

## **Slovenian League Against Epilepsy**

### **2022 Annual Report**

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*Officer Election Date: 23 March 2018*

#### **ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Lectures about epilepsy for laic caregiving community and patients:
  - We have continuing activities with regular lectures for relatives of persons with epilepsy, as well as for parents or relatives of children with newly diagnosed epilepsy, and for teachers in schools, kindergartens and community services (9 Zoom lectures).
  - Public events to promote knowledge about epilepsy were not performed due to COVID pandemic.
- Support with accompanying persons referred for presurgical evaluation/epilepsy surgery abroad: 9 referrals assisted (6 adults, 3 children)
- Supporting self-help groups of patients active in Ljubljana, Koper, Nova Gorica, Kranj and Novo mesto
- Contact phone EPITEL is available once a week on a regular schedule

#### **INTERNATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY**

- Violet lights in cities: Ljubljana, Kranj, Murska Sobota, Novo mesto, Slovenj Gradec, Nova Gorica, Celje
- Online press conference (STA, Slovenian Press Agency)
- Web lecture: "Metaphors in epilepsy and stigma in the literature" (P. Wolf)
- TV presentation of the film about epilepsy: "Sanjao sam u bojama" or "I had dreams in colours", kindly provided by the ILAE Chapter of Serbia
- Organised walking tour in Ljubljana: 50 Million Steps for Epilepsy

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Žarišče: Chapter journal with one issue per year
- International Epilepsy Day posters
- Monography publication: "30 years of Slovenian League Against Epilepsy"
- Reprinted leaflets: Epilepsy and School, Epilepsy and Sports, etc.
- Website: announcements about activities and links

#### **CHALLENGES FACED 2022**

- To continue activities and live meetings
- Web page modifications and updates

**FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023**

- Continue activities at least to the level of previous pre-COVID activities
- Efforts for funding with Ministry of Health projects
- Organisation of 13th International Postgraduate Practical Epilepsy Conference, 28-29 September in Ljubljana

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