

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY
COMMISSION ON ASIAN/OCEANIAN AFFAIRS CHAPTER CONVENTION**

Friday, 13th May 2016, 12:00-13:45

**Convention Hall C, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), 1 Expo Dr, Wan Chai,
Hong Kong**

List of Attendance

ILAE Executive Committee

President, Emilio Perucca ITALY
Secretary General, Helen Cross UK
Treasurer, Sam Wiebe CANADA
Information Officer, Ed Bertram USA
Past President, Nico Moshé USA

Global Campaign Task Force, Ernie Somerville,
Australia
Executive Committee Liaison, Tatusya Tanaka,
Japan
Sunao Kaneko, Japan
Kheng Seang Lim, Malaysia
Guoming Luan, China
Man Mohan Mehndiratta, India

Commission on Asian/Oceanian Affairs

Chairman, Byung In Lee, Korea
Secretary, Andrew Bleasal, Australia
Treasurer, Leonor Cabral Lim, Philippines
Research Task Force Chair, CT Tan, Malaysia
Constitution & ASEPA Task Force Chair, John
Dunne, Australia
Paediatric Task Force Chair, South Korea,
Heung Dong Kim

ILAE Chapters

Listed on the roll call under agenda item (2)

ILAE Staff

Gus Egan, Chapter Services Coordinator

IDM Staff

Richard Holmes

Agenda

- (1) 12:00-12:10 Welcome Address and Opening Remarks, BI Lee, Chairman, CAO A**
- (2) 12:10-12:20 Introduction of Delegates, A Bleasal ---Chapter and Non-Chapter Countries**
- (3) 12:20-12:30 Address by ILAE President, E Perucca, President, ILAE**
- (4) 12:30-12:40 Report from ILAE, H Cross, General Secretary, ILAE**
- (5) 12:40-13:30 Report from CAO A**

Annual Report -----BI Lee, Chair, CAO A
Budget ----- L Cabral-Lim, Treasurer, CAO A
ASEPA ----- JW Dunne, Chairman, ASEPA
Information Committee-----S Kaneko, Chair
Research Task Force -----CT Tan, Chair
Global Outreach Task Force -----E. Somerville, Chair
AOEA & Constitution Task Force (CTF)-----W Dunne, CTF Chair
Paediatric Task Force-----Heung Dong Kim, Chair
12th AOEC-----Richard Holmes

(6) 13:30-13:45 Q & A and general discussion

(7) 13:45 Adjourn

1) Welcome - BI Lee, Chairman, CAO A

A Bleasal opened the meeting and invited BI Lee to give his welcome/opening remarks. BI Lee explained how the region has made significant progress since the AOEC's inception. The 11th AOEC,

taking place this week, marks the 3rd decade of ILAE activity in this region and he promised that this decade will see the region take its position as a leader rather than a follower as has previously been the case. Many barriers will be overcome in the coming years and together all present can achieve common goals and deliver the AOEC's mission. He wished everyone a successful Congress.

2) Roll Call – A Bleasal, Secretary, CAO

Roll call – Andrew Bleasal

Chapter	Name
Australia	Wendyl D'Souza
Australia / Global Outreach Task Force Chair	Ernie Somerville
Bangladesh	Muzharul Mannan
China	Jiong Qin
China	Zhen Hong
Hong Kong	Eva Fung
Hong Kong	Howan Leung
India	MM Mehndiratta
Indonesia / ASEPA Task Force Member	Kurnia Kusumastuti
Indonesia	Anna M Sunarja
Japan	Makiko Osawa
Japan	Sunao Kaneko
Japan	Akio Ikeda
Korea	Sung-Pa Park
Malaysia	Raymond Azman Ali
Malaysia / CAO	Kheng Seang Lim
Mongolia	Amarjargal M

Myanmar	Nyan Tun
Myanmar	Khin Than Nwe
Nepal	ABSENT
New Zealand	ABSENT
Pakistan / ASEPA TF	Zarine Mogal
Pakistan	Hiba Mahmud
Philippines	Ana Marie Javelosa
Singapore	Derrick Chan
Sri Lanka	Jithangi Wanigasinghe
Sri Lanka	Ranjanie Gamage
Taiwan	Chuang Yao Chung
Taiwan	Chien Chen
Thailand	Anannit Visudtibhan
Thailand	Apasri Lusawat
Vietnam	ABSENT
Invited Countries	
Cambodia	Channara Chhour
Laos	Phetvongsinh Chivorakoun

3) Address by ILAE President, E Perucca, President, ILAE

E Perucca began by welcoming Myanmar as the newest Chapter of the region. He also congratulated Sam Wiebe as the President Elect for the Term 2017-21. He stated that Sam Wiebe sent his apologies as he was unable to attend because his daughter was getting married. He remarked that his previous contributions to the Executive Committee have been outstanding and he is confident that he will be a great President. The next step of the elections will be for the Management Committee and he urged all Chapters to participate fully.

Continuing, he highlighted the ILAE's latest initiative, a new journal called Epilepsia Open (EO). He likened it to a daughter or son of Epilepsia. The difference is that EO is an open access journal.

Currently there are three editors in chief:

Dieter Schmidt Germany

Xuefeng Wang – China

Gary Mathern – USA (also a co-editor of *Epilepsia*). We want the two journals to work together, hence Gary's appointment.

The primary aim of EO is to rapidly publish robust high quality results that provide insights in all aspects of epilepsy research. Specifically, EO will publish peer reviewed, high quality open access articles covering the entire breadth of basic, translational and clinical research in epilepsy. The spectrum of articles may include all disciplines of life and health sciences such as public/global health science and societal impact studies. Article Publication Charges: As a fully open access journal EO requires an article publication charge ranging from US\$1000 to US\$2000. Waivers and discounts are available. There is an objection that public funded research is then made to be paid for through publishers. The most appropriate way in the future is that people pay a fee to submit papers.

Articles will be immediately open access and freely available to read and download. The journal maintains the highest standards and a rigorous peer review process. EO ensures quality and reputation supported by the ILAE and Wiley. Authors retain copyright, published under a Creative Commons license. EO is in compliance with institutional mandates. Authors will benefit from rapid publication.

He thanked the editors for putting together the slides for his presentation to give an introduction for this journal. Today marked the first announcement of this journal. Within the next few weeks the first articles will appear. He thanked everyone for their attention and stated that the CAO is doing a wonderful job.

4) Report from ILAE, H Cross, General Secretary, ILAE

Helen Cross began by welcoming representatives from Laos and Cambodia where applications to establish Chapters are ongoing. She also welcomed Myanmar as the newest Chapter.

She moved on to explain how the ILAE is formulated into Regional and Topic commissions. One thing that is top of the agenda for the current Executive Committee (EC) is education. How can we initiate more global education? We have some initiatives we wish to share globally.

She described that with regard to Topic Commissions, one of her tasks as Secretary General is to focus on papers that have been submitted with regard to different topics that have been discussed. Position papers with regard to the management of learning disability and also management of non-epileptic seizures.

The coming Sunday, will see a debate between herself and E Somerville regarding the upgrading of classification of the epilepsies for the Taskforce for the definition and description of seizure types. She explained that this information is on the website for the following three weeks and she invited feedback from all attendees.

She moved on to global research priorities and explained that there were papers from the Asian/Oceanian region and Europe on this topic being published in *Epilepsia*. However, she highlighted the need for a global perspective. Those that have been received are on the website and she invited feedback.

5) Report from CAO A

Annual Report, Byung-In Lee, Chair, CAO A

BI LEE began by stating the John Dunne is the new ASPEA chair and explained that the past year has seen exciting programs.

The 10th AEOC in Singapore saw 1300 delegates attend and he expressed his hope that higher numbers would attend this week at the 11th AOEC. In 2018 the AOEC will go to Bali and that preparations to begin the organisation of that Congress would begin this week.

He moved on to explain the aims and missions of the CAO A which were established in 2006 and the newly added Action plans that were set in place in 2013.

Budget, Leonor Cabral Lim, Treasurer, CAO A

<i>International League Against Epilepsy Asian & Oceanian Affairs - 30</i>			
GL Acct	Description	Jan-Dec 2015	Budget 2015
<i>REVENUE</i>			
<i>EXPENSES</i>			
5083	Publications	\$3,000	\$3,000
5087	Fellowships	\$14,000	\$14,000
5073	Bursaries	\$0	\$0
5088	Awards	\$0	\$0
5096	Meetings	\$1,849	\$22,600
5108	Chapter Convention	\$0	\$0
5097	Other	\$0	\$4,800
5099	Prior Year	\$0	\$0
5104	Courses	\$15,836	\$37,000
6152	Website	\$2,000	\$3,000
7111	Other Projects	\$0	\$0
7116	Laos Training Project-S Keosodsay	\$6,000	\$11,400
TOTAL EXPENSES		42,685	95,800

CAOA Fund Balance:

Balance per 2014 Audit Report	(258,791)
Plus: Singapore Congress Surplus-50%	43,877
Less: 2015 Expenses	(42,685)

Fund Balance to date: (257,599)

	2016 Activity	2016 Amount Requested	2016 Amount Approved	Notes
	ASEPA Teaching Courses	\$40,000	\$36,000	Reduced due to budgetary constraints
	ASEPA EEG Examinations	\$7,500	\$7,500	
	ASEPA Fellowship	\$14,000	\$14,000	
	11th AOEC Bursaries	\$7,500	\$6,000	Reduced due to budgetary constraints. Please provide information on who will attend the Hong Kong course. Can't this be incorporated into the congress budget?
	Chapter Convention - 11th AOEC	\$6,300	\$6,300	
	AOEC Awards	\$1,000	\$1,000	
CAOA	Joint Symposium with AESC, ISS, AOCN	\$10,800	\$5,400	Reduced due to budgetary constraints
	Summer School in Epilepsy	\$10,000	\$10,000	
	Research Task Force	\$3,000	\$0	Due to budgetary constraints, unable to provide funding. This was scored low by the Budget Committee- more structured initiative required
	Global Campaign: Mandalay, Myanmar	\$8,400	\$8,400	
	Website	\$3,000	\$3,000	
	Newsletter	\$3,000	\$3,000	
	San Servolo Bursary Support	\$6,000	\$6,000	
	Business Meetings (3) - Hong Kong	\$10,360	\$10,360	
	TOTALS:	\$130,860	\$116,960	

**International League Against Epilepsy
Asian & Oceanian Affairs - 30**

GL Acct	Description	Jan-Mar 2016	Budget 2016
REVENUE			
	Seino Fund Support - UCB Japan	2,500	
EXPENSES			
5083	Publications	\$0	\$3,000
5087	Fellowships	0	14,000
5073	Bursaries	0	6,000
5088	Awards	0	1,000
5096	Meetings	0	10,360
5100	San Servolo Support	0	6,000
5108	Chapter Convention	0	6,300
5097	Other	0	0
5099	Prior Year	0	0
5104	Courses	3,792	53,500
6152	Website	0	3,000
7111	Other Projects	0	0
7116	Joint Initiatives	0	13,800
TOTAL EXPENSES		3,792	116,960

ASEPA, John Dunne, Chair ASEPA

John Dunne began by stating that above all else we must remember that we are a community. It doesn't matter if it's the ILAE or CAO; we all have a common purpose, as colleagues and friends, to work together to help our patients. He listed the ASEPA committee members and thanked them for their work.

He explained to all present that the goal of ASEPA is to help their communities by creating initiatives. He expressed their desire to hear from the Chapters and asked them to approach any of the ASEPA members that he had just listed. ASEPA want to know what they can do to help everyone's communities with regard to education to ultimately help people with epilepsy. He explained that ASEPA has organised educational events in epilepsy care. The clinical epilepsy educational activities ASEPA can deliver include:

- primary care,
- workshops,
- visiting professorships in how to get an epilepsy surgery activity going.

These activities allow ASEPA to link up with new colleagues and friends. He stated that when he doesn't know how to work with a patient, he needs a friend and with the internet he can stay in

touch; everyone can stay in touch. He highlighted the need to create networks where everyone can share each other's burdens. ASPEA provides support for Congresses and content of same.

Japan Epilepsy Society (JES) offers clinical fellowships in Epilepsy skills. In Australia they offer three monthly fellowships. ASEPA can sponsor people to get to the AOEC meeting and other important meetings in the region. The message is singular – speak to us, tell us what you need. Perhaps it's Primary Care or Presurgical workshop or EEG introductory sessions. ASEPA can deliver this. A lot can be done with a small amount of money. We are all the same, friends working together with the resources that we have to make our community better.

Information Committee – Derrick Chan (rather than Sunao Kaneko)

D Chan began by listing the members of the Information Committee and listed it's goals:

- To promote and facilitate interactions and communications among local chapters, individual health professionals interested in epilepsy care,
- To stimulate communications related to epilepsy care,
- To facilitate communications among Commission of CAO and Executive Committee of ILAE,
- To provide educational materials,

From the CAO's action plan for 2013-2017 he highlighted those aims/goals that applied to the Information Committee:

- Construct CAO and ASEPA Website with its link with ILAE Web and regional Chapter's Web, and Publish News Letter
- Organize a network consisting of information officers from each of the chapters of AO-region

1, Website

CAO-Website (<http://www.cao-epilepsy.org>) was opened in 2011 and has improved significantly. It is currently, under management by JSE company. The structures were remodeled by suggestions from the ILAE and it is linked to the ILAE-website. The linking of CAO-website to that of individual chapters of the region is possible through the ILAE-Website and direct link to chapter websites is possible to 7 chapters only yet.

Contents should be included are

- ◇ *Hands-on summary of epilepsy meetings in the region*
- ◇ *Slides of didactic lectures and workshops*
- ◇ *Information of meetings or epilepsy related events in the AO region*
- ◇ *Epilepsy treatment guidelines of each chapter, if there is any*
- ◇ *Reports and Documents from CAO, ASEPA, TFs, or other organizations*
- ◇ *News and Advocacy from individual chapters.*

The objectives of the website are:

1. To promote and facilitate interaction and communications among local chapters, individual health professionals interested in epilepsy care.
2. Provide educational materials
3. Stimulate communications related to epilepsy care

Links to Epilepsia and Neurology Asia are also posted along with updates to aims and missions, the current/upcoming events calendar. He invited all present to send information to be included. He gave a demonstration on how to locate everything on the website, Chapter information and how to access it from the ILAE's website.

Looking to the future he outlined what people can expect to see on the site:

- Reach out to professionals in AO region who are taking care of patients with epilepsy:
 - easier access to treatment guidelines, classification schemes, learning opportunities (e.g. ASEPA EEG exam application)
 - Archive for reports of CAO, ASEPA and chapters.
- Web-based conferencing /forum and a web-based membership directory (confidentiality concerns)
- Any comments are welcome because we need to improve our website.

2, Newsletters

The First CAO-Newsletter was published in December, 2012 and the original plan was publishing two times/year. One issue was published in 2013 and 2014. **Two issues in 2015.** He then described in detail the contents of each of these newsletters, back catalogues of which can be found on <http://www.caoa-epilepsy.org>

He expressed a need for content and invited all present to submit articles for publication especially any information on news/events from Chapters and regional activities. He asked that each Chapter appoint one or two members to liaise with the Information Committee on a regular basis with updates. He asked all submissions be sent to him at Derrick.Chan.W.S@Singhealth.com.sg

The target is to receive one item per Chapter per year (meetings, conferences, lay association events)

RESEARCH TASK FORCE – CT Tan, Chair

CT Tan explained how he would be reporting on behalf of Akio Ikeda who is the co-chair on this task force. The aim of this task force is to promote research in the region. The last task force published the research priorities in the region as Helen Cross mentioned earlier. This can easily be accessed on the website.

The main mean to achieve this goal is through joint research. Two years ago in Singapore several topics were discussed. One related to stigma involving several countries in the region.

Other projects are currently pending i.e. neurophysiology of complimentary treatments, women's issues. He encouraged all present to submit ideas for other projects.

Plans are underway to create a joint effort with the Global Task Force regarding the burden of Epilepsy. He explained that there is a young researchers' presentation session on Sunday afternoon from 3-4pm where three papers have been selected to be presented. Hopefully this will stimulate more work.

GLOBAL OUTREACH TASKFORCE (GOTF) – Ernie Somerville, Chair

E Somerville began by listing recent achievements of the GOTF.

- Myanmar project initiated
- LAO training continues
- WHO workshop on affordability of antiepileptic medications. E Somerville, Shichuo Li and E Percucca represented ILAE
- WHO mhGAP Guidelines. ES has provided input.
- AOEC Singapore – Global Campaign Forum
- Numerous and diverse activities across the region by a variety of medical and non-medical organisations, some affiliated with CAO chapters – Japn, Australia.

Epilepsy Society of Australia (ESA) is also engaging in the following activities

- Observership in Australia and Myanmar
- EEG technician from Australia has visited Yangon and Mandalay.
- Travel Scholarships by ESA to attend EEG and Epilepsy course in Australia
 - o 2015 Philippines x 4, Myanmar and Laos
 - o 2016 Cambodia x 2, Laos x 2, Philippines x 2, Myanmar

Indonesian Summer School

- Banjarmasin, S Borneo
- 12-13 August 2016
- 70 attendees, Kalimantan priority
 - o Neurologists and Paediatricians
 - o 5 psychiatrists
- Case based, small group interactive
- Faculty, 7

Epilepsy Burden and Epilepsy Care Gap

- Joint project of Global Campaign and Research Task Forces
- 1st meeting this Sunday 0800

On Saturday 14th May between 3pm and 5:30pm in Conference Hall C there will be a Global Campaign Task Force Session. He then listed the content of this session:

Diagnosis

- Epilepsy diagnosis by smartphones. *Victor PATTERSON, United Kingdom*
- Epilepsy diagnosis by smart nurses. *Ernest SOMERVILLE, Australia*
- Epilepsy diagnosis by EEG: Helpful servant or dangerous master? *John DUNNE, Australia*

Treatment gap

- The WHO resolution on epilepsy: What does it mean for the future? *Emilio PERUCCA, Italy*
- Overcoming the treatment gap in Laos: Epidemiology study, treatment gap project, Lao Epilepsy Society. *Phetvongsinh CHIVORAKOUN, Laos*
- Overcoming the treatment gap in Laos: Neurology training, EEG service and overcoming the management gap in epilepsy. *Chong Tin TAN, Malaysia*

On Friday 13 May there will be the Sanofi Satellite Symposium between 4:30pm and 6pm in Theatre 1 and described it's content as follows:

“Paving the way to better access to epilepsy care”

Co-chairs: Howan LEUNG (Hong Kong) and Pierre-Marie PREUX (France).

Improving access to epilepsy care in Cambodia: ECIR programme. *Chhour CHANNARA (Cambodia)*

DheVELOP programme: domestic health visitors to improve access to care for people with epilepsy in

Lao PDR – Preliminary results. *Phetvongsinh CHIVORAKOUN (Lao PDR)*

WHO: reducing the treatment gap – The Vietnam project. *Truong Le Van NGOC (Vietnam)*

Developing access to healthcare: what role for the pharmaceutical industry? *Robert SEBBAG (France)*

AOEA & Constitution Task Force (CTF), W Dunne, CTF Chair

This agenda item was not delivered.

Paediatric Task Force, Heung Dong Kim, Chair

This agenda item was not delivered.

12th AOEC, IDM, Richard Holmes

R Holmes began by stating how pleased he was to announce that the exhibition stand space was sold out for the 11th AOEC at Hong Kong. Registrations were slow to begin with and he was quite concerned for the numbers registering. The previous two weeks saw the numbers starting to swell.

At the moment 1200 were registered and his hope was to surpass Singapore. He listed attendance from the top countries as follows:

Hong Kong 256
China 167
Thailand 73
India 59
Japan 55
Indonesia 45
Australia 44
Korea 41
Singapore 37
USA 30
Philippines 23

44 countries in total.

He expressed his hope that the Congress will be enjoyable and rewarding. He outlined the work in which the IDM Office is engaged including the Eastern Mediterranean Congress in Dubai earlier in 2016 followed by the 11th AOEC Hong Kong, 9th LACE Cancún and the 12th ECE Prague.

He announced that the next AOEC will take place in Bali in 2018 and asked all present to mark 8-11 March of that year in their diaries. Already for 2020 some Chapters have expressed an interest. Requests for more expressions of interest will go out next year.

6) Q & A and general discussion

Helen Cross took to the podium again to discuss the voting and explained that the next cycle will be nominations for the Management Committee. Nomination forms will go out to the Chapters in late August. She urged all Chapters to participate reminding them that they can only do so if their dues are paid and up to date. She noted that should any Chapters have difficulty in settling their dues, that they can apply to use the ILAE's Solidarity Fund to which Gus Egan can help provide access.

Peter Bergin asked to deliver some information about the EPINET study. Firstly, he asked those who are not participating to please join and to encourage juniors to also join in. EpiNet was set up 7/8 years ago, to increase the number of neurologists and epileptologists in clinical research; to see which treatment is more effective and to run trials. He explained that it is a sophisticated database with 9,500 patients therein, 3,500 of which are from NZ. This is 5-10% of all those with epilepsy in NZ. If they can get 1% of people with epilepsy into the database from the region then so much would be learned. He invited all present to come along to the workshop on Sunday. He also invited all present to set up their own studies and remarked that new trials are also starting this year. Should anyone desire a new trial, they are welcome to do so.

7) Adjourn

Andrew Bleasal closed the meeting