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Aims

1. Articulate internationally applicable guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of patients with epilepsy in Europe.
2. Stimulate and enhance education on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy.
3. Stimulate and enhance basic and clinical research in epilepsy in Europe.
4. Work with European organizations to catalog current epilepsy care in Europe and determine its needs.
5. Prompt and facilitate initiatives that improve standards of comprehensive care (diagnosis, treatment and social care). Reduce the treatment gap throughout Europe.
6. To help ensure that ILAE's organizational structure is efficiently and effectively dedicated to fulfilling ILAE mission.

2) Mission of the Commission

Aim 1 – Articulate internationally applicable guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of patients with epilepsy in Europe

Action: CEA liaisons: A Arzimanoglou, Communication; A Covanis, Global Campaign; H Cross, Education & EPNS; A Guekht, EFNS; A Pitkanen, Basic Science

Aim 2 – Stimulate and enhance education on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy

Action:

- a) Established an educational agenda available for review on the CEA website with procedures for application for CEA support

- b) Continuing with the Migrating Courses in 2013-2014
- c) Coordinating the European Educational Courses. San Servolo: Basic Science, Pediatrics and Pre-surgical; Eilat: Pharmacology and AEDs; and Lyon: Stereo EEG alone or with EPODES
- d) Welcome new regional courses (e.g. Caucasian, Baltic Sea Summer School on Epileptology) that answer regional unmet needs

Aim 3 – Stimulate and enhance basic and clinical research in epilepsy in Europe

Action:

- a) Extensive dialogue via Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE) with EU executives (directly and lobbying via various ILAE Chapters) aiming to give epilepsy research priority in EU funding
- b) CEA – EU Symposium (Rhodes and London-ECEs)
- c) Support scientific conferences with European added value that publish post-conference proceedings (e.g. Status Epilepticus, inflammation in epilepsy)

Aim 4 – Work with European Organizations to catalogue current epilepsy care in Europe and determine its needs

Action:

Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE) that is The CEA-EREC Joint Task Force (JTF) for Epilepsy Advocacy that obtained the following:

- a) Approval of the Declaration on Epilepsy in the EU Parliament
- b) Activate and support national CEA/EREC (ILAE/IBE) Chapters to obtain fair allocation of healthcare resources to epilepsy
- c) Ensure that epilepsy achieves priority status in the EU framework program for research
- d) Set up an educational campaign to fight ignorance and stigma, and to improve legislation to protect rights of people with epilepsy
- e) Organize a conference in Dublin, Ireland 25-27 May 2013 entitled: "European Forum on Epilepsy Research (ERF2013)" attended by all parties (lay, professional, political) to sensitize them to the above needs
- f) Catalyze collaboration on innovative research and demonstration projects

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Aim 5 – Prompt and facilitate initiatives that improve standards of comprehensive care (diagnosis, treatment and social care). Reduce the treatment gap throughout Europe

Action:

- a) A CEA-CNA-CTA Joint Task Force (JTF) on regulatory issues of new AEDs [meeting in Rhodes-ECE (2010), Baltimore AES (2011) and Rome IEC (2011)]
- b) A JTF-EMA-FDA meeting on regulatory issues (Paris 17 November 2011)

Aim 6 – To help ensure that ILAE's organizational structure is efficiently and effectively dedicated to fulfilling ILAE mission

Action:

- a) Continuous update of European Chapters' Chairs & Secretaries (via Gus Egan ILAE – Dublin office)
- b) Establish ILAE Chapters in the three remaining European countries (Belarus, Bosnia and Iceland)
- c) Update CEA rules in accordance with the ILAE-EC proposed constitutional amendment

Awards

The following awards were presented during the 10th European Congress on Epilepsy in London, October 2012

- European Epileptology Award 2012: Christian Elger
- Young Investigators Regional Award: Pasquale Striano
- European Epilepsy Education Award: Alla Guekht
- European Epilepsy Service Award: Ann Little
- ILAE British Branch Excellence in Epilepsy Award: Chrysostomos (Tomis) P Panayiotopoulos

Commission Activities in 2012 and planned activities in 2013

CEA-Sponsored Courses/Symposia in 2012

- a. Young Scientists Symposium (Beer-Sheva, 7-11 January)
- b. 2nd Stereo-EEG Course (Lyon, 7-11 February)
- c. 6th Baltic Sea Summer School (Rostock, 8-13 June)
- d. 6th Migrating Course on Epilepsy (Porto, 10-15 June)
- e. San-Servolo Course on Pediatrics (Venice, 15-25 July)
- f. Dianalund Summer School on EEG & Epilepsy (Dianalund, 23-28 July)

- g. VIREPA-EEG SCORE Course (October 2012-February 2013)
- h. 4th Caucasian Summer School (Kakheti, Georgia, 2-7 September)

CEA-Sponsored Courses/Symposia in 2013

- a. Advanced Epilepsy Surgery Course (Brno, 22-26 January)
- b. 4th Stereo-EEG Course (Lyon, 12-16 February)
- c. 4th Colloquium on Status Epilepticus (Salzburg, 4-6 April)
- d. A comprehensive course on Epilepsy (Tashkent, 17-21 April)
- e. San-Servolo Course on Surgery (Venice, 14-25 July)
- f. 7th Baltic Sea Summer School (Estonia, 17-21 August)
- g. Neuropathology Summer School (Erlangen, 16-20 September)
- h. Surgical Management of epilepsy (Ljubljana, 28-30 August)
- i. Workshop on Improving Care in Epilepsy (Ljubljana, 27-28 August)
- j. 5th Eilat Educational Course on Pharmacology (Jerusalem 30 September-5 October)
- k. 7th Migrating Course on Epilepsy (Nicosia, 3-9 November)
- l. VIREPA-EEG SCORE Course (October 2012-February 2013)

CEA-Sponsored Events for 2012-2013

- a. A European Chapter Convention during the London-ECE (30 September 2012) and Dublin during ERF2013 (25 May 2013) and thus, having a yearly dialogue between the CEA and the various ILAE-European Chapters
- b. Regional epilepsy educational conferences in European Regions with unmet need for epilepsy training
- c. Scientific conferences with European-added values
- d. Writing a European educational agenda with criteria for courses' organizers and bursary applicants for CEA-sponsored courses
- e. Establishing at the ILAE office in Dublin a repository of all participants who received bursaries for CEA-sponsored courses from 2011 on

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