

## Iranian Chapter of the ILAE 2021-2022 Report

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### ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> International Epilepsy Congresses of Iran were held in February 2021 and 2022 in Tehran for 3 days exclusively in epilepsy.
- The 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> International Congresses of Neurology and Clinical Electrophysiology of Iran were held in Tehran in August 2021 and July 2022 with 6-hour and 11-hour teaching courses and workshop respectively.
- The orphan drugs and rare diseases one day seminar was held in December 2022 in Tehran for the first time.
- We were able to prepare national guidelines regarding VNS and long-term monitoring with their approval by the ministry of health in April 2021 and September 2022 respectively, these guidelines are being carried out country-wide currently.
- With collaboration of ILAE and IBE branches of Iran, we have prepared and submitted 3 schools on transitional epilepsy clinic, infantile seizures and epilepsy syndromes and basic and advanced electroencephalography to enquire them as endorsed ILAE-Europe approved schools.

### CHALLENGES FACED IN 2021 AND 2022

As mentioned in our previous reports, unfortunately due to continuation of economic sanctions on Iran, there is still shortages of medicines and medical instruments that have affected the epilepsy care especially in epilepsy surgery.

### FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023

We believe that in our country without cooperation and collaboration of both Iranian ILAE and IBE branches, the improvement of epilepsy care and knowledge will never be achieved. We continue to strengthen the existing connections and we are planning the joint upcoming 19<sup>th</sup> Iranian International Epilepsy Congress to be held in March 2023. We are very optimistic about the future, and we will do our best to increase our international activities and of cooperation of the Iranian chapter. As mentioned, we are going to hold the epilepsy schools in upcoming next few months.

## MEETINGS

- Monthly meeting except during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Seasonal schedules were held

*Report submitted by Mahmoud Motamedi*