

ILAE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES – 1978–2009

In 1977, the ILAE and the IBE formed an umbrella organisation called Epilepsy International. The former schedule of meetings gave way to a series of annual meetings called 'Epilepsy International Symposia'. The first was in 1978. The numbering system followed on from the previous IBE congresses (the IBE had held nine previous independent congresses), and for this reason the 1978 event was named the 10th Epilepsy International Symposium. A further five Epilepsy International Symposia were held annually (the 15th in 1983). Towards the end of this period, the decision was taken to end Epilepsy International. No symposium took place in 1984, and when the League and the IBE next met, in Hamburg, Epilepsy International was formally dissolved. The 1981 and 1985 meetings were titled not 'symposium' but 'congress'.

The organisation of the 1987 meeting in Jerusalem was already under way when Epilepsy International was dismantled, so the 1987 meeting kept its identity as an 'Epilepsy International' congress.

From 1985, the meetings continued under the joint management of the ILAE and IBE. Beginning with 1989, they were named International Epilepsy Congresses (IECs), to distinguish them from the Epilepsy International Symposia/Congresses), and the numbering followed on from the by then long-established sequence. Since then, the meetings have taken place biannually.

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1978	10 th Epilepsy International Symposium	Vancouver
1979	11 th Epilepsy International Symposium	Florence
1980	12 th Epilepsy International Symposium	Copenhagen
1981	13 th Epilepsy International Symposium	Kyoto
1982	14 th Epilepsy International Symposium	London
1983	15 th Epilepsy International Symposium	Washington, DC
1985	16 th Epilepsy International Symposium	Hamburg
1987	17 th Epilepsy International Congress	Jerusalem
1989	18 th International Epilepsy Congress	New Delhi
1991	19 th International Epilepsy Congress	Rio de Janeiro
1993	20 th International Epilepsy Congress	Oslo
1995	21 th International Epilepsy Congress	Sydney
1998	22 th International Epilepsy Congress	Dublin
1999	23 th International Epilepsy Congress	Prague
2001	24 th International Epilepsy Congress	Buenos Aires
2003	25 th International Epilepsy Congress	Lisbon
2005	26 th International Epilepsy Congress	Paris
2007	27 th International Epilepsy Congress	Singapore
2009	28 th International Epilepsy Congress	Budapest