

## 2018 Annual Report - Publications Task Force

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The main activity of the Publications Task Force (TF) is to oversee and coordinate the publications of the ILAE, to discuss general issues related to publications, and to propose solutions to existing problems, as well as extensions to current activities which could benefit ILAE.

The TF met in Hoboken, NJ in June and at the AES meeting in New Orleans, LA in December; each time for meetings lasting two-to-three hours. The budget of the TF is minimal, including refreshments for the meetings and \$10,000 to help with translating the ILAE documents (see below).

### ILAE Journals

The TF heard reports from the three journals of the ILAE: *Epilepsia*, *Epilepsia Open*, and *Epileptic Disorders*. The journals are generally doing well. *Epilepsia Open*, the youngest journal, is growing well and it is expected that it should receive a reasonable impact factor (its first) in 2019. *Epilepsia* has maintained an IF above 5 and the IF of *Epileptic Disorders* has increased to 1.9. The coordination between the three journals has improved, with the flow of articles between the editorial offices now being satisfactory. The educational nature of *Epileptic Disorders* is now clearly entrenched. There were changes in the editors, with *Epilepsia Open* now having A. Galanopoulou and D. Zhou as its Editors in Chief and *Epileptic Disorders* now having A. Arzimanoglou and S. Beniczky as its Editors in Chief.

The TF decided that all ILAE reports published in one of the three ILAE journals should include a two-page executive summary, which will be published in *Epilepsia*. This will facilitate the dissemination and translation of key ILAE documents.

The TF has recommended that all journal prizes be determined by the end of January. The Management Committee will then determine at which congress (international or regional) the prizes and accompanying lectures will be delivered.

The TF discussed the need to have a statistical consultant to verify the quality of some of the statistical analyses proposed in submitted articles. The issue will be discussed between the editors of *Epilepsia* and Wiley.

### **ILAE Wikipedia Project**

The TF has worked actively with the Editor-in-Chief of the ILAE Wikipedia Project to ensure that the project team is able to write and edit as many Wikipedia entries as possible. Progress has not been as rapid as expected, as we became aware that editing Wikipedia entries is actually a very complex process, but cooperation has been sought from the ILAE Young Epilepsy Section (YES group), and young epileptologists are now being trained on how to edit Wikipedia entries. A three-hour Wikipedia editing workshop will take place at the 2019 International Epilepsy Congress in Bangkok.

### **Translation of ILAE documents**

A substantial effort is being made by the TF to have key ILAE documents translated into as many languages as possible, to ensure broader accessibility and greater utilisation in clinical practice. An alternative, simplified translation procedure was put in place, in addition to the strict translation procedures which had been the ILAE policy in the past. This has greatly facilitated the translation process. The three recent key documents of the ILAE (Definition of Epilepsy 2016, Classification of Seizures 2017, and Classification of Epilepsies 2017) have now been translated in ten, 11, and seven languages respectively. Financial support was provided by the TF to those who requested it (up to \$600 per document).

### **General issues**

The TF is concerned with the possible impact that new initiatives regarding open access publishing (in particular, the European Plan S) will have on its journals, and the revenue it draws from them for its operations. This issue was discussed but it remains very uncertain at this point as to how much these initiatives will impact publications. The ILAE presented a memo to the Plan S, which was made open for comment early in 2019.

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