Encouraged by the success of the First International Advanced Clinical Epileptology Summer School last year, the Second International Advanced Clinical Epileptology Summer School was held in Mountain Qingcheng, Chengdu, China from August 13th to August 18th, 2012. This summer school, which was expected and encouraged by ILAE and CAOA, hosted and prepared by CAAE and West China Hospital, sponsored mainly by Xi’an-Janssen pharmaceutical company, was a expecting ceremony in advanced clinical epileptologists of China. This summer school was clinically-oriented, targeted to specialists of epilepsy care and focused on comprehensive aspects of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of children and adults with epilepsy.

We were widely supported by international and domestic senior experts in epileptology. Seven international experts (Peter Wolf, Byung-In Lee, Jacqueline A French, William H. Theodore, Josemir W. Sander, Hermann Stefan and Patrick Kwan) and five domestic experts (Weiping Liao, Yuping Wang, Jiong Qin, Guoming Luan and Dong Zhou) had joined us by giving lectures and hosting discussion with the students.

About 50 young specialists in neurology, neurosurgery, neurophysiology, pediatric neurology, took part in this course from all over China, including one international student from Korea.

The program of the course was arranged for 4-day’s lectures on the clinically relevant aspects covered several aspects of epileptology and conduct interactive case discussions and tutorials on EEG, imaging and clinical pharmacology. The course enabled the participants to receive the up-to-date information and expert’s opinion on
the main topics of clinical epileptology, and helped them to improve their competence and gained practical skills in the diagnostic work-up and decision-making concerning the management of different aspects of pediatric and adult epileptology. Additionally, some practical activities, such as small group discussion, debate and sport meeting were designed as part of the activity.

After the summer school, we did a survey on the satisfactory of the course among the attending students. Almost every attendant felt satisfied with the academic program, tutors, accommodations, facilities, course arrangement, activity and food.

It was a meaningful and remarkable event in elevating the international academic influence of epilepsy of China. We gathered for providing help to people with epilepsy and for expressing self and knowing others. We will insist on holding this summer school for several years and believe that it is not only a training course but also the bridge to connect with the global epilepsy development.

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