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Aims/Goals of the Commission

To establish a comprehensive report on research priorities in epilepsy, to be published in The Lancet Neurology.

Commission Activities and Accomplishments

The Task Force (TF) was set up in late 2018, and then endorsed by both The Lancet Neurology and the ILAE.

It includes 32 members, with optimal gender balance and appropriate representation of main research topics and world regions.

Most TF members are Chair, Co-chair, or Past-chair of other ILAE commissions or TFs.

The TF held three videoconferences during the first half of 2019, with the view to delineate the summary and main topics of the report.

A full-day meeting was then organised during the International Epilepsy Congress in Bangkok, during which the framework of the report and detailed contribution expected from each participant was delineated.

Contributors to this report are currently finalizing their sections with the hope to submit a final draft to The Lancet Neurology before summer.

Recommendations for Future Work

The report shall provide a strong basis for defining the future strategy of the Research Advocacy and Priorities Task Force, and help lobbying research-funding agencies as well as other organisations (including WHO) to further support epilepsy.

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