

A Report from the Commission for Classification and Terminology

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The Commission for 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 some of the terminology so that it more readily translates to other languages. Following the feedback from the global epilepsy community, the concepts of generalized epilepsies and focal epilepsies have



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been reinstated. In addition to the well-defined and accepted electroclinical syndromes, the concept of a clinico-radiological entity was endorsed. The major category of etiologically based diagnoses has been expanded to incorporate genetic, structural, metabolic, immune, infectious and unknown. There are also unclassified epilepsies. The Commission and its associated Classification Task Force have worked collaboratively to refine these new approaches.

The Classification Task Force has continued to develop the Diagnostic Manual, which is an online resource defining seizure types and epilepsy syndromes with EEG and video examples. Kate Riney has worked with IT academics at the University of Melbourne to develop the manual as an online resource. It has had huge input from both the Task Force and the Commission. We are sure that this resource

will be invaluable to people caring for 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, are in the final stages of preparing a new classification of Status Epilepticus. We think this will be a very useful tool for the epilepsy community.

My warmest thanks to all members of the Classification and Terminology Commission and to both Task Forces for their invaluable input through this term.