

**ILAE European Chapter Convention  
Saturday, September 20, 2008  
Berlin, Germany**

**Minutes**

**Agenda**

**Plenary meeting 1**

- **Welcome** (Alla Guekht)
- **Greetings from ILAE President** (Peter Wolf)
- **Report of the European Advisory Council** (Alla Guekht)
- **Report of the Commission on European Affairs** (Michel Baulac)
- **Information from ILAE Secretary-General: the new constitutional amendment proposed by the EC** (Solomon Moshe)
- **EUREPA** (Giuliano Avanzini)
- **Q&A**
- **Discussion groups introductory talks** (Peter Wolf, Meir Bialer, Marco Mula)

**Discussion groups**

- Education – progress and perspectives (Chairpersons Giuliano Avanzini, Alla Guekht, Peter Wolf)
- Generics in the treatment of epilepsy (Chairpersons Michel Baulac, Meir Bialer)
- Epilepsy care in Europe – is depression considered? (Chairpersons Marco Mula, Cigdem Özkara)

**Plenary meeting 2**

**Welcome and Greetings from ILAE President**

Alla Guekht opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees; Peter Wolf did the same on behalf of the ILAE.

## Call for Chapters/delegates

Svein Johannessen made a roll call for the chapter delegates.

50 chapter representatives from 33 European chapters were present, 7 members of the CEA, and 9 members of the ILAE Executive Committee and the ILAE Administrative office  
Apologies have been received from the Slovenian and the Slovakian chapter.

### ILAE Chapters

Country	First Name	Last Name	Function in the chapter
Albania	Jera	Kruja	President
Armenia	Gayane	Melikyan	President
Armenia	Nune	Yeghiazaryan	Secretary General
Austria	Martha	Feucht	President
Austria	Eugen	Trinka	Secretary
Belgium	Eric	Schmedding	Secretary General
Bulgaria	Melania	Radionova	Secretary
Croatia	Ljerka	Cvitanovic - Sojat	Secretary General
Cyprus	Flourentzou	Andriani	Vice President
Czech Republic	Jan	Hadač	President
Czech Republic	Jana	Zárubová	Secretary
Estonia	Maarika	Liik	Member
Finland	Tapani	Keränen	President
Finland	Reetta	Kälviäinen	Secretary General
France	Alexis	Arzimanoglou	President
France	Michel	Baulac	Chair, Commission on European Affairs
Georgia	Nana	Tatishvili	Secretary General
Georgia	Okujava	Natela	President
Germany	Rüdiger	Köhling	President
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Greece	Stelios	Giannakodimos	Treasurer
Hungary	Judit	Jerney	President
Israel	Meir	Bialer	Treasurer, Commission on European Affairs - Chapter Secretary General
Israel	Nathan	Waternberg	ILAE Committee Member
Italy	Ettore	Beghi	President
Italy	Marco	Mula	Chapter member
Italy	Federico	Vigevano	Member, Commission on European Affairs
Latvia	Santa	Asmane	Deputy of Chapter
Lithuania	Nerija	Vaiciene	President
Lithuania	Jurate	Grigoniene	Secretary General
Lithuania	Milda	Endziniene	Member, Commission on European Affairs
Macedonia	Emilija	Cvetkovska	Secretary General
Malta	Janet	Mifsud	Secretary General
Moldavia	Victoria	Duca	Treasurer
Norway	Svein	Johannessen	Secretary, European Advisory Council
Poland	Joanna	Jedrzejczak	Chairman
Poland	Maria	Mazurkiewicz- Beldzińska	Treasurer
Romania	Alecu	Tiberius	Member
Russia	Alla	Guekht	Chair, European Advisory Council - Chapter Secretary General
Spain	Ines	Picornell Darder	President
Switzerland	Günter	Krämer	President
The Netherlands	G.J.	de Haan	President
The Netherlands	M.	Veendrick	Secretary General
Turkey	Rezzan	Aker	Secretary General
Turkey	Cigdem	Ozkara	Secretary, Commission on European Affairs
Ukraine	Sergiy	Kharchuk	President

Ukraine	Yaroslava	Shcheglova	Member
United Kingdom	Matthew	Walker	Council member
United Kingdom	Phil	Smith	President
Yugoslav Union	Nebosja	Jovic	President
Denmark	Peter	Wolf	ILAE President
USA	Nico	Moshé	ILAE Secretary General
UK	Martin	Brodie	ILAE Treasurer
Italy	Giuliano	Avanzini	ILAE Past President - EUREPA Chair
Italy	Emilio	Perucca	1st Vice President
UK	Simon	Shorvon	Epilepsia, Editor-in-Chief
USA	Peter	Berry	ILAE Administrative Director
USA	Donna	Cunard	ILAE Financial Manager
Belgium	Sofie	Peeters	ILAE Membership Services Coordinator

### Report of the European Advisory Council

Alla Guekht reported on activities of the European Advisory Council. A powerpoint presentation was made and is available for all chapters (see Annex 1).

### Report of the Commission on European Affairs

Michel Baulac reported on the activities of the ILAE Commission on European Affairs and on the election procedure for the next Commission on European Affairs in 2009. A powerpoint presentation was made and is available for all chapters (see Annex 2).

### Information from ILAE Secretary-General: the new constitutional amendment proposed by the EC

Nico Moshé first informed everyone about the handout on the current listing of the online worldwide AED database that was distributed to all the chapters at the registration desk. He emphasized that all chapters should carefully check if the information on the page is correct and send any updates or changes to Cheryl-Ann Tubby ([tubby@ilae.org](mailto:tubby@ilae.org)).

Secondly, Nico Moshé presented the constitutional amendment that has been accepted already by the ILAE Executive Committee. A powerpoint presentation was made and is available for all chapters (see Annex 3).

The new proposal consists of 2 major changes; there will be only 1 Vice President and 6 regional Vice Presidents will be added. These 6 Vice Presidents will be elected from each region and will serve as chairs of the Regional Commission.

The constitutional amendment will need to be accepted at the General Assembly in Budapest in 2009.

The proposal was discussed and chapters are kindly asked to send to the European Advisory Council (Alla Guekht: [1575.q23@q23.relcom.ru](mailto:1575.q23@q23.relcom.ru) and Svein Johannessen: [Svein.Johannessen@epilepsy.no](mailto:Svein.Johannessen@epilepsy.no)), and to Nico Moshé ([moshe@ilae.org](mailto:moshe@ilae.org)) their opinion regarding this proposal **by March 2009 at the latest**.

## EUREPA

Giuliano Avanzini reported on the recent developments and initiatives of EUREPA and presented the activities of the Global Campaign as well.

The report is available for all chapters (Annex 4).

## Parallel discussion groups

The following parallel discussion groups took place:

- Education – progress and perspectives (Chairpersons Giuliano Avanzini, Alla Guekht, Peter Wolf)
- Generics in the treatment of epilepsy (Chairpersons Michel Baulac, Meir Bialer)
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The chairs of the discussion groups presented the conclusions of their respective discussion group. A report of each discussion group is available for all chapters (see Annexes 5-6-7).

## Adjournment

Alla Guekht thanked everybody for their attendance and reminded the chapter representatives who did not receive the email correspondence with regards to the chapter convention to contact Sofie Peeters ([speeters@ilae.org](mailto:speeters@ilae.org)) to make sure that the ILAE office has the updated contact information. She reminded all that it is very important to keep the chapter's database up to date.

She informed everyone as well that any comments, requests or suggestions regarding the upcoming chapter convention in Budapest or any comments in general, can always be addressed to her ([a.shpak@q23.relcom.ru](mailto:a.shpak@q23.relcom.ru))

The meeting was adjourned at 18:30.