

# COMMISSION ON CLASSIFICATION AND TERMINOLOGY



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## Aims

1. Education regarding revisions of terms and organization of the epilepsies.
2. Translation of teaching slides/package into other languages.
3. Web resource of Controlled Vocabulary, Videos, EEG, MRI for use in diagnosis and phenotyping in epilepsy.
4. Diagnostic manual for the six most common electroclinical syndromes (BECTS, CAE, JAE, JME, West, LGS).

## Mission

To develop a scientifically-based approach to the classification of the epilepsies to improve diagnosis of epilepsy seizures and syndromes globally.

The Commission on Classification and Terminology has been working hard to refine the new organization of the epilepsies. The previous major changes implemented in 2010 have been updated to modify specific terminology in response to feedback from the epilepsy community and to ensure that it translates readily to other languages. In addition to the well-defined and accepted electroclinical syndromes, the concept of a clinico-radiological entity has been introduced. The major category of etiologically based diagnoses has been expanded to incorporate genetic, structural, metabolic, immune, infectious and unknown. Unclassified epilepsies are also an important subgroup from which new entities will emerge. The Commission and its associated Classification Task Force have worked collaboratively to refine the new terminology and organization.

The Classification Task Force has invested a huge amount of dedication and effort to develop the Diagnostic Manual, the brainchild of Anne Berg. This will be a fabulous online resource defining seizure types and epilepsy syndromes with EEG and video examples. The implementation of the manual has been led by Kate Riney, who has worked with information technology academics at the University of Melbourne to develop this online resource. It has had considerable input from both the Task Force and the Commission. We are sure that this resource will be invaluable to people looking after individuals with epilepsy around the world.

The Status Task Force, led by Eugen Trinka and Daniel Lowenstein, working in collaboration with the Status Task Force of the Epidemiology Commission, has prepared a new classification of status epilepticus. We think this will be a very useful tool for the epilepsy community and will reflect current thinking.

My warmest thanks to all members of the Commission on Classification and Terminology and both task forces for their invaluable input through the term of the Commission.

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