

## **Congress Council**

### 2022 Annual Report

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## **ACTIVITIES**

- Over the course of the year, two in-person and two online congresses were held:
  - 2nd North American Epilepsy Congress (NAEC), 5-8 May 2022 - Online
  - 14th European Epilepsy Congress (EEC), 9-13 July 2022 - Geneva, Switzerland
  - XII Congreso Latinoamericano de Epilepsia (LAEC), 1-4 October 2022 - Medellín, Colombia
  - 14th Asia & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress (AOEC), 17-19 November 2022 - Online
- 3,400 people attended one or more of the congresses.
- Feedback from all four congresses was overwhelmingly positive.
- Registration fees continued at the lowered rates to enhance engagement from professionals working in lower resource settings.
- Industry sponsorship saw a significant recovery to pre-pandemic levels for in-person congresses.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Implemented local chapter agreements, bursary arrangement templates, standardized congress terminology
- Added annexes to the Congress Manual that deal with conflict of interest, copyright material and competing meetings
- Finalized Standard Operating Procedures for congress management through a project management system
- Balanced online attendance with return to primarily in-person congresses
- Facilitated understanding of the key risks and opportunities through the development of a congress risk register
- Updated 'congress models' to meet the needs of different regions
- Reviewed:
  - Structure of IEC programme based on a needs analysis survey

- Offering to industry partners
- Technological solutions for online platforms, captioning and translations
- Budgeting – including forecast modelling of income streams

## **MEETINGS**

Congress Council met five times; Congress Finance Review Committee (CFRC) met four times; Programme Innovation Task Force met four times; Technology Task Force met three times; Industry Relations Task Force met twice.

*Report submitted by Denis McEvoy*