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BELGIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Meetings

11 January 2010 - Brussels

4 October 2010 - Brussels

Summary of Activities in 2009-2010

Activities are carried out by the Flemish League Against Epilepsy and the Walloon League Against Epilepsy.

- The 4th Epilepsy Day was organized in 2009. The event took place in Brussels with 250 participants. This Epilepsy Day was coordinated by Prof Dr Anna Jansen (University Brussels) and Dr Schmedding (University Brussels). The program topics were: Children with Epilepsy Plus; Children with Epilepsy and A Normal Development; Heredity and Pregnancy; Epilepsy in The Family; Practical Advice Concerning Work and Driving License. There was also a separate program for young people from the age of 14 to 25 years.
- The Flemish League Against Epilepsy also published a book *Epilepsy – Did You Think You Were Alone?* which was presented at the end of Epilepsy Day. The book portrays 12 families who live with epilepsy. Besides the testimonies and pictures of the people, the book also provides practical advice. All the participants of Epilepsy Day received a copy.
- In 2009 the course 'Electroencephalography and Evoked Potentials' started. This course was addressed to students in neurology, specialized nurses and laboratory assistants. The course was limited to a maximum of 25 participants and was fully booked. The course consisted of 11 lessons given by neurologists (epilepsy specialists) in Flanders and Brussels.
- The Flemish League Against Epilepsy and the Flemish Contact Groups for people with epilepsy have an intensified cooperation. In 2010 the first joint magazine (*Epikrant*) was published. The *Epikrant* is a quarterly magazine with professional and practical information and personal testimonies about epilepsy.
- The Flemish League Against Epilepsy has published three newsletters. This is a summary regarding a specific topic that is sent to all neurologists, pediatric neurologists, neurosurgeons and neuropsychiatrists in Brussels and Flanders. The topics of the newsletters in 2009-2010 were: Epilepsy and the Elderly; Epilepsy; and Heredity and Treatment of Epilepsy with Nevus Vagus Stimulator. In December 2010 there will also be a newsletter about the new legislation regarding the driving license.
- The website has been renewed. The homepage became an interactive page with news items. This published information is also digitally sent to members by means of Epiflashes. Two new sections were added to the website: Publications and Sponsoring. The section 'Publications' gives an overview of the scientific articles published by the members of the General Assembly of the Flemish League Against Epilepsy. The other section explains sponsorship and possibilities to financially support the Flemish League Against Epilepsy.

- The French-speaking League Against Epilepsy has published one newsletter.
- In June 2009 and 2010, the "3rd and 4th Workshop on Epilepsy Semiology" was organized by the French-speaking League Against Epilepsy. Topics were Status Epilepticus and Occipital Epilepsies.
- A training course in epilepsy will be posted on the web in mid-December (first course). It was designed by the French-speaking League Against Epilepsy and the Circle of Epilepsy.
- Many public lectures and discussion group meetings have been made in the antennas of the French-speaking League Against Epilepsy.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Campaign: Out of the Shadows

- The book *Epilepsy – Did You Think You Were Alone?* was made in collaboration with photographer Patrick De Kuyscher. He also works for a major national newspaper called *Het Nieuwsblad*. Therefore there was an article published in this newspaper called: '40,000 People Have Epilepsy but the Taboo Remains.'
- There was also communication in *Klasse* (a journal for parents) about five tall stories around epilepsy.
- The National Epilepsy Day, in November 2009 and 2010 at the University Hospital St Luc was a great success for access to information for social service workers and patients. Reports have been published in newspapers (*La Dernière Heure, Femme d'aujourd'hui*) and an interview was broadcast on the radio Bel RTL.

Educational Activities

The educational activity was the course 'Electroencephalography and evoked potentials'. The 11 lessons covered the following topics:

- Principles of Neuroanatomy – Dr Van Zandijcke
- Principles of Neurophysiology – Dr Schmedding
- The electroencephalogram (EEG) – Dr Mercelis
- Application of EEG in Neurology and Psychiatry – Dr Hauman
- EEG in Epilepsy and Disturbance of Consciousness – Prof Dr Boon
- EEG in Emergency Admittance and Intensive Care – Prof Dr Vonck
- EEG with Children – Dr Goossens
- Polysomnografie and Inquiry of Sleep – Prof Dr Pevernagie
- Neurophysiology of Evoked Potentials – Prof Dr Boon
- Digital EEG – Prof Dr Lagae
- Practical Demonstration and Individual Exercise of EEG – EP and Sleep Inquiry – Prof Dr Boon

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

The local IBE Affiliate for Belgium is Mrs Van Daele Claudine. She is the social worker for the East-Flanders district and also member of the Flemish League Against

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Epilepsy. Mrs Van Daele was also an important member of the organizing committee for the 4th Epilepsy Day. Mrs Van Daele and Mrs Rosanne Blomme-Dorme (Contact Group of East-Flanders) went to the 12th European Conference on Epilepsy & Society in Porto. They will make a report that will be published in the *Epikrant*.

Future Plans

The Belgian League Against Epilepsy will organize a professional scientific symposium on 18 June 2010. There will be a reunion for the participants of the eighth course of the 'Electroencephalography and Evoked Potentials.'

Officer Election Date

11 January 2010

Report Submitted By

Dr Eric Schmedding, Secretary-General

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Journal of Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology

Meeting

Bi-Annual Brazilian Congress of Epilepsy

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

XXXIII Brazilian Congress of Epilepsy

Officer Election Date

5 June 2010

Report Submitted By

Veriano Alexandre Jr, President

CAMEROONIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Étiologies et facteurs de risque des épilepsies de l'adulte : l'expérience de l'Hôpital Central de Yaoundé (Cameroon). Callixte Kuate, Salomon Mbahe, Séraphin Nguéfack, Pierre-Yves Bassong, Julius Fonsah, Yannick Fogang, Elie Mbonda, Alfred Njamnshi. *Epilepsies* 2010 ; 22 :74-8.

Meetings

12 March 2010 and 7 November 2010

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- 17 June 2009: The Constitution Meeting of the Cameroonian League Against Epilepsy was held at the headquarters of the Cameroon Medical Council.

The draft Constitution and Bylaws were amended and adopted by the participants. The members of the Executive Committee were elected by the General Assembly.

- 6 July 2009: The Divisional Officer of the Mfoundi Division (Yaoundé, Cameroon) signed the official Declaration of Creation of the CLAE.
- 1 January 2010: The ILAE Executive Committee decided to provisionally accept Cameroon candidature as an ILAE Chapter.
- 12 March 2010: Admission of new members: Dr Victor Sini (consultant neurologist, Yaoundé Central Hospital), Dr Yacouba Mapoure (consultant neurologist, Douala General Hospital), Dr Fondop (Consultant neurosurgeon, Douala Laquintinie Hospital)
- May 2010: signing of the partnership between the Cameroonian League Against Epilepsy, the French League Against Epilepsy and other French-Speaking leagues. Our cooperation with the Senegalese League Against Epilepsy is very active. Our common objective is the creation of an ILAE Commission for African Affairs.
- 15 July 2010: Death of Dr Daniel Charles Ndo Belinga, 2nd Vice President in charge of national affairs of the Cameroonian League Against Epilepsy.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

We have made several interventions for the sensitization of the population on radio and television by neurologist, psychiatrist and neuropediatrician members of the Cameroon League. The 1st Vice President has initiated collaboration with traditional healers at Batibo (South West region). Between 2000 and 2010, the number of neuroscience specialists working in Cameroon has increased with seven new neurologists, two neuropediatricians, three neurosurgeons, one psychiatrist. Our League is working on a project to reduce the treatment gap in the Mbam Valley (Center region, Cameroon), a region of the highest prevalence in the world. This project is supported by Sanofi Aventis and the Cameroon Ministry of Public Health.

Educational Activities

A train the trainers session was organized in Yaoundé Cameroon from 16 to 19 November 2007 for the francophone session of EUREPA. The 1st Cameroon Epilepsy Day was organized along with it. From 12 to 15 November 2008 the 18th Congress of the Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences was organized in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The main theme was epilepsy. In 2009: two training sessions were organized at Yaoundé for nurses working in two private hospitals.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

In Cameroon, an association of epileptic patients exists at Nyamanga, which is affiliated with the IBE. Another one has been created in Batibo and we collaborate

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with them, organizing training seminars. During the March 12th meeting it was decided to federate these associations, encouraging them to choose one president who will be their representative in the Executive Committee of the CLAE.

Future Plans

Choose a National Epilepsy Day. Encourage the government to implement the Strategic Plan against epilepsy that was adopted in 2005. Organize a sensitization campaign in elementary and primary schools.

Officer Election Date

Yet to be stated.

Report Submitted By

Dr Callixte Kuate Tegueu, Secretary-General

CHILEAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Revista Chilena de Epilepsia

Meetings

XI Jornadas Invernales de Epilepsia

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

WORKSHOPS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Conducted monthly programs.

- December 2008 "Why is the person with seizures despite treatment? Why not using the new antiepileptic drugs?" by Dr Erna A Rauch
- January 2009 "EEG patterns characteristic genetic syndromes" by Dr Loreto Ríos
- March 2009 "Influence psychiatric conditions the outcome of epilepsy surgery?" by Dr Ada Chicharro and "History of the Company" by Dr Perla David
- April 2009 "Gelastich seizures: Surgical case" in Keryma by Dr Acevedo
- May 2009 "Surgery in cortical dysplasias: Clinical experience in the Condes" by Dr Manuel Campos Comment by Dr Roger Gejman, neuropathologist, Catholic University. "Therapeutic approach in malformations of cortical development" by Dr Lilian Cuadra, Institute of Neurosurgery, Asenjo
- July 2009 "Report of the International Epilepsy Congress held in Budapest" by Dr Perla David. Report included participation in Assembly Election; ILAE new directory; obtaining access to key online magazine; and update the Company's new directory on the ILAE website. "Quality of life in children with epilepsy compared with healthy children" by Dr Lucia Andrade
- August 2009 "Epilepsy and depression" by Dr Juan Salinas
- September 2009 "Celebration of Latin-American Day Epilepsy" By Dr Marcelo Devilat and "Epigenetics in epilepsy" by Dr Andrés Barrios
- October 2009 "Update in Dravet syndrome. Presentation of two cases and experience of a

parent" Dr Consuelo Gayoso (President of APADENE)

- November 2009 "Brief overview of the 100 meetings of the Society" by Dr Marcelo Devilat. "Diagnostic and therapeutic evaluation of 638 children: Introduction and Research" by Dr Marcelo Devilat. "Diagnostic and therapeutic evaluation of 638 children in the EU" by Verónica Gómez. "Self-care protocol in the EU" by Verónica Gómez

EPILEPSY IN TALKS FOR PHYSICIANS

This is the fourth year that this continuing education activity has taken place at the headquarters of the Society of Chile Epileptology every Wednesday starting 14 October and ending on 16 December. The Directors were Dr Perla David and Dr Juan Salinas. They are currently sponsored by the University of Chile and in the process of academic accreditation as a continuing education course. The program was developed by neurologists and psychiatrists belonging to our Society. The topics discussed contribute to improving general practitioners and scholars of neurology. Evaluation as in previous years has been positive and we plan to continue with it, renewing the issues and changing schedules to provide assistance.

IX WINTER DAYS OF EPILEPSY 2009

The IX Winter Days Epilepsy was held 12 & 13 June 2009 at the Hotel Neruda. Dr Nelly Chiofalo Santini was commemorated in the 100 years of the International League Against Epilepsy and the 10-year Epileptology Society of Chile. International guests were Prof Dr Alberto Lazarowski (Argentina) and Prof Dr Alexis Arzimanoglou (France), in addition to the participation of our national speakers, most of them also members of our Society. Specialists and scholars presented 30 research papers in the poster section. The event was attended by 153 people, mostly doctors.

JOURNAL OF EPILEPSY

Revista Chilena de Epilepsia, the official publication of the Society, Dr Perla David, editor. This year marks the 10th volume of this journal. It presents original works, case reports, review papers and updates. It is currently in the application process and has achieved Scielo sponsorship for the annual increase in numbers was required. The journal is found at www.revistachilenadeepilepsia.cl. Dr Ledia Troncoso joined the editorial board, which has been a great contribution to this publication.

WEB PAGE

Our website, www.epilepsiadechile.com, is available to members and the general public. You can find information about the Society and issues related to epilepsy, in the following sections:

- 1) Directory
- 2) Partners
- 3) Winter Conference Epilepsy
- 4) References (bibliographical references on epilepsy)
- 5) Publications (*Revista Chilena de Epilepsia* and *Standards*)
- 6) Photo gallery

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- 7) For medical Tribune
- 8) The patients Tribune
- 9) Links to ILAE, IBE, WHO and MINSAL
- 10) Latin American Epilepsy Day

The website has played an important role for college students who are the most frequent users asking for references and information, In addition there are various contributions from patients through their relatives.

LATIN AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATION OF EPILEPSY

On 9 September Epilepsy Day was celebrated in Latin America. One of the events is organized by the Chilean League Against Epilepsy, which was attended by Dr Perla David, President of the Epileptology Society of Chile, along with ministry officials and hosts. At our meeting on 12 September, Dr Perla David held a commemoration of Latin American Epilepsy Day.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

The Winter X Epilepsy Conference is scheduled for 11 and 12 June 2010. The Conference is entitled: "Epilepsy: Diagnosis, surgical treatment and neuroplasticity." The Organizing Committee invites you to engage stakeholders through original works that can be sent to the website Epileptology Society of Chile.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

See WORKSHOPS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Educational Activities

See WORKSHOPS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

The Society maintains contact with the Society of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry; the Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, Children and Adolescents; the Chilean Society of Pediatrics and the Association of Leagues Against Epilepsy, Chile (ANLICHE).

Future Plans

Consenso in epileptic syndromes in Chile course, Chilean Bureau, ILAE-Chapter; Resistant Epilepsy group in Chile from Chilean ILAE Chapter; Multi-centric Study of Epilepsy

Officer Election Date

December 2010

Report Submitted By

Dr Perla David, President

CHINA ASSOCIATION AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Green Book of Prevention and Control of Epilepsy in China, The Consensus on the application of antiepileptic drugs before and after epilepsy surgery (Pilot version)

Meetings

Congress of CAAE members' representatives (Election of the 2nd Council)

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

1. Celebrating the 3rd and 4th International Epilepsy Caring Day (IECD) 28 June, including public education activities in most provinces in China, voluntary diagnosis/treatment, multi-mass media publicities, etc.
2. The 3rd Beijing International Epilepsy Forum (BIEF) was held in Beijing in November 2009; and the 2nd National Conference of EEG and Neurophysiology was held in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province in May 2010.
3. Prof Shichuo Li was re-elected as President of CAAE.
4. The ASEPA-ASNA EEG Certification Examination (Part I & II) was conducted. Results are generally satisfactory.
5. The number of the newly established provincial epilepsy associations increased to ten.
6. 2010-2011 Biennial WHO Collaborative projects started in Tibetan population in Sichuan Province.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

1. Follow-up study for the GCAE Demonstration Project (2001-04) has been completed.
2. Continuing implementation of the Project of "Epilepsy Prevention and Control Management in Rural China" in 15 provinces, covering more than 40 million people and 30,000 people with epilepsy (PWE) are under free treatment with phenobarbital.
3. The funding from the central government to this project will be doubled next year and another three provinces will join in this project (total of 18 provinces by 2011).

Educational Activities

1. Six training courses in collaboration with ASEPA were conducted in China in 2009-10.
2. Training courses of the "Clinical guidelines for epilepsy diagnosis and treatment" were conducted in nine more cities (total of 29 cities).
3. National EEG training material is underwritten.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

See above (IECD activities).

A formal branch of the CAAE concerning the IBE function has been prepared to apply for approval by MOH and Ministry of Civil Affairs.

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Future Plans

1. 4th Beijing International Epilepsy Forum (BIEF) is planned for 22 – 25 September 2011. The role of traditional Chinese medicine in epilepsy treatment and psychosis with epilepsy will be two “sub-forums” in the 4th BIEF.
2. 2nd ASEPA-ASNA EEG Certification Examination will be conducted in April 2011.
3. ILAE Summer Course will be held in Sichuan Province in July or August 2011.
4. Symposium on development and construction of local epilepsy organizations will be held in 2011.
5. Three ASEPA training courses will be held in 2011.

Officer Election Date

November 2013

Report Submitted By

Shichuo Li, President

GREEK LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Meetings

- 5th Epilepsy Panhellenic Congress, Crete – Chania, 4-6 November 2009
- National Greek Seminar Against Epilepsy, Rhodes, 26 June 2010

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

5th Epilepsy Panhellenic Congress: 350 participants, seven round tables, one video session, four satellite symposia, one workshop on photosensitivity, two lectures, 32 abstracts, 26 International Invited Speakers, 40 Greek Invited Speakers. Summary of Activities in National Greek Seminar against Epilepsy: 96 participants, three round tables, one satellite lecture, one session with oral presentations, six abstracts, 18 Invited Speakers

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

During the 5th Panhellenic Congress, the Global Campaign, in collaboration with the GR NAE, conducted a two-hour round table with four speakers from several fields. The Chair of the Global Campaign was Mr Philippe Lee. Around 100 participants joined the campaign.

Educational Activities

Educational Activities during 2009:

- 5th Educational Workshop: Myoclonic, Seizures and Syndromes in Limni Plastira, Greece, 21 February 2009
- 6th Educational Workshop: Greek-Turkish Theme: Chapters Workshop: 4 June 2009, Istanbul, Turkey. Theme: Absence seizures/syndromes across the ages. Fifty participants joined the events.
- During the 5th Panhellenic Congress, the Board of the Greek Chapter gave the chance to five interns to participate in the Congress free of charge.

Educational Activities during 2010:

- 7th Educational Workshop: Neuroimaging on Epilepsy in Nafplio, Greece, 13 March 2010. Fifty participants joined the event.
- During the Greek Seminar in Rhodes, the Board of the Greek Chapter gave the chance to twelve interns to participate in the Congress free of charge.

Future Plans

- Five Educational Seminars are planned. One will take place in Volos from 19 to 21 November 2010. Two are planned during 2011. One is already confirmed and will take place in Thessaloniki from 24-26 June 2011. Two during 2012 Panhellenic Epilepsy Congresses.
- Financial Support to Neurology Interns by participating in the aforementioned events free of charge
- Scholarships of Young Investigators
- Improvement of the GR LAE website
- Research Programs

Officer Election Date

26 June 2010

Report Submitted By

A Covanis, President

HUNGARIAN EPILEPSY LEAGUE (HEL)

Publications

Guideline of Epilepsy Care, by V Juhos, K Hollody and J Janszky (eds). 2010.

Meetings

In 2009: Meeting of HEL, as a Section of the Hungarian Clinical Neurophysiologic Society Conference, Kalocsa.

In 2010: Meeting of HEL, Kecskemet.

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In 2009, the 28th International Epilepsy Congress was held in Budapest. It was a great challenge for the HEL to help organize a successful and memorable Centenarian Congress, in association with the ILAE. In 2010, we published the new detailed form of the Epilepsy Protocol (*Guideline of Epilepsy Care*). The protocol contains the diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitation and caregiving recommendations, and defines the rules of personal and institutional conditions of epilepsy care.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Patronizing and supporting the Valentine Epilepsy Days every year on 14 February. Publications for patients and their families about epilepsy.

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Educational Activities

Regular educational courses and workshops on epilepsy in Győr (yearly). Teaching courses, about modern diagnostic and therapeutic methods in epilepsy, Budapest. The HEL announced a competition for the Donath Prize. The aim of the award is to inspire the scientific and educational activities of the young physicians, students, and medical specialists in the field of epilepsy.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

The Association for the Future of People with Epilepsy in Hungary has been a member of the IBE since 2007. Continue helping the activity of the organization having an umbrella function, coordinating the local societies, and patronizing the Valentine Epilepsy Days.

Future Plans

To continue the regular educational courses. To elaborate the new standards of quality control in epilepsy care in Hungary.

Officer Election Date

2011

Report Submitted By

J Jerney, President and Z Szupera, Secretary-General

ISRAELI LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Meetings

As follows

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

Annual Meetings:

- January 2009. Guest speaker: Gregory L Holmes
- January 2010. Guest speaker: Simon Shorvon (Number of participants – 213)

Additional Meetings:

- Loss of consciousness: Epileptic vs. cardiac (joint venture with the Israeli Cardiology Association – 300 participants)
- EEG workshops (4 hours with 50 participants)
- X 2 (May 2009 and February 2010)
- New Development in Epilepsy. 10 May 2010 (five guest speakers: S Berkovic, E Andermann, F Andermann, R Rikonen, M Sperling)

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

Consultation on local IBE web (scientific part, Q & A)

Officer Election Date

20 January 2011

Report Submitted By

Uri Kramer, President

JAMAICAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- This was a busy year for the JLAE following the success of the First North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy in May 2008. Regular teleconferences of the North American Commission took place, attended by Dr Ali, representing the JLAE and the affiliated Caribbean physicians.
- In February 2009 the Epilepsy Pre-surgical Evaluation Group (EPSEG) at the Mona Campus of the University Hospital of the West Indies was formally launched by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof E Nigel Harris, who commended the group on making a major step forward in dealing with a disorder much in need of advancement in care in the Caribbean. Since then we have had regular meetings of the EPSEG and although surgeries have not yet commenced, important management decisions regarding medical management and further investigations are regularly achieved, as well as excellent academic discussions.
- In April 2009, the JLAE was proud to host a week-long visit by Professors Dennis and Susan Spencer. During this busy week they met with the JLAE as well as paid courtesy calls on the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Professor A McDonald, the Principal, Professor G Shirley and the Vice-Chancellor of the University. They also formalized links with the Head of the Department of Neurosurgery Professor Ivor Crandon. Tours of the hospital then took place as well as teachings with residents. A CPC activity with Susan Spencer was well attended. Sadly, Professor Susan Spencer passed away soon after and remains much missed by those whom she met here in Jamaica.
- In late April, Amza Ali, President of the JLAE, was invited to speak at the Annual Nathan Rifkinson Neurosurgical Symposium in Puerto Rico. This allowed him the opportunity to discuss the plans for a Regional Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean (ESC). There was much interest in this.
- In July 2009 Dave Clarke, Visiting Professor to the JLAE and Amza Ali, made a visit to Antigua where lectures and clinical contact occurred. This was well received and plans are evolving to have them return regularly for clinical contact and an ongoing lecture schedule.
- Dave Clarke was also able to secure grant funding for the Secretary of the JLAE, Dr Roxanne Melbourne-Chambers, to proceed with a study on the use of a pediatric epilepsy questionnaire in Jamaica. She will present the data at the Second North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy in 2010.
- In October 2009 Dr Ali also spent a week in Trinidad lecturing and teaching on epilepsy and informing the local medical community of the plans for an inclusive Regional Chapter, i.e., the Epilepsy Society of Caribbean.
- In November 2009, Dr Ali and Dr Clarke attended the Caribbean Association of Neurosurgeons Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico where Dr Clarke gave a well

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received presentation on his work in epilepsy surgery. Later that month Drs Ali, Peter Johnson (radiologist) and Tammy Haynes-Robinson (neuropsychologist) visited Professor Dennis Spencer at Yale University in New Haven. There we put together our own protocol for WADA testing, based on the Yale method of as well as built relationships with the neuropsychology, neurosurgery and neurology groups there as we continue our efforts to develop an epilepsy surgical program in Jamaica for the Caribbean.

2010

- The year 2010 started with a visit to Guyana in February by the President, Amza Ali, sponsored by the ILAE. There Dr Ali met with key health personnel including the Minister of Health, Dr Leslie Ramsammy. He also lectured to medical students, residents and consultant physicians on the topic of epilepsy. The visit was quite revealing as epilepsy in Guyana, unlike most of the rest of the English-speaking Caribbean appears to have more infection-related epilepsy. The JLAE continues to grow with the addition of 15 members from Guyana. We hope that the Guyanese members will become fully involved in our Chapter's activities especially as it evolves to become a Regional Chapter.
- Monthly meetings of the Epilepsy Pre-surgical Evaluation Group (EPSEG) continue, strengthened by the return of neurosurgeon Professor Renn Holness from a distinguished career in Canada.
- Regular tele-meetings of the North American Regional Commission continue to take place, attended by Dr Amza Ali, JLAE President. A face to face Commission meeting took place at the American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting in Toronto in April 2010, also attended by Dr Ali.
- In May 2010 Dr Dave Clarke, Visiting Professor to the JLAE and a member of the ILAE, visited St Lucia and Barbados to lecture. He met with several key physicians in these islands and promoted regional integration through the activities of the JLAE and its planned transformation into the Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean (ESC).
- A paper on Seizures in Sickle Cell Disease in Jamaica authored by JLAE members Susanna and Amza Ali was accepted for publication in the *British Journal of Haematology*. The Alis also recently submitted a grant application to expand work in this area.
- Dr Ali is working with others in an activity of the International Affairs Commission of the AES, chaired by Professor Dennis Spencer, to develop a telemedicine facility to be physically sited in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston. This initiative has been greatly facilitated by the interest and support of Professor Ivor Crandon, Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of the West Indies. It will link Yale and the EPSEG in Jamaica for regular case conferences, towards the development of a mentored epilepsy surgical program in Jamaica for the Caribbean.
- In this regard we were also very happy that the AES and ILAE have made it possible for Puerto Rico to join the planned ESC as a full member. Their presence will undoubtedly strengthen the Regional Chapter.
- In June 2010 Dr Ali visited Barbados to speak on epilepsy and to network further with physicians in Barbados. We believe that the Barbadian physicians will be essential to the success of our regional efforts to advance epilepsy care, particularly in regard to the surgical initiative.
- July 2010 finally saw the launch of the JLAE website (www.jlae.org). We are very pleased at this development which we know will increase the visibility and activity of the Chapter and help to promote the regionalization of our initiatives.
- In September 2010 Dr Ali was invited to lecture and teach residents in Trinidad where he again continued his efforts for regional integration for advancing epilepsy care. Drs Ali and Clarke also went to Antigua in October for lectures and clinical contact, evolving out of the success of last year's visit by the two physicians. Twelve patients who had difficult management problems were seen by us. A wide spectrum of cases was seen, including sickle cell disease and epilepsy, malformations of cortical development and non-epileptic seizures. It can be said at this point there is a need to raise awareness about the plans to develop a Caribbean Regional Chapter of the ILAE as the ESC. In this regard Dr Clarke must be commended for his efforts to bring several of the Windward and Leeward islands of the Eastern Caribbean on board.
- Finally, the JLAE will host the Second North American Regional Caribbean Congress on Epilepsy (SNARCCE) to be held in Kingston, Jamaica 5-7 November. Apart from the academic and social activities, we are working to develop a truly representative Constitution that will ensure successful inter-island collaborations. This is part of the full application process for Chapter membership in ILAE, which in addition to the Constitution, includes Bylaws, proof of incorporation, and description of epilepsy services in the area. The full application will undoubtedly be made easier as we expand tele-medicine services across the Caribbean and so function as one cohesive Society. These constitutional articles will be discussed on 7 November at a meeting of Caribbean physicians and the ILAE Executive, including its President, Professor Solomon Moshé, who will be a keynote speaker at the Congress.

JAPAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY (JES)

Publications

Tenkan Kenkyu (published three times a year), *Epilepsy & Seizure* (published once a year)

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

The year 2009 was a year of remarkable developments both domestically and internationally compared to past years.

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1. The 28th International Epilepsy Congress was held in Budapest from 28 June to 2 July 2009. A total of 37 papers (four oral presentations and 33 posters) were presented from JES. During the Congress, the General Assembly of the ILAE was held and the new Executive Committee for the next four years was installed. Tatsuya Tanaka, then President of JES, assumed the office of First Vice President.
2. The year 2009 also marked the change of office for the JES Board of Directors. The new Board was installed at the General Assembly held on 21 October 2009. After the out-going President Tatsuya Tanaka and the other directors departed office, the newly elected President Sunao Kaneko and the new Board of Directors were inaugurated. Sunao Kaneko, the new President, also served as a member of the Commission of Asian and Oceania Affairs for epilepsy problems.
3. The membership of JES has continued to increase, with an additional 175 members joining the Society since 1 December 2008. Especially, there is a constant increase in pediatricians, neurologists and neurosurgeons.
4. Thirty-five members passed the certification examination for "clinical specialist for epilepsy" in 2009. Including these newly certified, a total of 353 JES-certified clinical specialists for epilepsy are now practicing in Japan.
5. The 43rd Congress of JES was held in Hirosaki on 22-23 October 2009 under Chair, Sunao Kaneko. Over 800 participants actively took part in discussions. The 2nd Korean Epilepsy Society – JES Joint Symposium — was also held during the Congress. It was decided that the 3rd symposium will be held in Seoul in June 2010.
6. As a post-Congress program, the International Symposium on Pharmacogenomics in Epilepsy was held in Hirosaki. World renowned researchers in epilepsy presented their latest findings in 13 oral presentations and 10 posters.
7. JES has started the JES Sponsored Award. Starting March 2010, ten young JES members will be dispatched to France and other countries.
8. Two young researchers in the Asian and Oceania Regions were supported by the JES Scholarship to receive training in Japan in 2009.

Report Submitted By

Masako Watanabe, Secretary-General

KOREAN CHAPTER/SANG-DOE YI

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

The 2010 Korean Pediatric Epilepsy Preceptorship
The 2010 Korean Epilepsy Society International Education Fellowship

Educational Activities

The 2010 Korean Pediatric Epilepsy Preceptorship: The Korean Epilepsy Society has established a comprehensive three-day course of an annual Pediatric

Epilepsy Preceptorship program for Asian Pediatric Epilepsy Fellows and Junior faculties. This program, endorsed by the Pediatric Commission of the ILAE, co-branded by the Asian Epilepsy Academy of the ILAE, is held at Severance Hospital, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea from 11 to 13 November 2010. This program overviews the diagnosis, classification and management of seizures, current advances in pediatric epilepsy including new diagnostic methods, treatment options, and underlying pathophysiology.

The 2010 Korean Epilepsy Society International Education Fellowship: The Korean Epilepsy Society has established an annual fellowship program for promotion of epileptology in the Asian and Oceanian countries. Two young neurologists in adult and pediatric neurology were invited to attend the Korean Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting and to make a short visit for two months to a selected hospital epilepsy center (in this year, Severance Hospital, Yonsei University, Seoul) in Korea.

Officer Election Date

22 October 2007

Report Submitted By

Heung Dong Kim

SOCIETY OF EPILEPTOLOGISTS OF LITHUANIA

Publications

Book for patients with epilepsy and their caregivers (32 pages, in 2009). Information leaflets for patients and their families: "Me and my epilepsy," (for siblings), "West syndrome."

Meetings

"Safe and effective treatment of epilepsy" in March 2008, Kaunas; "Development of epileptology: from the beginning to the latest achievements" dedicated to the ILAE Centenary celebration in January 2010, Kaunas.

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- Organization of annual conferences with participation of experts in the field from other countries.
- Organization of the special event devoted to the ILAE Centenary celebration and the Conference "Development of epileptology: from the beginning to the latest achievements", reviewing international and Lithuanian history of epileptology, current problems and perspectives.
- Co-organization of the 2nd Migrating Course on Epilepsy (with ILAE-CEA and EUREPA) on 1-8 June, 2008 in Trakai with 35 participants from 15 countries and 23 speakers.
- Two special sessions on epilepsy during the 6th Baltic Congress of Neurology in Vilnius, 14-16 May 2009 with participation of numerous outstanding speakers.

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- Practical teaching course “EEG in epilepsy” with the participation of international experts on 13 May, 2009 in Vilnius.
- Session and instructional course on epilepsy during 21st Annual Meeting of European Academy of Childhood Disability on 3-6 June 2009 in Vilnius.
- Conference “Rare syndromes and orphan drugs in epilepsy” co-organized with Lithuanian Child Neurology Society in December 2009.
- Regular communication with the health authorities regarding availability of antiepileptic drugs and rehabilitation of patients with epilepsy.
- Participation in the working group to create new law of driving for people with epilepsy according to the directives of EU Commission (valid from 29 September 2010).
- Updated guidelines on management of epilepsy patients in Lithuania are in process (started 2010).

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Promotion of epilepsy-related problems by inviting mass media to the organized events and publishing in press. Activities related to the new law for driving and rehabilitation program.

Educational Activities

- Annual Conferences of Society and co-organized Conferences.
- 2nd Migrating Course on Epilepsy, practical teaching course on EEG.
- Postgraduate courses on epilepsy for neurologists, pediatric neurologists and nurses at university hospitals.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

Priority – establishment and reorganization of rehabilitation in epilepsy. Special working group has been organized with participation of specialists (neurologists, rehabilitologist), patient organization LESIA (associate IBE member) and representatives of the Ministries of Health and of Social Affairs. Further development of cooperation with Bethel Epilepsy Center in Germany, visits of representatives of LESIA and representatives of German ILAE Chapter to Lithuania. Inter-university collaboration between Kaunas University of Medicine and Bielefeld University was established, research work on rehabilitation of patients with epilepsy was performed followed by defense of doctoral thesis. Grant provided for participation at IBE Congress (epilepsy nurse). Society grant-supporting research in rehabilitation in epilepsy.

Future Plans

Organization of Annual Conferences of the Chapter, education activities for health professionals. Further development of epilepsy rehabilitation program, EEG services and standards, patient education programs. Development of updated guidelines on treatment of epilepsy patients. Organization of European Day of Epilepsy in February 2011.

Officer Election Date
2011

Report Submitted By
Nerija Vaiciene-Magistris, President

LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY OF REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- *Journal Epilepsy*, published twice a year in Macedonian and English
- Several local meetings on themes related to epilepsy

Educational Activities

Regular CME meetings for young neurologist and residents with materials provided by the World Federation of Neurology

Future Plans

- Further local educational meetings
- Possible organization of regional meeting on stigma and epilepsy

Officer Election Date
2012

Report Submitted By
Emilija Cvetkovska, Vice President

MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF NEUROSCIENCES, EPILEPSY COUNCIL

Meetings

A total of five meetings in 2009 and 2010

- 13 January 2009
- 16 March 2009
- 19 May 2009
- 23 August 2009
- 22 May 2010

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

1. Updating the 2005 version of Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Epilepsy
2. Raising awareness among non-neurologists on the danger of generic substitution of antiepileptic drugs, in line with American Association of Neurology guidelines
3. Raising awareness among neurologists on the need for HLA-B*1502 testing in patients by setting up Task Force
4. Exploring the possibilities of assigning the status of “Patient with Disability” to epileptic patients in Malaysia
5. Launching of the Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Epilepsy 2010

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Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Raising public awareness of epilepsy as a disease and the treatment modalities available in both adult and pediatric via newsprint and audiovisual media.

Educational Activities

A series of continuous medical educational programs was carried out by Prof Dato Dr Raymond Azman Ali

1. "Current status of status epilepticus" at the 8th Biennial Convention of the Asean Neurological Association (ASNA) & Neuroscience 2009, 20th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences, Berjaya Times Square Hotel and Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1-4 April 2009.
2. "Diagnosing epileptic seizures: fits or faints?" presented to the clinical students at the medical faculty of Universitas Syiah Kuala, Banda Aceh, Indonesia, 13 April 2009.
3. "Current trends in the management of epilepsy" at the GSK "Encouraged" Workshop for pharmacists from the Ministry of Health of Malaysia, Pelangi Beach Resort, 17 April 2009.
4. "Current trends in the management of epilepsy" at the Half-Day Seminar on Neuropsychiatry for doctors from the Ministry of Health of Malaysia, Johor region, organized by Permai Hospital, Johor Bahru, Persada Johor International Convention Centre, Johor Bahru, 24 April 2009.
5. "Management of Epilepsy" at the continuing medical education session, Department of Neurology, Kuala Lumpur Hospital, 15 June 2009.
6. "Definition and Classification of Status Epilepticus" at the Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA), Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, 25 July 2009.
7. "Overview of Epilepsy" at the Monthly CME of the Sultanah Nur Zahirah Hospital, Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia, 30 July 2009.
8. "Status Epilepticus" at the Neurology Update of the Neurology Unit of the Sultanah Nur Zahirah Hospital, Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia, 30 July 2009.
9. "Adult onset epilepsy: seizure semiology and management" at the Traders Hotel, Muar, Segamat and Batu Pahat Hospitals, 13 November 2009.
10. Delivered a lecture entitled "Semiology and Management of Adult Epilepsy" at the Neurology Seminar 2009, Tuanku Ampuan Afzan Hospital, Kuantan, Pahang, 4 December 2009.
11. "Management of the first epileptic seizure" at the Medical Department CME, Putrajaya Hospital, 11 December 2009.
12. "Review of intravenous levetiracetam in seizure emergencies", Dinner Symposium on Seizure Emergencies, Prince Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, 6 March 2010.
13. "Antiepileptic drug and Epilepsy management update" to the pharmacists at Universiti Sains Malaysia Hospital, Kota Bharu, 15 March 2010.
14. "Old and new antiepileptic drugs: quality of life of patients with epilepsy" to 150 neurologists, neurosurgeons, pediatricians and psychiatrists in Hanoi, Vietnam, organized by the Neurological Association of Vietnam & GlaxoSmithKline (Vietnam), 13 March 2010.
15. "Old and new antiepileptic drugs: quality of life of patients with epilepsy" to 200 neurologists, neurosurgeons, pediatricians and psychiatrists in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, organized by the Neurological Association of Vietnam & GlaxoSmithKline (Vietnam), 14 March 2010.
16. "Special issues in epilepsy management" at the Janssen-Cilag Epilepsy Meeting, Shangri La Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 27 March 2010.
17. "Special issues in epilepsy management" at the Janssen-Cilag Lunch Symposium, An Update Of Pediatric Neurology 2010, Penang Hospital, Malaysia, 17 July 2010.
18. "Special issues in epilepsy management" at the Neurology Update 2010 of Hospital Raja Perempuan Bainun, Ipoh, Malaysia, 30 July 2010.
19. "Special issues in epilepsy management" at the 5th Conference in Internal Medicine 2010, Grand Riverview Hotel, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaysia, 8-9 August 2010, by Assoc Prof Dr Tan Hui Jan
20. "Neuro Update" in Hospital Kuala Lumpur, 12 March 2010.
21. "Epilepsy Disorders", 30 April 2010, organized by Easai.
22. "Status Epilepticus" lecture during Malaysian Society of Neuroscience Annual Meeting in Kota Kinabalu 21-23 May 2010.
23. "Treatment of women with epilepsy" during MSN GSK-Merck National Neurology Update, Pulau Redang, 18-20 June 2010.

Future Plans

1. To hold the 2nd symposium/workshop on awareness of epilepsy to school counselors and teachers in 2011.
2. To enhance the campaign against the use of generic AEDs among doctors and pharmacists.
3. To continue public awareness of epilepsy in public forums and through the mass media.

Officer Election Date

June 2012

Report Submitted By

Annie Tan, Secretariat

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MALIAN LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (LMCE)

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

During the period July 2009 to June 2010, LMCE has conducted activities according to its mandate focusing on the following areas:

1. Recognition and visibility at national and international level. After its creation in July 2007, the LMCE follows its objective of institutional recognition at national and international level. We asked and obtained our admission as a Chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy in July 2009.
2. Training. In conformity with its mandate, the LMCE has initiated many training sessions toward three different target populations that are involved in the fight against epilepsy in Mali.

Educational Activities

1. Training of healthcare workers.
A post-university teaching has been organized in Bamako (capital-town) on the treatment of epilepsy and presented to 70 physicians of Bamako teaching hospitals. In the other regions, three training sessions on the management of epilepsy cases have been organized in the following towns: Kayes, Kati and Ségou. About 20 medical doctors and nurses were present by region. The LMCE, as part of its participation in the activities of the Association of Rural Doctors in Mali, has intervened regularly in the training of physicians in rural areas of the country.
2. Training of the community.
Raising awareness, communication and education on the theme of epilepsy at school was organized in all of the primary schools of Kati. More than 120 teachers and 2,000 pupils were reached.
3. Training of traditional healers.
To begin the collaboration with traditional healers, we undertook a series of work and contacting with the quacks of the city of Bamako. An activity concerning the therapeutic approach to the epilepsies was done. In this frame, we have reached 150 traditional healers that are organized in Association. We plan to begin a campaign of raising awareness among this group in 2011.
4. Raising awareness.
Talks and debate were organized monthly, by members of the LMCE in the Department of Pediatrics, Gabriel Touré Teaching Hospital-Bamako, to the relatives of children, epileptic or not, to improve their knowledge and acceptance of the disease. Moreover, in 2010, the town of Kati, 20 kilometers from Bamako, was chosen to be the site of information and raising-awareness campaigns for pupils and teachers.
5. Care.
To appreciably improve the accessibility to quality care, the LMCE undertook several activities in the

following areas:

- Raising awareness in the private pharmacies: The LMCE took steps with some pharmacies in Bamako, to improve the availability of antiepileptic medicines.
 - Partnerships with foreign NGOs: To improve the accessibility to medicines for patients with low income, partnerships were introduced and must be researched. So, the LMCE started a partnership with the association "Sabugnuman" from Saint-Sébastien in France which helps to take care of epileptic children in trouble. Presently the project is in its beginning and we have about ten epileptic children completely taken in charge.
 - Support to research: Several doctoral theses in medicine were introduced in association with the Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry of Bamako. These theses concern essentially community studies "knowledge and attitude of the population toward epilepsy" or "epilepsy in schools". Others concerning "Epilepsy and road safety" and "epilepsy and traditional medicine" are in progress. Works concerning the etiology of epilepsy in Mali brought insight on this point. This research is about neurocysticercosis, epilepsy during HIV infection, and epilepsy during cerebral malaria.
6. Met difficulties.
The LMCE is a young organization with very limited means that constitute an important barrier for the implementation of the strategies in the fight against the epilepsy. So, the LMCE does not presently have an operating budget.

Future Plans

During 2011, in addition to the current activities on raising awareness and training, the LMCE plans to widen its field of action with the following items:

- Implement Regional Committees to pursue the work of the LMCE at local level.
- Establish the week of epilepsy in Mali.
- Pursue the work with traditional medicine.
- Pursue the discussion on traditional medicine with the aim of the implementation of a work platform.
- We intend to reinforce our fight in 2010-2011. However we have difficulties in setting up our activities because of our very limited financial means.

Officer Election Date

July 2012

Report Submitted By

Dr Yousoufa Maiga, MD, Secretary-General

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EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF MALTA

Publications

Contributions to Atlas of Epilepsy (Springer) and WHO Euro Report

Meeting

20 February 2010: National Conference in conjunction with Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- Advocacy and promotion about epilepsy in Malta.
- Promoting epilepsy research in Europe through FP7 national contact point.
- Participation in national and international epilepsy and medical conferences.
- Improving therapy and other facilities for persons with epilepsy in Malta.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Contributor to WHO Euro Report 2010

Educational Activities

- Lectures on epilepsy for medical, pharmacy, social work, nursing students at the University of Malta.
- Lectures on epilepsy to various disability organizations in Malta.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

National Epilepsy Conference with over 200 participants; presentations on TV and radio stations; press releases; training for teachers in conjunction with Ministry of Education; training for police officers in conjunction with Police Academy; talks in schools.

Future Plans

Updates of educational videos; updates of educational leaflets; research on epidemiology of epilepsy in Malta

Officer Election Date

2012

Report Submitted By

Janet Mifsud, Secretary-General

MONGOLIAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY

Publications

- "Some influencing factors of epilepsy in 0-7 aged children". *The Journal of Health Sciences University*, 2010 (3)
- "Febrile seizure and its influencing factors". *The Journal of Health Sciences University*, 2010 (3)

Meetings

October 2009, May 2010

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

Executive Board meeting every six months; Social awareness activities in four provinces and two districts; international exchange activities (Epilepsy Center in Erlangen, Epilepsy Summer Course in San Servolo).

Educational Activities

Improving epilepsy education among the population; Advances in diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy; Quality of life with epilepsy patients

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

In 2009 and 2010, the Mongolian Epilepsy Association provided the "Quality of Life" program in several provinces.

Future Plans

National epilepsy and EEG/Electrophysiology Conference in May 2011; continue "Quality of Life" program for all provinces and major settlements

Officer Election Date

June 2012

Report Submitted By

A Tovuudorj, MD, Secretary-General

NIGERIAN NATIONAL CHAPTER OF ILAE

Meetings

24-25 November 2010

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- Inaugural Meeting and Scientific Conference 20 May 2009.
- School Educational Programs Community Neurology Projects (ongoing)
- Numerous Radio Programs

Educational Activities

Two scientific conferences May 2009, November 2010
Secondary School Awareness Programs

Future Plans

Continue school awareness programs in 3-5 schools in 2011; collaboration between state Chapters on research; collaboration with the international body on research; advocacy; bimonthly radio programs

Officer Election Date

2012 (at the Congress)

Report Submitted By

Dr Birinus Ezeala-Adikaibe, Secretary

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EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

Epilepsy-related activities (public health awareness, patient-care, academic, etc) in Pakistan have been going on since 1985 when the country's first formal epilepsy clinic was started at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Karachi. Since then, most of the active members of the Epilepsy Association of Pakistan (EAP) have been involved in various epilepsy-related activities evolving into the Comprehensive Epilepsy Control Program of Pakistan (CECP) and the National Epilepsy Centre (NEC). Both these needed a special platform of a non-governmental organization (NGO) for purposes of continuity and sustainability. The volunteers for all these activities are members of EAP. However, there are others whose contribution is on an individual basis. The presence and activities of the NGO run CECP & NEC are in fact the main activities of EAP. EAP, through the auspices of CECP, primarily focused on public awareness of epilepsy. Continued medical education and training of primary-care physicians, especially those who are practicing in the remote areas of the country and are usually the first epilepsy-care providers, was targeted.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

PUBLIC AWARENESS OF EPILEPSY and EFFORTS TO REDUCE STIGMA

Public Health Awareness (ongoing established activity since 2001) has been the prime goal and consistent awareness activities have helped in acceptability of epilepsy as a treatable disorder and stigma reduction. Awareness through electronic and print media, specially designed awareness posters and stickers for vehicles and billboards and graffiti was targeted. Some of the prominent activities are detailed below.

- **Epilepsy Awareness Posters:** Specially designed large-sized illustrated posters have been used for epilepsy awareness among school children, teachers and the masses of the entire country for more than five years. In the year 2009-2010, 13,188 posters in the National (Urdu) and regional languages were affixed in schools, madrassahs (traditional schools) and prominent public places like chemists, banks, railway stations, intercity bus stands, etc. of more than 40 big and small cities/towns with and covering their adjacent villages. It is estimated that approximately 3.1 million students and teachers and an unaccountable number of population were exposed to this awareness campaign.
- **Free Epilepsy Camps:** Four Free Epilepsy Camps in small towns of Sindh and Punjab provinces were held. A total of 985 epilepsy patients were given free consultation and counseling. In 2009-2010 this activity took a backseat due to the security problems in the country. Free Epilepsy Camp is one of the most important epilepsy awareness activities in which not only quality consultation and advice is provided but also marks the setting up of a Satellite Epilepsy Centre for near-home epilepsy care and epilepsy awareness in the Free Camp catchment area. A well

chalked out, intensive and effective week long pre-camp epilepsy awareness campaign using handbills, posters, print media, cable TV, mosques, loudspeaker mounted vehicle, graffiti is exposed to 1.2 million general public in a free camp area.

- **Awareness Graffiti and Billboards:** Through this activity approximately five million people in various cities and towns of the country were exposed to the message "Epilepsy is medically treatable. It is not due to djinn, witchcraft, sorcery, evil eye or other supernatural causes. Contact your doctor for treatment."

IMPROVED PATIENT MANAGEMENT

Epilepsy Services at National Epilepsy Centre, Karachi is an NGO-run facility at a tertiary-care public hospital.

- **Patient Consultation:** A total of 1,542 new patients were registered during 2009-2010 and monthly follow-up consultations to the patients were provided.
- **Drug Bank:** Non-compliance due to cost is the main problem faced in a poor-resourced country like Pakistan. To overcome this, the Drug Bank at NEC provided a regular supply (first-line & some second-line AEDs with additional B-Complex, Folic acid & Calcium supplements). A 30-day supply of medicine was provided at a token cost of PKR 60/- (USD 0.7), equivalent to approximately 8% of the actual cost. The remaining cost (> 92%) was borne by public donors.
- **EEG services:** Video-EEG recordings are performed at a token cost of PKR 300/- (USD 3.5) as against the commercial rates of Rs. 5000-8000 (USD 60-90). A total of 1,567 Video-EEGs were performed in the reporting years.

Educational Activities

CONTINUED MEDICAL EDUCATION and TRAINING OF PRIMARY-CARE PHYSICIANS

This has been stressed in view of the low number of neurologists in the country. Each free camp was followed by an Epilepsy CME workshop for the district doctors. Seventy primary care physicians were updated on epilepsy diagnosis and management. Special advanced three-tiered physician training workshops were held. Didactic lectures, mock patient assessment and finally assessment of real epileptic patients were the main features of these workshops. The interactive patient-doctor session helped the physicians gain confidence. All these workshops were held under the supervision of senior neurologists of the country. Four hundred and twenty-two doctors attended these workshops.

Future Plans

Epilepsy Association of Pakistan will continue to make efforts to:

- Improve epilepsy-care; primary to tertiary levels.
- Increase public awareness.
- Increase human resource.
- Ensure availability of quality drugs in every part of the country.

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- Make efforts to convince governmental agencies about epilepsy being a major health problem requiring special considerations and funds allocation.

Officer Election Date

June 2012

Report Submitted By

Prof Shaukat Ali, President

POLISH LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Our members published their studies in: *Epilepsia*, *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery*, *Epileptologia*, *Seizure*, *Journal of Child Neurology*, *Pediatrics*, *Neurological Current*, *Practical Neurology*, *Neurology* (Polish edition), *European Journal of Neurology*, *Epilepsy and Behavior*.

Meetings

Polish Epilepsy Society Congress 20-21 May 2010

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

The VI Congress of Polish Society of Epileptology was held in Warsaw from 20-22 May 2010, with over 450 health professionals with a special interest in epilepsy attending. Five members received the certification for "epileptology" in 2009 and 2010. During the period between 2009 and 2010 there were several activities organized by the Polish Chapter focusing on continuous education activities (e.g., EEG, Polish School on Epilepsy, Therapeutic challenges in patients with localization-related seizures). The Polish Chapter hosted the Migrating Course on Epilepsy (15-21 August 2010)

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

The Polish Chapter actively takes part in adjustment of European Union Directives regulating the Drivers License possibilities for patients with epilepsy.

Educational Activities

The 4th Migrating Course on Epilepsy took place in Serock, Poland, 15-21 August 2010. The course was organized by the joint initiative of the Commission of European Affairs (CEA), ILAE, the Polish Society of Epileptology and EUREPA (administrative work). This course was a continuum of the educational initiative — "Migrating Course on Epilepsy" — that was started in 2007 (Serbia) to take place once a year in different European countries. It was a clinically-oriented course, targeted to specialists at the second and third level of epilepsy care. The course was addressed to applicants providing care for patients with epilepsy and who wish to refine their skills in epileptology. The course program was focused on comprehensive aspects of diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy. It also included the basic

sciences in clinical epileptology issues. Different issues of adult and pediatric epileptology have been covered. The course was planned for 36 participants. Initially, 42 applications were received but finally the course was attended by 37 participants. The educational and organizational aspects of the course were rated very well. Additionally two members received support for participation in the Baltic Summer School of Epilepsy (Granavollen, Norway).

Future Plans

- The Polish Chapter is preparing the new version of the recommendations for management of patients with epilepsy. (This includes the new proposals of Classification and Terminology proposed by ILAE.)
- Organization of the National Congress – The next Polish Society of Epileptology Meeting will be organized in Warsaw from 21-23 May 2010.
- Additionally, the Polish Chapter will take an active part in the organization of courses, meetings and conferences on epilepsy including BSSSE 5 which will be held in Sopot/Poland 19-24 June 2010.
- Promotion and support of legislation and regulations in favor of people with epilepsy.
- Collaboration with the health authorities to develop high standards for epilepsy care throughout the country.
- Further support for young doctors and specialists interested in improving their knowledge of epilepsy

Officer Election Date

21 May 2010

Report Submitted By

Maria Mazurkiewicz-Będzzińska, Treasurer

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Notícias da Epilepsia and National and Regional written press interviews

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- 21st Epileptology National Meeting – Coimbra (13 and 14 March 2009)
- V Spanish/Portuguese Meeting – Seville (24 October 2009)
- II Forum on Epilepsy Surgery – Lisbon (27 November 2009)
- III Forum on Epilepsy Surgery – Oporto (18 March 2010)
- 22nd Epileptology Meeting – Oporto (March 2010)
- IV Forum on Epilepsy Surgery – Figueira da Foz (1 October 2010)
- VI Portuguese/Spanish Meeting – Lisbon (30 October 2010)
- BIAL Forum – Lisbon (22 November 2010)

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Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

- Creation of the National day of Epilepsy.
- Epilepsy issues discussed on National Television Programs – Sociedade Civil and Bom Dia Portugal.
- Course to epileptic people's caregivers/parents throughout 2009 with the support of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
- II IBE Encounter of epilepsy
- III IBE Encounter of epilepsy
- IV IBE Encounter of epilepsy
- 'Living with epilepsy' project on a national level, co-sponsored by the High Commissariat of Health
- 2009/2010 Organization of the new and shared website – www.epilepsia.pt – and organization of the Facebook page

Educational Activities

- Creation of a DVD – 'Epilepsy on School'
- Course on Epilepsy, a course directed to teachers – Coimbra (13 March 2009)
- Course on epileptology update – e-Learning (26 October 2009)
- Several workshops and educational update on schools, kindergartens, directed to teachers, students, technicians, and auxiliary staff

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

- EPI3C – Course to epileptic people's caregivers/parents throughout 2009 with the support of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
- II IBE Encounter of epilepsy
- III IBE Encounter of epilepsy
- IV IBE Encounter of epilepsy
- 'Epilepsy outside – Coimbra – with the help of several circus companies
- Several workshops and educational update on schools, kindergartens, directed to teachers, students, technicians, auxiliary staff

Future Plans

23rd Epileptology Meeting – Lisbon (18 and 19 March 2011)

Report Submitted By

Francisco Sales, President

QATAR NEUROLOGY AND QATAR LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Al Hail-Hassan. Epidemiology and Etiology of Intractable Epilepsy in Qatar, *Qatar Medical Journal* volume13/number1; June 2004, pp. 11- 13. Regional neurology journals.2-Deleu D, Mesraoua B, Al Hail H, Dsouza A, Mahmoud HA

Meetings

Upcoming Annual Qatar Epilepsy meeting in February 2011

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- Qatar Annual Neurology and Epilepsy meeting February 2009.
- Five neurologists from Hamad Hospital attended the 28th International Epilepsy Congress, 28 June-2 July, Budapest, Hungary. Dr Al Hail et al participated with an abstract (# p094) Hypothalamic Hemartoma.
- Recently, two neurologists had attended the last European Epilepsy Congress 2010, in Rhodes.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Educational activities:

- Training workshop on Electroencephalography for young neurologists was held in the Department of Neurology in Hamad General Hospital
- Regular training for medical students from Weil Cornell Medical Faculty in Doha
- Participation with epilepsy cases in the Hospital weekly Neurology Grand Round

Educational Activities

- Expert exchange programs for internationally renowned neurologist and epileptologist as visiting consultants for patient care and lecture presentations. Last year we invited to 5th Qatar Regional Neurology Conference Prof Dr Wisser from Switzerland and Prof Dr E Perucca from Italy and many other neurologists from the region and also in February 2011, will have more international and national speakers focusing on epilepsy and other neurology topics in 6th Qatar Neurology Conference.
- Published small books on epilepsy written for the public in the Arabic language explaining different aspects of epilepsy symptoms, diagnosis and treatment. The first book (about 100 pages) was written by Dr Hassan Al Hail and the second book (about 200 pages) was written by Dr M. Fawzi, a pediatric neurologist.
- Several education media programs about epilepsy were made for local Qatar TV and local newspapers.
- An intranet site was established in our Hospital website. The website address is <http://qatarneuroscience.webs.com/>; focusing on epilepsy education and other aspects.
- Our neurology department staff members have attended and participated in many regional, local and international epilepsy Conferences.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

The Qatar League Against Epilepsy (QLAE) was established in 1995 and since that time the League is a member and the Qatar Chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) since and the

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International Bureau of Epilepsy. During the recent years QLAE had initiated several educational and Congress activities. Several local and regional (Gulf region) neurology and epilepsy Conferences took place.

Future Plans

- 6th Qatar Neurology Conference (at the end of February 2011).
- Increase our staff physician and EEG technologist numbers.
- Several works for publications are in progress: Epidemiology of Epilepsy in Qatar, Knowledge and awareness of epilepsy in epilepsy patients and their families.
- Get approval for a national epilepsy day.

Officer Election Date

January 2011

Report Submitted By

Dr Hassan Al Hail, President and
Dr Tag Eldin Sokrab, Secretary-General

SWEDISH EPILEPSY SOCIETY

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

Professor Kristina Malmgren from Gothenburg is together with Giuseppe Capovilla from the Italian Chapter responsible for the ILAE project — Fighting epilepsy in Ghana.

Educational Activities

The SES Annual Course was held in Uppsala 13-14 November 2009. Approximately 100 delegates attended the meeting focused on "Antiepileptic drugs and side effects". Workshops on EEG monitoring in neonatal intensive care, arranged in Uppsala on 12 March with a follow-up on 10 September 2010. A workshop on "Dravet syndrome, from genes to ion channels", held in Gothenburg on 22 October 2010. Meetings have been arranged during International Congresses for discussions between Board members representing the Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian Chapters. Members of the Swedish Chapter have been invited to participate in the educational activities in the other Nordic countries during 2010. Visiting professor Torbjörn Tomson was lecturing at the Baltic Sea Summer School in Norway, June 2010.

Future Plans

- Seminar on "Novel treatment strategies for epilepsy," in Lund, 5 February 2011
- A workshop on standardized EEG-reporting systems for routine evaluations and long-term monitoring, 11 March 2011.
- The SES Annual Course focusing on "Evidence-based epilepsy treatment," a two-day course in Linköping, November 2011.

Officer Election Date

12 November 2010

Report Submitted By

Kristina Källén, President

SWISS LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

Publications

Journal Epileptologie, Newsletter, DVDs, and more

Meetings

6th Joint Meeting of the German, Austrian and Swiss Chapters of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) in Rostock, Germany, 20-23 May 2009.

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

Publications

- *Journal Epileptologie* (Epileptology), publication four times a year, 52 pages each, with information about new developments in epilepsy research and treatment (for professionals, 1,750 copies).
- Newsletter *Epilepsie News*, publication four times a year, 6 pages each until June 2009, then 4 pages each, with information about the activities of the League and about epilepsy (for laymen, 33,000 copies in German, 10,000 copies in French and 4,000 copies in Italian, since June 2009 no more copies in Italian).
- Brochure on "Prizes and Awards in Epileptology" in German (500 copies).
- Two new information leaflets on "Epilepsy and Sports" and on "Epilepsy and Work" in German (8,000 copies) and French (2,000 copies).
- Annual report in German and French (860 copies).
- Brochure on events of the Swiss League Against Epilepsy in German and French (3,000 copies).
- Edition of the DVD "Dissoziative Anfälle" (500 copies) for professionals.
- Edition of the DVD "Epilepsie / Epilessia" (500 copies) for non-professionals.
- Monthly electronic newsletter (over 29,000 copies/year).
- Brochure on "Prizes and Awards in Epileptology" in German (400 copies).
- Annual report in German and French (850 copies).
- Brochure on events of the Swiss League Against Epilepsy in German and French (2,700 copies).
- Edition of the DVD "Year of the Wolf" with German subtitles (1,500 copies).
- Monthly electronic newsletter (over 100,000 copies/year).

Summary of Activities 2009

- 6th Joint Meeting of the German, Austrian and Swiss Chapters of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) in Rostock, Germany, 20-23 May.

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- Three annual events in different cities, for laymen, with several lectures held by epilepsy experts. Main topic: "Life with Epilepsy."
- Three annual events in different cities, for professionals, with several lectures held by epilepsy experts.
- Main event on the "Day of Epilepsy," 5 October, in Lucerne. Topic: "Epilepsy and Work." Open to laymen and professionals.
- Special day for patients and their relatives. Topic: "Epilepsy and Stress."
- TV Spot "Ensemble" for the French part of Swiss TV
- TV Talk "Xund Epilepsie", 18 August, TeleBasel.
- "Under 21" Football Semifinals in Sweden, 26 June, with Swiss delegate, Matthias Frei
- Award for the best dissertation of the year in the field of epilepsy research.
- Grant for the most promising study in Switzerland in the field of epileptology.
- Awarding of Professor Heinz Gregor Wieser, former president, with the Tissot medal, offered by the Swiss League against Epilepsy.
- Awarding of the "Hauptmann-Preis" in Rostock, Germany.

Activities 2010

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- Three annual events in different cities, for professionals, with several lectures held by epilepsy experts.
- Main event on the "Day of Epilepsy", 5 October, in Aarau. Topic: "Epilepsy and Emotions". Open to laymen and professionals.
- Special day for patients and their relatives. Topic: "Examination methods."
- Award for the best dissertation of the year in the field of epilepsy research.
- Grant for the most promising study in Switzerland in the field of epileptology.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

2009 Main event on the "Day of Epilepsy", 5 October, in Lucerne. Topic: "Epilepsy and Work". Open to laymen and professionals, accompanied by a media campaign.

2010 Main event on the "Day of Epilepsy", 5 October, in Aarau. Topic: "Epilepsy and Emotions." Open to laymen and professionals, accompanied by a media campaign.

Educational Activities

2009 Three annual events in different cities, for professionals, with several lectures held by epilepsy experts. Lectures for staff in the pharmaceutical industry.

2010 Three annual events in different cities, open to professionals, with several lectures held by epilepsy experts. Lectures for staff in the pharmaceutical industry.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

2009 Special day for patients and their relatives. Topic: "Epilepsy and Stress."

2010 Special day for patients and their relatives. Topic: "Examination methods."

Future Plans

- Publication of a series of DVDs for professionals and laymen
- Publication of a Report on Epilepsy in Switzerland, 2012
- Social Research: Survey of Public Attitudes toward Epilepsy in Switzerland

Officer Election Date

Spring 2013

Report Submitted By

Darela Erb, Secretary-General

SYRIAN CHAPTER OF EPILEPSY

Meeting

PAUNS 26-29 May 2010

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

The Main activity is a one-day course in Epilepsy on 26 May 2010 during the Pan Arab Congress Union of Neurological Society (PAUNS) which was held in Damascus 26-29 May 2010. This course was held under the umbrella of ILAE and CEMA.

Educational Activities

Epilepsy Teaching course: 26 May 2010 (Organized by CEMA in collaboration with ILAE) 8:30 Registration 8:50-9:00 Welcome: A Khalifa 1st session Chairs: A Khalifa, H Hosny, W Nasreddin 9:00-9:35 Benign Epilepsy: Abdallah Rahbani (Lebanon) 9:35-10:10 Idiopathic Generalized Epilepsy: Wassim Nasereddin (Lebanon) 10:10-10:45 Temporal Lobe Epilepsy: Ayman Emam (KSA) 10:45-11:00 COFFEE BREAK 2nd session Chairs: A Beydoun, T Alsaadi 11:00-11:35 Extratemporal Epilepsy: Ayman Emam 11:35-12:10 Progressive Myoclonic Epilepsy: Ahmad Khalifa 12:10-12:45 Nonepileptic Spells: Taoufik Alsaadi (UAE) 12:45-14:00 Lunch 3rd session Chairs: A Emam, N Sleie 14:00-14:35 Newly diagnosed Epilepsy: Ahmad Beydoun (Lebanon) 14:35-15:10 When is Epilepsy Medically Refractory?: Ahmad Beydoun 15:10-15:45 Epilepsy Surgery: Marwan Najjar (Lebanon) 15:45-16:20 Epilepsy Surgery outcome: Wassim Nasereddin 16:20-16:55 Nonsurgical treatment for refractory epilepsy: Basem Uthman (Qatar) 16:55 Closing Remarks: A. Khalifa

Future Plans

Epilepsy course of Continuum TBA later in this year.

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Officer Election Date
end of 2011

Report Submitted By
Ahmad Khalifa, President

EPILEPSY SOCIETY OF THAILAND

Publications

Epilepsy Digest

Meeting

Annual Scientific Meeting 21-22 July 2011

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

Since July 2009, the new Executive Committee has started its two-year term. Continuation of the planned policies and activities which were initially planned in early 2009 has been carried out. The 14th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society on 22 and 23 July was another successful meeting. This year guest speakers were Prof Shorvon and Prof Leppik. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, the 5th EEG Workshop was held two days on 20 and 21 July. The first Epilepsy Course for In-training neurology and pediatric neurology residents and fellows was setup between 20 and 22 August, which was another successful academic activity. Research activity in the field of epilepsy is being planned and tentatively will be implemented in the year 2011. Education for schoolteachers has been carried on twice in the year 2010.

Summary of Activities in Relation to Global Campaign in 2009 and 2010

One-day education for publics was held in January 2010. Main public activities are led by Epilepsy Association of Thailand with the support from Epilepsy Society of Thailand.

Educational Activities

1. One-day epilepsy course 22 July 2009
2. 13th Annual Scientific Meeting 23-24 July 2009
3. EEG Workshop 20-21 July 2010
4. 14th Annual Scientific Meeting 22-23 July 2010
5. 1st Epilepsy Course for In-training Residents and Fellows, 20-22 August 2010.

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

Public education

Future Plans

1. Research in the field of epilepsy
2. 15th Annual Meeting on 20-21 July 2011
3. 2nd Epilepsy Course for In-training Residents and Fellows, August 2011.

4. One-day advance course in EEG in July 2011
5. Election for the new Executive Board in April 2011

Officer Election Date

April 2011

Report Submitted By

Anannit Visudtibhan, MD

UNITED STATES: AMERICAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY (AES)

Publications

Epilepsy Currents, AES News

Meetings

Annual Meeting and Biennial North American Regional Epilepsy Congress

Summary of Activities in 2009 and 2010

- The American Epilepsy Society held Annual Meetings in December (Boston, MA in 2009 and San Antonio, TX in 2010). The 2010 meeting was the 3rd Biennial North American Regional Epilepsy Congress. Both meetings were very well attended and provided many thought-provoking sessions. All of the presentations from the AES Annual Meetings are available on the AES website. (<http://www.aesnet.org/go/professional-development/educational-opportunities/archived-aes-symposia>).
- An ILAE Symposium, organized in cooperation with the North American Commission has been added to the Annual Meeting schedule and will be held each year.
- The Society updated the look and navigation of its website.
- The Society received six-year Reaccreditation with Commendation/Level II from the ACCME to provide CME.
- New web-based CME programs have been added to the AES website (www.aesnet.org).
- A new web-based member database was launched in 2009 and a members-only professional networking site in 2010. These help make finding information and exchanging ideas easier for members.
- AES raised over \$15,000 for CLIDEP, the epilepsy clinic in Haiti by setting up an online donation page and soliciting members.

Research Funding

The Society raises money to fund research through its Annual Meeting, fund-raising campaigns and through partnerships with other funding organizations. In addition, it recognizes researchers worldwide for their work in all aspects of epilepsy. Recently, the Society presented awards to Annamaria Vezzani, PhD (Italy) for Basic Science and Josemir W Sander, MD, PhD, FRCP (UK) for Clinical Science.

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The Society Funded in 2010 (09/10)

- AES-funded Postdoctoral Research Training Fellowships (3)
- AES and Lennox Trust Fund Pre-doctoral Fellowships (4)
- AES and Grass Foundation Robert S Morison Fellowship (1)
- Milken Family Foundation Early Career Physician-Scientist Awards (1)
- Research Initiative Program (1)
- Research Infrastructure Program (1)
- AES-sponsored Workshops (2)
- Research Recognition Awards (2)
- Targeted Pediatric Partnership (1)

The Society Funded in 2009 (08/09)

- Milken Family Foundation Early Career Physician-Scientist Awards (4)
- AES-funded Postdoctoral Research Training Fellowships (3)
- Postdoctoral Research Training Fellowship funded by the Lennox Trust Fund (1)
- AES and Grass Foundation Robert S Morison Fellowship (1)
- AES and Lennox Trust Fund Pre-doctoral Fellowships (4)
- Research Initiative Program (1)
- Research Infrastructure Program (1)
- AES-sponsored Workshops (2)
- Research Recognition Awards (2)
- Targeted Pediatric Partnership (1)

Educational Activities

- The educational pinnacle of the year is the Society's Annual Meeting, held in December, which provides a myriad of educational opportunities for clinicians, researchers and other epilepsy professionals. In addition, the Society repurposed all of the sessions from Annual Meetings and puts them on the website (www.aesnet.org) free of charge. The Meeting features one symposium presented in Spanish.
- In addition to many archived programs, the Society also offers web training sessions free of charge. There are two interactive web programs currently available (<http://www.aesnet.org/go/professional-development/education>).
- Most of the materials in the online Epilepsy Education program have been translated into Spanish. This is a resource for teachers and students consisting of PowerPoint slides and text explaining basic aspects of epilepsy. The materials are available to everyone on the AES website (<http://www.aesnet.org/professional-development/educational-opportunities/epilepsy-education-program/epilepsy-education-program>).

Activities in Conjunction with Local IBE Affiliate

- AES leadership and staff participated annually in the Epilepsy Foundation's National Walk For Epilepsy, raising money for research.
- Several members also participated in the Epilepsy Foundation's Public Policy Institute, learning about advocating to Congress and participated in visits to Congress people. The Society is participating in web-based advocacy efforts of the Epilepsy Foundation.
- Many members are active in national and state Professional Advisory Boards of the Epilepsy Foundation.
- Several research-funding vehicles are partnerships with the Epilepsy Foundation.

Future Plans

- This December, the Society will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2011 at its 65th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- The new Susan S Spencer Fund was launched in 2010 in memory of Dr Susan Spencer who passed away unexpectedly in 2009. The fund will support its first fellowship starting in 2011.

Officer Election Date

December 2010

Report Submitted By

M Suzanne C Berry, MBA, CAE, Executive Director

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

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Albanian League Against Epilepsy

President Jera Kruja
Secretary Ali Kuqo
Treasurer Mira Kapisyzi

Algerian League Against Epilepsy

President Mahmoud Ait-Kaci-Ahmed
Secretary Amar Lebioud
Treasurer Saadi Ibrahim

Argentinean League Against Epilepsy

President Sylvia Kochen
Vice President Ricardo Cersosimo
Secretary Alfredo Thomson

Officer Election Date 2010

Armenian National League Against Epilepsy

President Gayane Melikyan
Vice President Biayna Soukhoudyan
2nd Vice President Tatyana Stepanyan
Secretary-General Nune Yegiazaryan
Treasurer Irena Shadyan

Officer Election Date 9 September 2010

Epilepsy Society of Australia

President Andrew Bleasel
Vice President Annie Bye
Secretary Deepak Gill
Treasurer Armin Mohamed

Officer Election Date 2009

Austrian League Against Epilepsy

President Christoph Baumgartner
1st Secretary Susanne Pirker
2nd Secretary Eugen Trinkka
Treasurer Martin Graf
2nd Chairperson Barbara Plecko
3rd Chairperson Martha Feucht

Officer Election Date December 2012

Azerbaijan League Against Epilepsy

President Sharif Magalov
Vice President Rena Shiraliyeva
Secretary-General Nobi Rustamov
Treasurer Nailya Abasova

Officer Election Date 2010

Bangladesh Epilepsy Foundation

President M A Mannan
1st Vice President Quazi Deen Mohammad
2nd Vice President Anisul Haaque
Secretary-General Muzharul Mannan
Treasurer Shaheen Akhter

Officer Election Date 2010

Belgian League Against Epilepsy

President Paul Boon
Vice President Patrick Van Bogaert
Secretary-General Eric Schmedding

Bolivian League Against Epilepsy

President Mario Camargo
1st Vice President Federico Fortun De La Quintana
2nd Vice President Rafael Prudencio
Secretary-General Edil Escobar Mendoza
Treasurer Wilma Jaldin

Officer Election Date 2010

Brazilian League Against Epilepsy

President Veriano Alexandre Jr
Past President Wagner Afonso Teixeira
Secretary Vera Cristina Terra
Treasurer Fulvio Alexandre Scorza

Officer Election Date June 2010

Bulgarian Association Against Epilepsy

President Dimitar Borisov Chavdarov
Vice President Stojan Panov Bojinov
Secretary-General Melania Radionova
Treasurer Ruska Cvetanova Yotova

Officer Election Date September 2009

Cameroonian League Against Epilepsy

President Elie Mbonda
1st Vice President Alfred Njamnshi Kongnuy
2nd Vice President Daniel Charles Ndo Belinga
Secretary-General Callixte Kuate Tegueu
Treasurer Samuel Elong Ngonu

Canadian League Against Epilepsy

President Sharon Whiting
Past President Richard Wennberg
Secretary/Treasurer Richard Tang-Wai
Director Suzanne Nurse

Officer Election Date January 2011

Chilean League Against Epilepsy

President Perla David
Past President Juan Salinas
Vice President Marcelo Devilat
Secretary-General Eliana Jeldres
Treasurer Daniela Trivino

Officer Election Date December 2010

China Association Against Epilepsy

President Li Shichuo
Vice President Wu Liwen
Vice President Hong Zhen
Treasurer Wu Jianzhong

Officer Election Date November 2013

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

Colombian League Against Epilepsy

President Daniel Nariño
 Past President Jaime Fandino-Franky
 Secretary-General Orlando Carreño

Officer Election Date 2010

Costa Rica Chapter of the ILAE

President Franz Chaves Sell
 Vice President Dennis Chinchilla Weinstock
 Secretary-General Alexander Parajeles
 Secretary Rocio Quesada-Roman
 Treasurer Roberto Brian Gago

Officer Election Date 9 October 2010

Croatian League Against Epilepsy

President Danilo Hodoba
 Vice President Igor Prpic
 Secretary-General Ljerka Cvitanovic-Sojat
 Treasurer Davor Sporis

Officer Election Date November 2012

Cuban League Against Epilepsy

President Salvador Gonzalez Pal
 Secretary-General Justo Reinaldo Fabelo Roche

Officer Election Date 2010

Epilepsy Society of Cyprus

President Savvas Papacostas
 Vice President Andriani Flourentzou
 Secretary-General Eleftherios Papatthanasiou
 Secretariat Marina Chryseliou
 Treasurer Costas Michaelides

Officer Election Date 2010

Czech League Against Epilepsy

President Jan Hadac
 Vice President Milan Brazdil
 Secretary Jana Zarubova
 Treasurer Miroslav Kalina

Danish Epilepsy Society

President Noémi Becser Andersen
 Vice President Helle Hjalgrim
 Secretary Hanne Mørk Christensen
 Treasurer Poul Jennum

Officer Election Date 5 March 2010

Dominican Republic League Against Epilepsy

President Diogenes Santos Viloria
 Vice President Jose Silie Ruiz
 Secretary Milagros Gomez
 Treasurer Cristian Damsa

Officer Election Date 1 January 2008

Ecuadorian League Against Epilepsy

President Patricio Abad
 Vice President Isacc Yépez
 Secretary-General Beatriz Norvaez
 Treasurer Espinosa Sandra

Officer Election Date July 2011

Egyptian Society Against Epilepsy

President Farouk Koura
 Vice President Tarek Tawfik
 Secretary-General Ahmed El-Ghonemy
 Treasurer Mahmoud Allam

Salvadoran League Against Epilepsy (El Salvador)

President Claudia Isabel Valencia
 1st Vice President Ricardo Alvarenga Quezada
 2nd Vice President Ricardo Lungo Esquivel
 Secretary-General Mauricio Alfredo Muñoz
 Treasurer Mauricio Ernesto Palacios
 Marchesini

Officer Election Date 2010

Emirates League Against Epilepsy

President Jihad Inshasi
 1st Vice President Mohd Saadah
 2nd Vice President Khalid Al Shamsi
 Secretary-General Shareefa Abdool
 Treasurer Ahmad Samir

Officer Election Date October 2009

Estonian League Against Epilepsy

President Sulev Haldre

Officer Election Date 2009

Finnish Epilepsy Society

President Heikki Rantala
 Vice President Eija Gaily
 Secretary-General Leena Jutila
 Treasurer Reina Roivainen

Officer Election Date March 2011

French League Against Epilepsy

President Alexis Arzimanoglou
 Past President Bertrand DeToffol
 1st Vice President Franck Semah
 2nd Vice President Philippe Ryvlin
 Secretary-General Arnaud Biraben
 Treasurer Cécile Marchal

Officer Election Date 2010

Georgian Society Against Epilepsy

President Tina Geladze
 Vice President Otar Toidze
 Secretary-General Nana Tatishvilli
 Treasurer G Japoridze

Officer Election Date 2010

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

German League Against Epilepsy

President Bernd Neubauer
 Vice President Holger Lerche
 Secretary-General Thomas Mayer
 2nd Secretary Hajo Hamer
 Treasurer Ulrich Bettendorf

Officer Election 1 May 2010

Epilepsy Society of Ghana

President Sammy Ohene
 1st Vice President EV Badoe
 2nd Vice President Augustina Charway
 Secretary-General AK Akpalu
 Treasurer Ben Ouave

Officer Election Date 16 July 2009

Greek League Against Epilepsy

President Athanasios Covanis
 Vice President Kyriakos Garganis
 Secretary-General Vasilis Kimiskidis
 Treasurer Stylianos Giannakodimos

Officer Election Date 26 June 2010

Guatemala League Against Epilepsy

President Henry Stokes

Officer Election Date 2008

Guinean League Against Epilepsy

President Amara Cisse
 1st Vice President Sélé Kourouma
 2nd Vice President Bah Fatoumata Binta
 Secretary-General Alpha Laho Diallo
 Treasurer Mariam Barry

Officer Election Date 2009

Hong Kong Chapter of the ILAE

President Jason KY Fong
 Vice President Patrick Kwan
 Secretary Colin Lui
 Treasurer Gardian CY Fong

Officer Election Date 2009

Honduran Epilepsy Society

President Claudia Amador
 Vice President Heike Hesse
 Past President Marco T Medina
 Secretariat Reyna Duron
 1st Secretary Aleyda Rivera
 2nd Secretary Rosa Palencia
 Treasurer Lazaro Molina

Hungarian Chapter of the ILAE

President Judit Jerney
 President-Elect Jozsef Janszky
 Secretary-General Zoltan Szupera
 Treasurer Istvan Fekete

Officer Election Date 2011

Indian Epilepsy Society

President Satish Jain
 Vice President Satishchandra P
 Secretary-General Man Mehndiratta
 Treasurer Manjari Tripathi

Officer Election Date 18 July 2011

Indonesian Society Against Epilepsy

President Lina Soertidewi
 Past President Dede Gunawan
 Secretary-General Suryani Gunadharma

Iraq Society Against Epilepsy

President Abdul Mutalib Abdul Kareem
 Secretary-General Ghaib Bashar Mohamed Aljandeef

Officer Election Date 2010

Irish Epilepsy League

President Norman Delanty
 Past President Joseph McNenamin
 Vice President Brian Sweeney
 1st Vice President J Morrow
 2nd Vice President Michael Hennessy
 Secretariat Mike Glynn
 Treasurer Bryan Lynch

Officer Election Date 2010

Israeli League Against Epilepsy

President Uri Kramer
 Secretary-General Meir Bialer

Officer Election Date 20 January 2011

Italian League Against Epilepsy

President Ettore Beghi
 Secretary-General Giuseppe Capovilla

Officer Election Date 1 June 2011

Jamaican League Against Epilepsy

President Amza Ali
 Vice President Robert Gray
 Secretary-General Roxanne Melbourne Chambers
 Treasurer Judy Tapper

Officer Election Date June 2013

Japan Epilepsy Society

President Sunao Kaneko
 Secretary-General Masako Watanabe
 Secretary Kiyotaka Hashizume

Officer Election Date October 2013

Jordanian Chapter of Epilepsy

President Waleed Qasem Batayha
 Vice President Ali Alrefai
 1st Vice President Majed Habahb

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Kazakhstan National League Against Epilepsy
 President Roza Aldundarova
 Treasurer Orazul Arinova

Kenya Society For Epilepsy
 President Paul G Kioy
 Past President Max Okonji
 Vice President Romi Grammaticas
 Secretary-General E Amao
 Treasurer M Qureshi

Officer Election Date April 2011

Korean Epilepsy Society
 President Sang Doe Yi
 Secretary-General Yong Won Cho
 Treasurer Kyoung Heo

Officer Election Date 20 January 2009

Association Against Epilepsy of Kosovo
 President Valbana Govori
 1st Vice President Nazim Dakaj
 2nd Vice President Adurrahim Gerguri
 Secretary-General Mehdi Shehu
 Treasurer Nexhat Shatri

Kyrgyz League Against Epilepsy
 President Arstanbek Murzaliev
 Secretary Asel Jusopova

Latvian League Against Epilepsy
 President Eglis Vitols
 Secretary-General Lolita Budnika

Lebanese League Against Epilepsy
 President Ahmed Beydoun
 Vice President Naji Riachi
 Secretary Wassim Nasreddine
 Treasurer Salim Atrouni

Society of Epileptologists of Lithuania
 President Nerija Vaiciene-Magistris
 Vice President Milda Endziniene
 Secretary-General Jurate Grigoniene
 Treasurer Arunas Zobakas

Officer Election Date 2011

League Against Epilepsy of Republic Macedonia
 President Dijana Nikodijevic-Kedeva
 Vice President Emilija Cvetkovska
 Secretary-General Igor Kuzmanovski
 1st Secretary Ana Doneva
 2nd Secretary Merita Ismajli-Marku
 Treasurer Tatijana Cepreganova-Cangovska

Officer Election Date 2012

Malaysian Society of Neurosciences
 President Raymond Azman Ali
 Secretary-General Sau Wei Wong
 Treasurer Azmi Abdul Rashid

Officer Election Date June 2012

Malian League Against Epilepsy
 President Baba Koumare
 1st Vice President Karamoko Nimaga
 2nd Vice President Karambe Mamadou
 Secretary-General Youssoufa Maiga
 Treasurer Fatoumata Dicko Traore

Officer Election Date July 2012

Epilepsy Society of Malta

President Anthony Galea Debono
 Vice President Doriette Soler
 2nd Vice President Norbert Vella
 Secretary-General Janet Mifsud
 Treasurer Josanne Aquilina

Officer Election Date 2012

Mexican League Against Epilepsy
 President Eduardo Barragan
 Secretary-General Oscar Benavides

Officer Election Date 12 July 2010

Moldavian League Against Epilepsy
 President Stanislav Groppa
 Vice President Mihail Hotineanu
 Treasurer Dumitru Cernobrov

Mongolian Epilepsy Society
 President G TsagaankhUU
 Secretary-General A Tovuudorj
 Secretary P Tsogtsaihan

Officer Election Date June 2012

Moroccan League Against Epilepsy
 President Hamid Ouhabi
 Vice President Reda Ouazzani
 Secretary-General Fettouma Moutawakkil
 Treasurer Saoudi Zemrag

Officer Election Date 2008

Nepal Epilepsy Society
 President J P Agrawal
 Vice President Saroj Ojha
 Secretary-General Rabindra Shrestha
 Treasurer Pawan Kumar

Officer Election Date December 2010

Dutch League Against Epilepsy (Netherlands)
 President Gerrit-Jan de Haan
 Past President Steven A J de Froe
 Secretary-General M Veendrick
 Secretariat Joke van den Boogaard
 Treasurer G Thoonen

Officer Election Date May 2010

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

New Zealand League Against Epilepsy

President Peter Bergin
 Vice President Lynette Sadleir
 Secretary-General Elizabeth Walker
 Treasurer Claire Spooner

Officer Election Date 2009

Nicaragua Chapter of the ILAE

President Foad Hassan Morales
 1st Vice President Walter Diaz
 Secretary-General Luis Garcia
 Treasurer Pablo Navarrete

Officer Election Date 14 June 2011

Nigeria National Chapter of ILAE

President Ikenna O Onwukewe
 Secretary Birnius Ezeala-Adikaibe
 Treasurer Oluchi S. Ekenze

Officer Election Date 2012

Norwegian League Against Epilepsy

President Morten Lossius
 Vice President Eylert Brodtkorb
 Secretary Nina Benan
 Treasurer Torliev Svendsen

Officer Election Date 2010

Epilepsy Association of Pakistan

President Shaukat Ali
 Past President Hasan Aziz
 Secretary Zarine Mogal
 Treasurer Farah Minhas

Officer Election Date June 2012

Palestina League Against Epilepsy

President Adel Misk
 1st Vice President Zayed Afawi
 2nd Vice President Ziad Shqir
 Secretary-General Hesam Amleh
 Treasurer May Mubarak

Panama League Against Epilepsy

President Luis Carlos Castillo
 Secretary-General Evelia Gomez Wong
 Secretariat Ernesto Triana Bernal
 Treasurer Fernando Garcia

Paraguayan League Against Epilepsy

President Marta Cabrera de Abente-Arbo
 Past President Carlos Arbo Oze de Morvil
 Vice President Nancy Monges
 Secretary Alicia Aldana
 Treasurer Luis Taboada

Officer Election Date May 2009

Peruvian League Against Epilepsy

President Alberto Díaz Vásquez
 Past President Juan Altamirano del Pozo
 Secretariat Patricia Campos Olazabal
 Treasurer Daniel Koc Gonzáles

Officer Election Date 15 August 2008

Philippine League Against Epilepsy, Inc.

President Josephine Gutierrez
 2nd Vice President Marilyn Ortiz
 Secretary-General Maritzie Eribal
 Treasurer Lourdes Ledesma

Officer Election Date 10 September 2011

Polish League Against Epilepsy

President Joanna Jedrzejczak
 Vice President Ewa Motta
 2nd Vice President Janusz Wendorff
 Secretary-General Alben Grabowska-Grzyb
 Treasurer Maria Mazurkiewicz-Beldzinska

Officer Election Date 21 May 2010

Portuguese League Against Epilepsy

President Francisco Sales
 Vice President Ricardo Rego
 Treasurer João Chavez

Officer Election Date March 2011

Qatar League Against Epilepsy

President Hassan Al Hail
 Vice President Boulenuar Mesrava
 Secretary-General Tag Eldin Sokrab
 Treasurer Osama El Alamy

Officer Election Date 11 April 2011

Romania Society Against Epilepsy

President Ioan-Radu Rogozea
 1st Vice President Al Constantinovici
 2nd Vice President Al Serbanescu
 Secretary-General Claudia Portmann

Russian League Against Epilepsy

President Gagik Avakian
 Secretary-General Alla Guekht
 Treasurer Anna Lebedeva

Saudi Chapter of Epilepsy

President Sonia A Khan
 1st Vice President Suad Al Yamani
 2nd Vice President Hassan Al Ayafi
 3rd Vice President Yousef Al Said
 4th Vice President Raidah Al Boradie
 Secretary-General Mohammed Jan
 Treasurer Mohammed Imam Dad

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Senegal League Against Epilepsy

President Momar Gueye
 1st Vice President Amadou Gallo Diop
 Secretary-General Fatou S Diouf
 Treasurer Momar C Ba

Singapore Epilepsy Society

President Shih-Hui Lim
 Vice President John Thomas
 Secretary Andrew Pan
 Treasurer Hian-Tat Ong

Officer Election Date August 2011

Slovak League Against Epilepsy

President Vladimir Donath
 Vice President Pavol Sykora

Officer Election Date 2009

Slovenian League Against Epilepsy

President Igor M Ravnik
 Vice President Bogdan Lorber
 Secretary-General Matevz Krzan
 Secretary Svetana Simic
 Treasurer Mirjana Perkovic Benedik

Officer Election Date 2009

South African Chapter of the ILAE

President Roland Eastman
 Vice President Bryan Kies
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Officer Election Date March 2008

Spanish League Against Epilepsy

President Ines Picornell Darder
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Officer Election Date 2010

Swedish Epilepsy Society

President Kristina Källén
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 Secretary-General Gunnar Skagerberg
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Officer Election Date 12 November 2010

Swiss League Against Epilepsy

President Günter Krämer
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Officer Election Date Spring 2013

Syrian Chapter of Epilepsy

President Ahmad Khalifa
 Vice President Anas Jawher
 Secretary-General Sleie Abdulnaser
 Treasurer Imad Eddin Sabbagh

Officer Election Date 2011

Taiwan Epilepsy Society

President Yen Der-Jen
 Secretary-General Chen Chien
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Officer Election Date 2009

Tanzania Epilepsy Association

President William B P Mutaja

Epilepsy Society of Thailand

President Somchai Towanabut
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Officer Election Date April 2011

Tunisian Association Against Epilepsy

President Chahnez Triki
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Turkish Epilepsy Society

President Boris Baklan
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 Secretary-General Kadriye Agar Yildirim
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Officer Election Date 16 June 2012

Uganda League Against Epilepsy

President Angelina Kakooza
 Vice President David Basangwa
 Secretary-General Augustine Mugarura
 Treasurer Rebecca Wandeka

Ukrainian League Against Epilepsy

President Sergey Kharchuk
 Vice President Galina Maryek
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 Treasurer George Selyukov

Officer Election Date 16 May 2010

UK Chapter of the League (United Kingdom)

President Philip Smith
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 Treasurer John Duncan

Officer Election Date 2009

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Officer Election Date 30 November 2011

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Officer Election Date 1 May 2010

Venezuelan League Against Epilepsy

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Officer Election Date 2010

Vietnam League Against Epilepsy

President Tran Viet Nghi
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Secretary-General Le Quang Cuong
1st Secretary Ngo Ngoc Tan
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Yugoslav Union of Leagues Against Epilepsy

President Nebojsa Jovic
Secretary-General Mirjana Spasic
1st Secretary Ksenija Gebauer-Bukurov
2nd Secretary Nikola Vojvodic

Officer Election Date 2010

Zimbabwe League Against Epilepsy

President Dr Ngwende
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Secretary Douglas Ball

Officer Election Date 1 August 2010