



## **ILAE CALL FOR PROPOSALS for 2010**

### **"Partnering Epilepsy Centers in the Americas"**

#### **1. Purpose of the call**

The educational taskforce of the North American Commission of the ILAE is mandated to promote collaborations between epilepsy centers in North and Latin America. The task force intends to support the early stages of these educational collaborations. The purpose of this call is to solicit proposals for establishing visiting professorships and telemedicine based partnerships between centers in North America (US and Canada) and those in the Caribbean and Latin America.

#### **A: Visiting Professorships in Epileptology**

We are inviting faculty from North American Epilepsy Centers that are members of Academic Tertiary Epilepsy Centers (NAEC-Level IV or similar) to volunteer 1-2 weeks of their time to travel and share their expertise with Epilepsy Centers in a Latin American or Caribbean Chapter. The Epileptology Visiting Professorships are partnerships between the Faculty member, the local ILAE chapter, the Education task forces of the

Latin American and North American Commission, and an unrestricted grant support from UCB, a pharmaceutical company. The faculty will be visiting medical schools, doing rounds with neurology residents, providing logistical expertise to local Epilepsy Centers, giving lectures, and participating in a plenary session for a regional Epilepsy meeting. Following the visiting professorship, the collaboration between these Epilepsy Centers may be continued through the telemedicine project application, see below. The Latin American Commission of the ILAE will assist in identifying participating epilepsy centers in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The Education Task Force will support 4 Visiting Professorships in 2010. There is no honorarium designated for the faculty member. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses will be covered up to the maximum of \$5,000 (US dollars) per Visiting Professorship. Interested candidates should provide a description of their areas of expertise, planned curriculum, and overall aims/objectives. This section of the proposal should not exceed 600 words. Partnerships with matching funds from other sources will be given priority.

## **B: Telemedicine Project**

The funded partnerships with visiting professorships are expected to engage in a telemedicine project. The partnership may encompass didactic educational sessions, medical management or surgical treatment. We envision monthly webconferences between partnered sites. The proposal should identify the team members, measurable performance indicator(s) based on outcomes, and time frame. The proposal should not exceed 400 words and it should be included in the Visiting Professorship proposal as the intended evolution of the partnership. Funding in the amount of \$1000 might be available to help supporting web meetings, telephone costs and other related expenses. The taskforce will support the

successful applications for a period of 12 months extending from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 until December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

### **C: 2010 Meeting of the Epilepsy Center Partnerships (Dec. 8-9, 2010)**

We intend to have a Satellite meeting of all partnerships funded through this program (2008-2010) in conjunction with the 2010 annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society (Dec. 3-7, 2010) in San Antonio, TX. Logistics for this meeting will be announced in the near future. The goal is to critically assess the effectiveness of the program to improve epilepsy education and patient care. A travel grant for the LA/Caribbean partners in the amount of \$1500 might be available to attend this Satellite meeting.

## **2. Timetable**

Applications for the 2010 Visiting Professorship must be submitted to the Task Force by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-December 2009.

## **3. Submission of applications**

Applications must be sent or e-mailed to the following address:

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