

# COMMISSION ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS



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## CEA Key Accomplishments 2009-2013

- Established the CEA Strategic & Action Plans
- Established an educational agenda available for review on the CEA website with procedures for applications for CEA supported courses/symposia
- Two types of educational courses: CEA-Core Courses (CCC) and CEA-sponsored activities (CSA)
- Promoted Epilepsy Advocacy & Research in Europe (EAE) through a joint ILAE-IBE Task Force (JTF), in partnership with European ILAE chapters and IBE associations
- Subsequently epilepsy research was included in the EU-FP-7 call for grant proposals
- Updated the Bylaws of the European Congress on Epileptology (ECE)
- Updated CEA rules in accordance with the ILAE-EC constitutional amendments
- Established collaboration between the CEA and the ILAE-North American. A joint CEA-CNA symposium at the 2011 & 2013 AES & 2012 & 2014 ECE
- Started a collaboration with the ILAE-CAA (Commission on African Affairs) aiming to answer unmet educational needs in Africa

*Aim 2: Stimulate & enhance education on the prevention, diagnosis & treatment of epilepsy*

Action

Two types of educational courses:

- CEA-Core Courses (CCC): 1) Clinical Epileptology (Migrating Course-MC); 2) Pharmacology (Eilat Edu); 3) EPODES (Surgery)

- CEA-sponsored activities (CSA): e.g. 1) Basic & Translational Science, Pediatrics (San Servolo); 2) Stereo EEG (Lyon); 3) Regional Courses: Caucasian & Baltic-Sea Summer Schools on Epileptology

*Aim 3: Stimulate and enhance basic and clinical research in epilepsy in Europe*

Action

Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE): a CEA-EREC Joint Task Force (JTF) for epilepsy advocacy that achieved the following:

- Approval of the Declaration on Epilepsy in the EU Parliament
- Encouraged and supported national CEA/EREC (ILAE/IBE) chapters to obtain a fair allocation of health care resources to epilepsy
- Ensured that epilepsy achieves priority status in the EU framework program for research
- Set up an educational campaign to fight ignorance and stigma, and to improve legislation to protect rights of people with epilepsy
- Organized a conference in Dublin, Ireland on May 25-27, 2013 entitled: "European Forum on Epilepsy Research (ERF2013)" attended by all parties (lay, professional, political) to sensitize them to the above needs
- Catalyzed collaboration on innovative research and demonstration projects

*Aim 4: Work with European organizations to catalogue current epilepsy care in Europe and determine its needs*

Action

- Annual ILAE-CEA and EFNS joint symposia since 2011
- ILAE-CEA and ESRS joint symposia: 2012-ESRS & 2014-Stockholm-ECE (ESRS - European Sleep Research Society)

*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 CEA-CNA-CTA Joint Task Force (JTF) on regulatory issues of new AEDs (meeting in Rhodes-ECE, AES-2010, Rome-IEC) and a JTF-EMA-FDA meeting on regulatory issues (Paris 17/11/2011)
- Forthcoming White Papers to the FDA: 1) using add-on therapy for a combined monotherapy/add-on therapy indication; 2) extrapolation of adult partial onset seizure data to children; 3) use of the time to event analysis for pivotal trials

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*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 and 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
- 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 course 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.

## CEA-Sponsored Courses/Symposia in 2013

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

## CEA-Sponsored Events for 2012-2013

- a) A European Chapter Convention during the London-ECE (9/30/2012) and Dublin during ERF2013 (5/25/2013) and thus, having a yearly dialogue between the CEA and the various ILAE-European chapters

## Additional CEA Targets for 2013 and 2014

- a) Making the 11th European Congress on Epileptology (ECE, June 29-July 4, 2014) in Stockholm at least as successful as ECEs in Vienna (2004), Helsinki (2006), Berlin (2008), Rhodes (2010) and London (2012).
- b) Continual update of European chapters' chairs and secretaries
- c) Establish ILAE chapters in the three remaining European countries

## New Commission Members (2013-2017)

Meir Bialer, Chair (France)  
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