The Morris-Coole Epilepsia prize, awarded by ILAE, was inaugurated 5 years ago, as an annual prize awarded to a young researcher who, in the opinion of the judging panel, published the best paper in Epilepsia in the previous calendar year. The award has become a valued prize, the function of which is to inspire young researchers to devote a career in research to the basic scientific or clinical problems of epilepsy. This year the prize has been awarded to Dr. Laura Jansen (USA) for her paper entitled ‘Impaired maturation of cortical GABA(A) receptor expression in paediatric epilepsy’ Epilepsia 2010, 1456:67.