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Mission and Aims

The role of the Commission on Education is to coordinate the education efforts by the various regional academies and topic-oriented commissions, and to be directly responsible for online educational activities. It also works with non-ILAE partner bodies in joint education efforts.

Achievements and Challenges (2009-2013)

The roles of the Commission on Education are: (1) Coordinate the education efforts by the various regional academies; and (2) To be directly responsible for online educational activities, educational activities in the IECs, and coordinate education activities of the topic-orientated commissions. The followings are the main achievements during the current term of office (2009-2013), and the challenges for the next commission.

(1) Educational efforts by the regional commissions

The European, Asian & Oceanian and Latin American commissions continue to have robust educational activities. In particular, summer school is now a regular feature in China and India, as well as Europe and Latin America. Fellowship of 3-12 months' duration is now a regular activity in Latin America as well as Asia and Oceania. There is also a small fellowship program as a joint venture with WFN, involving Mozambique. The ASEPA EEG certification examination is progressing well

and making a significant impact on EEG practice in some of the countries in Asia.

The North American Commission continues with its visiting professorship program to the Caribbean and Latin American countries, and has extended to Africa. The African Commission was formed in 2011 and had their first successful Congress in 2012.

On the other hand, the Eastern Mediterranean region is rather quiet. This will be the challenge for the next commission.

(2) Online Education and other projects

Distance learning courses (VIREPA)

There was a smooth transition for VIREPA, which was under "EUREPA" previously. Since 2009, it has been legally under ILAE, managed by a task force led by Walter van Emde Boas. In 2014 VIREPA will offer courses on EEG, Imaging, Clinical Therapy, Genetics, Sleep, and Psychiatric aspects of epilepsy and new courses are in development. To have regular courses which are in demand, at a cost which is sustainable will be the main challenge for the next commission.

Recorded presentations

The decision was made to adopt a low-cost technique to capture the voice and PowerPoint slides in some of the education program and workshops in the IEC and regional congresses, and place it online in the ILAE website. The approach was to let it grow slowly, as there is some reluctance from some of the speakers. It remains a challenge for the next commission to drive its development.

Epileptic Disorders

The adoption of *Epileptic Disorders* as ILAE's education journal is an important milestone in the educational effort by the ILAE. It has very good resource materials on their website. It is a challenge for the next commission to integrate the journal with its other activities to facilitate better synergy.

New Commission Members (2013-2017)

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