

Support for Education in Epileptology in Europe

Education is a major activity in the strategy of ILAE-Europe. This document describes how to apply for support for educational activities.

1. Types of Courses

- i. Core Courses (CC): ILAE-Europe takes primary responsibility for developing and organising these courses. The CCs cover topics that have a high priority in the educational agenda and where the need is demonstrated by a high demand for the course from new students.

Examples of Core Courses (CC)

- Surgery (EPODES)
- Pharmacology (Eilat Edu)
- Clinical epileptology (Migrating Course)
- Bridging between basic neuroscience and clinical practice (San Servolo)

Translational and paediatric components should be included in all the above courses. A CC may include a series of courses over a period of time to complete the topic addressed e.g. in a basic and subsequent advanced format, or a cycle of topics

- ii. ILAE-Europe Sponsored Activities (SA)
 - Clinical epileptology (Caucasian and Baltic Sea Summer Schools - BSSSE)
 - Topical courses (Stereo EEG, Dianalund Summer School on EEG and Epilepsy, Neuropathology courses)

The following are considered in the evaluation of applications for SA:

- Topic (e.g. neurophysiology, neuropathology)
- Didactic methodology (e.g. course, workshop)
- Geographic distribution (BSSSE, Caucasian Summer School)

- iii. Scientific symposia can only be supported where organized on specific topics and outputs are outlined to the benefit of the European and wider ILAE community

2. Applying for Educational Support from ILAE-Europe

- i. ILAE Europe can provide both financial support as well as non-financial support in the form of promoting the activity
- ii. An application form is available on the [ILAE-Europe website within the ILAE website](#)
- iii. Applications should be submitted to the executive board of ILAE-Europe

Applications for course sponsorship

- i. Applications for financial support of educational courses are encouraged
- ii. It is also encouraged that regions apply to host a 'migrating course' in the event of need for a comprehensive course, or offer to host a summer school
- iii. Further educational initiatives will be looked upon favourably if complementary to the existing educational initiatives supported
- iv. The form for application is to be found on the [website](#)

- v. Courses should have international appeal, but address local educational needs. The degree of 'European value' (application to a wider European audience) should be outlined and appropriate consideration given to other courses in existence that provide a similar need. Outline the likely benefits from such a course to be held at this particular time, and how this will address epilepsy care in the future
- vi. Evidence of support from the host chapter should be provided
- vii. The application form should be accompanied by a full proposed programme including teachers/lecturers and the method of student-engagement for each item in the programme
- viii. The budget should include full administrative support and the organisation of the course, including applications, registration of individuals, administration of finance and consideration of bursaries
- ix. Bursary application and selection will be addressed by the local organisers. A list of previous recipients will be held centrally
- x. Local organisers will be expected to notify bursary recipients; a full list should be sent to the central office so a record can be kept
- xi. A standard bursary application and evaluation form will be provided for participants to complete
- xii. Rules for dissemination of course material include obtaining permission from speakers in advance and in what format, checking compliance with copyright rules
- xiii. The logo of ILAE-Europe will be used on all material pertaining to the course where support has been granted
- xiv. The support is granted on the condition that the course organizers forward to the participants the link to the standardized online evaluation forms.

Scientific Symposia

- i. It is perceived that small select workshops are of value for exchange of ideas in select topics to encourage collaboration and facilitate research
- ii. Financial support may be available on application
- iii. Completed forms obtained from the [ILAE-Europe website](#) are to be submitted to the Chair and Secretary of ILAE-Europe
- iv. Symposia addressing focused questions with appropriate international faculty and hosted within a European member country will be looked upon favourably
- v. The possibility of a resultant publication from the workshop should be addressed
- vi. Full budget and programme should be outlined on application
- vii. If supported, the ILAE-Europe logo should be displayed on all related material

Application for non-monetary support of courses/scientific symposia

- i. It is recognised that non-monetary support for courses/symposia may be beneficial to the organisers
- ii. If granted, the ILAE-Europe logo can be displayed on written/web material and promotion of the activity enabled through the [ILAE web site](#)
- iii. A request to the Chair and Secretary of ILAE-Europe should be made a minimum of 3 months in advance of the event, with full programme, likely outcomes and attendees.
- iv. Evidence should be provided of added European value
- v. The event should be accessible to a range of individuals, both professionally and geographically
- vi. Evidence should be provided of local chapter support for the activity

- vii. All bursary applicants must report in the application form about previous course attendance and/or bursaries received
- viii. An evaluation form will be completed at the course by participants and submitted to the course organizer
- ix. Six months after the course participants should report on the impact of the Course
- x. ILAE-Europe has established at the Dublin-ILAE office an archive/repository (provided that it is cost-effective) of all bursary awardees of sponsored courses starting from 2012

3. Guest Professorships

This is a program from ILAE-Europe that seeks to promote and improve the care of persons in European countries living with epilepsy, through education, advocacy and research. It aims specifically to support and expand exchange programs between members of European chapters of the ILAE, in order to significantly impact epilepsy care in resource poor regions.

The application should address program goals. This program supports travel between European Centres to perform at least one of the following activities:

- i. Education and training of epileptologists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, primary care physicians, health care extenders, and/or other professionals involved in epilepsy care.
- ii. Improve the provision of locally-sustainable patient care. This could include active participation in clinics.
- iii. Education (and advocacy) of local authorities and opinion makers, to enhance community awareness of epilepsy, treatment gap, access to care, cultural and other issues that impact delivery of care
- iv. Initiate and foster sustainable collaborative research related to epilepsy.

The Executive Board of ILAE-Europe will evaluate applications. There is no honorarium designated for the faculty member. Reasonable travel and accommodation expenses will be covered up to the maximum of €5,000 per partnership.

Application forms can be downloaded at the [ILAE-Europe website](#)