International League Against Epilepsy

Climate Change Commission

2022 Annual Report

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Photo: Meeting of the Climate Change Commission, 2022 April

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ACTIVITIES

- Regular commission meetings (8)
- Forum at European Epilepsy Congress, Geneva
- Submissions to newsletter (6)
- Connections with external organizations regarding climate change activities

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successful forum at EEC, raising awareness
- Newsletter articles
- Establishing connection with IBE on climate change activities
- Supporting and promoting sustainable actions at EEC (e.g. newsletter article on plantbased diets)
- Approval of Terms of Reference
- Having sustainability included in the work of other Commissions, such as the Big Data Commission

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Commission has gelled as a very collaborative, productive group, with engaging and rewarding meetings that lead to actions. This bodes well for future actions led by the Commission over its remaining term with initiatives now taken by all three Task Forces.
- Raising awareness of climate issues across the League, through the existence of the Commission, and discussion of its activities across many different elements of the League. This has been associated with empowerment of the Commission members, for example through the space generated to express their own views, as seen in the submitted manuscript, which would not have been conceivable even a year ago.
- Raising awareness through successfully securing sessions at international meetings.

RESEARCH AND PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Submitted to *Epilepsia*: Taking action on climate change: testimonials and position statement from the International League Against Epilepsy Climate Change Commission

MEETINGS

Eight, with additional calls for Task Force specific activities

Report submitted by Sanjay Sisodiya