

COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS



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Aims

- To set up the organization of the Commission on African Affairs
- To strengthen the communication and ILAE global outreach campaign of the CAA
- To establish and strengthen the education activities of the CAA
- To improve the access to care for patients with epilepsy
- To establish and coordinate epilepsy-related research activities in the African continent.

Mission of the Commission

The ILAE Commission on African Affairs shall serve all health professions in Africa as the premier international resource for current and emerging knowledge on epilepsy prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and research.

Commission Activities from July 2009 through July 2013

- February 10-11, 2013: workshops organized by the Association of Child Neurologists in Africa (ACNA) in Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the congress was cerebral palsy and epilepsy. See reports and publications on CAA Newsletter / www.ICNApedia.org.
- May 2013: Publication of the third version of the CAA newsletter.
- June 23-27, 2013 in Montreal, Canada (Palais de congrès): CAA Executive meeting. The agenda focused on: Dakar-Senegal francophone training program 2013, Training programs in Africa - short courses, formal training - adult, pediatric, and neurophysiology (capacity, curriculums, African relevance etc.), Capacity - the way forward -

consensus of how to offer support to structure, Equipment (what to do with old equipment offered to Africa) - need a policy/statement from CAA of best practice, Visiting programs - how is it going - good for CAA to build these - feedback on last year's ones and plans for 2013/2014 - CAE and NAA, Courses - how can CAA get involved with neurology courses in Africa, what are the guidelines to support junior trainees to attend international courses, 4th newsletter and CAA website, Where are we? How can we improve? Research in epilepsy: What can we do? Needs? Difficulties? How to increase the capacity of training centers? How can we improve communication amongst members? ILAE officers? How to increase African ILAE chapters, 2nd African Epilepsy Congress 2014 (date, venue, organization) and Elections of the ILAE/CAA officers.

- July 11 – 13, 2013: Francophone Epilepsy workshop in Dakar, Senegal. In collaboration with WFN/EFNS/IBRO/ICNA. We had international and African speakers on adult and pediatric epilepsy. African francophone countries like Mali, Niger, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Togo, Benin, Cameroon, and Central African Republic were represented. Three speakers came from the ILAE/North American Commission. This course was originally planned for Bamako, Mali, however due to logistical reasons has been deferred to Dakar, Senegal.
- From August 2013: Updating the document Epilepsy in the WHO African region. WHO-AFRO has already received the first draft of the revised document.
- Award of a bursary from the CAA to support the development of an epilepsy training center: Diploma in Pediatric Electrophysiology and Management of Epilepsy in Children (South Africa).
- Award of a bursary from CAA to support the development of an epilepsy training center: interactive internet-based teaching platform for CME in Clinical Neurophysiology in Sub-Saharan Africa (South Africa).

Accomplishments (2009-2013)

- Organization of the 2nd African Epilepsy Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, May 22-24, 2014
- Admission of new members in the ILAE African region during the ILAE General Assembly in Montreal, Canada: Ivory Coast, Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Recommendations for Future Work

- Increase the number of African ILAE chapters
- Regular publication of the regional IBE and ILAE/CAA newsletter
- Update the GCAE document in French, English and Portuguese
- Regular organization of epilepsy training courses in French, English and maybe Portuguese
- Elaborate guidelines for management of seizures for African neurologists, GPs and allied medical professionals.

New Commission Members (2013-2017)

Amadou Gallo Diop, Chair (Senegal)

The election of the four commission members and appointment of two additional members will take place in 2014.