

Romanian Society Against Epilepsy 2021-2022 Report

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Officer Election Date: November 2019 – November 2023



ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- EpiCARE case discussions
 - February 2022- One patient with Rasmussen encephalitis presented by Prof. Dr. Dana Craiu at EpiCARE case discussions – Epilepsy surgery
 - April 2022- One patient with Rasmussen encephalitis presented by Dr. Cristina Pomeran at EpiCARE case discussions – Epilepsy surgery
- 26 March 2022 - Purple Day for Epilepsy: Raised awareness surrounding epilepsy and its patients, their family and all those affected

MEETINGS

- Online-Journal club - Romanian network of pediatric neurology for optimal care of our patients (SRIE, EpiCARE, ENDO-ERN); online meetings with case discussion, literature update, information regarding guidelines, diagnostic and treatments protocols.
- 2021 epilepsy-related discussions:
 - 27 May 2021 – MOG Anti-body disease
 - 3 June 2021 – Aicardi-Goutieres syndrome – phenotypes and possibilities of treatment
 - 10 June 2021 - To be or not to be non-ketotic hyperglycinemia.
 - 24 June 2021 – Actualities regarding Sturge-Weber disease – diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up protocols.
 - 8 July 2021 – Pseudohypoparathyroidism and associated disorders
 - 15 July 2021 – Rett Syndrome – actual consensus regarding multidisciplinary approach
- 25-27 November 2021 – The [XXIXth Annual SRIE Conference](#), online
 - 25 November 2021 – Basic EEG – for Nurses, students, and residents
 - 25 November 2021 – Neuroimaging epilepsy course for physicians
 - 26-27 November 2021 – SRIE Conference
- 20 November 2022 – preconference course – How to write an article
 - Presided by Prof. Lieven Lagae, former president of European Pediatric Neurology Society, and Prof. Dr. Dana Craiu
 - Course aimed at young neuropediatric residents and YES

- 21-23 November 2022 – The [XXXth Annual SRIE Conference](#), online and on site
 - 21-22 November 2022 – SRIE conference
 - 23 November 2022 – Basic EEG – for Nurses, students, and residents
 - International invited speakers: Lieven Lagae, Andreea Nissenkorn, Elena Gardella, Rikke Moller, Maria Angeles Perez Jimenez, Sue Wood, Lorella Minotti

CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

Financial problems in Romania

FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

- Rare disorders Day – EpiCARE center Obregia participation with talks-Development of recently created Romanian Network for Epilepsy with specialists and centers all over Romania discussing the most difficult cases (weekly meetings) with the specialists from the EpiCARE center Bucharest and if not solved – to use CPMS and European network's meeting.
- Development of the www.bolirare-obregia.ro website for rare disorders in pediatric neurology, in which rare epilepsies are a big part – EpiCARE center and information's for parents and specialists on different rare epilepsies among the other disorders.
- 26 March – Purple day for epilepsy
- Epilepsy SRIE Conference November 2023
- Discussions with the new Health Minister on Epilepsy antiseizure medications which are not available in Romania; off label use of drugs – to be used in the Centers of expertise for rare disorders.

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A picture taken in our Neuropediatric' Department featuring senior doctors, residents, nurses, and kinesiotherapists



A picture taken at the end of the SRIE conference, featuring professors and young participants, neuropediatricians in training



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A picture taken during the course in the library of the Faculty of Medicine, Bucharest, featuring Prof. Dr. Lieven Lagae and Prof. Dr. Dana Craiu and a numerous audience composed by young doctors in training and their seniors

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