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

Additional CEA Targets for 2014 and 2015

• 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