

Epigraph Newsletter
Edward H Bertram

The ILAE has a bad case of attention deficit disorder with regard to epilepsy, which is partly encouraged by the many issues to address as we forge ahead on our mission to assure that no one's life is limited by epilepsy. These diverse issues have been highlighted by the Institute of Medicine report released earlier this year....(more)

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Message From The President & President-Elect

Solomon L Moshé, MD & Emilio Perucca

The ILAE has a vision: A world in which no person's life is limited by epilepsy. It also has a mission: To educate health professionals, patients, care providers, governments and the public worldwide about the resources that are essential to understanding, diagnosing and treating epilepsy. Yet, despite the fact that epilepsy is an ancient disease, described for at least 4,500 years, there is still difficulty in accepting that it is a disease that needs and can be treated with the hope of a cure one day....(more)

From The Secretary General

Samuel Wiebe

Because the ILAE is an organization of National Chapters, one of the most gratifying developments in the organization is the birth of new Chapters and their successful incorporation into the ILAE family. At last count, 109 National Chapters are members of the ILAE, and we have had the pleasure of welcoming seven new Chapters....(more)

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Commission on European Affairs Awards Presented
Meir Bialer & Simon Shorvon

The Tenth European Congress on Epileptology (ECE) took place in London from September 30th to October 4th, 2012. Since the first ECE in 1994 the ECE has grown to become one of the major international Congresses in epileptology. This year nearly 4,000 people actively participated in the various sessions of the Congress including several new initiatives of Epilepsy Olympiad, ECE-Forums, Nobel/Field Medal lectures, interface lectures and a "How to do" course.(more)

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Joint AES /ILAE Transitional Workshop on Preclinical Epilepsy Research

A joint International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and American Epilepsy Society (AES) translational workshop to optimize and accelerate preclinical epilepsy therapy discovery was held in Customs House Hotel, London UK, on September 28 - 29, 2012. The workshop was organized by Drs French, Galanopoulou, O'Brien, and Simonato was attended by 49 international investigators.....(more)

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PAHO One Year Later

Carlos Acevedo & Marco Tulio Medina

The Pan American Strategic Plan on Epilepsy is a reality. In the year since the Plan was started on January 2012, there have been a number of important advances. First of all, a survey was elaborated about human and technical resources for epilepsy. The survey was validated by WHO and it updated the information in the atlas of international epilepsy resources that was published by WHO in 2005. To date there have been responses from 24 countries.....(more)

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The EpiNet Project

Peter Bergin

One of the great difficulties in performing clinical research in epilepsy, especially for syndromes that are not common, is the inability to identify sufficient candidates at a single or the typical small number of epilepsy centres that constitute study consortia. The EpiNet Project was commenced in 2007 when a group of neurologists from New Zealand decided to set up an internet-based platform that could be used to undertake clinical research in epilepsy.....(more)

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Youth on the Move

Karijn Aussems

One of the great difficulties in treating epilepsy in many societies without a strong culture of science-based medicine is getting people to accept the diagnosis and to take standard medications as prescribed. In many countries, including Kenya, there is a common belief that it is essential to provide free drugs to reduce the treatment gap, with the assumption that poverty and the lack of financial resources is the primary reason for a failure to take appropriate medications.....(more)

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Purple Day

Purple Day, which emphasizes epilepsy awareness, is March 26th. It started with a presentation on epilepsy to a third grade class in Nova Scotia and has grown to a global campaign drawing awareness for epilepsy. Purple Day founder Cassidy Megan

will color the world with purple in March, without using a single crayon in her box.....(more)

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Bookstore on the ILAE Web Site

There has been a steady increase in the number of books published that are relevant to epilepsy that members of the League will likely find useful for their practice or research. In it publishers can provide information on their epilepsy-related books. They may also provide information on where and how to purchase the books. The League does not sell the books. <http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/booksales/index.cfm>.

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Farewells Listing on Web Site

ILAE hosts a Web page where we commemorate our departed colleagues in epilepsy and the contributions that they have made to the field. It is our intention that this section for memorials be open to obituaries for anyone who has been active in the field of epilepsy in any capacity: clinical, social, scientific, psychological, to name but a few.

<http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/visitors/farewells>.

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Upcoming Congresses and Educational Events

30th International Epilepsy Congress

June 23-27, 2013

Montreal, Canada

Deadline for Abstract Submission is January 18, 2013

7th Educational Epilepsy Symposium and Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease Update

Egyptian Epilepsy Association in collaboration with the ILAE and CEMA

17-20 January, 2013

Beirut, Lebanon

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3rd Course on Epilepsy Surgery Advanced Course

22-26 January, 2013

Brno, Czech Republic

An advanced interactive course on surgically remediable epilepsies, presurgical evaluation, scalp and intracranial EEG, neuropsychology, imaging and psychiatric issues of surgical patients before and after surgery.

Application Deadline: 1 November, 2012

[Course programme and details](#)

Training in Neurotherapeutics Discovery and Development for Academic Scientists

27 February - March 2, 2013
Bethesda, MD, USA
www.neurotherapeuticscourse.org

AAN Annual Meeting
13-16 March, 2013
San Diego, CA, USA
Information, Registration and Program

4th London-Innsbruck Colloquium on Status Epilepticus and Acute Seizures
4-6 April, 2013
Salzburg, Austria
Information, Registration and Program

15th International Neuroscience Winter Conference
9-13 April, 2013
Sölden, Austria
Conference information

The 7th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology (CONy)
11-14 April, 2013
Istanbul, Turkey
<http://www.comtecmed.com/cony/2013/>
cony@comtecmed.com

6th International Epilepsy Colloquium
20-24 May, 2013
Cleveland, Ohio USA
Comprehensive Epileptology Course
20 & 21 May 2013
3D Stereotactic EEG in Epilepsy Surgery
22 May, 2013
6th International Epilepsy Colloquium: Tumoral Epilepsy and Epilepsy Surgery
22-24 May 2013
Source Imaging in Epilepsy
24 May 2013
Abstract Submission Deadline: March 31, 2013
Registration is now open
<http://iec2013.case.edu>

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