

2018 Annual Report - Psychiatry Commission

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The goal of the Commission on Psychiatry is to improve the psychiatric health and well being of people with epilepsy through delivering guidance and education to clinicians in the field of epilepsy across the breadth of mental ill health.

Meetings

The commission, including task force leads, met at the 14th European Congress on Epilepsy in Vienna, June 2018.

The meeting focused on:

- Update on establishment of task forces
- Any ongoing liaison issues with the Executive Committee
- Feedback from task forces on work plans and deliverables
- Discussion of budget for 2019

A meeting of *the Pediatric Task Force* was held in Vienna, June 2018. This meeting focused on establishing proposals and a workplan for the two key outcomes of the task force, which will be detailed below.

A meeting of *the Intellectual Disability Task Force* was held in Vienna, June 2018. This meeting focused on developing a workplan for the task force.

Future meetings

The commission submitted several proposals for sessions during the 33rd International Epilepsy Congress in Bangkok, June 2019. The following two were accepted with some modification:

Key Neuropsychiatric Issues in Epilepsy in a Neurological Clinical Setting

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- Clinical Assessment of the Key Psychiatric Comorbidities in Adults with Epilepsy - Mike Kerr (UK)
- Clinical Assessment of the Key Psychiatric Comorbidities in Children with Epilepsy – Kette Valente (Brazil)
- Suicide in Epilepsy - From ideation to planning - How can a neurologist address and help to prevent? – Jakob Christensen (Denmark)

- Treating Psychiatric Disorders in People with Epilepsy: What do we really know? - Kousuke Kanemoto (Japan)

Childhood comorbidities from mechanism to management

Chairs: Kette Valente and Chahnez Triki (Tunisia)

- Epilepsy and autism – Takao Takahashi (Japan)
- Impulse control – Dana Craiu (Romania)
- Cognitive impairment – Lieven Lagae (Belgium)
- Mood disorders – Edward Kija (Tanzania)

During the meeting of the Commission of Psychiatry, held in Vienna, a liaison was established with the Medical Therapies Commission Psychotherapy Task Force (Chair: Rosa Michaelis) and a common forum addressing neuropsychiatric issues was submitted to Bangkok.

Budget

The commission kept within budget for the year 2018-2019.

Task Force progress

The ***Task Force on Identification Treatment and Prevention***, chaired by Marco Mula, has developed a protocol for the development of a consensus document and clinical practice statements for the treatment of depression in adults with epilepsy. The task force had a preliminary meeting in New Orleans to set methodology and allocate specific tasks among task force members. A draft document will be produced after a formal meeting in Baltimore in Dec 2019.

The ***Intellectual Disability Task Force***, chaired by Christian Brandt, is in the process of developing further work on a consensus paper on the use of rescue medication in people with an intellectual disability.

The ***Psychogenic Nonepileptic Seizure Task Force***, chaired by Markus Reuber, will initially complete a project previously conceptualized, consisting of a global survey of diagnostic video-EEG practices when PNES are a diagnostic possibility (focusing specifically on suggestion/provocation techniques). The results of this survey should form the basis of an ILAE proposal for best video-EEG practices. The task force will also revisit the nosology and definition of PNES. It is hoped that patients all over the world would be likely to benefit if a single diagnostic label was used for their problem internationally and across medical specialties.

The ***Task Force on Paediatric Psychiatric Issues***, Chaired by Kette Valente and Colin Reilly, represents a liaison between the joint task force of the Psychiatry and the Pediatric Commission.

The task force has developed proposals on two work plans:

- A consensus statement on the clinical assessment and treatment of common neuropsychiatric conditions in pediatric epilepsy. This work is ongoing and with the support of the Guideline Task Force of the ILAE.

- Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of psychogenic seizures in children. This work is ongoing with the final status of the methodology being discussed with the Guideline Task Force of the ILAE.

Summary

The year 2018-2019 has led to:

1. The development of a workplan from the commission focusing on standards and guidelines by the task forces
2. The establishment of two liaisons with the Pediatric Commission and the Psychotherapy Task Force
3. Contribution to the scientific program of the ILAE Congress in Bangkok

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