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CEA Activities for 2015

1. Update of the CEA educational agenda
2. Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE) through a joint ILAE-IBE Task Force in partnership with European ILAE chapters and IBE associations. A new Joint ILAE/IBE European legal entity in Ireland was established to enable the EAE to apply for EU grants.
3. Formed a CEA-European Academy of Neurology (EAN) task force on EMA restrictions of the use of valproic acid in women and girls that published a position paper in *Epilepsia*.
4. Established a collaboration with the European Academy of Neurology (EAN). A joint CEA-EAN working group was formed to substantiate this collaboration in joint annual symposia/courses during and beyond the EAN and the ECE Congresses as well as on issuing joint guidelines.
5. A call for CEA-sponsored courses/symposia during 2016 was issued on 22/3/2015 (submission deadline: 22/6/2015). The submitted applications were rigorously discussed at the CEA meeting on 29/8/2015. Funding availability will be limited due to the low surplus from the Stockholm-ECE.

CEA Awards to be given at the Prague-ECE

- European Epileptology Award (EUR 5,000) (submission deadline 31/12/2015)

Non-monetary Awards

- European Education Award
- European Young Investigator Award (<45 years)
- European Service Award

CEA-Sponsored Courses/Symposia in 2015

CEA-Core Courses (CCC)

- Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Course (Brno, 13-17/1)
- 6th Eilat Educational Course on Pharmacology (11-15/10)

CEA-Sponsored Activities (CSA)

- Course in European Central Asia, Astana, Kazakhstan (8-11/4)
- 5th London-Innsbruck SE, London (9-11/4/2015)
- 2nd International Course on Drug Resistant Epilepsies, Tagliacozzo, Italy (3-9/5)
- San-Servolo Course on Pediatrics (Venice, 19-31/7)
- 9th Baltic Sea Summer School, Sigulda, Latvia (9-14/8)

CEA Sponsored Courses/Symposia in 2016

- A. A call for CEA-sponsored courses/symposia during 2016 was issued on 22/3/2015 (submission deadline: 23/6/2015)
- B. The submitted applications were discussed at the next CEA meeting (23/8/2015). Funding availability will be limited due the low expected surplus from the Stockholm-ECE.
- C. The following courses will be supported by the CEA:

CEA Core Courses (CCC)

- 6th European Basic Epilepsy Surgery Course -EPODES (Brno, Czech Republic, 11-15/1)

CEA-Sponsored Activities (CSA)

- 7th Stereo-EEG Course (Venice, 12-16/2)
- 3rd International Course on Drug Resistant Epilepsies (Tagliacozzo, Italy, 8-14/5)
- 7th Caucasian Summer School (Baku, Azerbaijan, 22-28/5)
- 10th Baltic Sea Summer School

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- (Trakai, Lithuania, 5-10/6)
- 2nd East European Course on Epilepsy (Romania, 8-10/6)
- 2nd Dianalund Summer School on EEG (Denmark, 17-23/6)
- 4th Neuropathology Summer School (Erlangen, 31/7-4/8)
- 2nd Inflammation & Immunity Conference (Milan, 13-15/10)

Additional CEA Targets for 2014 and 2015

- Making the 12th European Congress on Epileptology (ECE, 11-16/9/2016) in Prague at least as successful as ECEs in Vienna (2004), Helsinki (2006), Berlin (2008), Rhodes (2010), London (2012) and Stockholm (2014)
- Continual update of European chapters' chairs & secretaries
- Establish ILAE chapters in the remaining European countries
- Searching for additional funds in light of the continued reduced surplus from the ECEs