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From The Information Officer



Edward H Bertram

And we're off . . . .

The new century begins. This edition of *Epigraph* marks a number of turning points for the League. In the Budapest Congress there was a great celebration of how far the epilepsy movement has come in its first 100 years, and wandering through the "Hotel Bristol" and the historical display was a great testament to the work that was done by our early leaders. For those of you who did not have a chance to see the exhibit, it is now on display on our **Web site**. Although it is good and necessary to pause and reflect from time to time, the mark of a great and vibrant organization is where it is going and how it plans to get there. It is in this area that there is reason for excitement. One of the changes in the League in the last decade has been the development of a greater proactive focus, with the goal of reaching out to areas where there was need for improved epilepsy understanding and care. These efforts were initially piecemeal and performed without a clear picture of how they fit into the League's overall goals, which were also not completely formed. We learned a number of things from these programs, not the least of which was that not everything could be accomplished at once and that the League needed a better coordination of its activities to assure that its top priorities were being addressed.

Starting several years ago, meetings have been held regarding improved communications among the various Commissions of the League and clearer and better defined goals for all of the working groups. These discussions made it clear that the League needed to develop a clear strategic plan and a means for implementing that plan. In this edition the leadership outlines their vision for the

future and how the new Strategic Plan will assist in achieving those goals. The Strategic Plan, which has now been formally adopted ([http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/About\\_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm](http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/About_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm)), is the first step in defining the League's goals. Developing the steps for implementation of the plan is outlined in this edition by Gary Mathern, who has led the planning process from the beginning. Another important role of the League, classification of seizure types and syndromes, is a continuing process. Anne Berg, who has led the arduous task of reworking the classification for the first significant revision in over 20 years, writes about the changes and asks for your comments. The Commission will consider these comments in preparing the final version for presentation to the Executive Committee. Please read the Commission's report and send in your comments if you have not already done so. The Classification is our common vocabulary and a tool for research and effective communication. We need to know whether this document fits the epilepsy community's needs as well as is in concert with our concepts of the seizure types and syndromes. The new Classification and Strategic Plan are a fitting start to the new century, but we will ultimately be judged on how we use them to improve the condition of people with epilepsy.

Edward H Bertram  
Information Officer

#### President's Message



Solomon (Nico) L Moshé

In July 2009, during the 28th International Congress held in Budapest, Hungary, our League officially entered its second century. The League was inaugurated at a side meeting held during the XVIth International Medical Congress on August 30th, 1909 in the Salle Donau of the Hotel Bristol, in the same city, Budapest. Forty-six people, mainly neurologists and psychiatrists, were present. The over 4,000 people who were present at the 28th Congress had the opportunity to walk through an exhibit featuring the Hotel Bristol and the ILAE Centenary Exhibition. Indeed, ILAE members should be very proud of our accomplishments since our founding in 1909. With Chapters in over 100 countries, the ILAE has become the recognized society of medical and allied health professionals sharing the goal of improving the lives of persons with epilepsy throughout the world. For the League to get here, it took the personal effort and commitment of numerous individuals who volunteered their time in many capacities over the years.

Celebrations of historical achievements are an important opportunity to review the past and look toward the future in order to meet the challenges. The beginning of the League's second century offers us unprecedented opportunities to incrementally improve epilepsy care worldwide through a coordinated program of education, research and the development of centers of excellence in countries worldwide. Epilepsy is a disorder afflicting humans for many millennia. There are detailed writings about its symptoms, causes, consequences and treatments even in ancient cultures. Some of the causes we now know are genetic in origin; some have remained unknown. Often epilepsy is related to structural/metabolic disorders. It is frequently associated with almost all conditions that affect our planet such as various infections (including HIV), malnutrition, intoxications, neoplasms, stroke, and traumatic brain injury. Prevention and prompt treatments are of paramount importance. Unfortunately, there are still many gaps not only in our knowledge but also in the availability of resources to deliver effective health care in many regions.

During the next four years (2009–2013), and, hopefully beyond, we will need to work together to:

- Enhance collaborative international education, training, and research to improve the quality of life for all persons with epilepsy.
- Foster initiatives to improve the medical care of people with epilepsy, by improving access to treatment which is limited or absent in many countries of the world, and
- Identify, mentor and develop the next generation of the League leaders.

To achieve this, we have already taken the following initial steps:

***Establish a Strategic Plan.*** The Strategic Plan ([http://www.ilae.org/Visitors/About\\_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm](http://www.ilae.org/Visitors/About_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm)) created by a specially commissioned Task Force was approved by the Executive Committee and is now posted on the Web site. It becomes the template for ILAE activities for the next four or more years. Gary Mathern will chair the newly-constituted Strategic Plan Task Force to develop measurable outcomes, facilitate interactions among Regional and Topic-Oriented Commissions and advise the Executive Committee on action items.

***Disseminate the League's message and augment the delivery of information.*** When compared to other disorders, epilepsy does not get the recognition as an important medical and scientific issue. Our goal will be to raise the awareness and importance of epilepsy and epilepsy research. This can be achieved by effective partnerships with WHO, IBE and other influential organizations.

One example of our efforts to raise the visibility of epilepsy was our collaboration with UEFA during the recent European football championship for players under 21 years of age held in Sweden. This event, co-organized with the Commission on European Affairs, consisted of two short football matches played by teams of athletes with epilepsy from all over Europe, just before the European Championship semi-finals kick-off on 26 June 2009. The teams also included several top-level former professional footballers, who generously agreed to come to Gothenburg and Helsingborg to support our cause. The League has sent letters to the UEFA leadership expressing our heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation for organizing this memorable football event that raised public awareness on the plight of all those individuals afflicted with epilepsy.

Similar initiatives will contribute to improving knowledge about epilepsy and, most importantly, emphasize that people with epilepsy are entitled and able to live a life that meets their expectations and to engage fully in social and professional activities.

Most importantly, almost 30% of all people with epilepsy continue to have seizures despite our efforts and incremental knowledge. Consequently, we need to emphasize to governmental organizations and other agencies the importance of innovative research to prevent and cure epilepsy. Ed Bertram, our Information officer is spearheading this effort to promote the epilepsy-related agenda in research. To this end, each Commission and Task Force has a designated information officer who will work with Ed.

***Amend the Constitution to ensure wide regional representation.*** Because the needs in each country are different, we have to develop a method for evaluating each situation and for developing a country-appropriate plan. To identify the varying regional conditions and needs, it is essential that each region have a voice and strong representation at the level of the League's Executive Committee. For this reason it is important to look at our constitution to ensure that each region is well represented. Our three Vice Presidents, Drs Tatsuya Tanaka, Michel Baulac and Marco Medina, together with Simon Shorvon, will review and update the constitutional proposals that Emilio Perucca and I drafted during the past four years and submit a comprehensive proposal to be voted on at the Assembly held in 2011 in Rome. If approved, this Constitution will also serve as the blueprint for the Constitutions of our Regional Commissions so that we all work together under the same conditions.

***Develop a cohesive program for the Global Campaign.*** The goals of the Global Campaign include dissemination of information on the magnitude, burden, diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy and available resources; support to governments and health care providers in formulating and implementing comprehensive services, by offering successful models of epilepsy care; support to countries in fighting stigma and discrimination; and support for research capacity in developing countries. The current Global Campaign efforts are led by a Secretariat consisting of a member of the ILAE, a member from IBE and one from WHO. Because the success of the Global Campaign is of paramount importance to both the Bureau and the League, the two Presidents, Mike Glynn and I, will lead the effort, together with Dr Tarun Dua (representing the WHO) and we will follow the recommendations of the endorsed Strategic Plan. Ms Hanneke DeBoer will serve as the Coordinator for the Secretariat of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy and will report directly to the respective Executive Committees.

We look forward to very active collaboration among the Executive Committee, the Commissions and you. Indeed, the keyword to accomplish our goals is **we**: the members of our League. The League in turn is developing mechanisms to recognize your selfless contributions as you volunteer to work the extra hours it takes in your limited spare time as you all have very busy professional lives. All the plans in the world will go nowhere without the efforts of the membership, and we will be counting on all of our efforts to make this world a better place for people with epilepsy.

Solomon (Nico) L Moshé

### Message from New Secretary-General



Samuel Wiebe

It has been said that teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. The President's allusion to the achievements of the ILAE over the last 100 years, and his description of our goals for the next four years reflect unambiguously what can only be attained through teamwork. That is, the team of all ILAE Chapters and members.

Building on the work of our predecessors and looking into the future, the Strategic Plan establishes the common ground and common goals necessary for a unified set of activities for the League. To realize our goals over the next four years, will require broad participation and synergy between all ILAE Chapters, Regions and Commissions.

Activities will be coordinated through the five Regional Commissions representing North America, Latin America, Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean Region and Asia Oceania, and through the nine Topic-Oriented Commissions on Classification and Terminology, Diagnostic Methods, Education, Epidemiology, Genetics, Neurobiology, Neuropsychobiology, Paediatrics, and Therapeutics, in addition to the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy. The operations of the League will be guided and supported by special Commissions and Task Forces on Finances, Strategic Plan Implementation, Past Presidents, Elections, Constitutional Affairs, and Conflict of Interest.

We continue to encourage and facilitate the formation of new ILAE Chapters. The list of 104 established Chapters will grow as we work through 18 ongoing chapter applications, and hopefully more to come. We are in the process of obtaining accurate and up-to-date information about each individual Chapter, and for this we require the prompt response of all Chapters.

Transparency and standardization of procedures is essential. In keeping with the Strategic Plans we are beginning work on establishing Standards of Procedures for all ILAE operations, taking into account the level at which each step or task needs to be accomplished. We will aim to articulate the standards using straightforward, simple language, and to make the standards widely available.

Interaction and synergy will be a focus of all activities. To this end, we will strive to enhance the content and communication capacity of the ILAE Web site, and have also appointed education and information officers in each Commission, as well as individuals within the Executive Committee that will function as liaisons with the various Commissions. In this manner we hope to achieve much needed communication among Chapters, Regions, Commissions, and the ILAE Executive. Education, Research, and Epilepsy Care all require adequate communication and interaction, and we are exploring mechanisms that will serve this purpose. As we envision a growing role of our website in the exchange of information, we encourage all ILAE members to visit the Web site to become acquainted with the Strategic Plan ([http://www.ilae.org/Visitors/About\\_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm](http://www.ilae.org/Visitors/About_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm)), and to obtain information on new developments and on important aspects of the League's operations.

Samuel Wiebe  
Secretary-General

### Message from New Treasurer



Emilio Perucca

As outlined in the President's inaugural address in this issue of *Epigraph*, the ILAE is planning many initiatives to strengthen its organization and to work towards its goal of a future world in which no person's life will be limited by epilepsy. To a large extent, these initiatives rely on the contribution of the many volunteers worldwide who dedicate their time and professional expertise to serve our common cause. However, success will ultimately depend to an important degree on the ability to raise adequate financial resources to support our activities.

Thanks to the good work of our predecessors, the ILAE has a relatively solid financial position, details of which can be found in the 2008 Annual Report available on our Web site ([http://www.ilae.org/Visitors/Documents/ILAEAnnual-Report\\_2007-2008.pdf](http://www.ilae.org/Visitors/Documents/ILAEAnnual-Report_2007-2008.pdf)). Because of the ILAE's conservative investment policy, our reserves have been affected to only a limited extent by the recent global economic crisis. Moreover, the previous Executive Committee has taken steps to keep 2009 expenditures in line with the expected revenue over the same period.

The Strategic Plan developed in July 2009 recognizes that "the ILAE should work to ensure its ongoing organizational and financial viability" by streamlining its administrative structure, reviewing its financial operational practice to ensure efficient and effective management, and by diversifying and enhancing its financial resources. I firmly believe that each of these aims should be actively pursued, because they are crucial to ensure ILAE's ability to carry out its ambitious plans over the years to come. As recommended by the Strategic Plan, the Executive Committee is already working towards establishing a Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, that will be responsible for monitoring all ILAE financial matters, maximizing the cost effectiveness of our operations in accordance with the ILAE's goals and aims, and providing guidance on investment and reserves policies and the diversification of sources of income.

At present, the main sources of revenue for the ILAE are represented by royalties from *Epilepsia* and by the returns from some of the Congresses. An increasing or even stable income from these sources cannot be taken as guaranteed, because of the negative impact of open access publishing on the profitability of scientific journals and because of the declining support to Congresses from the pharmaceutical industry. While we will make all efforts to protect current sources of income and to reduce administrative costs, the need for diversifying our revenue resources is clear. One first step will be to establish a Resource Development Task Torce which shall be responsible for liaising with relevant stakeholders and developing and harmonizing strategies for fund-raising, capitalizing on the ILAE's Centenary milestone and on specific projects which will be implemented over the next few years as part of the Strategic Plan. Examples of activities which may be particularly suitable for fund-raising include projects which the ILAE already initiated to improve medical care and ensure self-sustained livelihood for people with epilepsy in some regions of Africa.

Emilio Perucca  
Treasurer

### 28th International Epilepsy Congress a Success

by Soazig Daniel

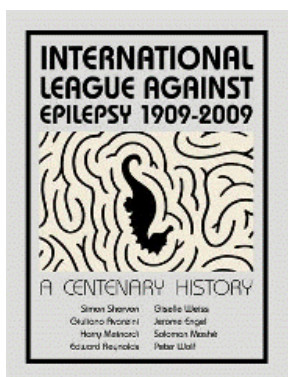
The ILAE celebrated its 100th anniversary during the recent International Epilepsy Congress held in Budapest. As all who attended the Congress are aware, the location was particularly meaningful as the League was founded in Budapest in 1909. This Epilepsy Congress was a particular success with over 4,000 participants from 100 countries in attendance. The future of the League on the



threshold of its second century also appears bright as 10% of the attendees were under 40 years old. Although it was not surprising that the majority of those in attendance came from Europe, there was good international

representation, with growing numbers from Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean.

One of the Centenary Celebration highlights of the Congress was the "Hotel Bristol" at the ILAE Centenary stand which restaged the location of the founding of the League, in the Budapest hotel of the same name. This was a poignant and fascinating exhibit which recounted the events leading to the creation of the League. It brought to life the key figures behind our beginnings and detailed the story of our development over the first 100 years. Indeed it has been due to the dedication and resilience of the League members that we have gone from strength to strength over what has, at times, been a tumultuous century. For those who were unable to attend or for those who wish to revisit this exhibit, videos and PDFs of the are available on the ILAE Web site. Although one cannot have the experience of physically wandering through the League's history, visiting the display on the Web site is still worth the journey.



The Centenary Celebration also provided the visitors to another, more extensive look at its first 100 years. A beautiful, in-depth, well-researched book with over 300 pages of ILAE history was produced for the occasion and made available at the Congress. The publication was co-ordinated by Prof Simon Shorvon, and he, along with his other dedicated contributors has given us a unique appreciation of the evolution of the League.

It instills a pride in us knowing that not only are we members of one of the oldest medical associations in the world, but that our mission to improve the lives of those with epilepsy has been met and exceeded time and time again throughout our history. There are only a few copies of this precious limited edition remaining. You may order a copy online at [www.ilae.org](http://www.ilae.org). Hurry before it is sold out!

To the right, Simon Shorvon receives recognition from incoming President Nico Moshé for his work on the Centenary meeting.



The Congress also served as a celebration of the Presidency of Peter Wolf whose term of office came to an end. He and his Executive Committee have served us exceptionally well over the last four years.



To the left, Peter Wolf accepts a certificate of achievement on the completion of his term as ILAE President from Susanne Lund and the IBE.

Of course it was a double celebration as we welcomed Solomon Moshé to the helm as he takes over the Presidency of the League.

We look to the future with confidence under the new Executive Committee, which, appropriate for the new century and symbolic



of our phenomenal growth, now has members from all of the established regions of the League. Almost 500 delegates celebrated the smooth transition in leadership with them in the opulent and stunning surroundings of the Hungarian National Gallery for a sumptuous gala dinner overlooking the Danube.

To the right, Past Presidents and ILAE Chapter Representatives posed at the beginning of the Centenary Celebrations.

During the Congress the delegates had the opportunity to learn of some of the latest advances in a number of the areas of epilepsy research and treatment. The scientific program of the Congress focused on seven main topics that covered the spectrum from test tube to treating epilepsy in areas with limited resources:

- **Autonomic Functions and Biorhythmicity**
- **Searching for a Cure – Experimental Models and Human Epilepsy**
- **Comprehensive Care around the World**
- **The Family and Epilepsy – Clinical and Social Dimensions**
- **Brain Development, Plasticity and Epilepsy**
- **Imaging Epilepsy Networks and Cortical Dysplasia**
- **Non-specialist Management of Epilepsy**

The Scientific Advisory Committee, headed by Peter Halasz (Hungary) and Susanne Lund (Sweden) selected 20 parallel sessions and 16 teaching sessions and workshops. More than 600 posters were presented during the Congress and 70 researchers were given the opportunity to present their data in Platform Sessions.

On average, sessions were attended by more than 300 delegates each time. The topics which attracted the highest attendance (800 delegates and more) were dealing with neuro- plasticity, epilepsy classification and seizure assessment (video session) as well as numerous sessions on novel antiepileptic drugs. Overall, the meeting represented the continued growth in the sophistication of the offerings with greater integration of the basic and clinical sciences. This emphasis on integrating the many aspects of epilepsy bodes well for the next International Epilepsy Congress in Rome in 2011.

Congratulations to the award winners. Here are a couple photos. More are available on the congress web site <http://www.epilepsybudapest2009.org/>. Details on awards presented are available on <http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/Archive/Awards.cfm>.



Ivan Soltesz and Hrissanthi Ikonomidou are congratulated on receiving the Michael Award by Peter Wolf.



Gus Cummins receives the film award for his short film 'Ictal', from Peter Wolf and Susanne Lund.

## New ILAE Strategic Plan



Gary Mathern, MD

The past several months have been productive in creating ILAE's updated Strategic Plan. As mentioned in the July *Epigraph*, a group of ILAE leaders along with leaders of other epilepsy and patient organizations from around the globe met for two days following the 2009 Budapest Congress to finalize the goals, aims and recommendations for the new Strategic Plan. With Carolyn Fazio as the facilitator, the draft plan was analyzed, reviewed and finalized by the group. The plan was approved by the ILAE Executive Committee in late July 2009. The Executive Committee is thankful to everyone who contributed their time and creative energy to the successful development of the document.

The process of Strategic Planning does not end with the approval of the "master plan". It is just as important to determine **how** an organization moves from goals and aims toward specific action items so that the goals of the plan become reality. We now need to move forward in identifying the specific projects and by creating the work force that will implement the aims and goals of the Strategic Plan.

To continue the process, the Executive Committee approved the creation of a Strategic Plan Task Force. This group will assist and report to the ILAE Executive in the multi-step process of implementing the Strategic Plan. Again assisted by Carolyn Fazio, the newly-appointed Chairs of the Regional and Topic-Oriented Commissions are engaged in transcontinental discussions to address:

- which components of the Strategic Plan each Commission will be accomplishing and in what order
- who will do the work
- which groups within and outside of ILAE should be our partners in order to identify resources and achieve our goals.

To accomplish these objectives, we need to foster communication among Commission Chairs. Through a grant from UCB, ILAE leaders and Commission Chairs will meet at a conference center near Paris on October 22 - 23, 2009. Collectively, they will develop the work plans for Commissions and Task Forces for 2010 and beyond. The goals of this meeting will include the development of short- and long-term goals based upon the Strategic Plan. The conference will also work on leadership development for all ILAE Regions and enhancing ILAE external and internal communications. This group will meet again on December 3rd, just before the American Epilepsy Society meeting. Each Commission will present its final plans and operational budget request for fiscal year 2010.

The messages from the ILAE's President, Treasurer, and Secretary-General in this edition of *Epigraph* outline the initiatives and current work in progress as a result of the new Strategic Plan. Please read these messages. They include projects related to education, finance, infrastructure, communication, and developing epilepsy treatment and education for Africa.

With the new Executive Committee in place, this is an exciting time for the League as we shift from identifying our over-arching goals to producing achievements that reflect our aims to improve the care and treatment of all people with epilepsy now and for the next 100 years.

To read the Strategic Plan go to [http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/About\\_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm](http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/About_ILAE/StrategicPlan.cfm)



Gary Mathern, MD  
Chair, Strategic Plan Task Force

### Commission on Classification and Terminology Report



Anne T Berg

The prospect of a revised classification of seizures and of the epilepsies is unsettling to many. We have all grown accustomed to the 1981 seizure and 1989 epilepsies systems even as we recognize their inadequacies and seeming contradictions. A frequent concern voiced by many is that the Classification of the Epilepsies is too complicated. This perception is, in part, due to the fact that the 1989 classification is arbitrary in many places and based on presumptions which have not been born out in recent years.

The Commission on Classification and Terminology is recommending major revisions to both classifications. Perhaps key for all to realize, the changes have little if any impact on how clinicians diagnose epilepsy and the epilepsy diagnoses that they use. While we recommend different terminology, our goal has been to say what we mean and to mean what we say. Thus, for example, instead of cryptogenic (meaning presumed symptomatic), we simply recommend the term "unknown cause." This should help lessen the apparent complexity of the 1989 classification and facilitate communication. Ultimately, further changes will be needed as knowledge advances. For now, the approaches that we recommend we feel are justifiable based on actual evidence and not just assertion or expert opinion. They avoid presumptions as much as possible, and they acknowledge areas of lack of knowledge. The process of developing the new Classification was not a straight and easy path. The members of the Commission wrestled with many of the issues that you will wrestle with as you consider the changes and the implications of these changes for research as well as clinical practice. The members brought many different perspectives to the discussions, and there were, at times, intense frank and open exchanges of points of view, to use the diplomatic term for when there were significant differences. This point is made to assure you that the Commission did not take its responsibility lightly and that considerable physical and emotional energy was expended in the creation of the document that is now before you.

The proposed new Classification is posted on the ILAE's Web site ([www.ilae.org](http://www.ilae.org)). At this time, the Commission and the League's leadership are seeking your comments and invite you to post your observations and suggestions on the ILAE Web site. Please send your thoughts to [classification@ilae.org](mailto:classification@ilae.org), and they will be posted with your name and Chapter affiliation. These comments will be considered by the Commission and used to make final revisions to the report before submission for publication. We want to hear from as many people from as many Chapters as possible. The Classification is a truly international endeavor that provides a common set of definitions and concepts that are used by the international epilepsy community. For this reason it is important to hear from as broad a representation of our membership as possible. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Anne T Berg, PhD  
Chair, Commission on Classification and Terminology 2005-2009

### Worldwide AED Database on the ILAE Web Site

ILAE hosts a listing of antiepileptic drugs available in different countries. The ILAE provides this data as a resource for your use. It has been compiled over the years and as new pharmaceuticals are introduced into your countries, the data may become outdated. Since this database may contain inaccuracies, outdated information and omissions, this information should not be used to make treatment decisions without independent confirmation from an official resource.

<http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/Centre/AEDs/index.cfm>.

You can search by brand name, generic, country or manufacturer.

We need your help to keep the listing up-to-date. This database is considered an ongoing project and every attempt will be made to ensure that the data is current and correct. To further the progress of the database, please report any inaccuracies, additions or omissions to Cheryl-Ann Tubby, Web site Project Manager at [ctubby@ilae.org](mailto:ctubby@ilae.org).

### **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. However, keeping up with the books that are available is no easy task. To help make the job easier we are creating this Bookstore as a service to our membership. 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>

The Bookstore is in the early stages of evolution, and we expect to add new titles and publishers on a regular basis, so please check back frequently for new additions.

There are currently five books listed. If you have authored a book, please encourage your publisher to list their book on this Web site. The cost is minimal.

### **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. There are no academic, professional or geographical requirements to be considered for inclusion in this section. There are many great things that are done locally to improve the lives of people with epilepsy, efforts that are critical in the battle against this condition. Unfortunately some of the most important contributions are done away from the limelight and may not catch the attention of the larger international community. It is the intention of this section that anyone who has been active in the field be included and have their efforts and successes more widely known. The only real criterion is that the individual worked to help relieve the burden of epilepsy somewhere in the world.

The memorial articles will be written by those who knew the person. The goal is to tell your colleagues in epilepsy who this individual was and what the contributions were. Photographs are welcome. <http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/visitors/farewells/>

There will be two parts to this section: recent deaths and archives. The latter will be publically available to allow League members to learn about those who have gone before and the contributions they made as well as to act as a resource for those who wish to look into the history of epilepsy and those who contributed to it. We look forward to your remembrances of our valued departed colleagues. Please send them or any comments or suggestions that you may have to [farewells@ilae.org](mailto:farewells@ilae.org). We will also welcome multiple remembrances from our members. The success of this project will depend entirely on the efforts of you to help preserve the memories and the accomplishments of our friends and colleagues.

### **Upcoming Congresses and Educational Events ([www.epilepsycongress.org](http://www.epilepsycongress.org))**

43rd Congress of the Japan Epilepsy Society and Interntational Symposium on Pharmacogenomics in Epilepsy  
Hotel New Castle (Hirasaki City)/Hirosaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Theme: The Way to New Avenue in the Treatment of Epielspy - From Standardization to Individualization

22 - 24 October 2009  
Information: [www.c-linkage.co.jp/jes43](http://www.c-linkage.co.jp/jes43)

19th World Congress of Neurology  
24 - 30 October 2009  
Bangkok, Thailand  
[www.wcn2009bangkok.com](http://www.wcn2009bangkok.com)

Pathways to Discovery: Neuroscience a scientific symposium celebrating the 75th anniversary of The Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
2 - 3 November 2009  
<http://apps.mni.mcgill.ca/MNI75/>

24th Annual Scientific Meeting of Epilepsy Society of Australia  
Perth Convention and Exhibition Center, Perth, Australia  
2 - 4 November 2009  
Information: [www.sapmea.asn.au/esa2009](http://www.sapmea.asn.au/esa2009)

EPILEPSY SURGERY: Evaluation, Surgical Procedures and Rehabilitation  
JLN Auditorium, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India  
The Neurosciences Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences along with the IES [Indian Epilepsy Society], ASEPA [Asian Epilepsy Academy] and the ILAE [International League Against Epilepsy] is organizing the first "WORKSHOP ON EPILEPSY SURGERY: EVALUATION, SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND REHABILITATION"  
7 - 8 November 2009  
<http://www.aiims.edu/asepa.htm>

3rd Beijing International Epilepsy Forum  
Beijing, People's Republic of China  
12 - 15 November 2009  
Please e-mail your abstract to: [caae2008@sina.com](mailto:caae2008@sina.com) Or: [caae@caae.org.cn](mailto:caae@caae.org.cn)

63rd Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society  
Boston, MA, USA  
4 - 8 December 2009  
[www.aesnet.org](http://www.aesnet.org)

LASSE IV: Epilepsy and Time  
Santa Monica Hotel and Conference Center in São Paulo, Brazil  
28 January - 6 February 2010

13th Annual Meeting of the Infantile Seizure Society (ISS)  
International Symposium on Epilepsy in Neurometabolic Diseases (ISENMD)  
Hosted by the Taiwan Child Neurology Society and Infantile Seizure Society  
Howard Plaza Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan  
26 - 28 March 2010  
Abstract submission deadline: 31 October 2009  
<http://www.isenmd2010taipei.org>

Tenth Eilat Conference on New Antiepileptic Drugs (Eilat X)  
Isrotel Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat, Israel  
25 - 29 April 2010  
Abstract submission deadline: 1 February 2010 Send to [eilatx@targetconf.com](mailto:eilatx@targetconf.com)  
<http://www.eilat-aeds.com>

20th Meeting of the European Neurological Society  
Berlin, Germany  
19 - 23 June 2010  
[www.ensinfo.org](http://www.ensinfo.org)

9th ECE  
Rhodes, Greece  
27 June - 1 July 2010  
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