

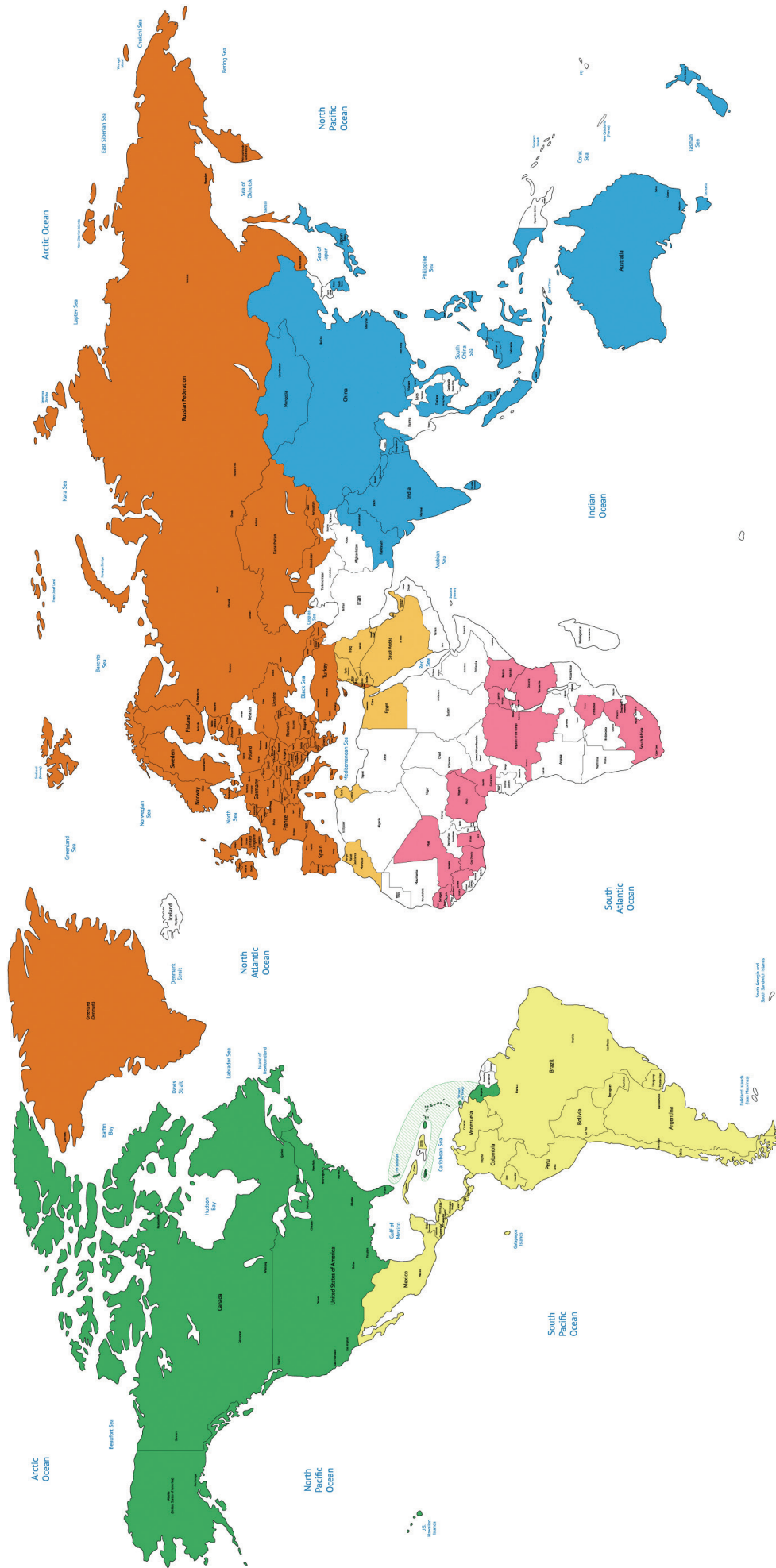


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## ALBANIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

### Meeting

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16 2015

- Epilepsy day with the very distinguished participation of Professor Raad Shakir, President of World Federation of Neurology and Professor Antonio Federico, Chair of Scientific Committee of European Academy of Neurology
- Every 6 months a meeting with patients and their families.
- Two talks on epilepsy in local media.
- September 2015, active participation to the IEC Istanbul.
- October 2015, meeting of Albanian Chapter.

#### 2016

- Epilepsy Day, February 8, 2016, is celebrated at the Mother Teresa Hospital gathering some patients, physicians and nurses at the meeting room of service of Neurology.
- September 2016, participation of some Albanian chapter's member to the ECE Prague.
- October 27, 2016, annual organizative meeting of Albanian chapter.
- Albanian Congress of Neurology, 2-3 December 2016, a special interest was on epilepsy. There were different speakers and some posters on epilepsy diagnosis and treatment.

## ARGENTINA: LACE- LIGA ARGENTINA CONTRA LA EPILEPSIA

### Meeting

22-23 September 2016

#### Summary of activities in 2015 and 2016

- We worked against the National Health Ministry to improve the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy in the poorest states of our extensive country
- We organized meetings with epileptologists in different regions in order discuss patients and to learn the last definitions of epilepsy

#### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

We work with colleagues to approve the National Law of epilepsy in all the country- On November 2015 the National Health Ministry named epilepsy as a prevalent illness so we have access to a lot of national programs

### Educational Activities

Every September we have The Week of Epilepsy so along the country we give meetings to patients and their families We have a special site in the web to patients and also to colleagues.

### Future Plans

We continuing working with the National Health Ministry in order to have more AEDs available to public patients. In June we have our next meeting for epileptologists in Mendoza. We want to work with other surgery centres from our region and we have our next National Epileptic Congress in October.

### Officer Election Date

November 2017

### Report by

Dr. Santiago Galicchio-President of LACE

## AZERBAIJAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

19 articles were published in 2015-2016 on topics related to epilepsy.

### Meeting

Scientific-Practical Conferences

#### Summary of activities in 2015 and 2016

Catamenial epilepsy, epilepsy in pregnant women have been studied. Study of epidemiology of epilepsy in different regions of Azerbaijan continues. Participation at the Schools and Congress on Epileptology.

### Educational Activities

School on Epilepsy for patients with epilepsy and their relatives.

### Future Plans

Continuation of study of epidemiology of epilepsy in different regions of Azerbaijan; study of etiological factors of epilepsy (epilepsy after stroke, traumatic epilepsy, epilepsy in neuroinfection, brain tumour-related epilepsy).

### Officer Election Date

June 2017

### Report by

Magalov Sh.I., Melikova Sh.Y.

## BULGARIAN SOCIETY AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of activities in 2015 and 2016

- Participation by all epilepsy-related lectures (one full day) on the Bulgarian Conference of Child Neurology, October 21-23, 2016, Sofia
- BSAE invited lecturers for epilepsy topics (from Romania, Serbia, Greece)

### Educational Activities

- Application for the 2017 East-European Course on Epilepsy
- creation of webpage of the BSAE and posting of several epilepsy-related articles for the general audience (patients, GPs)

### Future Plans

- 3rd East-European Course on Epilepsy, CEA-ILAE endorsed
- July 5-7th, 2017, Borovets resort, Bulgaria

### Officer Election Date

27th November 2015

### Report By:

Petia Dimova (President of BSAE)

## CAMEROON LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Meeting

May 25, 2016

### Summary of Activities in 2011 and 2012

May 25, 2016: Symposium on the diagnosis and management of epilepsy for medical students and nurses. General Assembly on May 25, 2016 in Douala (Conference room of the Gyneco-Obstetrics and Pediatric Hospital of Douala):

1. Admission of new members:
  - 1) Dr. Mbonda Chimi Paul (Neurologist, Yaounde General Hospital)
  - 2) Dr. KAMTHUENG MBONDA Laura Neurologist
  - 3) Dr. ENYAMA Dominique: Neuropediatrician, Gynecological Obstetrics and Pediatric Hospital of Douala
  - 4) Dr. Kenmegne Caroline: Neurologist, Douala General Hospital
  - 5) Dr. Eyoum Christian: Psychiatrist, Laquintinie Hospital of Douala

- 6) Dr. MOTOUOM FOTSO Aline: Neurologist, Laquintinie Hospital of Douala
- 7) Dr. NAMBOU Hervé: Neurologist, Laquintinie Hospital of Douala
- 8) Dr. NKOUONKACK Cyrille: Neurologist, Regional Hospital of Buéa)
- 9) Dr. KEDY KOUM: Pediatrician, Gynecological-Obstetric and Pediatric Hospital of Douala)

2. Celebration of the World Epilepsy Day (13/02/2016): activities postponed due to the late defection of the main sponsor of the event.
3. Strengthening of our collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health: As part of the strengthening of the implementation of the activities of the Strategic Plan for the Control of Non-communicable Chronic Diseases, a framework agreement was signed on October 20, 2015 between the Cameroonian Ministry of Public Health (MINSANTE), SANOFI-AVENTIS and OCEAC for the sensitization and management of epilepsy in 7 health districts (Bafia, Ndikinimeki, Ntui, Sa'a, Ebebda, Monatéle and rural Ngaoundéré). The Cameroon League Against Epilepsy was appointed by the Minister of Public Health as the technical partner of the project. In this context that we have contributed to these activities: From 30th May to June 2nd, 2016 in Ebolowa (Cameroon): Seminar on the development or updating of training modules on screening, care and prevention of epilepsy for General practitioners, paramedics and the community in the 07 Targeted Health Districts. From June 29 to July 1st, 2016 in Mbalmayo (Cameroon): Seminar on the development of simplified algorithms for the management of epilepsy by general practitioners and nurses. October 19, 2016 in Mbalmayo (Cameroon): Seminar workshop for the validation of training and awareness tools on epilepsy. From November 15 to 18, 2016 in Obala (Cameroon): workshop on the training of trainers on the management of epilepsy in the 7 pilot health districts of the centre region and rural Ngaoundere area.

### Future Plans

Organization of the 4th African Epilepsy Congress

### Officer election in 2017

Organization of the World Epilepsy day

### Report by

Pr Callixte KUATE TEGUEU Secretary General

## CANADIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

CLAE Connections – our league newsletter – of which 5 were published in 2015 and 2016. This newsletter highlights our 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.

### Educational Meeting

Our biennial meeting was held in Quebec City, Quebec from October 14-16, 2016.

### Summary of activities in 2015 and 2016

Our biennial meeting was a great success (see below under educational activities). We also had our CLAE connections (our newsletter) – 5 issues. We funded two epilepsy fellowships and awarded our usual non-trainee/allied health awards for best publications (fellow award, grad student or medical student award, resident award, and allied health student award).

Our new board:

President: Dr. Jorge Burneo

Secretary: Dr. Mary Lou Smith

Treasurer: Dr. David A Steven

Junior representative: Dr. Kristin Ikeda

CPEN representative: Dr. Kathy Speechley

President-Elect: Dr. Dang Nguyen

### Summary of activities in relation to ILAE

Dr. Samuel Wiebe, former CLAE president is now the president elect of the ILAE. Dr. Nathalie Jette chairs the ILAE Guidelines Task Force, ILAE Stigma Task Force, and the ILAE Global Burden of Epilepsy Task Force (This latter one with Dr. Arturo Carpio from Ecuador).

### Educational Meeting

Our biennial meeting was held in Quebec City, during the month of October 2016, and was a major success. The number of attendees was higher than in previous meetings. Topics covered included: Psychogenic non-epileptic events, role of marijuana in the treatment of epilepsy, newer imaging techniques, statistics for the epileptologist, newer EEG techniques, trauma-related epilepsy, cognition and epilepsy, epilepsy surgery failures, genetics and why do seizures start and stop. The CLAE was very pleased to have our IBE affiliate, the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance chair a plenary session on the current and past shortage of antiepileptic drugs, and the initiatives led by the CLAE in conjunction with Health Canada to ameliorate this problem. Furthermore, the work to improve epilepsy care in the

Province of Ontario has been highlighted by Epigraph. This initiative, led by Dr. O. Carter Snead III, has allowed the expansion of dedicated epilepsy beds in the Province, as well as the creation of different guidelines in the assessment, management, and other issues related to epilepsy care. This model serves as an example on how to improve Epilepsy care in a large scale, in a health system with universal access.

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

The CLAE is committed to working with community based epilepsy organizations. To that end, we have developed strong ties to the Canadian Epilepsy Alliance, a full member organization of the International Bureau for Epilepsy. As such, the CLAE welcomed the CEA in the planning of our 2016 Biennial meeting.

### Future plans

The new President, Jorge G Burneo has proposed the following activities in the next two years:

1. Expansion on the number of committees, particularly the creation of one on Global Health
2. Improvement of advertisement through social media of all CLAE activities
3. Increased with other NARC chapters, particularly with the Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean
4. Improvement on the obtainment of funding from private donors and private institutions
5. Increased the number of epilepsy-related educational activities within Canada

### Officer election date

October 2018

### Report by

Dr. Jorge G Burneo, President Canadian League Against Epilepsy

## CHILE: SOCIETY OF EPILEPTOLOGY OF CHILE

### Publications

Chilean Journal of Epilepsy

The Chilean Journal of Epilepsy is the official publication of our Society. Dr. Perla David features as its main editor; Dr. Ledia Troncoso and Dr. Marcelo Devilat are her co-editors. During 2015 and 2016, the 15th and 16th volume of this Journal were released. This year (2017) we shall release three new chapters as part of the 17th volume. Among the published material, we can mention: original papers, case reports, reviews and updates. Our current official ISSN number is 0719-5397. This is the product of the hard

work and dedication of the Journal staff, especially due to the efforts of Dr. David. The magazine is also available online on its own website [www.revistachilenadeepilepsia.cl](http://www.revistachilenadeepilepsia.cl).

## Meeting

Regular meetings taking place the second Saturday of every month during 2015 and 2016.

- **MEETING No. 151**  
Saturday, January 10th, 2015:  
Update in sleep obstructive apnea and its influence in the management of epilepsy.  
Dr. Mauricio Bravo, Neurologist, Military Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 152**  
Saturday, March 14th, 2015.  
**Annual General Meeting of the Society of Epileptology of Chile.**
- **MEETING No. 153**  
Saturday, April 11th, 2015.  
Epilepsy in 15-year-olds and older patients with Down Syndrome.  
Dr. Darío Ramírez, Neurologist, Salvador Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 154**  
Saturday, May 9th, 2015.  
An Update in Panayiotopoulos Syndrome.  
Dr. Patricia Alfaro, Pediatric Neurologist, San Juan de Dios Hospital.  
Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th, 2015.  
XV Winter Symposium of Epilepsy, Hotel Neruda - Santiago.
- **MEETING No. 155**  
Saturday, July 11th, 2015.  
Super-refractory status epilepticus: the surgical alternative.  
Dr. Hernán Acevedo, Neurosurgeon, Asenjo Institute of Neurosurgery.
- **MEETING No. 156**  
Saturday, August 8th, 2015.  
Association between Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome (PRES), seizures and epilepsy. A clinical case report.  
Dr. Kathleen Batalla, Physician, Emergency Department, Padre Hurtado Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 157**  
Saturday, September 12th, 2015.  
Epilepsy and Immunology.  
Dr. Raimundo Uribe, Neurologist, Catholic University of Chile.
- **MEETING No. 158**  
Saturday, October 17nd, 2015.  
Radiosurgery in epilepsy.  
Dr. Claudio Lühr, Neurosurgeon, Military Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 159**  
Saturday, November 14th, 2015.  
A new Epilepsy Program in Chile.  
Dr. Lilian Cuadra, Pediatric Neurologist, Asenjo Institute of Neurosurgery.
- **MEETING No. 160**  
Saturday, December 12th, 2015.  
Clinical Case: Extreme delta brushes.  
Dr. Cayetano Napolitano, Neurologist, Military Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 161**  
Saturday, January 9th, 2016:  
Quality of Life in Epilepsy.  
Dr. Juan Luis Moya, Pediatric Neurologist.  
Dr. Luis Calvo Mackenna Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 162**  
Saturday, March 12th, 2016.  
**Annual General Meeting of the Society of Epileptology of Chile.**
- **MEETING No. 163**  
Saturday, April 9th, 2016.  
Intoxication caused by phenytoin.  
Dr. Darío Ramírez, Neurologist, Salvador Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 164**  
Saturday, May 7th, 2016.  
Malignant migrating partial seizures of infancy: case report.  
Dr. Ignacia Schmidt, Pediatric Neurologist, Catholic University of Chile.  
Friday, June 3th and Saturday, June 4th, 2016.  
XVI Winter Symposium of Epilepsy, Hotel Neruda - Santiago.
- **MEETING No. 165**  
Saturday, July 9th, 2016.  
Less-frequent epileptic syndromes in infancy.  
Dr. Jonathan Velásquez, Pediatric Neurology Resident, Dr. Luis Calvo Mackenna Hospital.
- **MEETING No. 166**  
Saturday, August 20th, 2016.  
Usefulness of the ASL sequence in MRI of patients with epilepsy.  
Dr. Francisco Torres, Neuroradiology Resident, Asenjo Institute of Neurosurgery.
- **MEETING No. 167**  
Saturday, September 10th, 2016.  
Neuropsychologic assessment in epilepsy.  
Ps. Macarena Vásquez, Psychologist, Catholic University of Chile.
- **MEETING No. 168**  
Saturday, October 22nd, 2016.  
Unitemporal versus bitemporal epilepsy: a video analysis.  
Dr. Cayetano Napolitano, Neurologist, Military Hospital.

- **MEETING No. 169**  
Saturday, November 12th, 2016.  
Atypical features in benign epilepsy of childhood with centrotemporal spikes.  
Dr. Marcelo Bascur, Pediatric Neurology Resident,  
Dr. Luis Calvo Mackenna.
- **MEETING No. 170**  
Saturday, December 17th, 2016.  
Autoimmune encephalitis and anti-GABA-A receptor antibodies.  
Dr. Pablo González, Neurologist, La Florida Hospital/Clinica Las Condes.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Congresses, Courses and Symposia

XV Winter Symposium in Epilepsy 2015

On June 5th and June 6th, 2015, the XV Winter Symposium of Epilepsy was held at the Neruda Hotel. Its motto was "Epilepsy: a modern approach".

Organizing Committee: Dr. Ledia Troncoso – Dr. Scarlet Witting (presidents), Dr. Perla David, Dr. Marcelo Devilat, Dr. Fernando Ivanovic-Zuvic, Dr. Cayetano Napolitano, Dr. Juan Moya, Dr. Carla Manterola.

It included conferences by leader local neurologists and neurophysiologists, and presentation of 18 original works (posters).

### XXXIII SOPNIA Congress 2015

From November 11th to November 13th, 2015, the XXXIII Congress of the Society of Psychiatry and Neurology of Childhood and Adolescence (SOPNIA) was held in the city of Coquimbo. This event, entitled "Diagnostic and therapeutic horizons", was sponsored by our Society.

### World Congress of Neurology 2015

From October 31st to November 5th, 2015, the Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN) participated in the organization of the XII World Congress of Neurology, celebrated in the city of Santiago. This event was supported by our Society.

### XVI Winter Symposium in Epilepsy 2016

On June 3th and June 4th, 2016, the XVI Winter Symposium of Epilepsy was held at the Neruda Hotel. Its motto was "Epilepsy: more than seizures".

Organizing Committee: Dr. Hernán Acevedo - Dr. Juan Moya (presidents), Dr. Carla Manterola, Dr. Perla David, Dr. Cayetano Napolitano, Dr. Marcelo Devilat.

It included conferences by leader local neurologists and neurophysiologists, and presentation of 17 original works (posters).

### XXXIV SOPNIA Congress 2016

From November 14th to November 16th, 2016, the XXXIV Congress of the Society of Psychiatry and Neurology of Childhood and Adolescence (SOPNIA) was held, in the city of Puerto Varas. This event, entitled "Between lakes and volcanoes", was sponsored by our Society.

### LXXI SONEPSYN Congress and LIX Chilean Neurosurgery Congress 2016

From October 6th to October 8th, 2013, the Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (SONEPSYN) celebrated its LXXI Congress in the city of Coquimbo; at the same time, the LIX Chilean Neurosurgery Congress was held. These events were sponsored by our Society.

### Celebration of Latin American Day of Epilepsy

We celebrated the Latin American Day of Epilepsy on September 9th, 2016. The Chilean League Against Epilepsy organized diverse activities to commemorate this day, including the participation of patients and their families. Dr. Perla David, member of our board, participated in this celebration.

### New Members

Between the years 2015 and 2016, the Society received the following new members:

1. Dr. Mauricio Bravo (January 2015)
2. Dra. Patricia Alfaro (May 2015)
3. Dra. Kathleen Batalla (August 2015)
4. Dr. Reinaldo Uribe (September 2015)
5. Dr. Claudio Lühr (October 2015)
6. Dr. Ignacia Schmidt (May 2016)
7. Dr. Jonathan Velásquez (July 2016)
8. Dr. Francisco Torres (August 2016)
9. Ps. Macarena Vásquez (September 2016)
10. Dr. Marcelo Bascur (November 2016)
11. Dr. Pablo González (December 2016)

### Working Hours/Opening Hours

Luisa Esparza is our current secretary. Her working schedule is: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 18.30 to 20.30 hrs. Phone: +56222310172. Fax: +56222340671. E-mail: socepchi@gmail.com

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

#### 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 (SOCHINEUROFISIOLOGÍA); and the Association of Leagues Against Epilepsy, Chile (ANLICHE).

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

### International Affiliations

The Society is a member of the Latin American Affairs Committee of the International League Against Epilepsy.

### Celebration of Latin American Day of Epilepsy

As we mentioned previously, we celebrated the Latin American Day of Epilepsy on September 9th, 2016. The Chilean League Against Epilepsy organized diverse activities to commemorate this day, in which Dr. Perla David participated actively.

## Educational activities

### Continuing Medical Education

Between September and November of the current year, we performed the first version of our Continuing Medical Education (CME) Course, denominated "Updates in Epilepsy". This course was presented in the e-learning format, and it counted with the participation of more than 100 health professionals (including general physicians, neurologists, pediatric neurologists and residents, among others). It became a unique opportunity to review topics of general interest related to the epilepsies.

### Webpage

Our website [www.epilepsiadechile.com](http://www.epilepsiadechile.com), is available for members and the general public. We have published information about the Society and issues related to epilepsy, in the following sections:

1. Index
2. Introduction
3. Activities (Regular Meetings, Winter Symposium of Epilepsy, Continuing Medical Education)
4. Notes (Updates on epilepsy, History of epilepsy)
5. News about epilepsy
6. Staff and Associates
9. Links to ILAE, IBE, WHO and MINSAL; and to the Chilean Journal of Epilepsy
10. Contact

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 national diffusion of epilepsy-related topics actively through this website, uploading some of the presentations of our Regular Meetings, as well as the contents of our Winter

Symposium of Epilepsy, under prior authorization from its authors.

### Library

Our library, located at the headquarters of the Society, receives a great number of journals and other publications.

*Epilepsia*, the official publication of the ILAE, is received in our offices from 1999 to current date, and it is available for members at the headquarters of the Society of Epileptology of Chile, in addition to being online.

## Future Plans

### XVII Winter Symposium of Epilepsy: "Epilepsy as a marker of disease"

On June 2th and June 3th, 2017, the XVII Winter Symposium of Epilepsy will take place at the Neruda Hotel. Its official motto will be "Epilepsy as a marker of disease". The Organizing Committee has already released the Academic Program, and original works are being received currently at the email of our Society.

Organizing Committee: Dr. Juan Salinas – Dr. Juan Moya (presidents), Dr. Perla David, Dr. Cayetano Napolitano, Dr. Carla Manterola, Dr. Darío Ramírez.

**LXXII SONEPSYN Congress and XIII Hispanic-Latin American Congress of Eating Disorders and Obesity** through the vital cycle 2017. Entitled "Bridges among our specialties", it will be celebrated at Hotel del Mar, Viña del Mar, from November 09th to November 11th, 2017.

### XXXV SOPNIA Congress 2017

Under the name "Tearing down the walls", it will be host at Gran Hotel Pucón, Pucón, Araucanía Region, Chile, from November 15th to November 17th, 2017.

### Continuing Medical Education

Considering the successful execution of our first e-learning course, we have plans of preparing a second version during 2017. It shall be related to Epilepsy and Pharmacology as well as analysis of clinical cases.

### Regular Meetings

Our schedule for regular meetings in 2017 is listed below.

- January 14th, 2017 (already performed by Dr. Juan Moya: "Normal variants in the electroencephalogram").
- March 10th, 2017 (Annual General Meeting of the Society of Epileptology of Chile)
- April 8th, 2017
- May 13th, 2017

- June 10th, 2017
- July 8th, 2017
- August 12th, 2017
- September 9th, 2017
- October 14th, 2017
- November 11th, 2017
- December 9th, 2017

#### Officer Election Date

Our new board and officer will be elected during the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Epileptology of Chile, which will be conducted on March 10th, 2017.

#### Report by

Dr. Cayetano Napolitano, President. Dr. Perla David, Director. Dr. Juan Moya, Treasurer

## CHINA ASSOCIATION AGAINST EPILEPSY

#### Publications

Journal of Epilepsy (first issue 2015); Guideline of Diagnosis and Treatment to Epilepsy, 2nd Edition (2015); Epilepsy Knowledge: a education book to people with epilepsy (2016)

#### Meeting

6th CAAE International Epilepsy Forum (2015); Meeting of the Establishment of Tan Qi Fu Neurosurgery Development Foundation (2016); SEEG and Brain Localization academic committee Founding Conference (2016); 1st CAAE Neurosurgery Annual Meeting (2016); 5th CAAE EEG and Neuro-electrophysiology Congress (2016); International Symposium of Economic Burden of People with Epilepsy (2016); 2016 Temple of Heaven International Epilepsy Congress (2016)

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

1. CAAE Speaking Tour of the "Guideline of Diagnosis and Treatment to Epilepsy", took place in 10 cities in China: Fuzhou, Kunming, Nanjing, Changchun, Shijiazhuang, Haikou, Taiyuan, Qingdao, Suzhou, Taizhou.
2. "Young Physicians Going West Program", a program organized by CAAE aimed to improve the capacity of diagnosis and treatment to epilepsy in less-developed areas in China. In 2016 this program has been conducted in 11 areas, including Binzhou (Hunan province), Mianyang (Sichuan province), Shiyan (Hubei province), Jinzhou (Liaoning province), Xuzhou (Jiangsu province), Yanji (Jilin province), Lanzhou (Gansu province), Chifeng (Neimenggu province), Guiyang (Guizhou province).
3. DANDELION Physician Education Program: 'Spreading the seeds of knowledge to improve epilepsy care for patients', is a tailored medical education program to improve the anti-epilepsy medical practice. The objective is to provide disease training to general neurologists from Tier-3 cities to advance their ability to make better treatment decision for patients.
4. CAAE Epilepsy Scientific Research Foundation has supported 11 projects among 33 applications in 2016.
5. "NEW Program" has been conducted for young epileptologists aimed to improve their clinic and scientific research skills via symposiums and group meetings.
6. CAAE launched the "Galaxy Program", a training program facing to primary health workers and physicians.
7. CAAE successfully collaborated with the "World Health Foundation" for "Project Hope", which aimed to provide education and help to children with epilepsy and their parents.
8. CAAE continually develop the provincial chapter in China. Chapters of Henan, Fujian, Zhejiang, Shanghai and Guangxi have been founded in 2016.
9. June 28, 2016 was the 10th "International epilepsy caring day (IECD)" in China. This year's theme of IECD was "Ginko leaf logo warming your life with epilepsy". CAAE and 21 provincial chapters conducted the IECD grand philanthropic activities, including free medical consultant, education lectures, online Q&A, etc. Two hundred hospitals in 26 provinces conducted these activities, and 20,000 people with epilepsy have benefitted from these activities.
10. CAAE conducted the promotional activity of the International Epilepsy Day in late January 2016, through media, internet and WeChat. CAAE also supported the Art Competition for International Epilepsy Day at the end of 2016, by advertising and sending 20 pieces of artwork to IBE.
11. CAAE is developing the official website ([www.caae.org.cn](http://www.caae.org.cn)) and WeChat platform. Till the end of 2016, the number of followers has achieved 20,000 in whole China, including physicians and people with epilepsy.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Till 2016, the national project on management of epilepsy control in rural area of China (2005 – present) has been funded 4 million CNY/yr (0.64 m USD) by the State government, starting in 2005 in 10 provinces; now in 2014 in 18 provinces, 135 counties, funding increased to 15.6 million CNY/Yr (2.5 m USD). The project treated and followed 98,495 people with epilepsy, trained 1,497 province level doctors and 30,004 township and village doctors, established 444 special outpatient epilepsy.

#### Educational activities

1. ASEPA training course of epilepsy syndrome (Chifeng 2016)
2. 6th Advanced International Course of Clinical Epileptology (Chengdu 2016)
3. 2nd Training Course of SEEG and Epilepsy (Beijing, 2016)
4. CAAE EEG training and examination (Beijing, 2016)

#### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

1. CAAE successfully conducted the Psychological Intervention Demonstrate Project for PWE, 2016, by Knowledge education and Psychological intervention by professional psychiatrists and psychologists. The objectives included:
  - i. Reduce psychological problems;
  - ii. Encourage to blend into society;
  - iii. Improve the adherence to treatment;
  - iv. Strengthen family support;
  - v. Provide correct knowledge of the disease to PWE and public. This project was financially supported by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of People's Republic of China.
2. Mr. Zhigang Wang, an outstanding person with epilepsy, recommended by CAAE, was awarded the "Golden Light Award" at the 11th AOEC.

#### Future Plans

1. Continually hold domestic and international academic exchange and cooperation related to epileptology; and to provide training for epileptology related professionals to improve their ability to diagnose and treat epilepsy, especially for primary healthcare workers in resource-poor provinces.
2. More publication include guidelines, expert opinions and white paper of the economic burden of epilepsy in China will be published in 2017.
3. To establish more epilepsy-related specific funding to promote the research capacity of epileptologists.

4. By collaborating with IBE, we will continually publicise, educate, and popularize the knowledge on epilepsy prevention and control, and provide consultative services and help to people with epilepsy and their family members through public media, internet, and online/offline activities.
5. Attempt to promote and protect legal rights of people with epilepsy.
6. To provide consultancies to government for related policy decisions.

#### Officer Election Date

December 2018

#### Report by

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## COLOMBIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Colombian League against Epilepsy (LCE) needed sudden "aggiornamento" due to lack of activities and responsibilities in front of the government's rules and laziness in scientific tasks and same laxity in handle the economics. For these reasons it was necessary to convene a general assembly and vote for a new board of directors.

#### Achievements:

1. Reforms of Bylaws in order to put up-to-day the roll of LCE in front of new concepts of human right given by Law 1414/10 (protection of people with epilepsy).
2. Organization of regional chapters in every province (22 chapters). Still we are working in this task.
3. Colombia has 100% of its population covered by health. So our aim is based in three aspects:
  - A. Defence of Human Right, according with the Law 1414/10
  - B. Impulse research and education in epilepsy, according to Foundation Epilepsy Award Margaret Merz de Fandiño and Law 1414/10
  - C. Propitiate rehabilitation of people with epilepsy.
4. To organize every 2 years the Colombian Epilepsy Congress (with IBE Colombian chapter). The last one took place three months ago in Cartagena.
5. Tie together other professionals as rehabilitators, psychologists, lawyers, dentists, social workers and general practitioners. We believe that neurologists are a little unenthusiastic.

6. We will organize sub-chapters in every town around the country.

#### Report by

Jaime Fandiño-Franky, President

### CROATIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

#### Meeting

The League meets 2-3 times a year.

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- The main activity during the term 2015-2016 was organization of the 12th Croatian Symposium on Epilepsy which took place in Zadar from October 20-23, 2016. During the Symposium the General Assembly was held and new officers were elected. New president of the Croatian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE) is professor Silvio Basic.
- CLAE took place in the organization of Adriatic Neurology Forum 2016. (ANF 2016.), an important regional meeting where neurologists and neuropediatricians from our region have opportunity to hear lectures given by the leading world experts.
- CLAE participated at the 45th Symposium of Croatian Child Neurology Society.
- CLAE participated in activities for Epilepsy Day in Croatia (February 2015 and 2016). Events were organized by the CLAE, Croatian Child Neurology Society and Association for Epilepsy.

#### Educational activities

As mentioned above, the 12th Croatian Symposium on Epilepsy took place in Zadar from October 20-23, 2016. There have been more than 100 participants and the feedback from the conference was overwhelmingly positive. Professor Meir Bialer was the keynote speaker and his participation was highly valued by attendees. A lecture competition for young doctors is held during the Symposium, with prizes awarded for the best lectures. CLAE also took place in organization of several workshops on epilepsy.

#### Future Plans

CLAE will continue to promote the development of epileptology in Croatia and to participate in education of neurologists and epilepsy nurses. We would like to improve presurgical diagnostic procedures for epilepsy, as well as epilepsy surgery in adults and children with refractory epilepsy. We hope to implement new model for transition and transfer of patients with epilepsy from pediatric to adult epilepsy care in daily practice.

#### Report by

Silvio Basic, President

### CUBAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

#### Publications

1: Morales-Chacon LM, Alfredo Sanchez Catusus C, Minou Baez Martin M, Rodriguez

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Plan of action and strategies on epilepsy appropriate to the conditions of the country with the objective of promoting clinical areas, education, research, legislative framework, etc. Participation in investigations framed in National and International Collaboration Projects (CYTED and CONACYT) Incorporation of Epilepsy issues as part of the training program for 3rd year residents of the specialty of Psychiatry, and of the graduates of "Psychiatric Emergencies" and "Emergencies Doctors" of the Enrique Cabrera School of Medicine. National courses for Epilepsy and Electroencephalography training. National courses for epilepsy in APS National Epilepsy Annual Conference.

#### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Publication of books including Guidelines for the treatment of drug-resistant epilepsies in Cuba. What an APS doctor should know about epilepsy.

#### Educational activities

III Course-Workshop  
ALADE, Havana Cuba  
2014

Epilepsy update course in central province of Cuba. Sancti Spiritus specialists have taken ALADE scholarships for short internships in Epilepsy centres in Latin America. Participation in the editions of LASSE IX, X. From 27-29 April 2015, the regional course "Update on epilepsy" was carried out at the Hospital Camilo Cienfuegos de la Province of Sancti Spiritus, Cuba with the participation of specialists from the country's central provinces, as well as residents from other Latin American countries. The course organizers and teachers were

- Dr. C. Lilia Morales Chacón International Center for Neurological Restoration, Cuban Chapter President of the International League Against Epilepsy.
- Msc Juan M Rojas de Dios, Secretary of the Spanish Society of Neurosciences (SONECUB). Hospital Camilo Cienfuegos Sancti Spiritus.

- Dr. Teresa Montes de Oca President of the Espirituan Chapter of the Society of Neurosciences of Cuba (SONECUB). SONECUB. Hospital Camilo Cienfuegos Sancti Spiritus.
- Dr. C. Valía Rodríguez, Center for Neuroscience in Cuba. Member of the Executive of the Society of Neurosciences of Cuba (SONECUB).
- Dr. Lidia Charro Núñez Neuroscience Center of Cuba. Member of the Executive of the Society of Clinical Neurophysiology (SONECUB). Uuniversity of Sciences of Havan. Faculty Victoria De Girón. Playa Department of Clinical Neurology.

Title "Drug-Resistant Epilepsies: Clinical and Surgical Aspects". Type of Activity: Course-Training. Havana Cuba November 2015

#### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

Survey of family members, patients, and professionals on Stigma in epilepsies Reunion with relatives and patients.

#### Future Plans

Develop a strategy that guarantees availability to the fundamental diagnostic and treatment media with special emphasis on intractable epilepsy with medication. Need to implement epilepsy surgery in children. Promote elective courses of epilepsy in the medical career training plan. Use the different postgraduate forms (courses, diplomas, master's degrees, trainings) to encourage the preparation of non-specialized health personnel in primary and secondary care in diagnosis and treatment. To promote the development of research in the field of epileptology. Consensus participation of the Ministry of Public Health of the country in the development of the action plan and strategies on epilepsy.

#### Officer Election Date

Dec 2017

#### Report by

Lilia Morales Chacon

## EGYPTIAN SOCIETY AGAINST EPILEPSY

#### Publications

- Assessment of precipitating factors of breakthrough seizures in epileptic patients. Manal Al-Kattan1, Lamia Afifi MD 2, Reham Shamloul1, Emad El Din Mostafa. Egypt J Neurol Psychiatry Neurosurg 52 (2015) 165-171
- Epilepsy prevalence in Al-Manial Island, Egypt. A door-to-door survey. Saher Hashema, Manal

Al-Kattana, Sahar Y. Ibrahim, Nevin M. Shalabya, Reham M. Shamloula, Mohammad Farraga, Epilepsy Research 117 (2015) 133–137.

- Case report: Homozygous PRRT2 mutation in ICCA Egyptian family with reduced penetrance. Nirmeen A. Kishk, Wessam E. Sharaf-Eldin, Heba Saher, Mona Essawi. Meta Gene online 18 Dec. 2016.

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

The Purple day for Epilepsy awareness for the public and medical students was held on 25th March 2015 and 30th March 2016.

Epilepsy awareness session for Paramedical Staff and Hospital Personnel highlighting the true concept of Epilepsy, how to deal with acute seizures and the services provided by the "Cairo University Epilepsy Unit CEUE" was held on 30th March 2016.

A Facebook page was created with public educational materials and for uploading announcements for epilepsy awareness activities.

#### Educational activities

- Two comprehensive Epilepsy meetings were held during March 2015 and 2016. The first meeting focused on "When Can EEG Take the Lead in Epilepsy diagnosis" during which the following lectures were presented: Maturation of temporal lobe seizure semiology, Recurrent psychosis as manifestation of epilepsy, Ictal EEG patterns, Diagnosis of Non-Convulsive Seizures... is it easy?? The second meeting was under the title "Pediatric Epilepsy...for a Safe Future" it addressed the following topics: Epileptic Seizures in inborn errors or metabolism; a diagnostic approach, Video presentations of non-epileptic events in young age, Febrile Convulsions & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and Interesting Case Reports.
- Epilepsy sessions during the annual meeting of the Neurology Department were held during December 2015 and 2016.
- Undergraduate and post graduate educational and clinical training sessions on Epilepsy throughout the academic year.
- The first Epilepsy workshop on Epilepsy classification and seizure semiology was held on the 7th of December 2016.
- A special session for Epilepsy was held at the Neuro-pediatric workshop
- Webinar on Epilepsy was successfully organized during December 2016.
- Biweekly morning EEG teaching sessions at the Neurology Department, Cairo University for junior neurologists.

### Future Plans

- Construct ESAE-Website that may contain: CUEU services, information on meetings and epilepsy related events, educational materials (handouts and videos), section for public awareness and how to contact the CUEU Team.
- Journal club gathering either monthly or biweekly to discuss important research results and updates on Epilepsy.
- Publications of ESAE-Newsletter.

### Officer Election Date

26 March 2018

### Report by

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Talaat El-Ghonemy, Prof. Dr. Nermin A .Kishk, Dr. Reham M. Shamloul

## FINNISH EPILEPSY SOCIETY

Finnish Epilepsy Society is a Chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) in Finland. Members of the professional society constitute of 230 clinicians and scientists working within epileptology. Finnish Epilepsy Society promotes research, treatment and prevention of epilepsy and the exchange of medical and scientific information related to epilepsy in Finland. The society is active also in international collaboration especially in ILAE-related commissions and projects.

### Educational activities

#### National teaching courses

19.-20.3.2015 "Good treatment policy in Epilepsy belongs to all - Epilepsian hyvä hoito kuuluu kaikille". Program consisted of lectures about good treatment policies in epilepsy for fertile women, disabled persons, elderly citizens, and persons having rare epilepsy. The lecturers were domestic epilepsy experts. The course had 156 participants including lecturers. Feedback obtained from the course was good/excellent.

30.9.2016 "New insights to diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy by using genetic tools - Genetiikan menetelmillä uusia näkökulmia epilepsian diagnostiikkaan ja hoitoon". Program consisted of lectures about possibilities of gene technology methods in epilepsy and how they should be used in clinical practice as well as the need for genetic counseling. Visiting lecturer was professor Aarno Palotie from Harvard University, USA. Other lecturers were domestic experts in the field. The course had 48 participants including lecturers. Feedback obtained from the course was good/excellent. A satellite symposium was also organized in co-operation with Eisai AB. The

symposium provided latest information on research findings of perampanel and clinical experience in Finland. Lecturers were professor Eugen Trinko (Austria) and Reetta Kälviäinen (Kuopio, Finland).

Finnish Epilepsy society has collaborated with UCB Pharma Oy Finland in organizing annual Epitalkoot®-courses. Two courses were organized in 2015-2016 period. 8.-9.5.2015 "Newly-diagnosed epilepsy - Vastadiagnosoitu epilepsia". International visiting lecturer was prof. Anthony Marson (University of Liverpool & The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK), who gave a lecture about "Treatment response and prognosis in newly diagnosed epilepsy". The program also consisted of other lectures and interactive workshops led by domestic epilepsy experts. The course had 120 participants.

13.-14.5.2016 "What to do when seizures continue? - Mitä tehdä kun kohtaukset jatkuvat?" International visiting lecturer was prof. Ley Sander (UCL Institute of Neurology London, Scientific Director of SEIN, the Epilepsy Institute of the Netherlands Foundation), who gave a lecture about "Practical use of new AEDs as adjunctive therapy". The program also consisted of other lectures and interactive workshops led by domestic epilepsy experts. The course had 139 participants.

#### Local education courses

Finnish Epilepsy Society has organized since 2006 local courses around Finland in collaboration with Eisai AB, Fenno-Medical Oy, Orion Pharma ja UCB Pharma Oy Finland. The topic of the courses in 2015 was "Good treatment policies in epilepsy and the use of valproic acid in fertile women". In 2016 topic was "New ILAE definitions of epilepsy and epileptic seizures".

Table. Local courses organized in 2015 and 2016.

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## Meeting

Society organizes every spring annual meeting that is open for all members of the society. Annual report, financial statement of the previous year and action plan for the next year are presented and approved in the meeting. New board members are also selected annually for one-year period. The annual meeting in 2015 was held on 20th March 2015. New members of the board were selected and they were (supplementary member in brackets) Reetta Kälviäinen (Jukka Peltola), Henna Jonsson (Sirpa Rainesalo), Salla Lamusuo (Markus Müller), Terhi Pirttilä (Tarja Puumala), Riikka Mäkinen (Johanna Uusimaa) ja Päivi Olsén (Hannu Heiskala). The same members were selected to continue in annual meeting 2016 that was held 17th March 2016.

## Board Meetings

The board members of the society in 2015-2016 were Reetta Kälviäinen (president), Terhi Pirttilä (secretary), Henna Jonsson (treasurer), Salla Lamusuo, Riikka Mäkinen and Päivi Olsén. The board organized meetings 5 to 6 times annually.

## International Collaboration

Finnish Epilepsy Society is the Chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). Members of the society have several international positions: professor Jukka Peltola is a member of ILAE Classification and Terminology Commission and professor Reetta Kälviäinen is a chairwoman of Epilepsy Scientific Panel of European Academy of Neurology (EAN).

## Domestic Collaboration

Members of Finnish Epilepsy Society participate in the national committee to create guidelines for the treatment of epilepsy in Finland (Käypä Hoito-committee). In 2016 Käypä Hoito-committee published guidelines for treatment of Status Epilepticus. Similar guidelines have previously been published for Treatment of epilepsy in children and febrile seizures (in 2013) and Treatment of epilepsy in adults (in 2014). Finnish Epilepsy Society works in close collaboration with the Finnish Epilepsy Association, a Chapter of IBE. Professor Reetta Kälviäinen, docent Liisa Metsähonkala and MD, PhD Hanna Ansakorpi are members of a specialist committee of the Finnish Epilepsy Association. Finnish Epilepsy Society has participated in actions of "Suomen Aivot ry", which is a member of European Brain Council.

## Members

Finnish Epilepsy Society has 230 members (in 31.12.2016). In 2015-2016 the society did not collect membership fee.

## Future Plans

In 2017 the biggest educational activity will be International Kuopio Epilepsy symposium which will take place in Kuopio, Finland in March 2017. Finnish Epilepsy Society takes part in organizing the meeting and members of the society will also be lecturers in the symposium. Local educational courses will also be continued in the coming year. Society continues to collaborate with Finnish Epilepsy Association to promote the knowledge of epilepsy and equal access to high-quality care in Finland.

## FRENCH LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

Les cahiers d'Épilepsie: March and October 2016

### Meeting

JFE 2016 Toulouse november 7 to 10, 2016 (French annual epilepsy meeting)

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

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### Board achievement:

- Elaboration of a charter on the care pathways in epileptology following the press conference held on November 2015 and in relation with the task force created under the auspices of the SFN, SFNP, and ANLF, FFRE and Epilepsie France. After several meetings, including the Executive Committee meetings, a text was voted defining several levels of care management, with for each level the roles and necessary means.
- This text was then sent to the appropriate health government authorities, P. Derambure met with the General Director of Public Health and was able to express our thoughts and expectations regarding epilepsy care management. Furthermore, the media coverage regarding the teratogenic adverse events of valproate justified posting on the LFCE website recommendations on the care management of epilepsy during pregnancy. This answers most of the questions directed to the LFCE on this topic, and we also refined the position of the LFCE, SFNP, SFN as well as the FFRE scientific societies during a press conference held on 3/10/2016.
- Upon the request from the National Social Security Agency (CNAM) a proposal regarding the creation of a new medical act "EEG epilepsy" to better reflect the reality and help financially valorize epilepsy outpatients' visits and EEG. We are awaiting the approval of the French National Authority for Health (HAS).

- **Transparency:** The LFCE would like to reflect on its partnership with the industry and the transparency needed for these links. We solicited the advice of Pierre LeCoz, president of the deontology and prevention of conflict of interests committee. The conflicts of interests of the LFCE will be published on the LFCE website.
- **Work and epilepsy:** The Administration Committee consulted with A Didelot, who coordinates the "work and epilepsy" outpatients' clinic in France, with the objective to increase the number of clinic, and look at funding possibilities through the AGEFIPH innovating department.
- **Therapeutic Education Commission:** The annual conference took place in May 2016, following the meeting of the Administration Committee, over a 2-day period at La Teppe, gathering most centres already involved in this process.
- **Communication:** The LFCE is active on social networks: Twitter and Facebook. The website has many visitors, especially the section on mortality. The articles on specific issues (e.g. pregnancy, sports, driving license) are on the website, as well as a detailed section on valproate. A new format is being looked at for the LFCE magazine: the contract with expression santé, for which we are unable to find enough sponsors, will be denounced, and we will look at a collaboration with the Neurological Journal (Revue Neurologique).
- **Mission:** The mission of the LFCE young physician commission is, besides promoting the presence of the LFCE on the social networks and the organization of the JEEP, to select the best posters presented during the JFE Toulouse with a 1,000€ award allowing the participation to the next JFE.
- **RSME:** Remains very active, LFCE finances two hospital vacations for a psychologist. A new informational leaflet on RSME and a leaflet on epileptic seizure risks dedicated to patients and their family were finalized.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

International affairs: The French Chapter proposed the definition of European guidelines on Epilepsy psychiatric comorbidities, and participated to the election of the new ILAE president (Samuel Wiebe, Canada).

### Educational activities

2016 Bursaries. 2.5 post-doctorate bursaries for will be granted, each one in the amount of 30,000€.

The common FFRE and LFCE call for project was attributed to the research project on Vitamin D and epilepsy headed by Dr F Chassoux (Paris Ste Anne). CME training for registered nurses (DPC). A second session took place at La Teppe in 2015, a third one

took place in October 2016. As a reminder the goal of this training is to educate specialized epilepsy nurses based on the Anglo-Saxon model. An agreement was reached with the HAS Rhone-Alpes for delegating precise tasks to nurses specifically trained according to this protocol.

A debate was conducted with L. Maillard to adapt the epileptology InterUniversity Diploma (DIU). In fact, its 2-year duration discourages a number of applicants. We are looking at reformatting the program over a one-year period, using if needed online classes. The CPE is obsolete and has been replaced by the Educational Days on Practical Epileptology (JEEP), the program is designed by members of the young physician commission.

### Future Plans

JNLF 2017: the program for the LFCE session was built around the topic of epilepsy in women.

JFE 2017: Marseille October 9 to 12

### Officer Election Date

The board was re-elected during the Administration Committee annual meeting on February 2016: President P. Derambure, General Secretary C. Marchal, Treasurer B. Martin, Vice President of the Scientific Committee F. Bartolomei, VP of communication: L. Vercueil, VP of international affairs: Ph. Ryvlin, VP of care networks and pathways: S. Rheims, VP of paramedical professionals: M. Prévost-Morgan.

### Report by

Cecile Marchal (general secretary of the LFCE, French chapter)

## FYR MACEDONIA: MACEDONIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

Epilepsy

### Meeting

2. International Symposia on Malformations of cortical development and epilepsy, September, 2016, Ohrid, R. Macedonia (lecturers: Prof Meir Bialer, Israel; Dr. Imad Najm, USA; Prof N. Jovic, Serbia; Prof D. Sokic, Serbia; Prof S. Basic, Croatia; Prof D. Sporis, Croatia; Dr. A. Ristic, Serbia)

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

1. Epilepsy - official journal of Macedonian League, two issue per year; Editor in Chief - Emilija Cvetkovska



- International Symposia on Malformations of cortical development and epilepsy, September, 2016, Ohrid, R. Macedonia (lecturers: Prof Meir Bialer, Israel; Dr. Imad Najm, USA; Prof N. Jovic, Serbia; Prof D. Sokic, Serbia; Prof S. Basic, Croatia; Prof D. Sporis, Croatia; Dr A. Ristic, Serbia)

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Purple Day for raising public awareness of epilepsy, March 2016, Skopje, R. Macedonia

### Educational Activities

International Workshop on AED, September, 2016, Ohrid, R. Macedonia. Prof Meir Bialer, Israel; Prof Emilija Cvetkovska, Macedonia

### Future Plans

Continue to publish Epilepsy Organization of workshops on selected topics

### Report by

Emilija Cvetkovska, President

## GEORGIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

- Kasradze S., Gogatishvili N., Lomidze G., Ediberidze T., Lazariashvili M., Khomeriki K., Mamukadze S., Metreveli M., Gagoshidze T., Tatishvili N., Tomson T. Cognitive functions in children exposed to antiepileptic drugs in utero - study in Georgia. *Epilepsy & Behavior* 2017; 66:105-112.
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- Shatirishvili T., Lomidze G., Tatishvili N., Gabunia M, Kipiani T. Short-term outcome and major barriers in the CSE in children: study in Georgia, *Epileptic Disorders*, 2015; 17(3): 292-298.

### Meeting

- ILAE/CEA-GLAE International Caucasian Summer School (2016, Tbilisi).
- International Conference on "Disability and epilepsy" (2016, Tbilisi).
- Discussions about new guidelines, definitions, classifications, reports and recommendations of ILAE – round table on the base of Epilepsy Prevention and Control Centre (Institute of Neurology and Neuropsychology and Iashvili pediatric neurology clinic) every month.
- Conferences on new antiepileptic drugs.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

#### State Programs

- Prevention and Multidisciplinary diagnoses of epilepsy (pediatric/adults) (2005-ongoing)
- Regional programs on drug supply for people with epilepsy after multidisciplinary diagnoses of epilepsy (Pediatric/adults - in Batumi and Achara Region; Kutaisi City Hall, Zestaphoni, Tbilisi City Hall).

#### Research

##### Local

- Epidemiology and risk factors of pharmaco-resistant epilepsy in Georgia (2016) (Founded by the Shota Rustaveli National Scientific foundation); Kork Epilepsy Centre
- Sleep disorders in children with epilepsy;
- Detrimental effect of utero exposure an antiepileptic drugs on the cognitive functioning in later stages of life (Founded by the Shota Rustaveli National Scientific foundation)
- Validation of the Georgian version of the Neurological Disorders Depression Inventory for Epilepsy (NDDI-E)
- Analyzes the data of the Georgian State Program on Epilepsy and a national epilepsy registry (annual).

##### International

- EURAP
- EpiNet
- EEG-SCORE
- Antiepileptic drug trials (Lacosamide)

##### Defended Theses

- Epidemiology of Epilepsies in Georgia (2015)
- Quality of Life in people with epilepsy living in Georgia (2015)
- Epidemiology and risk factors of pharmaco-resistant epilepsy in Georgia (2016)

##### Adapted and Developed Standards

- Multidisciplinary (neurologist/epileptologist, neuropsychologist, psychiatrist, standard EEG,

high resolution MRI) diagnoses for specialized epilepsy center by the National Guidelines and Protocols (pediatric/adults)

- National Epilepsy Registry (since 2005)
- Drug monitoring (All old and new AEDs, some newest AEDs)
- Video-EEG monitoring (since 2014).
- EEG -Telemetry and pre-surgical evaluation for persons with pharmaco-resistant epilepsy (36 cases) (since 2014).
- Epilepsy Surgery [in collaboration with professionals from Italy (Roma, Bambino Gesù), Germany (Freiburg, Epilepsy Centre), Turkey (Achibadem Clinic) and USA (Jefferson University, Comprehensive Epilepsy Centre)]

#### Social events

- “European epilepsy day” (2015, 2016)
- “World Epilepsy Day” in collaboration with patient’s association (2015, 2016) (“Georgian Association of Young Epileptologists” and Epilepsy Prevention and Control Centre).
- TV-broadcasts on epilepsy (six in 2015, seven in 2016)
- Radio broadcasts on epilepsy (seven in 2015, three in 2016)

#### Awards

- ILAE - European Epilepsy Education Award [Prof. Nino (Nana) Tatishvili]

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

#### Educational Program

- Sub-specialty on Electroencephalography and clinical neurophysiology - approved by Georgian MoH (2016).

#### Guidelines and Protocols

- Guideline on diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy (3rd revision, approved by MoH, 2016)
- Guideline on Status Epilepticus (approved by MoH, 2016)
- Protocol of MRI investigation for adult people with epilepsy approved by MoH, 2016)
- Protocol of MRI investigation for children with epilepsy approved by MoH, 2016)
- Protocol for status epilepticus in children/adults (revised and approved by MoH, 2016)
- Protocol for management of generalized epilepsy (approved by MoH, 2016)
- Protocol for presurgical evaluation of people with pharmaco-resistant epilepsy (adapted on the base of INN)

#### VIREPA-courses

##### Young physicians were trained on

- Clinical Epileptology
- Neurovisualisation
- EEG investigations (basic, clinical –pediatric/adults, sleep-EEG, EEG-score)
- Genetics of epilepsy

##### Participation in ILAE - Teaching Courses

- San Servolo (2)
- Tagliacozzo (4)
- EILAT (7)
- EPODES (2)
- DSSEE (3)
- Caucasian Summer School (26)

##### Fellowships

- UCL Institute of Neurology (UK) (3).
- Chalfont epilepsy centre (UK) (2)
- Jefferson Epilepsy Comprehensive centre (USA) (1)
- Sharite epilepsy Centre (DE) (3)
- Danish Epilepsy Centre (3)
- SEIN -Epilepsy Centre (NL) (2)
- Kork Epilepsy Centre (DE) (1)
- IRCCS Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù - SEDE GIANICOLO (Roma, Italy) (5)

##### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

- “European epilepsy day” ( 2015, 2016)
- “World Epilepsy Day” (2015, 2016)

In collaboration with “Georgian Association of Young Epileptologists” (Ass. member of IBE) and Epilepsy Prevention and Control Centre at the INN.

##### Current Officer roster with e-mails

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##### Future Plans

##### 2017- Election of new GLAE board

## 2017-2018

- Preparation and conduct of International Conferences in Georgia
  - a. New Horizons of Epilepsy
  - b. Developmental Disabilities and Epilepsy
- Preparation of intensive teaching course formats for continuing education on epilepsy (adult/pediatric)
- Perfection of Epilepsy Care in Georgia (participation in EuroNASH project)
- Development of New guidelines and Protocols
- Development of new Curriculum in Neurology (Chapter Epilepsy) for Medical Schools
- Preparation of Handbook on Epilepsy for medical schools (Georgian)
- Development of epilepsy surgery service in Georgia
- Implementation of Ketogenic Diet service in Georgia
- Development of epilepsy genetic service in collaboration with international Genetic Centers
- Development of treatment and care of Rare Epilepsy Diseases in collaboration with International experts (participation in EpiCARE project).

## Officer Election Date

17 March 2017

## Report by

Sofia Kasradze, Secretary General of the Georgian League Against Epilepsy

## GERMAN SOCIETY FOR EPILEPTOLOGY

### Publications

Zeitschrift für Epileptologie

### Meeting

53. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Epileptologie e.V. in Jena, March 2.-5., 2016

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

The German Chapter of the ILAE (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Epileptologie) was re-established in 1957 ([www.dgfe.info](http://www.dgfe.info)). The chapter has been continuously developed, counting 1483 members in 2016. The mission of the DGfE is to support health care professionals, researchers and patients in the common goal to better understand and treat epilepsies. We are also committed to public outreach in an effort to reduce discrimination and stigmatization of patients

with epilepsy. Our annual conferences aim to promote scientific exchange and strongly support further education and social networking of our members. In 2016, the meeting was held in Jena, March 2-5. At 29 scientific symposia, 19 half-day teaching courses and seminars, as well as other main platform presentations (presidential symposia and industry sponsored symposia), 923 participants discussed the broad spectrum of clinical and experimental epileptology. Mrs. Pfäfflin and Dr. Dennig were awarded with an honorary membership of the DGfE. The "Zeitschrift für Epileptologie" is the official journal of the DGfE ([www.zepi.springer.de](http://www.zepi.springer.de)). The mission of this peer-reviewed journal and their editors-in-chief Heidrun Potschka and Bernhard Steinhoff is to offer up-to-date knowledge in the field of clinical epileptology and research to the German speaking community of neurologists and pediatricians with special interest in epileptology. The journal published 4 issues in 2016. Each issue offered a series of peer-reviewed articles about a main topic, such as epilepsy and music (volume 29 issue 1), genetic testing in epilepsy (volume 29 issue 2), epilepsy surgery (volume 29 issue 3) and epilepsy in public (German-speaking narrative literature, drawing of seizures, print media, television and in National Socialism; volume 29 issue 4). Special sections report news from the DGfE and its commissions and from the Michael foundation. Questions to the expert, case reports, journal club and book reviews are additional features of the journal. All DGfE society members receive a full subscription to the journal as a member benefit.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

The DGfE recognizes that – as a society in an economically privileged part of the world – it has a duty to try and contribute to improving epilepsy care in developing countries. The DGfE has implemented and financed several international support projects, such as the National Epilepsy Program in Namibia.

### Educational activities

We are committed to education about epilepsy, both amongst the lay public and health care professionals. The German chapter offers a defined curriculum in clinical epileptology for medical doctors, culminating in a 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 Otfrid-Foerster Stipends for young Doctors that enable them to pursue an epilepsy research project. A 4-days international training course

was offered for Neuropathology and Epilepsy Surgery in Erlangen, October 6-9, 2016 (endorsed by the ILAE and International Society of Neuropathology).

#### **Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate**

DGfE collaborates closely with the patient organization 'Deutsche Epilepsievereinigung e.V.', the German chapter of the International Bureau of Epilepsy ([www.epilepsie-vereinigung.de](http://www.epilepsie-vereinigung.de)). We jointly organize a patient day at the DGfE annual meeting (in Jena on March 5, 2016), as well as the annual German epilepsy day (Berlin, October 5, 2016).

#### **Future Plans**

The German ILAE chapter is an active society with an ever growing agenda for better clinical care, education and teaching in epileptology. To accomplish all our aims and challenges, DGfE installed 16 ad hoc commissions ([www.dgfe.info](http://www.dgfe.info)). Recently, we have encouraged junior leaders in epileptology to assemble as commission of young epileptologists (Junge Epileptologen, [www.junge-epileptologen.de](http://www.junge-epileptologen.de)). With financial support from DGfE, young epileptologists will improve their skills to organize scientific symposia and topic-oriented teaching workshops. The Dieter-Janzen-Award of the Peter and Jytte Wolf foundation is specifically devoted to recognize successful young epileptologists in Germany. Dr. med. Janna Riechmann is the 2016 awardee for her work entitled "Costs of epilepsy and cost-driving factors in children, adolescents, and their caregivers in Germany". Biannually, all German speaking ILAE chapters (DE, AU, CH) organize a cooperative meeting. In 2017, the annual DGfE meeting will be, therefore, in Vienna, May 3-6.

#### **Officer Election Date**

4th March 2016

#### **Report By**

Prof. Dr. Ingmar Blumcke

## **HONDURAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY**

#### **Meeting**

February 16-18, 2017

#### **Summary of Activities in 2015/16**

During the past two years, (2015-2016), the first activity in our society was the election of a new committee, and the results of the election were:

Dr. Arnold Thompson - President  
Dr. Humberto Su - Vice-President  
Dra. Eunice Ramirez - Secretary

Dr. Allan Alvarez - Treasurer  
Dr. Amilcar Zelaya - Prosecutor  
Dr. Marco Tulio Medina - Vocal  
Dr. Lazaro Molina - Vocal  
Dr. Luis Cesar Rodriguez - Vocal

Additionally, we have two new members. In this time, we are working in the organization of the Central-American Congress of Neurology, this congress will be taking place in San Pedro Sula (second largest city of Honduras) in February 16-18, 2017. As a part of the activities of our congress, we will have the ALADE Course (Curso de la Academia Latinoamericana de Epilepsia - Latin-American Academy of Epilepsy Course) of the Commission of Latin-American Affairs from the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). The next topics will be discussed in the course: Genetic epileptic syndromes in childhood and adolescents, Treatment and prognosis of epileptic syndromes, Pregnancy and epilepsy, Ketogenic diet and epileptic syndromes Cerebro-vascular disease and epilepsy Video-EEG session. The ALADE Course is designed for general neurologist and epileptologist, general practitioners, internal medicine, neurosurgeons, nurses and all personnel working in medical services destined to attend people living with epilepsy. On the other hand, we are working with societies and other groups to support relatives of people living with epilepsy. In the National Hospital Dr. Mario Catarino Rivas (second largest medical center of Honduras), we have celebrated during two consecutive years the World Epilepsy Day, with Medicine Students from the National Autonomous University of Honduras - Valle de Sula. Sincerely, Dr. Arnold Thompson Neurologist President Honduran Epilepsy Society.

#### **Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016**

We are working with societies and other groups to support relatives of people living with epilepsy. In the National Hospital Dr. Mario Catarino Rivas (second largest medical center of Honduras), we have celebrated during two consecutive years the World Epilepsy Day, with Medicine Students from the National Autonomous University of Honduras - Valle de Sula.

#### **Educational activities.**

Central-American Congress of Neurology and ALADE Course.

#### **Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate**

Promoting education for patients in the two largest medical center in Honduras, in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula.

#### **Officer Election Date**

August, 2015

## Report by

Arnold Thompson, MD

## HONG KONG

### Publications:

Official Guideline of Epilepsy Care, by A. Fogarasi, V. Juhos and J. Janszky (eds.). 2016.

### Meeting

2015-EL Section in frame of the 47th Congress of Hungarian Clinical Neurophysiologic Society, 04. 06.-06. 06., Szeged.-32th Hungarian Epilepsy Workshop, 29. 10.-31. 10., Győr. 2016-13th Biannual National Congress of HEL, 26. 05.-28. 05., Szeged.-33th Hungarian Epilepsy Workshop, 13. 10.-15. 10., Győr.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- Election of Board: Fogarasi, Andras president, Szupera, Zoltan secretary general, Fabo, Daniel president elect, Janszky, Jozsef past president.
- Reevaluation and care of personal HEL qualifications 'Physician Trained in Epilepsy' (PTE) and 'Epilepsy Specialist' (ESP.)
- In agreement of the Hungarian Association of Clinical Neurophysiology, carrying on the creation of a new HEL qualification "EEG license for PTE or ESP".
- As a member of Owners Board participation in editing and publishing of Clinical Neuroscience/ Idegyógyászati Szemle (Idegyogy Sz.)
- The HEL is making great effort in order to renew sporting licence in people with epilepsy, to the Hungarian Society of Sports Medicine.
- The HEL renewed the homepage (epilepszia.hu).

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

- Patronizing and supporting the European Epilepsy Day both years on 14 February.
- Publications for patients and their families about epilepsy.

### Educational activities

- Teaching courses about modern diagnostic and therapeutic methods in epilepsy.
- The HEL established the Epilepsy Fellowship. It includes a tutorial education and financial support for young epileptologists, under a three years long period. This program started in 2016.

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

- The Hungarian Association for the Future of People with Epilepsy is member of the IBE since 2007. HEL supported the activity of the organization in providing an umbrella function and coordinating the local societies.
- Patronizing the Purple Day.

### Future Plans

- To continue the regular educational courses.
- To elaborate the new standards of the quality control, for epilepsy care in Hungary.

### Officer Election Date

2019

### Report by

Fogarasi, Andras (president), Szupera, Zoltan (sec)

## INDIAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

Epilepsy India & International Journal of Epilepsy

### Meeting

Annual

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- IES-Phenobarbitone Consensus Document: We have already published IES-Phenobarbitone Consensus Document which was peer reviewed and highly appreciated by Dr. Prof Martin J Brodie, Glasgow, U.K, Dr.(Prof) Patrick Kwan-Melbourne, Australia, Dr. (Prof.) U.K.Misra, Dr. (Prof.) Abraham Kuruvilla and Dr. (Prof) Gagandeep Singh.
- Indian Epilepsy Society- Valproic Acid: Indian Consensus Document: The document was sent for peer review to 3 International experts and 3 national experts. i.e Professor Emilio Perucca-Italy, Prof. Lim Shih Hui –Singapore, Prof. K.P. Vinayan –India, Prof. Sangeeta Ravat-India. This consensus document was released on occasion of 17th Annual Conference of Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy Society, ECON 2016 at Visakhapatnam.
- International Journal of Epilepsy (IJEP):
  - The 5th issue January – June 2016 of IJEP is under publication. We are happy to share that IJEP is now indexed in Scopus. We are receiving articles from India's reputed Institution as well as internationally.
  - International Journal of Epilepsy (IJEP) has been listed in Scopus on completion of two years of publication of 1st issue of the Journal.

- The submission of articles in IJEP has been shifted in new system called EVISE w.e.f 10th May 2016. This System permit us to submit the articles in easy way and is quite user friendly.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

- Asia Oceania Epilepsy Award (AOEC) and Call for Nominations: The name of Dr. Manjari Tripathi was nominated from Indian Epilepsy Society for Asia Oceania Epilepsy Award and she was selected for award and received the Award in Hong Kong during 11th AOEC (Asia Oceania Epilepsy Congress 2016)
- Samuel Wiebe Elected ILAE President, 2017-2021 term
  - Sam Wiebe was elected with 68% of the eligible votes in the election by ILAE chapter members that concluded 2 May 2016.
  - Out of the 114 Chapters, 83 voted while a further 7 were ineligible owing to not being up to date with their dues. We would urge all 114 Chapters to participate in the next round of the elections, the nominations for the Executive committee, which will commence in late August 2016.

### Educational Activities

- IES-Phenobarbitone Consensus Document: We have already published IES-Phenobarbitone Consensus Document which was peer reviewed and highly appreciated by Dr. Prof Martin J Brodie, Glasgow, U.K, Dr.(Prof) Patrick Kwan-Melborne, Australia, Dr. (Prof.) U.K.Misra, Dr. (Prof.) Abraham Kuruvilla and Dr. (Prof) Gagandeep Singh (Document is attached for more details).
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### Future Plans

EEG Workshops ASEPA Examination Epilepsy School

### Report By

Secretary General

## INDONESIA LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- We have been elected national officer on August 2015.
- We organized some academic activities in conjunction with ASEPA and local branches.
- We have completed preparation of a book of Epilepsy guidelines for general practitioners
- We celebrate Epilepsy Day every February, in conjunction with the local IBE.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

In these last two years, we have promoted a greater understanding about epilepsy to everybody through public seminars, radio, newspapers, etc.

### Educational activities

Biennial National Epilepsy Meeting, August 2015  
Epilepsy Summer Course, August 2016. Some Epilepsy symposia in conjunction with a regional neurological group. EEG courses for neurologists and technicians in some regional neurological groups. Completed preparation of a book of Epilepsy Guidelines for General Practitioners.

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

The League celebrated Epilepsy Day in February 2015 and 2016 in every branch.

### Future Plans

- As Host of 12th AOEC in Bali on June 2018
- Hold an Epilepsy Summer Course in Mataram Lombok on May 2017
- Promote collaborative efforts with national insurance about the availability of AEDs and procurement of new AEDs

### Report by

Kurnia Kusumastuti and Diah Kurnia Mirawati

## IRAQI LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY IQLAE

### Meeting

2nd December 2016

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- Conference of IqLAE on Friday 2nd of December 2016 in Baghdad (Eyon Baghdad Restaurant); a group of lectures were presented and discussed. Among them: Epilepsy Comorbidity, Presurgical Evaluation, Epilepsy surgery and Promotion about Lacosamide.
- Symposium of Iraqi Chapter IqLAE on the event of international Day of Epilepsy (8 Feb 2016) at Eyon Baghdad Restaurant) was held on the nearest Friday after the 2nd monday of Feb(the event).
- Symposium of IqLAE on 20th of Nov 2015 held on Friday at Eyon Baghdad Restaurant;
- Conference of IqLAE on June 2015 held in Friday at Eyon Baghdad Restaurant; the main topics were about the new definition of epilepsy and new classification.
- Symposium of IqLAE on 19th of FEB 2015 held at The Central Child Hospital in Baghdad; the main topic was: The Role of EEG in Misdiagnosis and in Classification of Epilepsy.
- Attendance and Participation in Baghdad Medical College Annual Conference.
- Attendance and participation in the Annual Conference of Iraqi Neurology Association.
- Attendance and participation in Annual Conference of AlKufa College of Medicine.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

- Attendance and participation in 12th European Conference of Epileptology, Prague 11-15 Sep 2016.
- Attendance and participation of the 3rd Conference of Jordanian Chapter Against Epilepsy in Amman on 21-4 of Oct 2015.
- Attendance of CEMA/ILAE Conference Commission of eastern Mediterranean Affairs held in Dubai 2016.
- Attendance of a group of conferences in the region and in Europe.

### Educational Activities

- Monthly lectures on EEG and Epileptology presented regularly at Baghdad Teaching Hospital.
- Weekly meetings on the Epilepsy Clinic with discussions of clinical cases with students and colleagues

### Future Plans

- Symposium of IqLAE on 27th of Jan 2017 would be held on Eyon Baghdad Restaurant in the memory of the International Day of Epilepsy 2017 (the 2nd Monday of Feb).
- The First Asian Master Class Conference on 2-4 of March 2017 that would be held on Babylon Hotel in Baghdad (regulated and arranged by IqLAE with Ministry of Health).
- Attendance and participation of the CEMA/ILAE Conference at Luxor-Egypt on 16-18th Feb 2017.

### Officer Election Date

Spring 2017

### Report by

Ghaieb Aljandeel/Vice President IqLAE

## ITALIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (LICE - LEGA ITALIANA CONTRO L'EPILESSIA)

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

#### Our history:

The Italian League Against Epilepsy is a scientific society with the statutory objective of contributing to the treatment and assistance of patients with epilepsy and to their integration into society at large, by promoting and pursuing all kinds of activities designed to achieve those aims.

The League was set up for the first time in Milan in 1955 during the meeting called by Mario Gozzano and Eugenio Medea, who became President and Vice President respectively, while Raffaello Vizioli was appointed Secretary. After a temporary loss of vigour and pace, the Italian League Against Epilepsy was founded anew in 1972, with Lugaresi as President and Canger as Secretary.

From then onwards, Lugaresi was succeeded by Angeleri, Tassinari, Mutani, Avanzini, Canger, dalla Bernardina, Munari, Vigevano, Perucca, Tinuper, Beghi, Michelucci and Capovilla, and under each developed into one of the most dynamic, close-knit Italian scientific bodies, consistently working to implement numerous activities aimed at responding to the League's institutional aims. The LICE is currently composed of 800 Members, neurologists, child neuropsychiatrists, neurosurgeons, neuropsychologists, etc., who operate throughout Italy, dealing mainly or exclusively with the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy.

## Aims

LICE strives to:

- promote research into the causes of and treatments for epilepsy.
- collect and process statistical data and information on a national and regional basis.
- promote and encourage the setting up of Centres for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with epilepsy.
- establish and maintain relations with the ILAE and with national Associations and Entities dealing with the treatment and assistance of people with epilepsy.
- organise congresses, scientific and informative conferences on the medical and social aspects of the disease, and organise national scientific meetings at least once a year.
- establish and maintain relations with the pertinent national and regional bodies to promote legislation and measures to help people with epilepsy.
- collect contributions and donations and organise fundraising for the purpose of achieving the statutory objectives.

The contribution of Italian epileptologists to the advancement of the scientific knowledge in epilepsy is substantial. A MEDLINE search of the articles on epilepsy published by Italian scientists showed more than 4,000 titles. Italian researchers are actively involved in several commissions of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).

## Meeting

### National Congress

The National Congress of LICE is yearly organized in June, and is attended by no fewer than 450 neurologists, child neurologists, and neurosurgeons, many of them younger than 40 years of age.

The Congress deals with a different topic each year, but there is ample time set aside for free discussion of other issues. During the Congress, each Commission and Study Group reports on the progress of the projects underway and puts forwards proposals for new research.

In 2015 the National Congress has been held in Genova on 10-12 June; the main topic was "Nonepileptic Paroxysmal Events".

In 2016 it has been held in Rome on 8-10 June and the main topic was "The physician in front of drugs' options: the new therapeutic strategy".

### Multi-Site Meeting on Epileptology

The Multi-Site Meeting on Epileptology is held every year in January, at La Sapienza University of Rome, with some 350 epileptologists taking part, most of

them young (29-30 January 2015; 28-29 January 2016). During the event, discussion takes place on over 50 clinical cases that are challenging to diagnose and treatment. The discussions are divided into specific sessions: genetic aspects; children and adult controversies; particular aspects of neurophysiological and neuroimaging; neurosurgery.

### Video-EEG Course

The Residential Course on VEEG has been held on 2-5 October 2016 at Bellaria Hospital in Bologna. Some 40 young physicians from all over Italy have attended this course.

### Local Meeting

Several regional meetings and workshops took place all around Italy in 2015 and 2016, arranged by the local LICE coordinators.

### Promotional and Educational Activities

The Commission for Promotional and Educational Activities of LICE has organized in 2015 and 2016 National campaigns aimed at raising awareness of epilepsy, among both the general population and specific groups (i.e. teachers).

The promotional activities have been especially arranged in occasion of the National Epilepsy Day held on 3 May 2015.

As of 2016, the date of National Epilepsy Day has been aligned to the IBE-ILAE International Day (8 February 2016). The website [www.lice.it](http://www.lice.it) provides the list of the activities and projects to raise awareness of epilepsy issues among the general public in Italy. The activities are updated annually and implemented by Epilepsy LICE Foundation.

The Epilepsy LICE Foundation is a no-profit Foundation seeks to support scientific research into epileptic diseases and related conditions. The Foundation's main aim is to organize fundraising activities to support specific research projects. In 2015 funds were assigned for carrying out two research projects regarding genetic aspects of epilepsy. A new assignment has been arranged in 2016 on the same research field.

## IVORY COAST: THE IVORIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY/ ASSOCIATION IVOIRIENNE DE LUTTE CONTRE L'ÉPILEPSIE

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

The Ivorian League Against Epilepsy had a few activities during this two years, consisting in education of specific groups of caregivers and sensitization of general population.



## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

1. April 2015: Radio broadcast on local radios. Program: Health for all. Theme: understanding epilepsy.
2. April 2015: Awareness program on a national television channel
3. October 2015: sensitization of the general population of Bouaké, the second larger town of Côte d'Ivoire

### Educational activities

1. May 2015: Paediatricians training day about diagnosis and management of epilepsies (2nd edition) in Abidjan.
2. October 2015: education of general practitioners and nurses on diagnosis and management of epilepsies in Bouaké.
3. October 2016: Training day of nurses of Bouaké in epilepsies' management.

### Future Plans

- Revitalize the local association of professionals and the parents of epileptics.
- Resume national epilepsies days.
- Continue the training of paediatricians, general practitioners and nurses in Abidjan and in provincial towns.

### Officer Election Date

May 29, 2012

### Report by

Ange-Eric KOUAME-ASSOUAN

## JAPAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

Journal of the Japan Epilepsy Society

### Meeting

49th annual meeting of the Japan Epilepsy Society,  
50th annual meeting of the Japan Epilepsy Society

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

1. The number of members has continuously increased up to 2356 as of Dec 1st, 2016. Over 90% of them are doctors, majority of them are pediatricians, rest are psychiatrists, neurologists, and neurosurgeons with almost same ratio. Makiko Osawa was reappointed as the president and Akio Ikeda, Kensuke Kawai and Nobukazu Nakasato were approved as vice president with

approval from all board members at reelection back in 2015. The election commission and the vagus nerve stimulation committee were newly established.

2. Through lobbying campaign to WHO collaborated with International ILE and IBE, a resolution was made at 68th WHO general assembly held on May 26th, 2015. Japan Epilepsy Society should take variety of measures/ actions/for enlightenment in next 10 years. In accordance with the resolution, some approaches by Japan Epilepsy Society were made to Japanese Government and Japanese people in 2016.
3. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary meeting, the epilepsy white paper and commemorative publication was issued in 2016.

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

The lecture presentation was given in commemoration of "International Epilepsy day of " at Tokyo in Feb.2nd.2016. Makiko Osawa gave a presentation about Epilepsy and Keiji Suzuki, Chairman of Japanese Bureau for Epilepsy, gave an overview speech for understanding of Epilepsy.

### Educational activities

"Journal of the Japan Epilepsy Society" was published three times and the electronic journal "Epilepsy & Seizure" was issued as well.

The 49th annual meeting of the Japan Epilepsy Society was held at Nagasaki city in Oct. 2015 with 1200 participants, chaired by Hiroshi Baba.

The theme was "Today is the Future and the Future is All Yours".

The 50th annual meeting of the Japan Epilepsy Society was held at Shizuoka city in Oct.2016 with 1400 participants, chaired by Yushi Inoue.

The theme was "Science and art of epilepsy".

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

The exhibition of "International Epilepsy day" was held with collaboration of Japanese Bureau for Epilepsy.

Media Seminar were given some times and lectures were dispatched to the annual meeting of Japanese Bureau for Epilepsy.

### Future Plans

In accordance with the white paper issued in 2016, tasks regarding to medical care, welfare and administration will be carried out.

The 51st annual meeting of the Japan Epilepsy Society, chaired by Akio Ikeda, will be held at Kyoto city on Nov 3rd to 5th 2017.

52nd annual meeting of the Japan Epilepsy Society, chaired by Hitoshi Yamamoto, will be held at Yokohama city on Oct 25th to 27th 2018.

**Officer Election Date**  
Nov 2nd, 2017

**Report by**  
Masako Watanabe

## **KENYA SOCIETY FOR EPILEPSY**

**Publications**  
5 in 2016

**Meeting**  
Every month (except December and January)

**Summary of Activities in 2015/16**  
The KSE was involved in several training seminars for physicians and field health operatives (Nurses community workers etc). These seminars were held in Nairobi every month and quarterly in a County capital. So far we covered 12 out of 47 capital towns.

**Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016**  
KSE has held several educational caravans for public education and coupled with the professional CMEs (continuing medical education) mentioned above.

**Educational activities**  
Monthly CMEs in Nairobi and quarterly whole day seminars in County capitals and Nairobi.

**Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate**  
The campaign out in the field is conducted with official IBE affiliate in Kenya (KAWE) together with at least 6 other NGOs and CBOs that are stake holders in Epilepsy through the National Epilepsy Coordination Committee. These latter stake holders are particularly active in youth and mass mobilization through peer education and dramatization of epilepsy in song and dance.

**Future Plans**  
To take the education and popularisation campaign to all Counties. Ensure we have at least one epilepsy trained health professional in every County and a liaison person in every county. Get an optimal epilepsy data collection from every health facility.

**Officer Election Date**  
August 2017

**Report by**  
Paul G. Kioy

## **KOSOVO: ASSOCIATION AGAINST EPILEPSY OF KOSOVO**

**Meeting**  
Two meetings were held.

**Summary of Activities in 2015/16**

- We organized activities for European Epilepsy Day (February 9, 2015 and February 8, 2016)
- We held two professional meetings:  
The First May 2015, focused on Electroencephalography.  
The second, held in November 2016, focused on Refractory epilepsy.

We continued our educational activities through written and audio-visual media.

**Educational activities**  
The Association provides talks with healthcare professionals on epilepsy, also with patients and their families member.

**Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate**  
No activities of local IBE affiliates have been recognized for years.

**Future Plans**  
Our plans are to promote epilepsy awareness, and cooperate with all institutions led by the Ministry of Health to raise awareness of professionals, patients, families and community in generally regarding epilepsy.

**Report by**  
Valbona Govori

## **KUWAIT LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY**

**Meeting**  
Kuwaiti-Lebanese Conference

**Summary of Activities in 2015/16**  
Semi-Regular scientific meeting for healthcare professionals dealing with Epilepsy in Kuwait. Public awareness activities.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

1. Multiple single talks/presentations to general physicians and GPs on Epilepsy, Status Epilepticus, averaging 3-4 per year.
2. Multiple TV, Newspapers and Radio interviews on the topic of Epilepsy for public awareness, averaging 3-4 per year.
3. Purple Day Celebration: April 11, 2015
4. Purple Day Celebration: March, 2016

### Educational activities

1. 4th Kuwaiti-Lebanese Conference, 31st Jan. 2015, Beirut, Lebanon: Evidence Based Treatment of Status Epilepticus From pre-hospital treatment to the treatment of super refractory status.
2. 5th Kuwaiti-Lebanese Conference, 10-11th Apr. 2015, Kuwait: EEG in Clinical Practice
3. 6th Kuwaiti-Lebanese Conference, 16th Jan. 2016, Beirut, Lebanon: Cerebrovascular disorders with Epilepsy
4. 7th Kuwaiti-Lebanese Conference, 7th May. 2016, Kuwait: Evidence Based Treatment of Status Epilepticus From pre-hospital treatment to the treatment of super refractory status.
5. April 11, 2016, Epilepsy surgery symposium: Experience from cases done in Kuwait
6. 27/10/2015, Insights into status Epilepticus management symposium.
7. 22/12/2015, Epileptic Encephalopathy; from infancy to childhood meeting.

Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate  
No IBE chapter is available in Kuwait, yet.

### Future Plans

Regional Epilepsy meeting.  
Regular education activity  
Increase awareness campaigns for the public  
Officer Election Date: Feb 1st, 2019

### Report by

Abdulaziz Ashkanani, KLAE President

## LATVIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Meeting

11 May 2015

### Summary of Activities in 2011 and 2012

3 national meetings organized. 9th Baltic sea summer school on epilepsy hosted. Video EEG monitoring

for children started and reimbursement improved. Application made to increase number of reimbursed medication.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Oppose to "stop vivisection" initiative supported by contacting Latvian EU deputies.

### Educational activities

3 national meetings organized. 9th Baltic Sea Summer School on Epilepsy hosted.

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

There is no functioning local IBE chapter.

### Future Plans

Continue to organize national meetings. Build webpage to spread information for professionals and patients. Apply for VNS reimbursement. Build epilepsy surgery program.

### Officer Election Date

Nov 2017

### Report by

Jurgis Strautmanis

## MOLDAVIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

Nine articles were published in 2016 on topics related to epilepsy.

### Meeting

Annual meeting of the MLAE has been held in October 2016.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

The Chapter established the National Centre of Epileptology with the following structure:

- Organizational-Coordination Department
- Outpatient Consultative Department
- Department of Psycho-Social Support
- Neurophysiological Department
- Epileptology Inpatient Department

The National Centre of Epileptology is a participant of the Global Audit of Refractory Status Epilepticus study, Acad. Stanislav Groppa is a member of the International Steering Committee of the Global

Audit of Refractory Status Epilepticus. In conjunction with the Ministry of Health of Moldova, 2 (two) national diagnostic and treatment protocols have been approved and implemented in the clinical activity: Epilepsy in Adults and Status Epilepticus. The protocols were elaborated according to ILAE guidelines and resources. There is a clinical study in progress led by Acad. Stanislav Groppa with the topic "Pharmacoresistant Epilepsy: the risk factors, the aspects of clinical, neuroimaging, neurophysiological polymorphism and their role in presurgical assessment".

We also implemented ESI (Electrical Source Imaging) in order to determine the localization of the epileptogenic zone, which is an important tool for presurgical assessment of patients with pharmacoresistant Epilepsy. The special MRI protocol of examination of an epileptic patient has been implemented in clinical activity in collaboration with Prof. Jorg Wellmer from Bochum, Germany.

The members of the Chapter participated in different international and national congresses, conferences and workshops such as:

2nd Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Copenhagen, Denmark;

12th European Congress on Epileptology, Prague, Czech Republic;

XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania;

VII International Forum of Epileptologists of the CIS/EURASEC "Epileptology and Paroxysmal States" Sochi, Russian Federation;

RoNeuro Brain Days, 6th European Teaching Course on Neurorehabilitation, Cluj-Napoca, Romania;

Conference The Days of State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu", Chisinau, Moldova;

Annual Conference of Young Specialists of Emergency Medicine Institute, Chisinau, Moldova and presented following communications:

1. CATERENIUC D. Clinical case "Pseudo-pharmacoresistant Epilepsy." XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016.
2. CHIOSA V. Clinical case "MRI-negative pharmacoresistant Epilepsy". XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016.
3. CIOLAC D., CHIOSA V., GROPPA SA. Epilepsy as a dynamic disorder of neural networks. RoNeuro Brain Days, 6th European Teaching Course on Neurorehabilitation, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 1-3 June, 2016.

4. GROPPA SA. "Pharmacoresistant Epilepsy: definition, risk factors, clinical and instrumental evolutive aspects." XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016.

5. MUNTEANU C. Clinical case "Complications of pharmacoresistant Epilepsy. Refractory status epilepticus." XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016.

6. STOIANOV N. Clinical case "Structural Epilepsy as a result of cerebral heterotopia." XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016.

7. GROPPA SA. Status Epilepticus. Classification, clinical manifestation and treatment. VII International Forum of Epileptologists of the CIS/EURASEC "Epileptology and Paroxysmal States" Sochi, Russian Federation, 7-8 October, 2016.

8. CATERENIUC D. Genetic Epilepsy. Genetic and phenotype implications. Conference The Days of State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu", Chisinau, Moldova, 20 October 2016.

9. MUNTEANU C. Status epilepticus in intensive care unit – frequency, management and outcome.

Annual Conference of Young Specialists of Emergency Medicine Institute, Chişinău, Moldova, 20 May 2016. Nine articles were published in 2016 on Epilepsy topics as follows:

1. CHIOSA V., CIOLAC D., VATAMAN A., GROPPA SA. Features of presurgical assessment of patients with pharmacoresistant Epilepsy. In: Archives of the Balkan medical union. 2016; 51, 1(supl.1):195-199, ISSN 0041-6940.
2. GROPPA SA., GLAVAN A., GLAVAN D. Social stigma and its impact on quality of life in Epilepsy. In: Journal of Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Medical sciences, Nr. 3, Chisinau, R. Moldova 2016.
3. CATERENIUC D., GLAVAN D., GROPPA SA. Pseudo-pharmacoresistant Epilepsy. In: Abstract book of XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016, page 27-28.
4. CIOLAC D., CHIOSA V., GROPPA SA. Epilepsy as a dynamic disorder of neural networks. RoNeuro Brain Days, In: Abstract book of the 6th European Teaching Course on Neurorehabilitation, 1-3 June, 2016, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2016: 28 (ISSN 2501-7039).
5. CIOLAC D., CHIOSA V., MUNTENU C., MIŞINA L., VATAMAN A., GORINCIOI N., GROPPA

SA. The importance of dense array EEG in detection of interictal epileptiform discharges and localization of epileptogenic foci. In: Abstract book of the European Journal of Neurology.2016; 23 (supl.1):152 (ISSN 1351-5101).

6. GORINCIOI N., GROPPA SA. Structural Epilepsy as a result of persistent parasitic lesions. In: Abstract book of XXIV National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy, Bucharest, Romania, 17-19 November, 2016, page 27-28.
7. MUNTEANU C., GROPPA SA. Status epilepticus in intensive care unit: frequency, management and outcome impact – retrospective study. In: Abstract book of the European Journal of Neurology.2016; 23 (supl.1):525(ISSN 1351-5101).
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Our members presented three posters on Epilepsy topics on international congresses:

1. CIOLAC D., CHIOSA V., MUNTEANU C., MIȘINA L., VATAMAN A., GORINCIOI N., GROPPA SA. The importance of dense array EEG in detection of interictal epileptiform discharges and localization of epileptogenic foci. 2nd Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 -31 mai, 2016.
2. CIOLAC D., KOIRALA N., MUTHURAMAN M., CHIOSA V., MUNTEANU C., VATAMAN A., GROPPA S., GROPPA SA. Bilateral thalamic volume loss in patients with pharmacoresistant temporal lobe Epilepsy with and without hippocampal sclerosis. 12th European Congress on Epileptology, Prague, Czech Republic, 11 – 15 September, 2016.
3. MUNTEANU C., GROPPA SA. Status epilepticus in intensive care unit: frequency, management and outcome impact – retrospective study. 2nd Congress of the European Academy of Neurology, Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 -31 May, 2016.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

In conjunction with Ministry of Health of Moldova, the list of compensated AEDs which are distributed free

of charge to epileptic patients has been modified and approved. The members of the Chapter participated in media interviews on TV and radio to discuss the Epilepsy topic.

### Educational activities

Together with the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Nicolae Testemitanu”, Chapter has developed and conducted a 2-week training course in Epilepsy as part of postgraduate education for neurologists and residents. Such trainings will be conducted on regular basis. Many thanks to Prof. Jorg Wellmer, for his kind support in the collaboration with the German Epileptology Centre, and the arranged scholarship in Epileptology for Moldovan neurologists.

### Future Plans

Establishment of a National Register on Epilepsy with creation of a national computer database. Analyses of the data on pharmacoresistant Epilepsy in Moldova with prospective provision of elected patients with neurosurgery. Organization of monthly clinical-imaging conferences on Epilepsy topics. Organization in Moldova of a neurosurgical service for Epilepsy. Reactivation of the community education and scholarships for residents who perform research in Epilepsy.

### Officer Election Date

October 2015

### Report by

Dr. Ion Cernocan

## MYANMAR: EPILEPSY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP OF MYANMAR

### Meeting

Executive members' meeting every (4-6) months, annual meeting

### Summary of Activities in 2011 and 2012

- Participating and assisting in the activities of Myanmar Epilepsy Initiative that has been the collaborative project in between Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar and WHO since 2013
- Training on Convulsive Epilepsy to primary health care providers (medical officers, Basic Health staff and voluntary health workers) from three townships in 2015 and two townships in 2016
- Epilepsy Training of the Trainers and Supervisors (ToTS) for general physicians, neurologists, paediatricians and psychiatrists in 2015

- Workshop on “Development of National Care Plan for Epilepsy” in 2016
- Monitoring and evaluation in project township areas every month Adult Epilepsy clinic on every Friday in Yangon General Hospital Paeditric Epilepsy and Outreach clinics in Yangon Children Hospital and other hospitals of Yangon

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

International Epilepsy Day, Yangon in 2015 and Kawmhu in 2016

### Educational activities

- International Paediatric Epilepsy Training (iPET) in collaboration with British Paediatric Neurology Association (BPNA) every year in Yangon Children Hospital
- CME programme on epilepsy for general practitioners and specialists every year

### Future Plans

- Epilepsy Training in collaboration with Taiwan epilepsy Association, on (11-02-2017) and (12-02-2017) in Yangon Children Hospital
- Training to primary health care providers in two new townships
- Refresher courses in five old townships of the project
- Development of National guidelines for Epilepsy
- Launching of National Care Plan for Epilepsy

### Officer Election Date

Current EC members were elected at annual meeting in September 2015.

### Report by

Nyan Tun

## NETHERLANDS: DUTCH LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

The Dutch Liga has about 430 members. Board meetings are four times a year. In 2015 and 2016 the following items were addressed:

- To develop a Dutch Epilepsy Net, i.e. a network in which medical and allied health professionals are collaborating to provide the best possible care for epilepsy patients. Initiators of this project are Cees van Donselaar, neurologist, Rotterdam and Anton de Louw, neurologist, Epilepsy centre Kempenhaeghe, Heeze and chairman of the Dutch Liga.

- A statement was made that there is insufficient evidence to support the use of cannabinoids in the treatment of (paediatric) epilepsy. The potential for adverse effects was stressed. The results of 2 studies of the use of cannabis in Lennox- Gastaut and Dravet syndrome are awaited in 2017.
- The Dutch Liga coordinates activities of various working groups, such as the Section of Scientific Research, the Vagal Nerve Stimulation group, Epilepsy Education, Association of physicians for patients with a mental handicap and the Child Neurology Association.
- Some other issues were: - Various questions concerning epilepsy from the Dutch Association of Neurology - A Dutch guideline for Dravet syndrome in children and adults - SUDEP - Valproate prescription in girls and young females - Driving licences and epilepsy

### Educational Activities

In June 2016 a National Epilepsy Symposium was organised by the Dutch Liga, in cooperation with the Epilepsy Foundation and the Working group of Epilepsy Specialists nurses. Main topics were post-stroke epilepsy, epilepsy and mental retardation, epilepsy in patients with a brain tumour, transition of care in adolescent epilepsy patients and detection methods of seizures at night.

### Future Plans

To develop a Dutch Epilepsy Network

### Report By

G.Hageman, MD, PhD, neurologist

## NEW ZEALAND LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

In 2016 the NZLAE continued to move forward towards its strategic goals. The predominant activities for the year revolved around work on New Zealand paediatric epilepsy guidelines, education and advocacy.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

New Zealand Paediatric Epilepsy Guidelines are being developed in conjunction with the New Zealand Ministry of Health Complex Epilepsy National Service Improvement Project and the Paediatric Society of New Zealand Clinical Network for Paediatric Neurology. These guidelines have been through a wide consultation process in 2016 and will be finalised in 2017. The guidelines will be released with the introduction of the British Paediatric Neurology

Association (BPNA) Paediatric Epilepsy Training (PET) courses in New Zealand in May 2017.

The NZLAE have been working closely with the NZ Accident Compensation Corporation to develop an appropriate tool kit for woman on AEDs which will be implemented in 2017.

### **Educational activities**

At the end of 2015 the NZLAE held an education meeting as a satellite of the New Zealand Paediatric Society Meeting in Wellington. The 2.5-hour session was well attended by the paediatricians and the feedback was positive. The title of the symposium was "Epilepsy Update for Paediatricians – what is hot, what is important and what you need to know in 2015" and covered updates on Epilepsy Genetics and SUDEP.

We also held a NZLAE study day in Oct 2016 in Wellington. This had a particular focus on the nursing management of epilepsy, new onset epilepsy and status epileptics. This was well attended by a wide range of health care practitioners from throughout New Zealand.

The NZLAE sponsored a project entitled "Epilepsy Teaching Within the New Zealand Undergraduate Medical Curriculum and Epilepsy Research in New Zealand Over the Last Decade". This project found that there is variability in the breadth of epilepsy topics taught, the depth of coverage of these topics and the time allocated to epilepsy teaching between New Zealand medical schools. It provided the NZLAE with baseline information regarding undergraduate epilepsy education and epilepsy research being performed in New Zealand. Using a modified Delphi methodology, we have begun the process of determining an agreed core epilepsy undergraduate curriculum which will help us develop e-learning tools for teaching epilepsy to undergraduates at New Zealand medical schools.

### **Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate**

The NZLAE are aiming to have a more structured relationship with Epilepsy New Zealand (ENZ) with regards to their staff's professional development. To this end NZLAE members have volunteered to participate in teaching using video-conferencing. Several pilot teaching sessions have been completed this year and more formal regular delivery of teaching will hopefully be in place for the 2017 year.

### **Future Plans**

2017 will be an exciting year for the NZLAE. In addition to our regular educational meetings we hold each year we will be introducing PET courses, publishing New Zealand Paediatric Epilepsy Guidelines and developing a tool kit for women on AEDs.

### **Report by**

Lynette Sadleir, President

## **NIGERIA NATIONAL CHAPTER OF ILAE**

The association held its 2016 Annual General and scientific Meeting in Lagos Nigeria in November with the theme Synergy in Neurosciences with emphasis with epilepsy. It was well attended by Neurologists, EEG technologist and Epilepsy advocacy groups. Part of the activities carried during the three-day conference was the training of EEG technicians and non- doctors on how to give basic life support to patients. Various scientific papers were made on epilepsy and how to improve epilepsy care and awareness in the community. We also discussed on methods and ways to improve advocacy especially to politicians, religious and opinion leaders as well as the entire community with the view of bring epilepsy and issues bordering on epilepsy to fore in Nigeria. NLAE is putting in place the machinery on how to regulate the practice of electroencephalogram care in the country. This is aimed at standardizing EEG practice and reporting in order to eradicate quackery. We are hoping that early in 2017 we should organize short time course and schools on epilepsy care and EEG training in partnership with international groups for young neurologists, Nurses and EEG technicians.

The group activities also included activities by some affiliated non-governmental groups. These groups work with us as our members, provided medical consultations and advice for them.

Notable among them are the Angiepilepsy Foundation and the CARE epilepsy foundation (CAREF). The Angiepilepsy foundation held numerous road shows at various cities and states in the countries. These activities were graced by top government and religious dignitaries. Presently the group has reached out to more than 4000 epilepsy patients. These patients and their care givers were educated, started on treatment and referred to the nearest government institutions. The CAREF group carried out two rural outreaches within this time. The group is headed by our president Dr Ezeala-Adikabe Birinus and focuses more on rural setting. The group was able to reach out to close to 100 patients who were treated and currently being followed up. The association of EEG technicians which is an affiliate member of our league also carried our numerous road shows in Lagos creating awareness for the epilepsy. The group was able to create contact with officials from the Lagos State government during this period. We hope that these contacts and road shows will lead to greater funding for epilepsy care at least in children.

Within the year under review some neurologists were trained and certified by the West African College of Physicians and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. This has increased the number of neurologists in the country and we believe some will play active roles in epilepsy care and advocacy.

Within the same period the association lost one of

our most active members Dr Molokwu Orakwue. Dr Orakwue has played active roles during his training in epilepsy care in South East Nigeria and in the country as a whole. He will be greatly missed.

## **NORWEGIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY**

### **Summary of Activities in 2015/16**

In both 2015 and 2016 we had a conference, the theme of which highlighted risks of epilepsy and the newly diagnosed epilepsy patients. We also had video seminar on diagnosis and differential diagnosis of epileptic seizures. We had great support and good discussions.

### **Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016**

Norwegian representation (Kristin Alfstad and Oliver Henning) at the ILAE meeting in conjunction with the International Epilepsy Congress in Istanbul. The Norwegian Chapter has cooperated with the ILAE regarding epilepsy as a global challenge, focusing on lobbying. The aim is to shed light on the recognition of epilepsy as a treatment and societal challenge.

### **Future Plans**

In 2017 we will have a conference, the theme of which is the treatment-resistant patient and a meeting on treatment with cannabis.

### **Report by**

Anne-Karin Hagen, secretary

## **PAKISTAN: EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN**

### **Summary of Activities in 2015/16**

1. Holistic management of patients with epilepsy
2. Epilepsy awareness among general public
3. Training of primary care physicians and postgraduate residents.

### **Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016**

Repeat Paid Telecast of Epilepsy Documentary Continued 'paid telecast' of the 5 min epilepsy awareness documentary was done on prominent regional satellite television channels in all 4 provinces in the regional languages. It was telecast twice a day every day for 3 months on various regional television networks. These channels are not only watched in the country, but by communities speaking the language in the neighbouring countries, as well as in far off places like The Middle East and The UK. This activity is stressed to further enhance the ongoing epilepsy

awareness amongst the masses. It has proven to be the most cost effective awareness method requiring no human resource and maximum geographical reach. Celebrating Epilepsy Day, The International Epilepsy Day was marked by actively broadcasting epilepsy awareness messages on various FM radio channels for the entire day. Awareness posters and billboards were put up on various main roads and in the city centre for the general public. March 2016: International Women's Day, 'Highlighting Women with Epilepsy, A workshop on women with epilepsy (WWE)' was organized on International Women's Day. The workshop was held at Najmuddin Auditorium, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre in Karachi on 8th March 2016. The International Women's Day theme for this year "Pledge for Parity" was the central theme of this workshop too. It was attended by approximately 80 participants, including professionals from various fields of medicine and surgery and patients with epilepsy and their attendants. Speakers included Prof. Hasan Aziz, Prof. Naila Shahbaz and Dr. Zarine Mogal. Prof. Naila spoke on stigma associated to WWE and pledge for parity. Dr. Zarine spoke about special issues unique to WWE and discussed the treatment and management issues exclusively encountered while treating women. Under the title "Yes we can" a few brave young WWE were invited to come on stage and share their experiences on living with epilepsy. They spoke about how they overcame their medical problem with proper treatment and support of their family, friends and doctors to succeed domestically, academically and professionally in life. This was an eye-opener and motivational for the audience.

### **Educational Activities**

December 2016: ILAE ASEPA Epilepsy Teaching Course, a two-day Teaching Course in Epilepsy was conducted in Lahore and Karachi in the first week of December 2016. The course was organized by the Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA) an educational arm of the Commission on Asian & Oceanian Affairs, International League against Epilepsy, in collaboration with the National Epilepsy Centre (NEC) and Epilepsy Association of Pakistan (EAP). ASEPA tutor speakers included Emeritus Professor Jing Jang Tsai (Taiwan), Professor Chong-Tin Tan (Malaysia), Dr. Zebunnessa Rahman (Australia), Dr. Ahmad Rithaiddin (Malaysia) and Dr. Zarine Mogal (Pakistan). Emeritus Professor Hasan Aziz (Pakistan) was the guest speaker. This two-day workshop was enthusiastically attended by senior and junior doctors from all fields of neurosciences. The workshop was a combination of didactic lectures and interactive case based discussions which comprehensively covered all aspects of diagnosis, treatment and holistic management of epilepsy in adult as well as paediatric populations. Lectures and discussions were followed by Q&A sessions in which audiences, particularly junior doctors, eagerly participated and the tutor speakers gladly shared their



knowledge and experiences in epilepsy. Ongoing CMEs to update the primary care physicians and postgraduate residents with regards to epilepsy.

### Future Plans

Projects in development to enhance public awareness and organize training programs for primary care physicians and postgraduate students.

### Officer Election Date

4th June 2016

### Report by

Dr. Zarine Mogal, Dr. Hiba Mahmud

## PARAGUAYAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- Course of Primary Care in Epilepsy. (Lat Affairs Commission, Primary Care in Epilepsy). 18-19 November 2016.
- Epilepsy Week Paraguay-Bolivia. 27 and 28 June 2016.
- APS course in Epilepsy. July 1, 2016.
- Training day for the general public. July 2, 2016.
- Update on Epilepsy (APS) in the interior of the country. (Cities of Paraguari, Caacupe and San Estanislao).
- Latin American Day of Epilepsy. (September 9, 2016) Talks about Epilepsy for patients. (Regional Hospital of Luque). Activities Attendance at Lipalep.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- Course of Primary Care in Epilepsy. (Lat Affairs Commission, Primary Care in Epilepsy). Declared of national interest by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare of the Republic.
- Epilepsy Week Paraguay-Bolivia. Activity organized in conjunction with the Bolivian Chapter of ILAE.
- Update in Epilepsy (APS) in the interior of the country. Conducted throughout the year in different cities in the interior of the country.
- Latin American Day of Epilepsy. (September 9, 2016) Commemoration in Main Hospitals of Asunción.
- Educational activities
- See previous sections.

### Future Plans

- Follow-up of educational activities. Epilepsy Week Paraguay. Course ALADE Paraguay 2017.
- Follow-up of the Project to Protect the Patient with Epilepsy.

### Report by

Dr. Silvia Abente (General Secretary Lipalep)

## POLISH SOCIETY OF EPILEPTOLOGY

### Publications

Publications Book (in Polish) for neurologists, GP, psychiatrists, neuropediatricians... "Differential diagnosis of epilepsy and other paroxysmal disorders" Contribution to PZWL, 2015 In progress Book (in Polish) for neurologists GP, psychiatrists, neuropediatricians ...."Semiology of epileptic seizures"

### Meeting

In 2016 XXVII Congress on Epilepsy organized by Polish Society on Epileptology, Warsaw 05; 400 participants. In 2015: XXVI Conference on Epilepsy organized by Polish Society on Epileptology, Warsaw 05; 375 participants The national experts on various fields of epilepsy were invited to give lectures. The topics covered were: epilepsy and pregnancy, video- EEG diagnostic values in different types of epileptic syndromes and non-epileptic events. The differential diagnostic difficulties from endocrinologic and epileptologic perspective were presented. With psychologists there were presented importance of proper communication with patient with epilepsy in the field of sexual functions. During last years we have introduced especially addressed to our young participants cycle of didactic sessions. It is extremely uplifting and indicates the need for continuous education. We have discussed the motor paroxysmal episodes in children and adults. During satellite symposium we talked about the important theme as personalized medicine in epilepsy. In panel discussion we considered the need for individualized treatment in patients with epilepsy. We presented also usefulness of genetics in diagnosis of epilepsy. Discussion convened by the Polish Society of Epileptology, focused on medical and social aspects of epilepsy namely driving license and daily problems for patients with epilepsy, their needs and limitations.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Many public lectures and discussion group meeting have been organized with neurologists - public health awareness. Organization forum for key opinion leaders across medicine, government, and health systems.

It was very important to discuss the use of valproate for the treatment of epilepsy in female children and adolescents, and in women of childbearing potential, in the context of new warnings of EMA. Polish Society of Epileptology with Child Neurology Society presented their opinion according using marijuana in the treatment of epilepsy pointing the need of reliable studies.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Patronizing and supporting the Valentine Epilepsy Days every year on 14 February. 'Notice me' is the national campaign of different patients' associations from the whole of Poland. It was launched on 14th February 2009 in the form of happening in Warsaw. In 2015 PSE prepared the report of differences of daily activities between patients free of seizures and with seizures. An important part of our activities in 2015 and 2016 are contacts with the Ministry of Health and National Health Fund. Main problem is the reimbursement for patients of new AEDs in epilepsy. Finally, levetiracetam is free for patients in newly diagnosed (I line) epilepsy, retigabine and lacosimide is free for patients with III line of treatment epilepsy. Preparation research paper based on survey of epileptic patients' willingness to talk about sex life. Computer-Assisted Web Interview was used to collect data. The survey was available on-line on "The same as me" website. The results give the possibility to evaluate patients' needs and expectations in communications between doctors and patients in the field of their sex life. This will allow to prepare strategy to communicate with patients with epilepsy with sexual problems.

### Educational Activities

Regular educational courses and workshops on epilepsy in Poland. Working group on epilepsy and pregnancy, on quality of life, with the elaboration and validation of an original questionnaire for patients and caregivers. Working group on videos, with the collection of informative videos on different seizure types and elaboration of appropriate tools for the didactic presentation of the material. We introduced interactive workshops pointing errors in communication patient-neurologist using presented by actors and recorded scenes. Scenario was prepared by epileptologist and interpersonal communication coach.

### Activities in conjunction with the local IBE affiliate

Continue helping the activity of the organization, having an umbrella function and coordinating the local societies. Patronizing the Valentine Epilepsy Days. At the moment in Poland, there exist 14 organizations of patients (nine of them are district chapters of Polish People Suffering from Epilepsy established in 1985).

Cooperation with web site "the same as me" devoted to patients with epilepsy as forum and information prepared by neurologists.

### Future Plans

To continue the regular educational courses. To elaborate the new standards of the quality control, to the epilepsy care in Poland. To prepare in cooperation with Polish Society of Gynaecologists standards for management with women with epilepsy in reproductive age. We have prepared with Polish Neurological Society the project of national Guideline of diagnosis of epilepsy in adult and children.

### Officer Election Date

2018

### Report by

Joanna Jędrzejczak

## 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. Epilepsy in Qatar: Causes, treatment, and outcome. – NCBI <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27588359>Epilepsy Behav. 2016 Aug 30;63:98-102. doi: 10.1016/j.yebeh.2016.07.043. [ Epub ahead of print]. Epilepsy in Qatar: Causes, treatment, and outcome. Haddad, Hassan Al Haile Al Hail, Boulenuar Mesraoua , Gayane Melikyan

### Meeting

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Activities included

- The Qatar Annual Neurology and Epilepsy Meeting in February 2015 and 2016.
- Celebration of Epilepsy Awareness Day on March 26, 2015 and 2016
- Sending five neurologists from Hamad Hospital to attend the 28th International Epilepsy Congress in July 2015 Turkey.
- Sending six neurologists to attend the recently held Saudi Emirate Epilepsy Conference. ILAE April 2016
- Sending six neurologists from Hamad Hospital to attend the AAN Congress in the USA in April 2015 and 2016

## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

### Educational activities

Opened epilepsy monitor unit with two beds.

Head of Epilepsy unit Dr Boulenouar Mesraoua and vice Dr H Al Hail

Monitored more than 80 case and planning to increase the number of bed

- 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, as well as hospital staff including Emergency staff on how to deal with seizure and status epilepticus management
- We participate in epilepsy cases in EEG-Videos case hospital's weekly "neurology grand rounds and epilepsy ground. 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 affiliate

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 9th Annual Neurology Conference, including the Qatar Chapter of Epilepsy, and Epilepsy Awareness Day will take place in February 2017.
- We have already built up a comprehensive epilepsy center.

### Current Officer roster with e-mails

Publications Book (in Polish) for neurologists, GP, psychiatrists,

## ISH SOCIETY OF EPILEPTOLOGY

### Publications

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### Officer Election Date

October 2018

### Report by

Dr. Hassan Al Hail and Dr. Boulenouar Mesraoua and Dr. Tage Eldin Sokrab

## ROMANIAN SOCIETY AGAINST EPILEPSY (SIRE)

### Meeting

Annual National Conference of the Romanian Society Against Epilepsy

## Summary of Activities in 2015/16

### 2015

- Course "Resistant Epilepsies" – Centrul de zi Exista Speranta (Day Care Center – There is

Hope), Bucharest 20-22 Apr 2015 – Invited guest – Olivier Dulac (<http://www.dravet.ro/noutati-si-evenimente/evenimente-2015/profesorul-olivier-dulac-da-consultatii-la-centrul-exista-speranta>)

- Workshop: “Dravet Syndrome – Diagnosis & Treatment” – Novotel hotel Bucharest – 13-14 March 2015 – invited guests: Charlotte Dravet and Catherine Chiron (<http://srnp.ro/dravet-syndrome/>)
- Preconference Course - EEG - practical issues - 19 Nov.2015, Bucharest
- The XXIIIrd Annual SRIE Conference – 19-21 Nov 2015, Bucharest, 19-21 Nov 2015 (<http://ilae-romania.ro/the-xiii-srie-conference/>) – invited guests: Meir Bialer, Walter van Emde Boas, Olivier Delalande, Olivier Dulac, Thea Gutter
- Common Patient Dravet Association – SRIE – discussion of social issues (<http://www.dravet.ro/noutati-si-evenimente/evenimente-2015/conferinta-srie-la-care-dravet-romania-a-fost-invitata-sa-sustina-o-prezentare-despre-rolul-asociațiilor-de-pacienți>)
- Theatre Play Hurrah Nosferatu! 29 August 2015 – National Theater Bucharest (<http://www.dravet.ro/noutati-si-evenimente/evenimente-2015/piesa-de-teatru-noroc-nosferatu-despre-viata-cu-sindromul-dravet; http://netaart.tv/neta-international-theatre-festival-is-coming-to-bucharest-28-8-4-9-2015/>); CEA –ILAE members, having the Summer meeting in Bucharest at that time, participated at this theatre play.

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- SRIE Summer School & The 2nd East-European Epilepsy Course – 15-17 June 2016, Cheile Gradistei, Romania (<http://ilae-romania.ro/srie-summer-school-2-east-european-epilepsy-course/>) – invited guests: Meir Bialer, Eugen Trinko, Alla Guekht, Lorella Minotti, Nicola Specchio, Nebojsa Jovic, Carmen Barba, Dragoslav Sokic, Stanislav Groppa.
- Preconference Course: Treatment in Epilepsy - 17 Nov 2016

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## Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

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- Preconference Course: Treatment in Epilepsy, Woman with epilepsy - 17 Nov 2016, Bucharest

## Future Plans

- 26 March 2017 - militate for purple illumination of public buildings in Bucharest
- 26 March 2017 - comon action with Dravet and other rare epilepsies association - Raising awareness on epilepsy
- 26 March 2017 - commom action with Cyclists association - Bucharest Marsh on bicycle for epilepsy day
- Finalise Syllabus for EEG technicians and obtain recognition from the Ministry of Health, Romania
- SRIE Summer school - Investigations in epilepsy
- Comon action SRIE-ASNER (Neurophysiology association)-SNR(Neurology Association) – May 2017 – EEG course
- The XXVth Annual SRIE Conference –Nov 2017, Bucharest, 19-21 Nov 2015
- Renew and reprint – Informative booklet for patients with epilepsy
- Extend cooperation with neibor countries from Eastern and Center Europe for exchange and development

## Officer Election Date

Nov 2015-Nov 2019

## Report by

Dana Craiu, President of the Romanian Chapter

## SAUDI CHAPTER EPILEPSY

### Publications

Multiple

### Meeting

Quarterly

## Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- I. GULF LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY SOCIETY The most important achievement obtained during this period is the formation of GCC Epilepsy Society and all GCC members are agreed that the President of SES will be the GCC Epilepsy Society President too. New constitution and bylaws has been implemented for Gulf League against Epilepsy
- II. EPILEPSY AND DRIVING After a long discussion Mr. Ali Zahrani (Transport department) had agreed to make policy about Epilepsy and driving. Hopefully it will be implemented soon in the Kingdom.
- III. SES WEBSITE SES web site has been launched on September, 2014. Previous web site linked to the new one.
- IV. SES MAGAZINE Established magazine under the name of Epilepsy. The title of the magazine is "Epilepsy Waves". It is the main magazine for the Saudi Epilepsy Society to publish scientific articles, news related to national and international level. It will be directed by physicians and it's linked to SES website.
- V. SES BOOKLET The second Arabic patient support publication which was edited by all members was published.
- VI. SES ACCOUNT Account opened in Saudi Hollandi bank for the SES membership
- VII. NEW BUDGET The main source of budget income is through meetings, courses and educational courses and conferences related to SES in addition to charity.
- VIII. NEWLY ADDED COMMITTEES Two new committees added to the previous seven existing committees.
  - i. Neuroradiology Committee
  - ii. Epilepsy Guidelines and Regulation Committee
- IX. RESEARCH Study related to Epidemiology of Epilepsy in Saudi Arabia has been done.
- X. REVISION OF SES BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION Third revision of SES bylaws and constitution has been done.
- XI EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
  - i. 21st SAUDI NEUROSCIENCE MEETING Conducted in Riyadh on November 23-25, 2013 in collaboration with SES

- ii. THE 3rd ANNUAL UAE EPILEPSY CONGRESS & 1st JOINT EMIRATI SAUDI EPILEPSY CONGRESS Held in Dubai on April, 2014
- iii. 4th ANNUAL CONFERENCE Conducted on November 26-27, 2014 @ Ritz Carlton hotel, Riyadh
- iv. SAUDI INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY CONFERENCE Held in KFMC, Riyadh on November 9-10, 2014
- v. One-day course conducted about Neuroradiology on 25 September, 2014 @ KFSH-Dammam
- vi. Some of SES members are started to be recognized internationally and were invited to International Epilepsy Congress. eg; members speak in 31st IEC (International Epilepsy Congress) in Istanbul on 6-10, September, 2015 and others were participated as scientific committee in 3rd East Medicine Epilepsy Congress in Jordan, 19-21 March, 2015
- vii. Workshop conducted regarding KGD on 26 March, 2015 @ KFSH, Dammam
- viii. Both for pediatric and adult Epilepsy course conducted in Hail on 28 May, 2015
- ix. One-day course regarding Updates of diagnosis and Treatment in Epilepsy & Public awareness conducted on 13th August @ Amal Complex for Mental Health, Dammam
- x. 5th SES & 1st GCC EPILEPSY CONFERENCE Held on 7-9 November, 2015 @ Le-Meridian, Al Khobar
- xi. SANS & CEMA SES actively participated in 10th SANS conference on 1-3 March, 2016 @ Ritz Carlton, Riyadh and trophy was presented to the society. Also SES participated in the conference of CEMA on 4-5 March, 2016 in Dubai with an excellent presentation and attendance
- xii. EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY-2015 The first time in KSA, world epilepsy day conducted in six cities with Novartis SES playing an important role in the resolution of WHA (World Health Assembly) in Feb. 2015 which is important landmark to improve services and care for people with epilepsy. Epilepsy & driving guidelines. Research related to epilepsy: e.g Epidemiology

**Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate**  
Multiple awareness days to communities.

#### Future Plans

SES MAGAZINE, "Epilepsy Waves": - To publish scientific articles, - news related to national and

international level. It will be directed by physicians and it's linked to SES website. To find residence for SES. Fund raising (significant increase over the last 3 yrs). Promote awareness and education epilepsy to reach remote areas in Saudi Arabia. Combine the effort of all members of SES members by forming scientific committees, and outreach members. To continue the communication with CEMA, IBE & ILAE. Shall serve all health professionals as the premier national resource for current and emerging knowledge on epilepsy prevention, awareness, diagnosis, treatment and research. Development guidelines related to epilepsy in Saudi Arabia.

#### Officer Election Date

03/19

#### Report by

Raidah Albaradie

### SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO: UNION OF SERBIAN AND MONTENEGRIN LEAGUES AGAINST EPILEPSY

#### Publications

Series of Proceedings: "Appropriate time for decisions in the clinical management of patients with epilepsy?" (17th Epilepsy School, 2015), "Seizure etiology – key for the therapeutic decision" (18th Epilepsy School, 2016).

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

10th Congress of Serbian Neurologists with international participation (Novi Sad, October 22-24, 2015) included teaching course ("Management of patients with epilepsy during its clinical course") and a number of sessions on epilepsies. Educational cycle of Epilepsy School courses: - 17th Epilepsy School, November 2015 - 18th Epilepsy School, November 2016 Participation to the Project of EURAP. Collaboration with a number of other national ILAE Chapters, especially with regional Leagues of Bulgaria, FYRM and Croatia. Our National Chapter strongly promoted the regional collaboration and initiated some professional and scientific projects.

#### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Educational and public-awareness activities (press and visual media) Lectures on: 1) Stigmatization and social isolation of subjects with epilepsy 2) Difficulties in professional occupation and driving license procedure 3) Quality of life in patients with severe, disabling epilepsy and impact of epilepsy surgery on daily life capacities.

### Educational activities

- 17th Epilepsy School, November 27-29, 2015, Kotor, Montenegro.
- Course on Epilepsy in Neurocutaneous disorders, November 14, 2015, Belgrade (joint event of the national Chapter and Serbian TSC association)
- CME course: Diagnosis and Therapy of Epilepsy through the Ages in co-organization with Medical School of Nish
- 18th Epilepsy School, November 11-13, 2016, Andrevlje, Banostor, Serbia.

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

No any activities of local IBE are recognized for years  
No activities in conjunction with local IBE. Chapter does not find that local IBE still exists.

### Future Plans

1. 19th Epilepsy School, Soko Banja, Serbia, September, 2017.
2. 20th Epilepsy School, Andrevlje, Banostor, Serbia, November, 2018.
3. 5th EEG Workshop, Andrevlje, Banostor, Serbia, November, 2018.
4. Workshop on mTOR inhibitors for epilepsy in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, April 2017.
5. Workshop on Driver license issues and epilepsy May, 2018
6. 11th Serbian Neurology Congress, Belgrade, November 2017.
7. 4th Epilepsy Congress of Serbia and Montenegro – 2017

### Report by

Prof. Dr. Nebojsa J.Jovic, Chapter President

## SLOVAK LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

4 articles in Slovak language, SLPE guidelines on epileptology

### Meeting

2 meetings

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Participation on Epilepsy Congress Prague 2016  
Child epilepsy congress

Active participation on 69th Annual meeting of AES.  
December 4 – 8, 2015 Philadelphia PA. USA

Postgraduate courses on child epilepsy

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Article in the magazine about epilepsy

### Educational activities

Postgraduate courses on EEG under Slovak Medical University

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

Cooperation with local IBE branch (Aura)

### Future Plans

Cooperation with health and medical board of the regular authorities

Control issues of epilepsy and EEG at DRG applications

### Current Officer roster with e-mails

#### Officer Election Date

2020

#### Report by

Vladimir Donath

## SOUTH AFRICAN CHAPTER OF THE ILAE

### Publications

- Epileptic spasm 175 years on (review article) Wilmhurst et al 2016 Dec
- Treatment of infants with epilepsy: Epilepsia 2015 Wilmhurst et al
- Medical management of children with epilepsy (Review) Minerva Pediatric 2015 Ackerman S, Wilmhurst

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- A web based interactive teaching program on EEGs is almost ready to be launched to serve various countries in subSaharan countries. Funding was secured from the World federation of Neurology. This will be facilitated by experts from various provinces in the country
- Annual symposium for general practitioners held in Pretoria: teaching includes topics like epilepsy
- Various TV interviews given on the topic of epilepsy
- A presentation on epilepsy given to "Doctors without borders" in Johannesburg – to forge a cooperation
- The African Pediatric fellowship program based in Red Cross continues to train African child

health professionals from various countries in the Sub Saharan region (between 2008 – 2015, 73 doctors trained/ in training).

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

EEG web based teaching program - subsaharan Africa  
Red cross based training program with collaboration with various countries in the subsaharan region

#### Educational activities

- Web based EEG program to be launched
- Continued education (Symposia for general practitioners)
- NASA (Neurological association of south Africa) : annual even for adult Neurologists
- Rural teaching symposia facilitated by the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa

#### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

Epilepsy South Africa continues to be active in support of programs related to epilepsy in various parts of the country.

#### Future Plans

To expand teaching programs and awareness campaigns in the more remote parts of the country.

#### Officer Election Date

The present president and members were elected 2013.

#### Report by

DS Magazito

## SWEDISH EPILEPSY SOCIETY

#### Publications

Please visit our Website for educational programs and guidelines. [www.svenskaepsallskapet.se](http://www.svenskaepsallskapet.se)

#### Meeting

The Society's Annual Meeting took place November 6-7, 2016

#### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

A workshop was held in October 2015 titled "Update on Genetics in Epilepsy and Epileptic Encephalopathy". The Annual Meeting 2015 focused on "Biomarkers in Epilepsy". In spring 2016, a workshop was held exploring the question "Gene therapy for epileptogenesis: how close are we to the clinic?" A two day course was given in October 2016 on "Classification of Cortical dysplasia in epilepsy". The Annual Meeting 2016 dealt with "Neuromodulation in Epilepsy: Vagus Nerve Stimulation and Deep Brain Stimulation"

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Members of the Swedish Epilepsy Society have, during 2015 and 2016, completed an update of a 20-year-old book on basic epileptology. It is called "Epilepsiboken" (The Epilepsy Book) and the press release took place on the International Epilepsy Day 2016 in the Houses of Parliament in Stockholm. The book is covering a broad spectrum of what you need to know about epilepsy, being a patient, relative, young student or hospital staff. The information is readily available, presented in an easily understandable way even if it covers complicated issues and the book is a welcome tool to increase the knowledge of epilepsy in Sweden. The book release is a result of cooperation between the authors and the local IBE affiliates.

#### Educational activities

A national epilepsy register for children was completed and implementation started during 2016. The epilepsy register for adults started in 2014 and the implementation for expanded use among colleagues over the country is ongoing, but slow. We offer an annual educational course for neurology residency training as well as update on epileptology for colleagues in neurology in collaboration with the Swedish Neurological Society, since 2015. We offered educational courses for physicians and nurses in epileptology. During 2016 the process of conducting National Guidelines for epilepsy has started at the request of the Swedish Government. The guidelines are planned to be completed during 2019 and applies to both adults and children. The Society established clinical advices for professionals regarding epilepsy care to adults in 2014 and similar documents have been completed for children with epilepsy, during 2016. The Swedish Epilepsy Society has awarded scholarships to several members to improve and facilitate the advancement of epileptology within the Swedish medical community.

#### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

The Epilepsy Book is a result from cooperation between the Swedish Epilepsy Society and the local IBE affiliates, see above. Representatives from the local IBE are taking part in the development of the National Guidelines for epilepsy as well as the in the continuous work to spread the use of the Epilepsy register. Media contacts and press releases. Local joint activities in different cities on the International Epilepsy day.

#### Future Plans

We will continue to offer annual courses and workshops to increase knowledge about epilepsy as well as work for accessible updates on epileptology. In addition, we will promote research and development of epileptology in Sweden; the current work on



National Guidelines for equal and adequate care of patients with epilepsy is our priority. Spread and further development of the Epilepsy register is another important field.

### Officer Election Date

November 17, 2016

### Report by

Ulla Lindbom, President

## SWISS LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

#### Regular publications

- Journal "Epileptologie" (Epileptology), publication four times a year, 50 - 70 pages each, with information about new developments in epilepsy research and treatment (for professionals, 1100 copies). Articles in English, German, or French with summaries in all three languages. Topics 2015: History of EEG and epileptology in Switzerland / Pharmacology / Genetics / Ethics. Topics 2016: Epilepsy, cognition and mental state / Epilepsy in the first year of life / Non-epileptic EEG diagnostics / First seizure: What's next?
- Newsletter "Epilepsie-News", publication three times a year, 4 pages each, with information about our activities and about epilepsy (for donors and members, about 22,000 copies in German, about 8,000 copies in French).
- Annual booklet on events in German and French
- Annual report (German, French)
- Website [www.epi.ch](http://www.epi.ch) (German, French, Italian with some English information)
- Monthly e-newsletter (about 10,000 German-speaking and 3,600 French-speaking recipients)
- E-Newsletter for doctors (news in 2016; about 2-3 times per year)

### Meeting

#### 2015

- 9th Joint Meeting of the German, Austrian and Swiss Chapters of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) in Dresden, Germany, April 22-25, 2015.

#### 2016

- Annual Congress of the Swiss League against Epilepsy with the Swiss Society for Sleep Research, Sleep Medicine and Chronobiology (SSSSC), in Basel, April 28-29, 2016.

Participation in different scientific events.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

- Campaign "Youth and Epilepsy" with a special website for young people and two short films; promotion via social media (Facebook, YouTube) and the press
- Continuing presence on Facebook
- Updated information leaflets "Driver's license with epilepsy" (German, French, Italian) and "Seizure first aid" (German)
- New information leaflet "Non-epileptic seizures" (German, French)
- New Brochure presenting the League in general (English, German, French, Italian)
- Record of seizures with new layout as PDF (can be filled in electronically)
- SOS card with new layout (German and French)
- Three annual events with about three lectures each, for professionals and non-professionals, in different cities
- Additional event at Brainweek Berne
- Annual Research Recognition Award (CHF 25,000) for the most promising research study in Switzerland in the field of epileptology
- Biannual Hauptmann Award in 2015 (Euro 10,000) in cooperation with the German and Austrian Chapters
- Prize for Best Dissertation in 2016 (1,000 CHF every three years)
- Campaign "Epilepsy in the elderly": continuing education for (geriatric) nurses and PR in German and French
- Media activities
- Answers to medical questions, about 130 questions a year
- Three medical articles on doctors' network "coliquio.ch"

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Annual events for the German-speaking "Epilepsy Day" (October 5):

- 2015: Public event with lectures and music
- 2016: Two public readings with Sarah Elise Bischof, young author of "Panther days – my life with epilepsy"

### Educational activities

- Annual "Patients' Day" on life with epilepsy
- Annual training event for sponsors (pharmaceutical industry)
- Seizure first aid classes for several large companies
- Training events for nurses concerning "Epilepsy in the elderly"

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

Several common events and publications, such as epilepsy emergency card.

New written agreement on cooperation.

### Future Plans

- Regular activities and publications as before
- Support for a documentary film about a family's decision to have their child with epilepsy operated
- Get selected publications translated into minority languages in Switzerland, i.e. Albanian, Portuguese, Croatian/Serbian
- New fundraising strategy
- New website

### Current Officer roster with e-mails

Elections April 2016:

New President, Stephan Rüegg

New Vice-President, Andrea Rossetti

New treasurer, Elmar Zwahlen

New board members, Pamela Agazzi and Kaspar Schindler;

Past-president, Günter Krämer.

Re-elected: Alexandre Datta, Thomas Grunwald, Anna Maria Hew-Winzeler, Malin Maeder, Klaus Meyer, Markus Schmutz, Margitta Seeck, Urs Sennhauser.

### Officer Election Date

Spring 2018

### Report by

Julia Franke

## TAIWAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

Taiwan EEG guideline, Taiwan epilepsy guideline

### Meeting

Annual Meeting

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Annual meeting of Taiwan Epilepsy Society: Annual meeting of Taiwan Epilepsy Society was held on March 26-27, 2016, at Sheraton Grande Taipei Hotel. We defined the meeting as "The Way to Precision Medicine for Epilepsy". There was a pre-congress meeting "talking with masters" in the afternoon of March 26. We have 6 young adult neurologists

and pediatric neurologists in the session to present interesting cases for interactive discussion, with our honorable guest, Professor Jean Gotman (Canada), Professor Jeffrey L Noebels (USA), and many outstanding masters from Taiwan.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Epilepsy Diary Application (App): There came another exciting activity - press conference to announce the execution of Epilepsy Diary App, sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Pharmaceuticals and cooperated with our society, held on Oct.04, at Taipei. The App showed an easier and convenient way to record daily life of people with epilepsy; including seizures, medications and events need to be reminded. More precise the record is, more effective managements we have; the great success of the press conference will promote concept of "precise and effective communication between patients and healthcare staff" in this special day, it let difficulty of patients to be visible by Taiwan, even world, in the future.

### Educational activities

1. Basic EEG education course-January 2016. Our Society conducted the interactive EEG education course at least once every year. Depend on the audience; we will adjust the degree of difficulty of the course every time. In 2013, we ever conducted 9 times with different levels, 3 for basic level, 3 for intermediate level, and 3 for advanced level.
2. Course of "Introduction and Managing Patients with Epilepsy" and "Introduction of Epilepsy": "Introduction and Managing Patients with Epilepsy" were conducted two times in 2016, in order to provide comprehensive epilepsy education to nursing professionals. "Introduction of Epilepsy" had been conducted three times this year. The course aimed to raise awareness, communication and education on the theme of epilepsy for school staff and nurses working in the schools, there were more than 1,000 teachers or school nurses in the courses.
3. Young-Star Epilepsy Training Program-Nov. 19, 2016; "Young-Star Epilepsy Training Program" was held once a year. This program was prepared for young investigators in neurology/ neurosurgery/ pediatric neurology, especially for those who just passed the Neurology Board Examination. It included 3 interactive workshops: Video-EEG, neuroimaging, and antiepileptic medications treatment; every participant must join all 3 workshops which performance will be rated as 5 degrees by tutors of every workshop.

## Future Plans

revision of EEG guideline and epilepsy guideline of Taiwan

## Officer Election Date

March 19, 2017

## Report by

Secretary General Chien Chen, M.D.

## THAILAND: EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF THAILAND (EST)

### Publications

1. Epilepsy Digest: 3 issues/year
2. Clinical Practices Guideline for Epilepsy 2015, 4th Edition

### Meeting

1. 2015: Annual Scientific Meeting: Management of difficult to treat epilepsy, July 22nd -24th, 2015  
2. 2016: Annual Scientific Meeting: Epilepsy in everyday life, July 28th – 29th, 2016

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

2015. He and the 9th Executive Board have commenced administrative roles for a 2-year term from July 2015.

- Annual scientific meeting was held in Bangkok in July 2015 and July 2016. International guest speakers were Prof Eugen Trinkla (Austria), Prof Byung In Lee (Korea), and Dr Tim Wehner (England) in 2015, and were Prof William E Rosenfeld (USA) and Prof Emilio Perucca (Italy) in 2016.
- Paperless handout has been integrated into every academic meeting since July 2015.
- Official education bulletin, so called Epilepsy Digest, has been disseminated to the members and non-members free-of-charge electronically since July 2015. It could be accessed without any fee via EST's official website [www.thaiepilepsysociety.com](http://www.thaiepilepsysociety.com).
- A two-day epilepsy course for in-training neurology physicians (paediatric neurology and neurology) has been carried out in August 2015 and 2016. This is free-of-charge educational courses for senior neurology residents and paediatric neurology fellows.
- Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Thai Epilepsy Society (May 23rd, 2016)
- Multicenter collaboration to conduct national-wide research on neurologists' and paediatric

neurologists' perspectives on epilepsy surgery has been initiated since July 2015 and is in process at the time of this report.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

The Epilepsy Association of Thailand (EAT) conducts activities for patients and caregivers regarding epilepsy care through media such as Facebook, YouTube, broadcast communication, news and seminars.

### Educational activities

- Annual Scientific Meeting: 19th Meeting: July 22nd- 24th, 2015: 20th Meeting: July 28th-29th, 2016
- Epilepsy course for in-training residents and fellows: 6th August 22nd- 23rd, 2015: 7th August 20th- 21st, 2016
- Basic EEG Workshop: 27 July 2016
- Epilepsy conference 4 times/year
- Epilepsy conferences with invited international guest speaker: March 10th, 2016: Prof. A Simon Harvey (Australia): November 4th, 2016: Prof. Dorothee Kasteleijn-Nolst Trenite (Netherlands)
- Ten one-day free-of-charge educational course on epilepsy for general practitioners in various provinces in Thailand was conducted. This activity is a team-up activity with private partner and Neurology Association of Thailand

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

- Public education in the recognition and treatment of epilepsy, Siam Paragon, Bangkok between November 18th -19th, 2015
- Epilepsy camp for northern epileptic patients in Chiang Mai on March 22nd, 2015
- Campaign for public education and awareness of epilepsy in university hospitals and major government hospitals in Bangkok and in many provinces of Thailand: International Epilepsy Day February 8th, 2016: Purple day March 26th, 2016
- School activities for Purple day: Epilepsy knowledge in school-aged children by team of Chulalongkorn Comprehensive Epilepsy Center: 6 times/year

### Future Plans

- To persuade Thai government to integrate epilepsy into government-support service plan
- To create and share resources for epilepsy care, especially for epilepsy surgery
- To expand the knowledge and awareness of epilepsy into public

- To be the local host of the 33rd International Epilepsy Congress in Bangkok, Thailand in 2019

### Officer Election Date

June 2017

### Report by

Kamornwan Katanyuwong M.D.

## TURKISH EPILEPSY SOCIETY

### Publications

Journal of Turkish Chapter of International League Against Epilepsy (in Turkish)

### Meeting

3. Epilepsy symposium, 4-6 June, 2015 10. National Epilepsy Congress of Turkish chapter of ILAE, 12-15 May, 2016

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Epilepsy meeting, monthly, 2015-2016  
Semiology/ Clinical finding of Epilepsy, Workshop, 7-8 March, 2015  
Status Epilepticus, Workshop, 4-8 April, 2015  
3. Epilepsy symposium, 4-6 June, 2015 EEG course (Pattern), 03 October, 17 October, 24 October, 7 November, 12 December 2015  
EEG meeting, 8-9 December, 2015  
Epilepsy, advanced epilepsy course, 14-15 December, 2015  
Semiology, 2-3 April, 2016  
Status Epilepticus, Workshop, 8 April, 2016  
10. Epilepsy congress, 12-15 May, 2016  
Sivas Epilepsy Symposium II, 21 May, 2016  
Episkop, case discussions, 8 October, 2016  
Current treatment in Epilepsy, 21 October, 2016  
Epilepsy, advanced epilepsy course, 12-13 November, 2016

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Painting contest with epilepsy among children and adolescent Photograph contest in epilepsy patients.

### Educational Activities

EEG course, in four different cities.  
Epilepsy course, National Neurology Congress, 2016  
Bursaries to young neurologists for local and international congress

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

Financial support Medical and social consultancy

### Future Plans

4. Epilepsy congress, 3-5 May, 2017  
11. National Epilepsy Congress of Turkish chapter of ILAE, 09-12 May, 2018  
Educational activities, EEG, epilepsy course

### Officer Election Date

May 2018

### Report by

Kezban Aslan

## BRITISH CHAPTER OF THE ILAE (UK)

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

2015 Annual Scientific meeting - London 2016 Annual Scientific meeting joint with Irish Chapter - Dublin  
2015 Specialist Registrars weekend, Oxford 2016 Junior Doctors Concise Epilepsy Course

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

We have monies set aside for bursaries for those members wishing to go and teach in the area of epilepsy in developing countries. We held a session at our joint British/Irish Dublin meeting on epilepsy in developing countries.

### Educational activities

Guideline groups working on Guidelines for the following: Epilepsy and Emergency Care Learning disability and Epilepsy Video Telemetry

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

We are planning to set up a small working party group for members of our chapter who are interested in epilepsy in the developing world.

### Future Plans

2017 - Annual Scientific Meeting, Leeds 2017 Specialist Registrars weekend, Oxford. Joint meeting with Society of Neuroanaesthetists of UK and Ireland late 2017/early 2018 2017 - Junior Doctors Concise Epilepsy Course

### Officer Election Date

April 2016

### Report by

Juliet Solomon

## URUGUAYAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

### Publications

Revista Uruguaya de Epilepsia 2015;24(1) Revista Uruguaya de Epilepsia 2016;25(1)

### Meeting

Annual Meeting 2015- Held in Montevideo, August 28th, 2015, it was organized as a training session on epilepsy for nursing professionals. Dr. Loreto Ríos and Lic Francisca Serry from Chile were our guest speakers. 44 participants from all over our country stated that the activity improved significantly their knowledge on the topic, and they expected an impact on their practice. Annual Meeting 2016 – Held in Montevideo, September 30th, 2016. In this opportunity it was a conference and workshop on Video-EEG and MRI in epilepsy. Prof. Elza Márcia Yacubian was the invited speaker.

### Summary of Activities in 2015/16

Edition of Revista Uruguaya de Epilepsia (RUE). Annual Meetings. Activities devoted to general public. New printed material (rollups, brochures, bookmarks). Self-aid groups. Support for educational activities (with Neurological Institute, Montevideo, and with the Education Commission, ILAE). Support to the National Epilepsy Surgery Program.

### Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2015 and 2016

Mostly in the context of the Action Plan for the Americas and its strategic areas 1 and 2, we highlight the different educational activities in which LUCE is participating (primary care physicians, nurses) as well as the continuous support to the Epilepsy Surgery Program mainly facilitating international support (academic and equipment donations) and in the negotiations with the authorities for a permanent Estatal financial support that could allow long term sustainability. In 2016 we started a new line of approaching the community, launching an awareness campaign ("Epilepsia: creando conciencia") with new printed material and open activities, centered on the rights of people with epilepsy (strategic area 3).

### Educational activities

- Training workshop for primary care physicians. Joint educational activity with the Neurological Institute. Held in the city of Rocha (2015) and Florida (2016).
- Local contribution to logistics of the online course on epilepsy for primary care physicians in Latin America, organized by the Education Commission, ILAE.

### Activities in conjunction with local IBE affiliate

Regular activities: Independent self-aid groups for patients and relatives, both under the coordination of psychologists (Ana Bogacz, Mariela Morales). Specific activities, 2016 (complete reports in RUE 2016 - Spanish-): Participation on the "Día del Patrimonio" (held every October in Uruguay), being its main topic in 2016. "Public Education", with conferences in Museums (Figari and Gurchich Museums) and talks in different open settings. Open activity for children and adults, held in Seregni Square, Montevideo, November 5th, 2016.

### Future Plans

To continue and deepen the educational efforts devoted to non-medical specific populations (currently we are working to include some basic training on epilepsy in the academic curriculum of police officers). To improve and update the public awareness campaign, trying new strategies of communication with the general public.

### Officer Election Date

Last election: Sept. 8th, 2012. (next election to be held mid-2017, date TBD)

### Report by

Patricia Braga, President

## VENEZUELAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

- 1) The activities carried out by us during the year 2015-2016 were aimed at solving the serious crisis caused by the absence of antiepileptic drugs in the country that brought loss of life by many status and in cases of pregnant mothers with stillbirth.

We held meetings with the Ministry of Health so that they could grant the donations we requested from LIVECE and from the interior of the country.

- 2) We took a video filmed by our past president Dr. Emilio Perucca in a call to all the organisms of the State giving guidance on how dangerous it is for an epileptic not to have their treatment which, in many cases, should be used for life under the risk of death because they cannot have an adequate control of their crises.
- 3) Educational programs and interviews were conducted by journalists who are knowledgeable about the subject both on the radio and on television, where many of the medical specialists also publish articles on the subject of epilepsy and the real situation due to the absence of drugs in the country.

- 4) Open conferences were held for general practitioners, nurses, and health personnel to request immediate care support for the convulsing patient
- 5) The voluntary withdrawal of the pharmaceutical industry from the country ended up aggravating the absence of drugs. The government brings AED intermittently and in a small amount, mainly phenobarbital and valproic acid, which leads the patient to take what he finds with fatal consequences of repeated seizures, convulsive status and death.
- 6) The circumstances are so serious that in many health centers and / or public hospitals the intravenous drug "Epamin" (Diphenylhydantoin), There are not, for crisis management.  
Many controlled epileptic patients, with more than 15 years free of crisis, have had to resort to relatives or friends to obtain their medicines at very high costs in foreign exchange.
- 7) The Venezuelan League Against Epilepsy continues to fight for all those people who require specialized consultation and maintain daily the Service of Care for children and adults, as well as the realization of electroencephalograms and the Psychological Counseling Service.
- 8) LIVECE has delivered some donations of medicines that have only served to alleviate very poorly so many patients in need.
- 9) A national consensus was made to insert two articles into the Epileptic Protection Law, introduced in 2010. We have also requested a meeting with members of the new National Assembly in the search for the approval of this Law.

**Report by**

Dra Beatriz Gonzalez Del Castillo, Past-President