

Lilia Maria Morales Chacón MD, PhD

Dr. Lilia Morales Chacón is the head of the Clinical Neurophysiology Service and Video EEG Monitoring at CIREN (International Center of Neurological Restoration). At present, she is also the head of the Cuban League against Epilepsy and a member of the Executive of the Cuban Neuroscience Society.

Dr. Morales graduated from the Medical School of the University of Havana in 1989 and became a specialist in Clinical Neurophysiology in 1994. From 1996 to 1997 she was chosen for a fellowship at the Neurological Institute at Mc Gill University in Canada, supervised by Prof Luis Felipe Quesney and Frederic Andermann. Afterwards, she was responsible for the development of the surgery epilepsy program for pharmaresistant epilepsy in Cuba including surgical, clinical and basic investigations.

She has got a PhD in Medical Science from the Cuban Science Academy and she is a full Professor at the Medical School of Havana. During the last ten years, Dr Morales has been a professor of Clinical Neurophysiology and has instructed generations of neurologists, clinical neurophysiologists and neurosurgeons in EEG and video monitoring for epilepsy.

In the last two years she has organized and given two courses of the Latin American Academy of Epilepsy (ALADE) in Cuba. Likewise, she has been encouraging the development of the Strategic Plan for Epilepsy approved by PAHO in September 2011.

She is currently the chairperson of the Clinical Neurophysiology Service and Video EEG Monitoring unit, and the principal coordinator of intractable epilepsy surgery at the International Center for Neurological Restoration. Her major subjects of study and sphere of activities include presurgical evaluation in epilepsy surgery (using Video EEG monitoring and functional neuroimaging), intraoperative Electroocortigraphy as well as basic mechanism in pharmoresistant in epilepsy.

Dr Morales has published more than 90 peer-reviews and has written a total of 15 chapters for specialized books. She is a member of the review committee of Medic Review Journal, and also Lead Guest Editor for one of our upcoming Special Issues in Epilepsy Research and Treatment. She has been an expected speaker in many national and international congresses.

In addition to her many Cuban Science Academy and Technology Innovation Awards for her researches on epileptology, Dr. Morales has also been awarded by Glaxo Smithkline and the Mexican Health Foundation.