE is committed to intensifying integration within both the European and international community, to improving its educational and outreach programs, and to continue supporting epilepsy research.

## Respectfully Submitted

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## EMIRATI LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (ELAE)

### Publications

The League issued several publications pertaining to the topics of driving and epilepsy, the discontinuation of AEDs, psychogenic seizures, and neuropsychiatric issues in patients with epilepsy.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

We held our 2nd Annual ELAE Congress in Abu Dhabi, that was attended by 201 delegates from 17 countries. Additionally, we held our 3rd ELAE and first joining Emirati Saudi Congress in Dubai, that was attended by 271 delegates from 18 countries.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

- In March 2013, we sponsored Epilepsy Awareness Week by providing seminars at several large governmental hospitals in the country.
- In April 2014, we sponsored Epilepsy National Awareness Week again, by providing seminars at several public facilities. Several radio talk shows and TV interviews were also conducted that week to further enhance the mission of increasing the awareness and understanding of this disorder.

### Educational Activities

Four scientific meetings were held in 2013. They were attended by more than 40 delegates. These meetings were very well received and generated fruitful discussions. Faculty members grew year-over-year and became more international when compared to the UAE-based faculty. In addition, over the past two years we have initiated a series of topics to tackle various social issues that impact the lives of patients with epilepsy.

Four scientific meetings were also held in 2014, attended by 40-50 delegates. This year, we have incorporated a series of topics to tackle various social issues that impact the lives of patients with epilepsy.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

ELAE has continued its outreach programs to educate healthcare providers about this disorder, and its diagnostic challenges, and update them on various treatment options. We held two programs each year. The last program was held in Fujairah and was very well attended by more than 60 healthcare providers. The feedback from this activity continues to be extremely positive.

### Future Plans

1. The preparation for our 4th Annual Epilepsy Congress is underway, with an ambitious plan to host more delegates, both locally and regionally. We also are aiming to join our efforts with regional societies, as we did

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successfully this past year, with the 1st Joint Emirati-Saudi Congress. We hope to continue to attract renowned international, as well as regional, speakers to present at the congress.

2. A task force for the Epilepsy Purple Day 2015 is planning week-long activities aiming to increase public awareness about the disease through media forums, and other interactive open public sessions.
3. Outreach programs will continue, with a plan to reach out to other Emirates and regions throughout the year.
4. We hope to enrich the Scientific chapter meetings by incorporating other formats in addition to didactic lectures, and preparing challenging case studies, Journal club materials, and EEGs cases.
5. We aim to boost and further advocate the associate membership activities. This new category was established in late October 2013, under which EEG technicians, social workers, and nursing staff can participate, with an objective of promoting educational activities for all of them.
6. We will continue to work on enhancing the epilepsy support group activities in collaboration with our colleagues in contributing hospitals.

## Officer Election Date

October 2015.

## Respectfully Submitted

Taufik Alsaadi, MD, FAAN - President

## INDIAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY (IES)

### Publications

The Society publishes *Epilepsy India* and the *International Journal of Epilepsy*.

### Meeting

IES participated at the Annual Conference of the Indian Epilepsy Association & Indian Epilepsy Society.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Indian Epilepsy Society's 8th EEG Workshop. This was held at Janakpuri Super Speciality Hospital (an autonomous post-graduate institution) in New Delhi, India November 12-13, 2013 under the aegis of the Indian Epilepsy Society. Man Mohan Mehndiratta was the course organizer and Manjari Tripathi was the course director for the 8th EEG Workshop. We planned to restrict the registration to a maximum of 60 attendees, but because of the enthusiastic response, we had to accept more registrations so the total number of registered delegates was 113. This time, we further

enhanced the participation of faculty from across India, and we invited 37 national and international faculties for this EEG workshop.

There were a total of eight sessions: Interesting Case Presentation with Impact of EEG on the Diagnosis, Basics and Normal EEG, Evolution of EEG and Identifying Normal EEG, Value of EEG in Epilepsies and Emergency Situations, Pediatric Age Group Symposium, EEG Quiz, and Spot the Diagnosis: Videos and Case Presentation. All presentations received from international and national faculty were converted into PDF format and placed on DVD to save on the cost of printing and copying.

As in the past, we provided Wi-Fi to the delegates so they could access the speakers' PowerPoint presentations & EEGs on their laptops, tablets and other mobile devices. We also made available access to presentations anywhere in the world. Another milestone (like last year) during the EEG workshop was offering 150 multiple choice questions covering various aspects of EEG that had to be completed in three hours. The purpose of the EEG Certification examination is to establish and improve standards of training and professional practices of EEG in Asia's joint EEG Certification examination (Part 1) for neurologists, neurology residents and EEG technologists. A total of 16 delegates registered for the examination and 15 appeared.



Figure 1. Inauguration ceremony: Lighting of lamp from left to right are M.S. Gopinath, Meena Gupta, Manjari Tripathi, Satish Jain, John Stern, Man Mohan Mehndiratta, Lim Shih-Hui and Derrick Chan.



Figure 2. Group photograph of EEG workshop participants.



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**Indian Epilepsy School.** The residential Indian Epilepsy School was organized jointly by the Indian Epilepsy Society (IES) and Indian Academy of Neurology (IAN), under the aegis of the Commission on Asian and Oceanian Affairs (CAOA), Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA), and the International League Against Epilepsy. It was held at Hotel Atrium, Surajkund, Faridabad (NCR) November 13-16, 2013. The theme of the school was “Enhancing Clinical Acumen in Epilepsy Management.”

We had five foreign faculty, Lim Shih-Hui (Singapore), Derrick Chan (Singapore), M.S. Gopinath (Australia), John Stern (UCLA) and S.B. Hong (South Korea) and 54 national faculty in attendance, as well as local faculty during the Epilepsy School. A total of 116 delegates from different parts of India participated in (Figure 3).

A total of fourteen sessions were held, which were spread over four days. Session titles included: Differential Diagnosis of Epilepsy, Faints & Funny Spells; Approach to a Person with New Onset Epilepsy; Epilepsy Video Presentation Quiz by Faculty; Benign Epilepsy Syndromes; Treatment Decisions; When to Stop AEDs?; Non-epileptic Paroxysmal; Morbidity & Mortality in Epilepsy; Epilepsy Surgery; and Video and Case Presentations by the faculty and delegates.



Figure 3. Group photograph of participants of Epilepsy School.

**Annual Epilepsy Conference 2014.** The 15th Annual Conference of the Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy Society was held in Kolkata January 31-February 2, 2014 at the Taj Bengal. A pre-conference workshop was held on January 31 and was attended by 250 participants. The theme was pediatric epilepsy. In the pre-lunch session, topics related to paroxysmal non-epileptic disorders in children were discussed. A post-lunch topic included a discussion of epileptic encephalopathy by F. Dimario (USA), Philippe Ryvlin (France), Ulrich Steffani (Germany), Deb Pal (UK), Rohit Das (USA), Vrajesh Udani (India), Manjari Tripathi (India) and P. Satishchandra (India), that incorporated case studies as part of the presentation.



Ulrich Steffani giving his presentation.

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2013 and 2014

We submitted nominations for the Asian and Oceanian Outstanding Achievement Epilepsy Awards (AOEA), which was to be presented at the 10th Asian and Oceanian Epilepsy Congress in Singapore in August 2014, and we proposed three names of medical professionals to the Indian Epilepsy Society (Drs. Sanjeev Thomas, V.V. Nadkarni and H.V. Srinivas).

## Educational Activities

An “Epilepsy Conclave” was held in Goa July 12-13, 2014 under the aegis of the Indian Epilepsy Society and the Indian Epilepsy Association.

## IES – Phenobarbitone Drug Status Guidelines.

We had a very successful first meeting of the Advisory board on July 19, 2014.



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## Advisory Board (Attendees)

Man Mohan Mehndiratta  
Satish Jain  
Manjari Tripathi  
Sheffali Gulati  
Sita Jayalakshmi  
Parampreet Singh  
Atma Ram Bansal  
Suvasini Sharma  
Atam Preet Singh



The Board determined that the advantages of phenobarbitone include:

- Being easily available
- Serving as a broad spectrum drug
- Having a longer half-life
- More than 30 years of experience with the drug
- Cost can be brought down to less than \$1 US
- NICE recommends it as first line for neonatal or as adjunct in pediatric cases.

The second Advisory Board meeting to finalize the document was held the first week of September 2014.

*International Journal of Epilepsy (IJE):* The first Issue of IJE has been launched. We received a total of 30 articles. Fifteen articles were accepted, two articles withdrawn, five articles rejected, and eight articles are under the review process.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

National Epilepsy Day on November 17, 2013 was jointly celebrated by the Indian Epilepsy Society and the Indian Epilepsy Association across India. We have organized various programs to educate the people of India about epilepsy.

Ms. Shenaz Haveliwala from India received an award from IBE honoring an outstanding person with epilepsy during the 10th Asian Oceanian Epilepsy Congress opening ceremony.

## Future Plans

9th Indian Epilepsy Society EEG Workshop (2014). The 9th IES EEG Workshop (Case-based Basics to Advanced EEG Workshop) was held at the Novotel & HICC Complex in Hyderabad November 29-30. It was organized by the Indian Epilepsy Society in association

with Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences & Pediatric Epilepsy Society Hyderabad.

Annual Epilepsy Conference 2015. The 16th Annual Joint Conference of the Indian Epilepsy Association (IEA) & Indian Epilepsy Society (IES) will be held February 6-8, 2015 at Taj Coromandel, Chennai, India.

## Officer Election Date

August 31, 2014.

## Respectfully Submitted

Dr. M. M. Mehndiratta  
Secretary-General  
Indian Epilepsy Society

## INDONESIA LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

1. The League has completed its epilepsy epidemiological research. The results were reported at the 10th AOEC in Singapore.
2. We revised our national epilepsy guideline book in 2014.
3. We organized some academical activities in conjunction with ASEPA and local branches.
4. We celebrate Purple Day every March, in conjunction with the local IBE.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2013 and 2014

In these last two years, we have promoted a greater understanding about epilepsy to everybody through public seminars, radio, newspapers, etc. We also provided master classes on epilepsy throughout Indonesia.

### Educational Activities

1. We held an ASEPA Teaching Course in Padang July 5-7, 2013.
2. We were present at the National Scientific Meeting in Surabaya May 6-8, 2014.
3. We hosted an epilepsy symposium in conjunction with a regional neurological group.
4. We hosted an EEG course for EEG technicians in Surabaya, Bandung, Semarang and Jakarta.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

The League celebrated Purple Day in March 2013 and 2014 in every branch.

### Future Plans

We hope to recruit more members to ILAE, to introduce new generation AEDs to the national health insurance, and reduce stigma by creating more public discussion about epilepsy.

### Respectfully Submitted

Kurnia Kusumastuti and Diah Kurnia Mirawati

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## IRAQI SOCIETY AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- The Chapter held monthly meetings on the last Monday of each month throughout the year, with two lectures per meeting presented by chapter members about epilepsy issues or by guest lecturers about issues in common with other specialties like psychiatry and gynecology.
- Regular administrative meetings were held, usually in conjunction with the scientific ones.
- In 2013, a one-day symposium entitled "Issues of Women With Epilepsy," was held in conjunction with the medical college and Yarmook Teaching Hospital.
- The Chapter participated in the 3rd and 4th Iraqi Neuroscience Symposiums at Al-Kufa Medical College in 2013 and 2014.
- We had active participation at the Annual Joint Conference of Baghdad Medical College and City in 2013.
- There was ongoing work and discussion by Chapter members in an attempt to establish "Iraqi Guidelines in the Management of Epilepsy."
- Ongoing work and discussion by Chapter members to build a written protocol for the management of Status Epilepticus.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

The Society actively participated in:

1. The 8th Epilepsy Symposium held in Dubai in 2014 and sponsored by CEMA.
2. The 2nd Conference of the Jordanian Chapter Against Epilepsy in 2014.

We also planned participation in the Saudi Society Against Epilepsy Conference in 2014.

### Educational Activities

A series of lectures were presented at different hospitals in Iraq by Chapter members about "Epilepsy New Definition" and classification. Additionally, we held a number of media meetings in Iraq for better public education.

### Future Plans

- Hold a one-day symposium entitled "Epilepsy's New Definition and Classification," in March 2015.
- Have active participation in the 2nd Conference for the Iraqi Neurology Society in February 2015.

- Participate in the next Annual Joint Conference of Baghdad Medical College and City.

### Officer Election Date

Spring 2015.

### Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Ghaieb Aljandeel, Vice President

## IRISH EPILEPSY LEAGUE

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

In 2013 and 2014, the Irish Epilepsy League (IEL) continued to strengthen its membership base and regularly communicated with its members about events and news that would be of relevance to them. Membership in the IEL has more than doubled during this period.

The Irish Epilepsy League, as the Irish chapter of the ILAE, was heavily involved in setting up the European Forum on Epilepsy Research, which took place in the Convention Center in Dublin May 25-27, 2013 as part of the Irish Presidency of the European Union.

Following two successful Epilepsy Expert Days that showcased the work of, and developments in, epilepsy achieved by professionals at the national and international levels, the IEL organized a third event in Dublin in November 2013. The fourth Epilepsy Expert Day was held in November 2014.

### Educational Activities

European Forum on Epilepsy Research. IEL members actively participated in the first European Forum on Epilepsy Research, which took place in Dublin May 25-27, 2013 as part of the Irish Presidency of the European Union. The forum had three primary goals: 1) More focused research funding to improve diagnosis and treatment; 2) Raise public awareness and reduce stigma associated with epilepsy; and 3) Access to optimal standards of care across Europe for people with epilepsy. The forum brought together leading epilepsy researchers and policy makers to discuss a coordinated strategy for epilepsy research in Europe. A total of 270 participants from 57 countries, including each of the 27 EU Member States, were present at the Forum. More details can be found at [www.epilepsyresearcheurope.org](http://www.epilepsyresearcheurope.org).

**2013 – Third Epilepsy Expert Day.** The third annual Epilepsy Expert Day was held in November 2013 and was organized in conjunction with UCB (Pharma) Ireland Limited. This annual Expert Day for epilepsy is now a focal point for increasing ILAE activity within Ireland. The event was chaired by IEL President, Norman Delanty, and speakers included Desmond O'Neill, Consultant Physician at Adelaide & Meath Hospital; Mathew Walker, Consultant Neurologist, Queens Square, London; Donncha O'Brien, Consultant Neurosurgeon at Beaumont Hospital; Maire White, Advanced Nurse Practitioner at Beaumont Hospital; Amre Shahwan, Consultant Neurophysiologist at Temple Street; and Kieran Murphy,

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Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, RCSI. A lively and engaging debate took place on whether the generic switching of AEDs is hazardous to patient well-being. Arguing in favor was Colin Doherty, Consultant Neurologist, St. James's Hospital and arguing against was John Lynch, Consultant Neurologist, University College Hospital Galway. The day concluded with a guest lecturer: Philippe Ryvlin, Consultant Neurologist, Hospices Civils de Lyon in Lyon. The topic was "Morbidity and Mortality Aspects of Epilepsy."

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

The European Forum on Epilepsy Research (ERF 2013) was an initiative of Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE), a collaborative task force of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE). The Forum was co-funded by the European Commission's 7th Framework Program and hosted in conjunction with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the European Month of the Brain. Epilepsy Ireland, as the Irish member association of the IBE, and the Irish Epilepsy League, as the Irish chapter of the ILAE, were heavily involved in setting up this forum.

The IEL and Epilepsy Ireland (Irish IBE member) are both actively involved in the National Epilepsy Clinical Care Program under the Irish health system, launched in May 2010, which has as a central tenet the creation of a new cohort of Epilepsy Nurse Specialists, trained to Advanced Nurse Practitioner level, which includes a newly designed epilepsy master's course at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The main goal of this program is to change epilepsy care in Ireland with a model-of-care delivery, which will be underpinned by access to specialist nurses and improvements in quality, access and cost.

## Future Plans (as of October 2014)

**2014 – Fourth Epilepsy Expert Day.** The Fourth Epilepsy Expert Day was held in Dublin on November 28, 2014. As with previous events the day was educational and thought-provoking. The day was chaired by Norman Delanty, IEL President. The talks included: "Dual Epilepsy – What is it, and How Common is it," by Michael Hennessy, University College Hospital Galway; "Guest Lecture: Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures," by Markus Reuber, Sheffield; "Advanced Imaging Techniques in Epilepsy Surgery Evaluation," by Ronan Kilbride, Beaumont Hospital; "Tuberous Sclerosis Complex," by Colin Doherty, St James's Hospital; "Real-life Challenges in Managing Epilepsy in a Learning Disability Patient," by Jean Lane, Daughters of Charity, Clonsilla; "The New Genomics of Epileptic Encephalopathies," by Mary King, Temple Street Children's Hospital.

These talks were followed by a debate entitled, "All Patients with New Onset Convulsive Seizures Should be Admitted to the Hospital." Arguing in favor was Kevin Murphy, Consultant Neurologist, Sligo General Hospital, Sligo and arguing against was Elijah Chaila, Consultant Neurologist, Limerick Regional Hospital. A talk on a current hot topic, "Cannabis and Epilepsy," by Peter Kinirons, Bons Secours, Cork, ended the day.

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## JAPAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

Official journals of the Society include *Tenkan Kenkyu* (published three times a year) and *Epilepsy & Seizure* (published once a year).

### Meeting

There were two annual meetings: the 47th in Kitakyusyu in 2013, and the 48th in Tokyo in 2014.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

In many aspects, 2013 was a momentous year in the 47-year history of the Japan Epilepsy Society (JES). Highlights:

- Makiko Osawa was elected as President of the JES, the first pediatrician and the first woman elected as President. The new president soon decided on a policy of promoting active participation of women and young persons, and initiated the Committee on Gender Equality.
- The 47th Congress of the JES was held in Kitakyushu. It was chaired by Sadatoshi Tsuji, the first neurologist to chair the Congress, and had nearly 900 participants. Being a society comprised of many medical disciplines and specialties, our first Congress chaired by a neurology specialist started a new era of a truly interdisciplinary society.
- The new Executive Committee decided to create the Committee on Constitution Amendment, the Ethical Committee, and the Committee on the Promotion of Basic Research. It was decided to further strengthen basic research as well.
- The 30th International Epilepsy Congress was held in Montreal June 23-27. More than 3,000 participants from around the world attended. At the Congress, Tatsuya Tanaka took office as Vice President of the International League Against Epilepsy for a second term. Juhn Wada, honorary member of JES, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, the most prestigious award of ILAE and the first Japanese to earn this award. In addition, Sunao Kaneko, Past President and Honorary Member of JES, received the Ambassador Award.
- The issue regarding driver's licenses for people with epilepsy remains a big social concern. The JES communicates frequently with the Japan Epilepsy Association, the National Police Agency, and other related academic societies, and continues activities in order to provide consultations about the welfare and safety of the entire nation.

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## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2013 and 2014

On September 30, 2013, a Japanese Declaration on Epilepsy was issued. It reads as follows:

Epilepsy is a well-known disease from ancient times. However, people with epilepsy have many problems in their lives even today. The Japan Epilepsy Association and Japan Epilepsy Society have been working together on these problems over the years. To encourage close liaison, there have been joint meetings from 2010. At the 8th joint meeting on September 1, 2013, the following Declaration on Epilepsy was adopted.

We declare every October to be a special month to focus on epilepsy in Japan.

We proclaim the following, to all people related to health care, organizations and policymakers, in order to solve global issues surrounding epilepsy:

- To place epilepsy on a top priority in medical policy.
- To establish a medical system for epilepsy and assure that people with epilepsy have access to modern and proper medical and health care.
- To promote social integration and eliminate discrimination against epilepsy in all spheres of life, especially work, school and mobility.
- To encourage educational activities for all people to understand epilepsy and thereby reduce stigma and prejudice.
- To provide experts and volunteers in the field of health care, education, and employment with appropriate training about epilepsy.
- To introduce appropriate legislation to protect the rights of all people with epilepsy.
- To support and promote basic, clinical, psychological and social research on epilepsy in all areas including medicine, education, health and welfare, and employment.

Additional statements for a proper understanding of epilepsy:

- Epilepsy is one of the most common brain disorders, estimated to affect one million people, and 50,000 people are diagnosed with epilepsy annually in Japan.
- Epilepsy occurs in all ages irrespective of gender. Infants and the elderly especially have the highest incidence.
- Since epilepsy is a chronic disease, it requires long-term treatment and care.
- The prognosis of epilepsy varies: from seizure freedom to therapy resistance, with or without comorbidities.

- Although 70 to 80% of people with epilepsy could be seizure-free with appropriate treatment, many people do not receive such treatment due to inadequate medical care.
- Epilepsy can have serious physical, psychological, social and economic consequences for the afflicted and their families, but adequate countermeasures against such consequences are largely lacking:

Physical consequences include risk of injury, fracture and death.

Psychological consequences result from fear of seizure, lack of understanding and the stigma of epilepsy.

Social consequences includes discrimination and restrictions in mobility, education, employment, and within the legal system.

Economic consequences include a financial burden on the patients, medical costs, and economic loss due to low employment.

- Optimal medical facilities, healthcare education and enlightenment activities may reduce the cost of epilepsy treatment.
- Research funding for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and psychosocial care of epilepsy is insufficient.

Keiji Tsurui, President, Japan Epilepsy Association

Makiko Osawa, President, Japan Epilepsy Society

## Educational Activities

Japan Epilepsy Society (JES-ILAE) has 2,641 active members including 473 certified epilepsy clinical specialists in 2013, and are, together with its seven branches, conducting scientific and educational activities, including public awareness. In 2012, in cooperation with the Japan Medical Association, JES conducted a series of educational seminars for primary physicians in 45 prefectures. JES proposed new driving guidelines in 2012. Epilepsy treatment guidelines published in 2010 are now under revision, and a guidebook for epilepsy specialists was published in 2014.

The Internet has been increasingly and effectively used for diagnosing, treatment, care and research for epilepsy, especially after the disaster in 2011. There are remote epilepsy clinics, remote case conferences, e-lectures for physicians, and e-registries of rare epilepsy syndromes. Information provision through social media has become more popular. Epilepsy hotlines (phone/email) are available 365 days a year.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

The Japan Epilepsy Association (JEA-IBE), with 5,000 members and 47 branches, conducts activities for patient/parent support and public awareness through media, posters, monthly journals, publications, camps, seminars, etc. It also provides consultations. It covers research activities, most recently on stigma.

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JES and JEA adopted the Declaration on Epilepsy in 2013, which includes "Epilepsy Month" (October) as a joint activity for raising awareness nationwide. The advertising poster highlights that epilepsy, a disorder of the brain, occurs in one out of every 100 people.

In addition to the activities of JES and JEA, there are other national, regional, and individual actions available for people with epilepsy.

## Future Plans

An epilepsy care framework was proposed, consisting of primary, secondary and tertiary care systems. Until now, 664 institutions applied for secondary care and 136 institutions for tertiary care. As a result, regional epilepsy care networks have been developing nationwide, and the Association for Epilepsy Centers was established with 23 centers in 2013, where the education of medical staff is one of the main activities. The Association for Epilepsy Rehabilitation was also founded, which aims to improve the quality of the daily lives of people with epilepsy.

These activities will bloom in the near future.

## Officer Election Date

October 2015.

## Respectfully Submitted

Masako Watanabe, Secretary-General

## JORDANIAN EPILEPSY CHAPTER

### Publications

The Chapter published a book entitled "EEG Technology."

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

The Chapter Participated at the 1st International Epilepsy Symposium in 2013, as well as the 2nd International Epilepsy Conference in 2014 in collaboration with the ILAE.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

Many TV interviews were arranged.

### Educational Activities

Lectures on a variety of topics were given in public and private hospitals.

### Future Plans

We will be hosting the next CEMA Conference in 2015.

## Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Mohammed Shehab

## KOREAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

The Chapter publishes the *Journal of Epilepsy Research*.

### Meeting

The Annual Meeting took place June 12-14, 2014.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- Professor Eun-Ik Son began his term in office as the 9th President of the Korean Epilepsy Society in September 2013.
- The Korean Epilepsy Society convened one Congress and one educational course in both 2013 and 2014.
- At the 2014 Congress, over 50 international attendees participated, resulting in a successful event.
- In November 2013, the Society held an educational course for young epileptologists, with over 150 attendees.
- We provided doctors from underdeveloped countries with an international fellowship program in Korea.
- Working with the Korean Epilepsy Bureau, we implemented several social progaganda campaigns designed to improve the quality of life of epilepsy patients.
- The Society helped to provide anticonvulsant medications to epilepsy patients in North Korea.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

The Korean Epilepsy Society recently changed the Korean name of epilepsy, "gan-jil" (which implies a crazy, convulsive disease), to a neutral and scientifically explainable name of "noi-jeon-jeung" (a cerebroelectric disorder). After changing the name, we have worked hard in various areas including social awareness, disability claims, life insurance, etc. We even succeeded in changing the official name in laws.

### Educational Activities

The Society provided an educational course in November 2013 and again in October 2014. Additionally, we participated in the Korean Epilepsy Preceptorship at the Korean Epilepsy Congress in June 2014 and awarded two international fellowships in 2014.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

Various efforts for patient welfare are being conducted through social programs. Cooperation with the Korea Epilepsy Bureau will continue to improve the social awareness and welfare of epilepsy patients. Various activities, including epilepsy awareness enhancement education for the public and a PR forum, are being conducted to improve the epilepsy culture in Korea.

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## Officer Election Date

June 12, 2015.

## Respectfully Submitted

Chun Kee Chung, Secretary General

## ASSOCIATION AGAINST EPILEPSY OF KOSOVO

### Meetings

Three meetings were held.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- We organized activities for European Epilepsy Day (February 11, 2013 and February 11, 2014).
- We participated in activities for Purple Day (2013 and 2014).
- We held three professional meetings: Epileptogenesis of Benign Tumors Compared with Malignant Tumors; Quality of Life and Depression in Epilepsy; and Symptomatic Epilepsy Due to Cerebrovascular Disease.
- We continued our educational activities through written and audio-visual media.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2013 and 2014

As referenced above, we conducted three professional meetings:

1. Epileptogenesis of Benign Tumors Compared with Malignant Tumors
2. Quality of Life and Depression in Epilepsy
3. Symptomatic Epilepsy Due to Cerebrovascular Disease

### Educational Activities

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### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

No activities of local IBE affiliates have been recognized for years.

## Respectfully Submitted

Valbona Govori, President

## MACEDONIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

The League publishes *Epilepsy & Neurology*.

### Meeting

The League's Annual Meeting was held in December 2014.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Three meetings were held in 2013 and 2014. The first, in April 2013, focused on depression and epilepsy. The second, held in December 2013, focused on refractory epilepsy and the third, held in December 2014, was the Annual Meeting.

### Educational Activities

In May 2013, a regional teaching course in conjunction with the European Federation of Neurological Societies was held. Epilepsy was one of the main topics covered.

### Officer Election Date

2016.

## Respectfully Submitted

Cvetkovska Emilija, President

## EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF MALTA

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

The Society established a specialized epilepsy outpatient clinic in the main general hospital, set up an epilepsy registry and launched a study on the pharmacoepidemiology of epilepsy in Maltese children.

### Educational Activities

The Society provides talks in schools and to other healthcare professionals on epilepsy. It also cooperates with the Malta Medical Students Association for outreach and information on epilepsy.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

- The Society collaborated with the Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association at the National Epilepsy Conference held in February 2014.
- It distributed epilepsy information (leaflets and posters) in outpatient facilities and in schools, in both English and Maltese.
- It participated in media interviews on TV and radio to discuss epilepsy.

### Future Plans

Plans include creating a study on first onset seizures in adults in Malta.

### Officer Election Date

2016.

## Respectfully Submitted

Janet Mifsud, Secretary

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## CAMELICE (MEXICO CHAPTER)

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Gerardo Quiñones Canales, President, participated in the 4th International Congress held at ABC Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Foundation, with a theme of "Epilepsy in Latin America." At the event, the National Register of Epilepsy (RENAEP) was presented.

### Educational Activities

The CAMELICE XXXVII National Congress was held in conjunction with the Priority Program of Epilepsy and the Mexican Academy of Neurology, with a significant amount of academia present. There were 83 members, including 15 teachers (12 of whom were foreigners). Additionally, there were 289 nonmembers and a total of 651 attendees, including from Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

### Future Plans

We plan to hold regional meetings, and the 2015 CAMELICE XXXVIII Congress is planned in conjunction with the Cleveland Clinic, the Priority Program of Epilepsy and the Mexican Academy of Neurology.

### Respectfully Submitted

Gerardo Quiñones Canales, Neurologist  
President, CAMELICE

## MONGOLIAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

The Mongolian Epilepsy Society (MES) has made certain advancements in improving the diagnosis, treatment and social health assistance for patients with epilepsy.

### Background

The statistical data from recent years indicates that the prevalence rates of epilepsy are increasing year-over-year, and this is a major concern for us. For instance, it was observed that the epilepsy prevalence rate was 2.5 per 1,000 residents in Ulaanbaatar city, and in accordance with health statistical data, 11,759 patients with epilepsy were registered in 2010 and 12,144 in 2012, meaning an increase on average of 300-400 cases per year.

In this regard, the Government of Mongolia is undertaking step-by-step activities to improve the medical aid for patients with epilepsy by means of providing central hospitals in cities and rural areas, as well as regional diagnostic centers with tools and equipment, approving new regulations on the free allocation of certain antiepileptic drugs at discounted rates that are subsidized from the health insurance fund, and will further continue these support activities in cooperation with professional organizations.

### Main Activities

Based on the above situations and to improve the diagnosis, treatment and health care of epilepsy, the MES has organized a series of trainings on epilepsy to advance the professional skills of Mongolian healthcare personnel by inviting both national professionals and

renowned international experts to participate; conducted a number of research surveys, and also prepared and submitted to the Government several policy actions and documents.

### 1. International Epilepsy Symposium

We have successfully organized epilepsy symposiums in September 2012 and again in June 2014 in Ulaanbaatar, in cooperation with ILAE, the Commission on Asian and Ocean Affairs, the Asian Epilepsy Academy, WHO's Western Pacific Region's Representative Office and the Ministry of Health of Mongolia. The objective was to improve the knowledge and skills of neurologists for the quality and access of epilepsy care.

Over 120 neurologists, psychiatrists, child epileptologists and other neurology-related professionals from the cities and rural areas have participated in the symposium, along with professor teams of 5-7 members from abroad:

- B.I. Lee, Chairman of the Commission on Asian and Oceanian Affairs of the ILAE
- S.H. Lim, Chair of the Asian Epilepsy Academy
- Y. Inoue, Director of the National Epilepsy Center in Shizuoka
- J.W. Dunne, Head of the Epilepsy Center and Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratories at Royal Perth Hospital in Western Australia
- Tatsuya Ishikawa, Professor of the Department of Clinical Psychology of the Faculty of Child Development at Nihon Fukushi University
- Yasumichi Koide of the National Epilepsy Center in Shizuoka, Japan

During these two-day events, the invited guests and Mongolian participants made numerous presentations with the following titles:

- Seizure Semiology and Classification
- Causes and Diagnosis of Epilepsy
- Differential Diagnosis of Seizures and Epilepsy
- EEG in the Diagnosis and Management of Seizure Disorders
- Common Epilepsy Syndrome in Childhood
- Treatment of Epilepsy
- Psychosocial Aspect of Epilepsy
- Drug-resistant Epilepsy
- MRI Diagnosis of Epilepsy in Mongolia
- Epilepsy Surgery Management etc.

The welcome message for participants was delivered by the Minister of Health of Mongolia, Natsag Udval, M.D., MPH, PhD, D.Sc. and by Wiwat Rojanapithayakorn, WR/Mongolia.

Following up on the symposiums, we then had roundtable discussions with the invited speakers.



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Managerial members of CAO and ASEPA gave also several important and valuable recommendations and advice to MES on how to improve epilepsy care in Mongolia.

## 2. Epilepsy Colloquium

In June 2012, we organized the National Epilepsy Colloquium, at which over 50 neurologists, psychiatrists, child epileptologists and other neurology-related professionals from the cities and rural areas of Mongolia participated.

## 3. Inclusion of anti-epileptic drugs in the essential drugs list

The MES, as the result of its activities, managed to include two new antiepileptic drugs, Levetiracetam and Topiramate, in the essential drugs list.

## 4. Research on epilepsy

Our young member scholars have successfully conducted research and survey activities related to the following topics:

### A. "Survey of Public Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Epilepsy in Ulaanbaatar"

**Purpose:** To study the awareness, knowledge and attitude toward epilepsy, and to reveal some contributing factors in order to develop recommendation guidelines to improve health education and reduce the stigma of epilepsy.

**Methods:** 700 randomly selected people between the ages of 18-64 from six districts in Ulaanbaatar city were interviewed using a questionnaire. The research finished in June, and we are now translating it into English and seeking to publish it in a journal abroad.

### Conclusion:

1. A level of knowledge toward epilepsy among the population is 42.1% while the positive attitude towards epilepsy is 29.7%. There are obvious reasons to increase both knowledge and attitude.
2. Significant association was observed between the knowledge and attitudes towards epilepsy, and the age of participants ( $p=0.022$ ) and their level of education ( $p=0.015$ ). We noted positive attitudes commonly among educated young adults.
3. There are negative public attitudes towards studying with (66.9%) and employing (71.7%) people with epilepsy. According to these results, we need to improve the health education programs offered to the population.

### B. "Clinical Manifestation of Post-traumatic Epilepsy"

**Purpose:** To study the clinical features of post-traumatic epilepsy (PTE) and factors influencing its development.

**Methods:** We performed a descriptive, observational study of 109 patients with PTE coming to district health associations in Ulaanbaatar and the Central First clinic during the period of 2011-2013. We obtained the history of patients and questionnaires, and a clinical examination was conducted to evaluate the seizures in accordance with the appropriate classification of epileptic seizures by the International League Against Epilepsy. Clinical data was then matched with the results of the EEG, CT and MRI investigations.

**Conclusion:** Clinical features of PTE are presented by partial (15%), secondary generalized seizure (85%) and by motor phenomena (60.5%). PTE is characterized by long durations, with high frequency of seizure (90%), various clinical manifestation ( $r = -0.32$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). PTE is caused by severity, type of head injury and neurosurgical treatment ( $p < 0.05$ ).

## 5. Policy action and documents

As everyone working to improving epilepsy care is well aware, WHO Executive Board members are going to discuss a topic entitled "Global Burden of Epilepsy and the Need for a Coordinated Action at the Country Level to Address its Health, Social and Public Knowledge Implications" in Geneva from January 26 through February 3, 2015.

This is certainly a great opportunity for our Chapter to improve the epilepsy care in our country, and, in order to drive our own government to take initiatives in the action to support the global epilepsy agenda, we have approached both a representative with the Ministry of Health and Sports of Mongolia, and a WHO representative with official requests to make a statement of support.

We are hoping that the official statement of the Mongolian government will be delivered to the EB meeting either by the Minister of Health and Sports in person (or through an authorized delegate) or by a WHO representative, or simply by means of sending the official letter.

### Respectfully Submitted

A.Tovuudorj, MD  
Secretary-General, MES

## NEW ZEALAND CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

In 2014, the New Zealand chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy (NZILAE) developed a strategic plan to lead the organization forward for the next three years. Our goals are focused on three areas: medical care, education and communication.

This past year, we have been actively working with the New Zealand Ministry of Health to improve epilepsy care in our country by allowing our members to be part of an Epilepsy Improvement Project. It has been determined that the provision of epilepsy care within

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New Zealand varies and that the provision of clinical guidelines will help improve the standard and equity of care throughout the country.

The NZILAE held an educational meeting in Auckland on September 12, 2014. The meeting, entitled "Epilepsy in the Early Years: Dealing with the Severe End of the Spectrum," was well attended by pediatricians and other healthcare professionals from across New Zealand. Our guest speaker, Annie Bye, Associate Professor at the University of New South Wales, was excellent and all of the speakers were well received. We were fortunate to have received educational sponsorship for this meeting from bioCSL. The event was videotaped and will be sent to all regional hospital pediatric departments.

The NZILAE remains committed to advocating for coordinated and cohesive community services for individuals with epilepsy in New Zealand. To this aim, we have liaised with Epilepsy New Zealand and the New Zealand Epilepsy Foundation to promote complementary approaches to their service provision.

In the next two years, we plan to:

1. Promote the establishment, implementation and monitoring of guidelines and clinical pathways for the diagnosis and management of epilepsy in New Zealand;
2. Provide an annual Epilepsy Education Day for specialist physicians involved in epilepsy care;
3. Advocate for local neurologists to provide regional seminars on epilepsy diagnosis, management and research aimed at local GP and allied health professionals;
4. Establish minimal standards of epilepsy education for undergraduate and post-graduate medical courses in New Zealand;
5. Establish a register of epilepsy research projects and researchers in New Zealand in order to enhance collaboration and increase awareness of these research projects; and
6. Continue to advocate for coordinated and cohesive community care and support for New Zealanders with epilepsy.

## Respectfully Submitted

Associate Professor Lynette Sadleir  
President of the New Zealand Chapter of the ILAE

## NIGERIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### 2013

2013 was a great year for the Association. Amongst other things, we held our Congress in Benin City, the beautiful capital city of Edo State. Despite being held during a period of labor crisis, the conference

experienced solid attendance. The Nigeria Bureau of Epilepsy was formed to accommodate non-doctors and those from other walks of life. The new bureau was headed by Mrs. Angela Asemota of the Angie Epilepsy Foundation. The bureau is tasked with amalgamating all other epilepsy associations and societies in the country, so that we can work as a group. Presently, three associations have been registered with the bureau.

The Edo conference also witnessed the delivery of lectures by prestigious Nigerian scholars including Professor Ogunrin of the University of Benin.

In 2013, members of the League saw a moderate turnout in Montreal, Canada where we also had the highest number of poster presentations from the African continent.

### 2014

Despite some challenges posed by prolonged industrial action by doctors, which led to the postponement of our Congress, we still achieved a lot. The Nigerian Society for Neurological Sciences, for the first time, gave NLAE a symposium at the 2014 Annual Congress. The symposium, delivered by Dr. Ezeala-Adikaibe, focused on the challenges and strengths of the Association and how to best move forward. Following the session, the registered membership grew. Furthermore, the future congresses of the NLAE will be synchronized with those of NSNS to improve participation and interest. Through our efforts, many Nigerians attended the Cape Town CAA Congress and presented many posters.

### Epilepsy Day

The Epilepsy Day celebrations over the past two years have been wonderful. In addition to routine school, hospital, and church/mosque awareness programs, in 2014 we had the wonderful privilege of hosting a one-month (done every week) radio program. The public response to our program was far-reaching as evidenced by improved hospital attendance and phone calls. The program had Dr. Ezeala-Adikaibe, Dr. Ekochin and Dr. Onyebeze as guests. Dr. Onyebeke is a psychiatrist.

Without doubt, while there are many activities in the country, the present Islamic hostilities have made travelling a little difficult and public awareness programs are scarier to put on. NLAE's report includes only the activities by the NLAE and not other epilepsy associations.

Our next meeting will be in March 2015.

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## PANAMANIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities

The activities of the Panamanian League Against Epilepsy are mainly concentrated on the medical treatment of patients with epilepsy, and more recently in surgical aspects of their treatment. The education promotion in epilepsy for patients and their relatives, as well as for primary care physicians, contains crucial components about understanding this disease and offering of a better quality of life for our patients.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign

The Panamanian League Against Epilepsy has grown in number to 17 adult neurologists and eight pediatric neurologists. Multiple activities related to the education of primary care physicians, patients and their relatives have been taken every year throughout the country, trying to offer appropriate information to sensitize a large population to improve acceptability and treatment. In some regions of Panama, welfare donations of antiepileptic medications are still received for the more needy patients.

### Educational Activities

To commemorate the Latin American Day of Epilepsy, some second and third level hospitals, and some private health institutions, organized a program of conferences, including:

- Publication of the first Epilepsy Manual in Panama (November 2012): "Epilepsy in Adults. Manual Management in Primary Care." The chief editor was Fernando Gracia.
- A Symposium on Epilepsy on February 23, 2013 or organized with the National Association of Physicians of Panama.
- A continued medical education program in Panama in February, August and September 2013.
- A session entitled "Workshop on Epilepsy for Patients and Families" (March 2013).
- A proposal for the first residency program of neurology in Panama (2013).
- An "Actualization Course of Epilepsy" in August 2014 (held in Chitre, Herrera, Republic of Panama).
- The First National Congress of Neurology of Panama in conjunction with the 16th Centro American Congress of Neurology and the 17th Ibero-American Congress of Cerebral Vascular Disease (SIECV) in Panama City October 1-3.

The national expositors are neurologists who work in our institutions.

In Santo Tomas Hospital, administrative and educational activities have been held with clinical applications. The educational activities were mainly focused on patients and their families, more than ten weekly programs, and more than 500 people attending. These were held in waiting areas of the Neurology Service offices and educational information was distributed to the public. The participation of the patients and their relatives was very active.

In Panama, we have cases of refractory epilepsy that have been treated with Vagal Nerve Stimulation in the last three years, helping to improve the quality of life of these patients.

Educational activities directed to the doctors focusing on diagnosis and treatment have been programmed. Two neurosurgeons were trained in functional neurological surgery in Argentina two years ago. We now have the first adult neurologist trained in Epilepsy in Panama (Manuel Aguilar) through the Continuing Medical Education Program of the ILAE for Latin America, held from April 16, 2012 to April 15, 2013, in the Universidad de Campinas in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

### Future Plans

We hope to continue to provide an educational agenda for patients and their families, and local conferences for physicians. These activities will be accomplished over three periods of the year, particularly in September. We wish to create a national reference center of epilepsy to offer a comprehensive evaluation, diagnosis and treatment facility for our patients.

### Officer Election Date

October, 2013.

### Respectfully Submitted

Dr. David Roman Dondis Camaño

## POLISH SOCIETY OF EPILEPTOLOGY

### Publications

The Society published an article (in Polish) entitled, "Recommendation of Polish Society of Epileptology for seizures treatment in adults," in the *International Journal for Clinical and Experiment*

### Meeting

In 2014, the Society organized the VII Congress on Epilepsy that was held in Warsaw, with 400 participants in attendance. Election of new members took place at the meeting.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Many public lectures and discussions in group meetings have been organized with neurologists around the topic of public health awareness. We also organized a forum for key opinion leaders across medicine, government, and healthcare organizations.

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## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

On February 14 of both years, we patronized and supported the Valentine Epilepsy Days. "Notice Me" is the national campaign of different patient associations from across Poland. It was launched in 2009 in Warsaw. In 2011, the campaign added a new event, the Nordic Walking March. The motto of the march was "Notice me-walk healthy."

In September 2013 and 2014, the Polish Society of Epileptology (PSE) prepared a report that examined knowledge of epilepsy among Polish society as well as problems with treatment gaps among epileptic patients. The report was sent to all members of Parliament and to the Ministry of Health in Poland.

An important part of our activities in 2013 and 2014 was meetings with the Ministry of Health and the National Health Fund. The main issue we faced was reimbursement to patients for new AEDs in epilepsy. Finally, levetiracetam is now free for patients with newly diagnosed (I line) epilepsy, and retigabine and lacosimide is free for patients with III line epilepsy treatment.

## Educational Activities

The Society sponsors regular educational courses and workshops on epilepsy in Poland. There are working groups for epilepsy and pregnancy, for quality of life, and for the elaboration and validation of an original questionnaire for patients and caregivers. We also have a working group on videos, who manage a collection of informative videos on different seizure types and provide tools for the didactic presentation of the material.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

We continue helping the activities of the organization, maintaining an umbrella-like function and coordinating the local societies. We continue patronizing the Valentine Epilepsy Days held each year. At the moment in Poland, there are 14 organizations of patients (nine of them are district chapters of Polish People Suffering from Epilepsy, which was established in 1985).

## Future Plans

We will continue offering regular educational courses as well, to promote the new standards of quality control as it relates to epilepsy care in Poland.

We are working with the Polish Neurological Society to publish national guidelines for the diagnosis of epilepsy in adults and children and are working on a new publication entitled "Differential Diagnosis in Epilepsy."

## Officer Election Date

2018.

## Respectfully Submitted

Joanna J. Drzejczak

## PORTUGUESE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

The Portuguese League Against Epilepsy (LPCE) publishes Epilepsy News and articles are available on the Chapter's website, [www.epilepsia.pt](http://www.epilepsia.pt).

### Summary or Activited in 2013 and 2014

#### Meetings 2013

- The 25th National Epilepsy Meeting was held in Porto in March 2013 (please see the program at [http://www.epilepsia.pt/lmgs/1Anuncio\\_25ENE.pdf](http://www.epilepsia.pt/lmgs/1Anuncio_25ENE.pdf)). We had more than 350 registered participants.
- The Epilepsy Surgery Forum occurs twice a year (March and November) and gathers the five Portuguese centers involved in epilepsy surgery programs. More information about this forum can be found here: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/lpce/forum-de-cirurgia-da-epilepsia>.
- We participated at the Portuguese League Awards: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/premio-bolsa-lpce>
- The Portuguese League also took part in the organization of the scientific program presented at the BIAL Neurology Forum, which was held in Lisbon in October 2013.
- A basic epilepsy course for general practitioners was held in Faro, in November 2013. Photos from the event can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/IIJornadasInternadoMedicoAlgarve/photos/pb.688682541159242.2207520000.1416415322./699905843370245>

#### 2014

- In January of 2014, we organized a full-day hands-on epilepsy course in Coimbra for neurology residents: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.781374461890153.1073741825.160804227280516>
- The Portuguese League was involved in a "train the trainer" course in epilepsy, which was held in Maputo, Mozambique in March 2014, under the auspices of WHO and ILAE.
- The League was also involved in the organization of an epilepsy course in Cape Verde which took place in April 2014.
- The 26th National Epilepsy Meeting was held in Lisbon in March 2014 (please see the program details here: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/lmgs/programafinal26ENE.pdf>). We had 326 registrations.

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- The Portuguese League awards were held. More information can be seen here: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/premio-bolsa-lpce>
- In a collaborative effort with the Portuguese Neurology Society, we organized a comprehensive epilepsy course for interns and residents in May 2014. More information can be found here: <http://www.justnews.pt/noticias/forum-de-neurologia-2014-continua-a-apostar-na-formacao-dos-internos#.VGyEsTsW3g>
- The Epilepsy Surgery Forum occurs twice a year (in March and November) and brings together the five Portuguese centers involved in epilepsy surgery programs: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/lpce/forum-de-cirurgia-da-epilepsia>
- The Portuguese League also took part in the organization of the scientific program at the BIAL Neurology Forum, which was held in Lisbon in October 2014. More information can be found here: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/outras-iniciativas>
- The Iberian Epilepsy Meeting took place in Lisbon in September 2014, addressing the refractory epilepsies: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/reuniao-luso-espanhola-de-epilepsia>
- We are proud of maintaining a very close partnership with EPI ([www.epilepsia.pt/epi](http://www.epilepsia.pt/epi)). Recent collaborations have resulted in three ambitious projects:
  - ProjectaNOS +: Aims to increase epilepsy awareness in the general population.
  - Integrar(TE): Defines personalized physical exercise programs for people with epilepsy.
  - GPEIS: Evaluates job skills and promotes labor integration in conjunction with national enterprises.
- EPI's library, where health professionals can easily find guidelines and articles about epilepsy, can be found here: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/epi-biblio-2> and <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/artigos-comentados>

## Summary of activities in relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

### 2013

- The Audition of the Portuguese League against Epilepsy in the Health Commission of the Portuguese Parliament took place in January 2013. More information can be found here: <http://www.parlamento.pt/ActividadeParlamentar/Paginas/DetailheAudiencia.aspx?BID=94539>
- During the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the National Epilepsy Meeting, the Portuguese League organized a dinner debate with several politicians from the Parliament's Health Commission, entitled: "How to Contaminate our Politicians with the Flame of Epilepsy." More information can be found here: [http://www.epilepsia.pt/lmgs/25ENE\\_Jornal\\_Epileptologia\(1\).pdf](http://www.epilepsia.pt/lmgs/25ENE_Jornal_Epileptologia(1).pdf)

### 2014

After the elections for the EU Parliament, we have started to contact our national MEPs, a process still running. Additionally, the Portuguese League has been partnering with specific working groups and has been consulted by the General Health Office of Health Ministry.

**Officer Election Date**  
2015.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
Francisco Sales

## Educational Activities

In 2013, we launched three educational projects in close collaboration with a patient association (EPI); two of them targeted the general public and another focused on specific groups of people with epilepsy. Simultaneously, we have been running an epilepsy multimedia exhibition that was visited by several hundred people throughout the country. The link below has more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/196492423714390/photos/a.623314797698815.1073741845.196492423714390/623315064365455/?type=1&theater>

## During 2014

- We introduced the European campaign "Epilepsy is More than Seizures" (watch the video clip: <http://www.epilepsia.pt/lpce/campanha-epilepsia-e-mais-do-que-ter-crises> <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/videos-lpce>)
- Running for Epilepsy was introduced (as part of the commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the National Health Care System): <http://www.epilepsia.pt/pt/lpce/comemoracao-dos-35-anos-do-sns-3>
- The Portuguese League was able to participate in several TV programs that aim to increase public awareness about epilepsy.

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## QATAR LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

An article written by Hassan Al Haile Al Hail entitled "Epidemiology and Etiology of Intractable Epilepsy in Qatar" was published in the *Qatar Medical Journal* Volume13/Number1 in June of 2004, pages 11-13.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

#### Activities included

- The Qatar Annual Neurology and Epilepsy Meeting in February 2013 and 2014.
- Celebration of Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26, 2014.
- Sending five neurologists from Hamad Hospital to attend the 28th International Epilepsy Congress in October 2013 in London.
- Sending six neurologists to attend the recently held Saudi Emirate Epilepsy Conference.
- Sending six neurologists from Hamad Hospital to attend the AAN Congress in the USA in April 2014.

#### Educational Activities

- Several training workshops on electroencephalography for young neurologists were held in the Department of Neurology at Hamad General Hospital.
- We provide regular training for medical students from Weil Cornell Medical Faculty in Doha.
- We participate in epilepsy cases in the hospital's weekly "neurology grand rounds."

Additionally, the League offers exchange programs for internationally known neurologists and epileptologists serving as visiting consultants for patient care and lecture presentations. Last year, we invited Dr. Wisser from Switzerland and Dr. E. Perucca from Italy, as well as many other neurologists from the region, to the 6th Qatar Regional Neurology Conference. In February 2014, different international and national speakers focused on epilepsy and other neurology topics at the 7th Qatar Neurology Conference.

We had several topics related to epilepsy written by Boulenouar Mesraoua, Dirk Deleu, Hassan Al Hail, Gayane Melikyan and Heinz Grego Wieser, that were specifically related to different aspects of JME, diagnosis and treatment.

Several educational media programs about epilepsy were made for local Qatar TV and published in local newspapers.

An intranet site was established in our hospital website. The site, <http://qatarneuroscience.webs.com>, focuses on epilepsy education.

Our neurology department staff members have attended and participated in many regional, local and international epilepsy conferences over the last two years.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

The Qatar League against Epilepsy (QLAE) was established in 1995 and, since that time, is part of the Qatar Chapter of the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau of Epilepsy. During recent years, QLAE has initiated several educational and Congress-related activities. Several local and regional (Gulf Region) neurology and epilepsy conferences also took place. An invitation will be sent to the IBE office for our annual neurology conference, so that they can share and exchange knowledge with us.

### Future Plans

- There will be an upcoming 8th Annual Neurology Conference, including the Qatar Chapter of Epilepsy, and Epilepsy Awareness Day will take place in February 2015.
- There is an upcoming annual pediatric epilepsy training (PET3) that will take place from February to March 2015.
- We have already started to work on developing a comprehensive epilepsy center.

### Officer Election Date

March 2016.

### Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Hassan Al Hail and Dr. Tage Eldin Sokrab

## RWANDAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities from 2013 to 2014

An International Conference on Epilepsy was organized, with medical doctors/physicians and other health professionals participating. There were a total of 71 participants, of which 11 were professors from Europe and the United States of America.

The 3rd General Assembly of the Rwandan League against Epilepsy was organized and held on March 22, 2014. At the meeting, a report of activities from the previous three years was presented, and a vote for members of the new Executive Committee took place.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns from 2013 to 2014

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## Educational Activities

We held a "training of trainers" to raise epilepsy awareness in four districts of the Western Province of Rwanda. The project is headed by Handicap International and the training was held October 27-31, 2014.

## Future Plans

In partnership with Handicap International and with financial support from the General Director of Belgium Development Cooperation, a project against epilepsy was put into place to help epilepsy patients and their families, along with providing education about epilepsy to the general public and teachers, in 2014 and into 2015. Another goal of this project was to improve the quality of care of children with epilepsy.

Training of health professionals from two district hospitals and the training of community health workers regarding the caring for, and follow-up, of patients with epilepsy will be organized in 2014 and 2015.

The 2nd International Conference/Symposium on Epilepsy is organized for 2015-2016, assuming there is financial support available.

## Officer Election Date

March, 2017.

## Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Fidèle Sebera

## SAUDI CHAPTER OF EPILEPSY

### Publications

Multiple publications were issued over the two-year period.

### Meeting

The Chapter held several meetings.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

1. We developed a new budget for SES. The primary source of income will come through meetings, courses and conferences. Attendees will pay to attend, in addition to donations.
2. We incorporated a strategic plan that was agreed upon by all members after input was collected.
3. We developed guidelines for epilepsy and driving, working very hard to make progress.
4. We performed a study related to "Epidemiology of Epilepsy in Saudi Arabia" and many members are interested in conducting further research.
5. Our previous website will now be linked to the new one.
6. The SES account has been approved by the Saudi Hollandi bank for the SES membership.

7. We made a third revision to the SES Bylaws and Constitution.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

We held a VNS Awareness Day and an Epilepsy Awareness Day. For the first time in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, we also conducted World Epilepsy Day in six cities, in conjunction with Novartis, on March 26, 2014.

### Educational Activities in 2013 and 2014

1. We conducted the 21st Saudi Neuroscience Meeting in Riyadh November 23-25, 2013 in conjunction with SES.
2. The 3rd Annual UAE Epilepsy Congress 2014 and the first Joint Emirati Saudi Epilepsy Congress were held in Dubai April 4-5, 2014.
3. We held a one-day course for health specialists entitled "Neuroimaging in Epilepsy," in collaboration with SES and the Department of Neurosciences and Medical Imaging at KFSHD, on September 25, 2014 in Dammam.
4. We offered a neurophysiology diploma (two-year course) that was recognized by the Saudi Council for Health Specialists, at King Fahad Specialists Hospital, Dammam in 2014.
5. Some SES members are starting to be recognized internationally and were invited to the International Epilepsy Congress. In 2015, members will speak at the 31st IEC (International Epilepsy Congress) in Istanbul September 6-10, while others will participate in a scientific committee at the 3rd East Medilence Epilepsy Congress in Jordan, on March 19-21, 2015.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

A 4th Annual Conference was held November 26-27, 2014 at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Riyadh and the Saudi International Pediatric Neurology Conference was held November 9-10 at KFMC in Riyadh.

### Future Plans

We plan on implementing the rules of epilepsy and driving in Saudi Arabia. Additionally, we will add two new committees: the Neuroradiology Committee and the Epilepsy Guidelines and Regulations Committee.

### Officer Election Date

September 18, 2014

### Respectfully Submitted

Raidah AlBaradie

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## UNION OF SERBIAN AND MONTENEGRIN LEAGUES AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

The League published "Series of Proceedings: Quality of Life in Patients with Epilepsy" (15th Epilepsy School, 2013) and "Approaches to the Patient with Severe, Disabling Epilepsy."

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

There was international participation at the 9th Congress of Serbian Neurologists held in Belgrade on November 14-16, 2013, including courses given on epilepsies in childhood.

Below is the educational cycle of Epilepsy School courses and Educational EEG Workshops:

- 3rd EEG workshop, 2013
- 15th Epilepsy School, 2013
- 4th EEG workshop, June 2014
- 16th Epilepsy School and the 6th Regional Meeting of Epileptologists, November 2014.

The Leagues also participated with the EURAP project and collaborated with a number of other national ILAE Chapters, especially with regional Leagues.

The 15th Epilepsy School was organized in the Republic of Srpska (B&H) as a means of promoting the regional initiative, while the 6th Regional Meeting of Epileptologists rallied experts from the region.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

Educational and public-awareness activities were presented to the press and visual media. Lectures on epilepsy and sporting activities, stigmatization of school children and adolescents, and difficulties in professional occupation and driving license procedures were offered at the 16th Epilepsy School held in Castel, Ecka November 7-9, 2014. Other issues discussed included quality of life in patients with severe, disabling epilepsy and the impact of epilepsy surgery on daily life.

### Educational Activities

- The 3rd EEG workshop was held on September 26, 2013 in the Stanic Ethno Village, Bijeljina, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- The 15th Epilepsy School took place September 27-29, 2013 in the Stanic Ethno Village, Bijeljina, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- The 4th EEG workshop was held June 7-8, 2014 in the Monastery of St. Bishop Nikolaj in Soko Grad (Ljubovija).

- The 16th Epilepsy School and 6th Regional Meeting of Epileptologists took place November 7-9, 2014 at Castel Manor, Ecka.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

No activities of the local IBE have been recognized for years, nor any activities held in conjunction with the local IBE. The Chapter does not know if the local IBE still exists.

### Future Plans

#### Upcoming plans include:

- 17th Epilepsy School in Kotor, Montenegro in September 2015.
- 5th EEG Workshop in Kotor, Montenegro in September 2015.
- 18th Epilepsy School in Predejane, Serbia in November 2016.
- 6th EEG Workshop at the Monastery Decani, Serbia in May and June 2016.
- A summer camp for leisure, sporting activities and friendship, for children and adolescents, lasting ten days (Kopaonik, Serbia) in July 2015 and 2016.
- The issuance of publications related to epilepsy that will be edited by the League.
- 9th Serbian Neurology Congress in Belgrade in November 2015.
- 4th Epilepsy Congress of Serbia and Montenegro in 2015.

### Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Nebojsa J. Jovic, Chapter President

## SPANISH LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

The period of 2013-2014 has been crucial for the Spanish Chapter in several respects, as described below.

**Update of member census:** This has been the first census for over 20 years. The census has been updated with two changes. The first requires payment of annual dues for the last two years, which had not been enforced in prior years. The second is that all 220 members for whom no email address was available were contacted by mail. Around half replied. Most had retired, passed away or had moved out of the field of epilepsy, and they were removed from the census.

**Change of regulations:** Once the census has updated, the Chapter was in a position to change its Rules and Regulations. The Chapter regulations dated back to the 1950 and were not in accordance with present Spanish law. In particular, they required an



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unrealistic quorum for general assemblies. This had been exploited by some members effectively prevent the remaining members to meeting in assemblies, which has prevented the Spanish Chapter from accepting new members for years. This year, the Board managed to gather a sufficient quorum to change the regulations, which now allows members to assemble with any quorum. In the General Assembly celebration on November 28, this allowed us to add 17 new members who had long been waiting to be approved.

**Intensive courses:** Over the last two years, the Spanish Chapter has delivered one-day intensive courses at a moderate price, given a day before the Annual Meetings in 2013 (Madrid) and 2014 (Seville). In 2013, the intensive course's topic was "Electroencephalography in Epilepsy." In 2014, the intensive course focused on epilepsy surgery. These courses have proven to be very popular, with 70 attendees in 2013 and 55 in 2014. The courses have been of the highest standard, featuring national and international speakers (Professor M. Koutroumanidis, Dr. Valentin and Dr. Alarcon). The feedback has been excellent. They not only provide a modest income to the Chapter, but also attract young consultants and trainees who usually also attend the Annual Meeting the next day. Courses have been evaluated by the corresponding governmental agency and granted credits for continuous professional development.

**Annual Meetings:** Just as the intensive courses described above did, the Annual Meetings over the last two years have focused on specific topics. In 2013, the Annual Meeting concentrated on advances in the management of epilepsy, while in 2014 it focused on the social and legal aspects of epilepsy. We invited national experts and leading international speakers (Professors Matthew Walker and Quian Quiroga). Again, the feedback has been very positive. The Annual Meetings have been evaluated by the corresponding governmental agency and granted credits for continuous professional development.

## Future projects

- *New members:* The number of members dropped very substantially over the last ten years due to the obstacles we faced in not being able to accept new members (see above), together with the natural loss of members due to retirement, disease, death and/or members changing to other fields outside epilepsy. The main objective of the Chapter was to accept those members already waiting and to attract more. The recent change in regulations has been the first step.
- *Funding:* We are contacting individuals and commercial firms to obtain external funding, which is needed.
- *Publications:* We are planning to write a brief booklet to educate the general public, patients and relatives.

- *Next Intensive Course and Annual Meeting:* The Intensive Course and Annual Meeting for 2015 will be in Majorca and will focus on pediatric epilepsy.

## Our leadership team is as follows:

- President: Gonzalo Alarcón Palomo
- Vice President: José María Castilla Garrido
- Secretary: Ángel Ponce de León Paredes
- Treasurer: Fernando Carceller Benito
- Voice of the ILAE: Germán Sierra Paredes
- Voice of the Bulletin: Antonio Rossiñol Far

## Respectfully Submitted

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## SRI LANKA LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (SLLAE)

The activities during this time period from the SLLAE were based on improving patient awareness, enhancing epilepsy education and establishing new epilepsy care services.

A special program to have a monthly epilepsy educational activity in the form of a case-based discussion has been started this year. Up until now, several topics have been covered. Epilepsy cases presented by the senior registrar (fellow) are subsequently discussed by the neurologist. These discussions are open to medical officers, EEG technicians and nursing officers.

A media seminar was held in the middle of 2014 to enhance the public's education about epilepsy control, and focused on anticonvulsant medications and services currently available in the country for epilepsy care.

A special meeting with the health ministry was held to promote regular adherence to guidelines for epilepsy treatment by all medical officers in the country. These guidelines have already been formulated.

The primary project that is currently underway is the construction of the special epilepsy unit at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. This is an eight-story building with state-of-the-art equipment dedicated solely for epilepsy patients in this country. It serves both adults and children, and has facilities for investigating patients for epilepsy surgery. It will be equipped with a newly designed video monitoring unit, a 3 T MRI, a bi-planer SPECT scanner and a PET scanner. The SPECT scanner will be the very first such scanner in the country and the PET scanner is the first scanner in the public health service. The new facility will also house a theater for performing epilepsy surgery. The construction of this building began in the later part of 2013 and it is hoped it will be completed by the end of 2014. It will be equipped and operational in the first half of 2015.

## Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Jithangi Wanigasinghe  
Joint Secretary/SLLAE

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## SWEDISH EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

Please visit our website for educational programs and guidelines.

### Meeting

The Society's Annual Meeting took place November 6-7, 2014.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- We held our Annual Meeting in 2013 that focused on the Swedish National Epilepsy Register and included the topic, "Clinical Neurophysiology in Epilepsy-Updates and News."
- The Annual Meeting of 2014 focus was, "Epilepsy, Seizures and Inflammation."
- We were the proud host of ECE Stockholm 2014.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2013 and 2014

We produced a video about five people with epilepsy to raise public awareness and reduce the stigma associated with epilepsy.

### Educational Activities

- The Society established guidelines and practice parameters critical for epilepsy professionals to provide quality care to adults and children with epilepsy.
- We implemented a national epilepsy register as part of a nationwide neurology register.
- We offered an educational course for neurology residency training in cooperation with the Swedish Neurological Society.
- We offered educational courses for physicians and nurses in epileptology.

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

Media contacts and press releases.

### Future Plans

We will continue to promote research and development of epileptology in Sweden. We will also offer annual courses, workshops and the development of a national register. In addition, we will participate in the education of neurologists and epilepsy nurses.

### Officer Election Date

November 7, 2014

### Respectfully Submitted

Eva Kumlien

## SWISS LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

The journal *Epileptologie* (Epileptology), is published four times a year, containing 50-70 pages each, with information about new developments in epilepsy research.

### Meeting

The 2013 8th Joint Meeting of the German, Austrian and Swiss Chapters of the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE) was held in Interlaken, Switzerland May 8-11.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

#### 2013

- The 8th Joint Meeting of the German, Austrian and Swiss Chapters of the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE) took place in Interlaken, Switzerland May 8-11.
- Three annual events for laypersons were held in different cities (Chur, Berne and Geneva), with several lectures held by epilepsy experts. The main topic was "Living with Epilepsy."
- Three annual events for professionals were held in different cities (Chur, Berne and Geneva), with several lectures by epilepsy experts.
- The main event on the Day of Epilepsy (October 3) took place in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was an exhibition of Sylvie Loeb, an artist who has epilepsy.
- We held a special day for patients and their relatives. The topic discussed was, "Epilepsy: Balancing Act with Safety Net."
- The League presented an award for the best dissertation on the subject of epilepsy.
- We presented the Tissot Medal of the Swiss League against Epilepsy to Giuseppe Scollo-Lavizzari, who is located in Basel, Switzerland.
- We gave a research support grant for a promising study in Switzerland in the field of epileptology.
- The League presented the Hauptmann Award to the German-speaking Epilepsy Societies/Leagues in Interlaken, Switzerland.

#### 2014

- The League held the Joint Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society of Intensive Care, the Swiss Society of Neurology, the Swiss Society of Neuroradiology, the Swiss Society of Emergency Medicine (SGNOR) and the Swiss

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Stroke Society, with the Swiss League Against Epilepsy as a guest, in Interlaken, Switzerland October 29-31.

- We held three annual events for laypeople in different cities (Aarau, Lucerne and Lugano), with several lectures by epilepsy experts. The main topic was "Living with Epilepsy."
- We held three annual events for professionals in different cities (Aarau, Lucerne and Lugano), with several lectures by epilepsy experts.
- For the campaign on the Day of Epilepsy (September 22-October 11), we produced a video clip with information about epilepsy that appeared in every post office in Switzerland.
- The League held a special day for patients and their relatives with a theme of "Epilepsy in the Kaleidoscope: Facets of an Illness."
- We presented a research support grant for a promising study in Switzerland in the field of epileptology.
- We launched a campaign entitled "Epilepsy in the Elderly," as well as provided continuing education for caregivers.

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

### 2013

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### 2014

- Our campaign on the Day of Epilepsy, which lasted September 22-October 11, was the production of a video clip with information about epilepsy that appeared in every post office in Switzerland.

## Educational Activities

### 2013

- The League held three annual events for professionals in different cities (Chur, Berne and Geneva), with several lectures by epilepsy experts.
- We provided lectures for members of the pharmaceutical industry.

### 2014

- Once again, we held three annual events for professionals in different cities (Aarau, Lucerne and Lugano), with several lectures by epilepsy experts.

- As in 2013, we provided lectures for members of the pharmaceutical industry.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

### 2013

We held a special day for patients and their relatives, with a theme of "Epilepsy: Balancing Act with Safety Net."

### 2014

As in 2013, we held a special day for patients and their relatives. This time, the topic was "Epilepsy in the Kaleidoscope: Facets of an Illness."

## Future Plans

We are planning a campaign entitled "Youth and Epilepsy." This will entail the evaluation of a social media project to enhance knowledge about epilepsy in young people.

## Officer Election Date

Spring 2016.

## Respectfully Submitted

Swiss League against Epilepsy

## TAIWAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

The Society issued a revision of Taiwan's epilepsy guidelines, which were published in the Archives of Taiwan Epilepsy Society, and we produced a Taiwan electroencephalography guideline document.

### Meeting

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Epilepsy Society was held March 22-23.

## Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

- A Young-Star Epilepsy Training Program was held once a year. This program was prepared for young investigators in the fields of neurology/neurosurgery/pediatric neurology, especially for those who recently passed the Neurology Board Examination. The latest one was held in November 2014.
- EEG educational courses of different levels were conducted nine times in 2013 in the northern, central and southern parts of Taiwan: three for the basic level, three for the intermediate level and three for the advanced level.
- "Introduction and Managing Patients with Epilepsy" sessions were conducted three times in 2014, to provide comprehensive epilepsy education to nursing professionals.
- An "Introduction to Epilepsy" course was conducted three times in 2014. The course

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aimed to raise awareness, communication and education about epilepsy for school staff and nurses working in the schools. More than 1,000 teachers or school nurses participated in these courses.

- Three research awards are given annually, including the Young Investigators Travel Award, the Epilepsy Best Paper Award, and the Epilepsy Research Award.
- Our Annual Meeting was held in March 2014.

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

We will support the Association of Patients with Epilepsy to help organize a “Taiwan Epilepsy Day” activity in February 2015. It will be an outdoor activity held at Taipei’s city hall.

## Educational Activities

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## Future Plans

1. Taiwan’s electroencephalography guidelines were released at the end of 2014, which try to establish a comprehensive guide about the techniques and interpretation of EEG.
2. We are planning a revision of Taiwan’s epilepsy guidelines before 2015.
3. More than 20 outstanding pediatric neurologists will begin to work on the first version of the Pediatric Epilepsy guidelines, which will include three volumes (neonatal, infant, and children). It will be released in 2015.

4. The 4th Symposium of the World Association of Chinese Epileptologists (WACE) was held October 18-19, 2014 in Kaohsiung, more than ten years since last time, when it was held in Guangzhou. There was a special session case presentation for young investigators in the afternoon at October 18, followed by a full day of plenary sessions on October 19.
5. The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held March 28-29, 2015 in Taipei.

## Officer Election Date

March 28, 2015

## Respectfully Submitted

Chien Chen, MD, Secretary-General

## TURKISH LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

The Turkish League Against Epilepsy publishes *Epilepsi Journal* three times a year, with two supplements (one for the Congress abstract and one on epilepsy).

### Meeting

The 9th National Epilepsy Congress took place May 15-19, 2014 in Fethiye, and the Epilepsy Symposium was held June 7-9, 2013 in Bolu Abant.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

Alternating events—a bi-annual symposium and a Congress—were held in Bolu Abant (Epilepsy Symposium, June 7-9, 2013) and Fethiye (9th National Epilepsy Congress, May 15-19, 2014).

National educational monthly meetings were also arranged. Topics and speakers were chosen to fulfill educational needs. There were also foreign speakers. Lectures targeted a wide variety of professionals who treat patients with epilepsy. There have been between 300 and 375 attendees at each national meeting.

### Monthly meetings

- January 11, 2013: “Antineuronal Antibodies in Epilepsy and Encephalitis” was presented by Erdem Tüzün.
- January 25, 2013: “Genetics of Epilepsy - Istanbul University Experience” was presented by Ugur Ozbek.
- February 22, 2013: “Teratogenesis and Epilepsy” was presented by Kimford Meador.
- March 29, 2013: “Recent Imaging Findings in Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy and Multimodal Imaging in Cryptogenic Focal Epilepsy” was presented by Christian Vollmar.
- April 26, 2013: “Coherent Neural Activity and Brain Synchronization During Seizure-induced Loss of Consciousness” was presented by Fabrice Bartolomei. On the same date,

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"Functional Connectivity in Epilepsy" was presented by Maxime Guye.

- October 25, 2013: "Case Discussions" was presented by Ay in Dervent.
- November 29, 2013: "Epilepsy Treatment and Pregnancy" was presented by Tobjörn Tomson.
- December 27, 2013: "Case Discussions" was presented by Aysen Gokyigit.
- January 31, 2014: "Semiological Approach in Epilepsy" was presented by Philippe Kahane.
- February 28, 2014: "A New Surgical Technique in Mediotemporal Lobe Epilepsy Surgery" was presented by Ugur Türe.
- April 25, 2014: "Generic Antiepileptic Drugs, Fact and Fiction" was presented by Michael Privitera.

## EEG courses

On November 30, 2013, we held a Pattern EEG Course consisting of 17 lectures and case discussions.

## Annual Semiology Meetings

On November 2-3 2013, a meeting entitled "Semiology-Case Discussions" was delivered by Professor Philippe Kahane, Suheyl Noachtar, Candan Gürses, and Berrin Aktekin.

## Educational Activities

The National Epilepsy Congress and Symposium provide educational opportunities for clinicians, researchers and other epilepsy professionals. Some of the archived programs, lectures and texts for clinicians and patients are available at our website, free of charge.

Additionally, Turkish ILAE-funded rewards for publications related to epilepsy were given during the National Epilepsy Congress.

## Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

Our association with IBE was recently established and has not had any activities yet.

## Future Plans

An international congress, a national symposium, and educational and monthly meetings will be arranged during the next year, including:

- September 27, 2014: "EEG and Semiology in Different Epilepsy Syndromes," which consisted of 17 lectures in five main sessions.
- October 18-19 2014: "Semiology and Case Discussions," delivered by F. Chassoux, Minotti, Çigdem Özkara, and Berrin Aktekin, MD.
- November 7-9, 2014, EEG courses were offered.

Monthly meetings:

- October 24, 2014: Epilepsy and Pregnancy
- December 26, 2014: Case Discussions
- January 30, 2015: Genetics and Epilepsy
- February 27, 2015: Case Discussions
- March 27, 2015: High Frequency Oscillations (presented by Professor Schulze-Bonhage)
- April 17, 2015: Case Discussions
- June 2015: Epilepsy Symposium, "Treatment in Epilepsy"

Additionally, WONOEP will be held August 31-September 4, 2015 in Istanbul and the International Epilepsy Congress will take place September 5-9, 2015, also in Istanbul.

## Officer Election Date

2016.

## Respectfully Submitted

F. Irsel Tezer

## ILAE UK CHAPTER

### Publications

Publications from the UK Chapter can be found online at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23551079>.

### Summary of Activities and Educational Activities in 2013 and 2014

In 2014, we held four meetings:

1. ILAE UK Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting, in Nottingham
2. ILAE UK Chapter Junior Doctors Epilepsy Teaching Day, in London
3. ILAE UK Chapter (in conjunction with the Royal College of Psychiatry Neuropsychiatry Section) one-day meeting on Epilepsy and Neuropsychiatry
4. ILAE UK Chapter Primary Care Meeting, in Birmingham

### Future Plans

We have five meetings planned for 2015

1. ILAE UK Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting, in London
2. ILAE UK Chapter Specialist Registrars Teaching Weekend, in Oxford

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3. ILAE UK Chapter Junior Doctors Epilepsy Teaching Day, in London
4. ILAE UK Chapter (in conjunction with the Neuro-anesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland) one-day meeting entitled "Epilepsy and Critical Care: The Interface," in London
5. ILAE UK Chapter Primary Care Meeting, in London

## Officer Election Date

Council Place Available in 2015.

## Respectfully Submitted

Juliet Solomon

## VENEZUELA LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (LIVECE)

Activities taking place during this time period

- Educational Talks about Epilepsy and Prevention were held in the different chapters of the country. We closed the cycle with a Symposium entitled "Cranial Injuries and Consequences," which was delivered on November 15 at the Faculty of Medicine of the Central University of Venezuela, with the assistance of undergraduate, post-graduates and students of Public Health and Nursing.
- Campaigns about the grave situation of the absence of AEDs throughout the country were transmitted through radio and television, and in newspapers and magazines.
- A donation request for AEDs was organized by LIVECE to support patients in need.
- Assistance was provided to epilepsy patients who fell into a convulsive state due to lack of drugs through different electronic media, Twitter, the internet, and by telephone and consultations. Many of them had been free of seizures for more than 15 years.
- LIVECE participated in the National Congress of Neurology held in Valencia September 23-27, 2014 as well as in the organization of the Module Epilepsy conferences, with high scientific and topical relevance.
- LIVECE provided educational talks to nurses in different chapters throughout the country.
- We provided the course "Research Methodology, From the Project to the Publication" to seven universities within the country. Three more are scheduled for 2015.
- We continue to provide psychological advice to parents and relatives of people with epilepsy.

## Respectfully Submitted

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## ZIMBABWE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

No publications were issued during this time period.

### Meeting

Two meetings were held.

### Summary of Activities in 2013 and 2014

During this period, we focused on mobilizing members. The membership has now grown from four active members to 15 active members. We had two important meetings as well. The first one was in Cape Town during the Africa Epilepsy Congress in May. The second one was held in July in Harare, where new members were recruited.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaigns in 2013 and 2014

We planned to resuscitate monthly meetings on the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy with the World Health Organization (Zimbabwe) and Ministry of Health (Zimbabwe), but by the time of this report, we had not started the meetings.

### Educational Activities

We created a Facebook page to share information on epilepsy, which currently has 29 "likes."

### Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliates

We continue giving our support to the Epilepsy Support Foundation (ESF), which is an affiliate of IBE. Our members provide free services, primarily as it relates to treatment and EEG.

### Future Plans

We are planning the following activities:

1. Awareness and education in collaboration with ESF.
2. Research on epilepsy.
3. Holding an annual conference.

### Officer Election Date

February 2015.

### Respectfully Submitted

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