ILAE CENTENARY FILM FESTIVAL winning entries

In 2008, the ILAE announced a competition for the ILAE Centenary Award for Film to encourage fresh perspectives on epilepsy and seizures in film. The judging criteria were creative and artistic excellence. The competition attracted entries from Europe, Asia, North and South America, Africa and the Middle East, representing many different film genres.

The winning entries and the commended shorts will all be shown during the conference.

**Ictal (UK) Overall winner – ILAE Centenary Award for Film**

This innovative short film depicts a seizure from the sufferer’s viewpoint. The soundtrack was created by the filmmaker from EEG data recorded during a seizure, converted to sound.

**Year of the Wolf (Finland) Winner – Best Feature Film**

A love story. An ominous darkness and the feeling of being hunted are used in this film to portray the ever present threat of seizures following a diagnosis of epilepsy. Water is also strong theme throughout the film, sometimes retreating, other times engulfing, representing the experience of seizures.

**Rachel: A Perfect Life (Australia) Winner – Best Documentary**

This feature–length documentary follows Rachel through as she contemplates and then undergoes a temporal lobe resection for her medically intractable epilepsy. In addition to an honest portrayal of an unexpectedly stormy postoperative period, the filmmakers used Rachel’s T–shirt motifs to highlight the chapters of her recovery and the soundtrack to alert the view to the threat of a resumption of seizures following the surgery.

**Commended Shorts**

**Stigma (Brazil)**

Set against the background of ambiguous and provocative images, Stigma narrates the life of Machado de Assis (1839–1908), a writer with epilepsy, born into stark poverty in 19th–century Brazil.

**A Better Waiting Room (Wales)**

A black comedy that explores the ways in which epilepsy can, on occasion, work to someone’s advantage.

**Shaken (USA)**

A dramatic, cultural exploration of the wider impact of epilepsy on family members.
The ILAE is pleased to announce the publication of this book marking its centenary in 2009. This book charts the course of the history of the ILAE over its first hundred years, within the context of the history of neurology and medicine. The ILAE achieved much in its first century and the book attempts to be a scholarly work reflecting the quality of the ILAE. It includes much previously unpublished material deriving from in-depth research in the ILAE archives and interviews with individuals involved with the ILAE and many other historical sources around the world.

The volume includes the following chapters and appendices:
- ILAE – the first period 1909–1952
- ILAE – the second period 1953–1992
- ILAE – the third period 1993–2009
- Development of the classification and nosology of epilepsy 1909–2009
- Organisation of basic science in epilepsy with special reference to the ILAE
- The relations of the ILAE with the lay organisations
- Epilepsia – the journal of the ILAE
- ILAE – commissions, task forces and the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy
- ILAE – the international symposia and congresses 1909–2009
- Appendices – ILAE Chapters and dates of incorporation
  - ILAE Executive Committee membership
  - ILAE Commission membership
  - ILAE Constitution and bylaws
  - ILAE Ambassadors for epilepsy: 1968–present

The book is 338 pages, in full colour and with over 100 historical photographs and illustrations. Each copy is lavishly produced, beautifully presented with a book plate with an individual number and owner’s name. It will be a valuable volume which will grace the library of epileptologists and bibliophiles.
The sun never sets on the ILAE

ILAE membership around the world

Map of the world, with blue shading indicating ILAE membership

Albania  Albania
Algeria  Algeria
Argentina  Argentina
Armenia  Armenia
Australia  Australia
Austria  Austria
Azerbaijan  Azerbaijan
Bangladesh  Bangladesh
Belgium  Belgium
Brazil  Brazil
Bulgaria  Bulgaria
Burkina Faso  Burkina Faso
Canada  Canada
Chile  Chile
China  China
Colombia  Colombia
Congo  Congo
Costa Rica  Costa Rica
Croatia  Croatia
Cuba  Cuba
Cyprus  Cyprus
Czech Republic  Czech Republic
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Finland  Finland
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Guatemala  Guatemala
Honduras  Honduras
Hong Kong  Hong Kong
Hungary  Hungary
India  India
Indonesia  Indonesia
Iraq  Iraq
Ireland  Ireland
Israel  Israel
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Uganda  Uganda
United Kingdom  United Kingdom
Ukraine  Ukraine
United Arab Emirates  United Arab Emirates
Uruguay  Uruguay
United States  United States
Venezuela  Venezuela
Yugoslav Union of Leagues Against Epilepsy  Yugoslavia of Leagues Against Epilepsy
Zimbabwe  Zimbabwe
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY

JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY – IN THIS ITS CENTENARY YEAR – AND BE PART OF A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT

It is hoped that all attendees to this the Centenary Conference of the ILAE will consider joining the organisation – as the strength of the organisation depends on its global membership. Information about application is available at this booth.

ILAE is the world’s pre-eminent association of physicians and other health professionals working towards a world where no person’s life is limited by epilepsy.

Epilepsy is a worldwide condition and the ILAE has a global reach. Epilepsy affects children and adults, complicates many other medical diseases, as well as occurring alone, and requires long-term treatment. It is a heavy burden for many patients, and the aim of the ILAE is:

- To advance and disseminate knowledge about epilepsy
- To promote research, education and training
- To improve services and care for patients, especially by prevention, diagnosis and treatment

The ILAE was founded in Budapest in 1909 and has become an important influence on epilepsy policy, research and treatment. It has been governed, since 1935, by an Executive Committee, with distinguished presidents and members – voted in each 4 years by the national chapters. The ILAE runs conferences on a national, regional and international basis. It owns and publishes the premier epilepsy journal *Epilepsia* and works to achieve its aims through its national chapters and its commissions and task forces. It is through the efforts of its members, all volunteers, that its achieves its goals.

If you are not a member already, please consider joining the organisation and contributing to the global effort to improve the lives of those with epilepsy.