

# The Commission on Classification and Terminology

## Activity Report

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The ILAE Commission on Classification and Terminology has had the charge for a number of decades to review our concept of epilepsy and its pathophysiology and make changes to how we view the different epilepsies as new information becomes available. It has been from the earliest days of the Commission — a fluid and dynamic area — that has always engendered much interest and discussion within the international epilepsy community, as evidenced by the recent development of the new definitions of epilepsy and the proposed new organization of the epilepsies.

The development of a new organization for epilepsy has been the major focus of the last two Commissions. It is a mark of the importance of this task and the active debate it has generated that this process continues into the 2013-17



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term. Many of you will have read and commented on the “The Organization of the Epilepsies: Report of the ILAE Commission on Classification and Terminology” which was posted for a period of consultation on the ILAE website. An ILAE Management Committee-appointed Task Force will meet at the ECE in Stockholm to review comments from the epilepsy community with the aim of developing the Commission Report into a final ILAE Position Paper for publication in *Epilepsia*.

It is important that the International Classification of Disease reflects modern practice and an ILAE Task Force, Chaired by Donna Bergen is developing a paper on how the new organization relates to ICD-10 and ICD-11 coding schemes. The latter reflects the more aetiological perspective of the new organization.

A new Commission Task Force on Neonatal Seizures, Chaired by Ronit Pressler, began its work this year. The aim of this Task Force is to develop ways in which neonatal seizures and epilepsies can be integrated into the new organization of the epilepsies taking into account the particular complexities in this age group including acute aetiologies, high electrographic seizure burden and management within the intensive care setting.

An online ILAE Diagnostic Manual, reflecting the new organization approach of attempting to describe seizure type, syndrome and aetiology in every individual with epilepsy, will go live in the next few months. The manual includes descriptions of syndromes and incorporates video clips of seizure types. We anticipate this will be an important, authoritative, educational and diagnostic resource for the worldwide epilepsy community. Access to videos requires a simple registration procedure, so we can record who is using the resource, but the site will be freely and immediately accessible to anyone with an internet connection. This major development has been driven forward by Kate Riney and colleagues in the current and past commission. The site will require ongoing development and has great potential for expansion over coming years. The ILAE Glossary of Terms will be updated during the Commission term by a Task Force on Syndromes and the Diagnostic Manual.

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