

# **ACTIVITY REPORT OF EMR SPONSORED COURSE IN N'DJAMENA CHAD**

**Title:** EPILEPSY TEACHING COURSES (in French)

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## **Background:**

Since the acceptance of its candidacy as a voting member of ILAE at the 34th International Congress of Epilepsy, the Chadian League Against Epilepsy has for the first time organized the epilepsy teaching course in French sponsored by ILAE-EMR.

This is a young league with only 4 neurologists to date for a population of over 16 million. This chapter has a lot of work to do on the management of epilepsy, which is why the objective of this course was to build a team of neurologists, neurosurgeons, pediatricians and general practitioners to respond effectively to the lack of human resources and improve the quality of epilepsy care.

## **About participations:**

The Chadian league against epilepsy has launched online through google form the request for participation. A total of 32 participants had applied for this scholarship, of which 90.6% were from Chad and 9.4% were from Ivory Coast, Niger and Mauritania. Among the postulants from Chad, 2 came from the remote provinces of Chad. Seven (21.9%) postulants were female. 56.3% of applicants were general practitioners, 21.9% were neurologists or neurology residents, 12.5% were pediatricians or pediatric residents, and 9.4% were neurosurgeons. Of the 32 applicants, 24 were chosen to participate in this course. However,

participants outside Chad could not make the trip because of the exorbitant price of plane tickets.

### **About teachers:**

Four teachers were chosen for this course, they were Pr Chahnez Charfi Triki from Tunisia, Pr Moustapha N'diaye from Senegal, Pr Leklou Hakim from Algeria and Pr Biraben Arnaud from France. The first two were able to make the trip to N'Djamena, however Pr Leklou and Pr Biraben who were unable to make the trip, presented remotely (zoom meeting).

### **About the Activities:**

The activities took place at the La Tchadienne hotel in N'Djamena where all the participants had been accommodated during the course period.

The courses took place from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (see the program) and aroused a lot of reaction from the learners with the desire to learn.

All the participants were very satisfied with the quality of the presentations, the content and the pedagogy. The courses included video cases and clinical cases. The participants also recognized that this training will enable them to improve the quality of epilepsy care and above all to be able to refer patients to neurologists in the event of any suspicion of an epileptic seizure.

In the end, all the participants expressed the wish to benefit more from this course in order to improve their knowledge and be able to train medical and paramedical personnel on epilepsy.

### **Conclusion**

In short, we believe that epilepsy teaching course has been successful beyond our expectations with the enthusiasm and determination of

participants who are eager to learn more. This course organized in Chad was of considerable help in improving the quality of care for epilepsies.

Our wishes are to multiply these training sessions in order to allow us to build a team of trainers to respond effectively to the lack of human resources.

## Images

### ❖ During courses



**Pr Chahnez Charfi Triki is presenting the courses**





**Participants are following**

❖ During the coffee and lunch break



❖ During closing ceremonies

Presentation of gifts to teachers



## Delivery of certificates to participants





## Family pictures

