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**ANNUAL  
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2023



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# President's Message

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**Looking back on 2023, I see a year of strengthening connections.**

A highlight of the year was ILAE's first in-person International Congress in four years, held in Dublin in September. The congress attracted nearly **3,500 delegates** from **144 countries** and featured a vibrant program of sessions, workshops, and posters.

Our educational platform continued to provide options for general and specialty practitioners, attracting learners from more than 125 countries. In-person schools and workshops brought colleagues face-to-face for the first time in years. And we continued strengthening connections through cooperative webinars, e-forums, commission and task force Zoom meetings, and a robust communications effort.

This report is a summary of our time and effort as a global team.

**Thanks to all of you for your dedication.**



**J. Helen Cross**  
ILAE President



# Organization & Structure

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The [ILAE Executive Committee](#) includes 11 elected members, as well as the executive director and chairs of each of the five councils. Elected members of the Executive Committee include the president, vice president, secretary-general, treasurer, immediate past president, and chairs of each of the six recognized ILAE regions: Africa, Asia-Oceania, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Latin America, and North America. Elections are held every four years.

The five councils—Congress, Global Advocacy, Education, Publication, Standards & Best Practices—provide oversight and governance in each area. Council activities are highlighted in various sections of this report.

Upon taking office, the ILAE president establishes multiple [commissions and task forces](#) to carry out the work of ILAE.

ILAE has established five sections comprised of ILAE members affiliated with specific groups: Neurotechnology in Epilepsy, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Social Services, and the Young Epilepsy Section.

Several committees support ILAE finances and the budgeting process, as well as manage elections.

[Staff members](#) provide support for all aspects of ILAE activities, including communications, publications, congresses, education, and financial affairs.

# Organization & Structure



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Chair, Congress Council



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IBE Treasurer  
ex officio

# Organization & Structure

## ILAE Councils

Each council is aligned with one of the goals under Strategy 2030. They are “standing” (ongoing) entities responsible for long and short-term planning, policy review, and recommending a course of action to the Executive Committee.



**J. Helen Cross**  
Chair

**Congress Council** enhances the quality, relevance, and profile of ILAE congresses, establishes steps needed to stay abreast of technical and educational advances in congresses, and manages the financial sustainability of ILAE congresses.



**Gagandeep Singh**  
Chair

**Education Council** devises strategies to enhance the quality, relevance and profile of ILAE educational activities, establishes steps needed to stay abreast of technical and educational advances, and manages the financial sustainability of ILAE education activities.



**Alla Guekht**  
Chair

**Global Advocacy Council** formulates strategies to enhance the quality, relevance, and profile of ILAE global advocacy activities, and establishes the steps needed to stay abreast of needs and opportunities for global and regional advocacy initiatives and activities.



**Michael Sperling**  
Chair

**Publication Council** recommends strategies to enhance the quality, relevance, and impact of ILAE publications. The Council stays abreast of technical and publishing innovations, monitors financial stability of publications, and guides policy.



**Nathalie Jette**  
Chair

**Standards and Best Practice Council** was recently created with the aim of synthesizing all aspects of ILAE’s work on the development, effective dissemination, and efforts at implementing clinical practice guidelines and best practice standards in epilepsy.

# Organization & Structure



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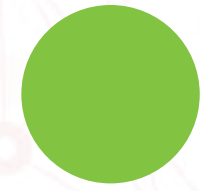
# Chapter Activities

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## Over the course of 2023 ILAE's regions:

- Organized and delivered face-to-face, hybrid, and educational courses that match the needs of local communities.
- Awarded and managed epilepsy fellowships to provide training to future leaders and enhance care.
- Hosted webinars in multiple languages on all aspects of epilepsy care.
- Established and curated databases to collect data and inform research and education.
- Planned and executed epilepsy awareness and advocacy activities in communities.
- Created and distributed information about epilepsy targeted to local needs.
- Collaborated with other international organizations to advance policies and legislation about epilepsy.

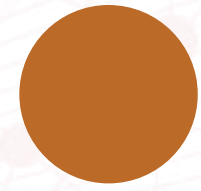
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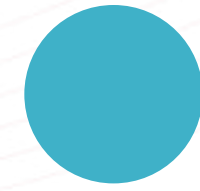
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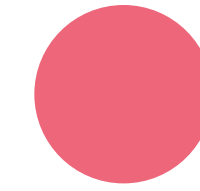
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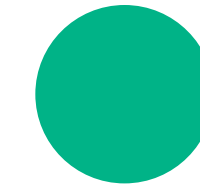
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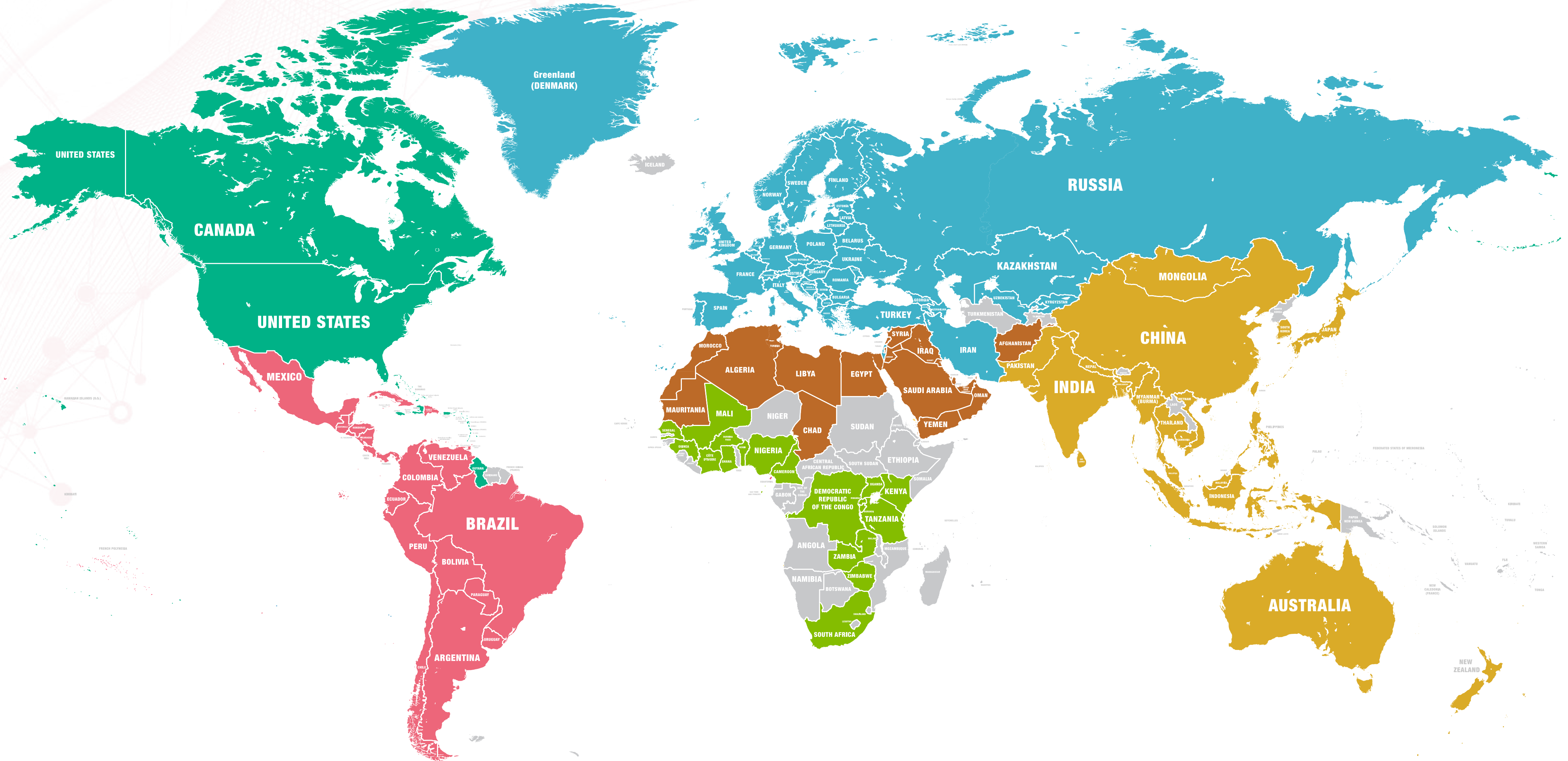
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North  
America



# Chapter Activities

## Asia & Oceania

- Numerous regional face-to-face, hybrid and virtual educational courses continue to be delivered to meet the needs of local communities.
- The region is identifying multiple institutions capable of and willing to host one-year Level 3 epilepsy fellowships that provide training to future epilepsy leaders to enhance epilepsy care.
- The EEG certification examinations (written then oral), commenced in 2005, continue to enhance the standard of EEG recording and interpretation skills. To date, more than 400 people have become EEG certified through this program.
- The region has established an epilepsy surgery database and is supporting the development of epilepsy surgery programs in Nepal and Mongolia.
- Regional leaders authored an article on the affordability of newer antiseizure medications in Asian resource-limited countries ([Epilepsia 2023](#)).
- The region established a pediatric task force to identify clinical research and education projects aligned with IGAP objectives.

### Pakistan Epilepsy Awareness Campaign Telecasts on Pakistan television channels

A short public educational documentary was produced in Urdu, Sindhi, Pushto, Balochi (national/regional/provincial languages), and English. It aired twice daily for multiple cycles of 30 days on popular satellite television channels, some positioned just before prime-time news. It was followed by 15- to 20-minute Meet the Expert live transmissions on Saturdays and Sundays.

This is a time, resource, and cost-effective approach to raising awareness, dispelling stigma, and encouraging people to seek treatment, with a greater geographical reach than any other activity undertaken to date. This has resulted in a marked increase in people with epilepsy and their families seeking advice and treatment, in part being delivered via telehealth.



# Chapter Activities

## Africa

- Held monthly webinars in French and English in collaboration with the Eastern Mediterranean region, focusing on local needs and issues
- Produced two EpiSkills webinars, one on IGAP demonstration projects and one on stigma in epilepsy
- Trained faculty in Zambia for Pediatric Epilepsy Training courses and rolled out a pilot course focused on adult epileptology (Epilepsy Training in Adult Medicine)
- Held six courses throughout the region on various topics important in epilepsy care
- Produced a training workshop in conjunction with the International Brain Research Organization for junior neurologists and neuroscientists focused on IGAP implementation



## Latin America

- Held the 16th Latin American Summer School on Epilepsy
- Managed three fellowships in epileptology
- Offered six virtual courses through the regional epilepsy academy (ALADE)
- Offered Pediatric Epilepsy Training courses at levels 1 and 2
- Produced a series of four webinars on epilepsy and its treatment, with speakers from three countries
- Organized Epilepsy Awareness Weeks in Paraguay and Venezuela
- Increased collaboration with the Pan American Federation of Neurological Societies, Pan American Health Organization, and the International Brain Research Organization



# Chapter Activities

## Eastern Mediterranean

- Held a regional epilepsy course in Iraq, as well as the First Iraqi Epilepsy Congress, a two-day event
- Produced an epilepsy education session for nurses in French
- Held a workshop on pediatric epilepsy
- Held an epilepsy course in Tunisia that attracted attendees from Tunisia and Algeria
- Produced an EEG course for technicians
- Creating a step-by-step manual to implement a national action plan for epilepsy (will be finalized in 2024)
- Adapting guidelines for the management of status epilepticus and use of emergency rescue medicines to low- and middle-income countries (will be finalized in 2024)
- Established Young Epilepsy Section (YES) groups in most countries in the region
- Held African Brain Week in February 2023, with different neurological themes each day



# Strategic Plan



# Strategic Plan

ILAE's Strategic Plan will provide direction until 2030. The plan includes five goals, as well as three cross-cutting areas of support (events and congresses, communications, and publications).

*Everything we do aligns with at least one of the plan's goals.*



**1**  
  
**Standards & Best Practice**



**2**  
  
**Professional Education & Development**



**3**  
  
**Advocacy**



**4**  
  
**Organizational & Financial Viability**



**5**  
  
**Research & Innovation**

A group of diverse healthcare professionals, including a woman in scrubs, a woman in a purple top, and a man in a white lab coat, are gathered around a table in a meeting. They are smiling and looking at each other, with a laptop and papers on the table. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

# Intersectoral Global Action Plan

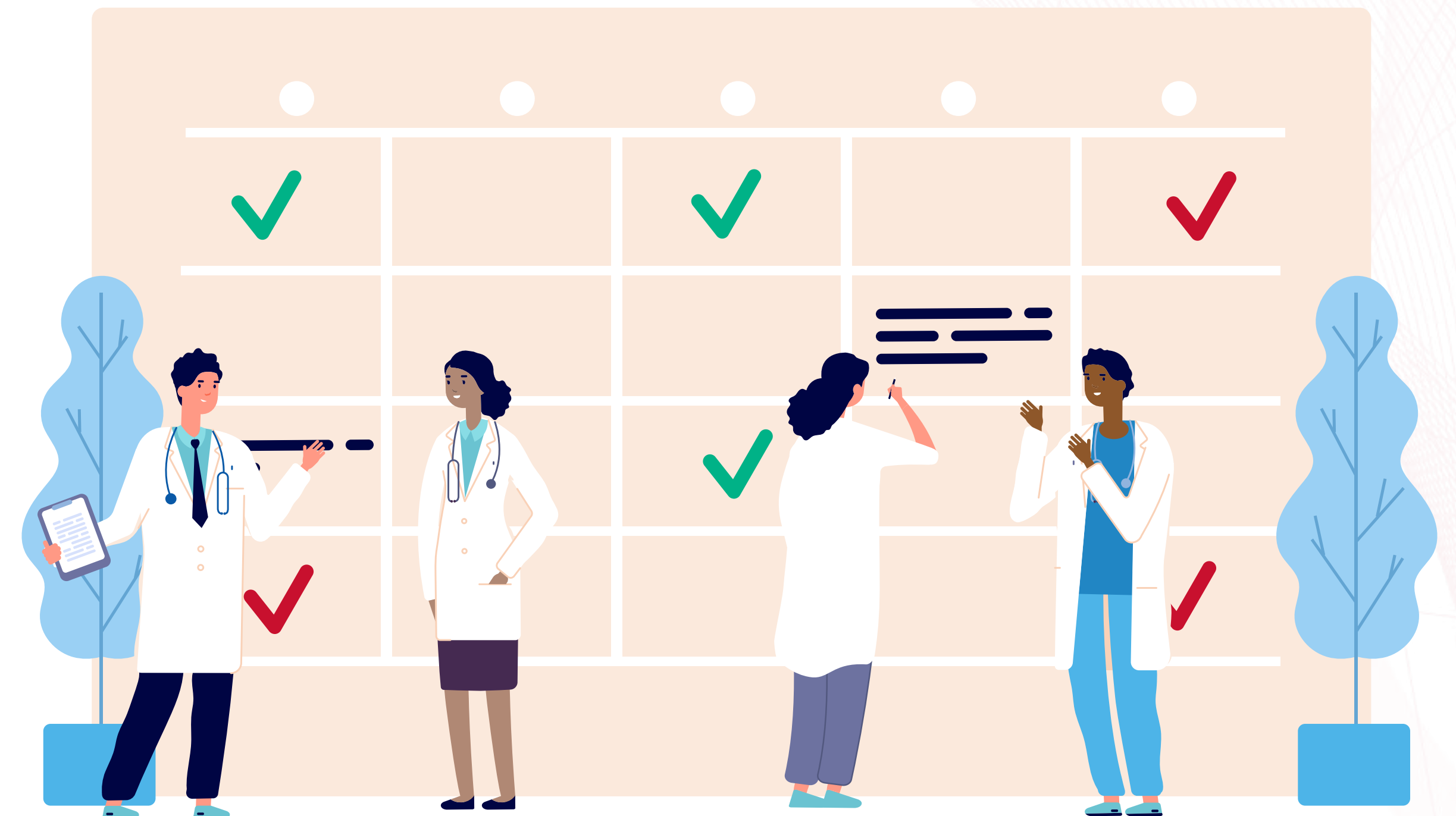
# Intersectoral Global Action Plan (IGAP)

On 27 May 2022, Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) approved the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders (IGAP) at the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. This was the culmination of many years of collaboration!

In 2023, ILAE produced an update webinar titled “Where are we after one year of IGAP?”

ILAE-Africa hosted a webinar showcasing demonstration projects throughout the region dedicated to advancing IGAP goals, and ILAE-Eastern Mediterranean hosted a French webinar with details of IGAP and the 10-year targets.

At a special session during the American Epilepsy Society meeting, more than 70 attendees joined ILAE and IBE leaders to discuss progress on IGAP and strategies for moving forward.



# IGAP at a glance



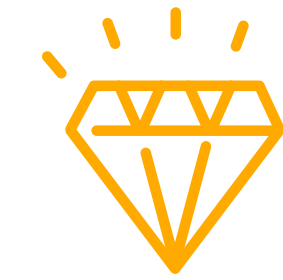
## Vision

- Brain health is valued, promoted and protected across the life course
- Neurological disorders are prevented, diagnosed and treated, and premature mortality and morbidity are avoided
- People affected by neurological disorders and their carers attain the highest possible level of health with equal rights, opportunities, respect and autonomy



## Goals

- To reduce the stigma, impact and burden of neurological disorders, including associated mortality, morbidity and disability
- To improve the quality of life of people with neurological disorders, their carers and families



## Guiding principles

- People-centered primary health care and universal health coverage
- Integrated approach to care across the life course
- Evidence-informed policy and practice
- Intersectoral action
- Empowerment and involvement of persons with neurological disorders and their carers
- Gender, equity and human rights



## Strategic objectives

- To raise the prioritization and strengthen governance
- To provide effective, timely and responsive diagnosis, treatment and care
- To implement strategies for promotion and prevention
- To foster research and innovation and strengthen information systems
- To strengthen the public health approach to epilepsy

# IGAP Global Targets: What they mean for epilepsy

## Closing the Treatment Gap

**50%** increase in epilepsy service coverage

**80%** of countries provide essential medicines and basic technology for epilepsy

**Anti-seizure medicines UHC tracer medicines**

**75%** of countries include epilepsy in their universal health coverage (UHC) priority benefits package

## Closing the Inclusion Gap

**80%** of countries replace discriminatory laws

**100%** of countries have awareness campaign or advocacy program

## Closing the Research Gap

**100%** increase in research

## Supporting targets

**75%** of countries have national plans, policies, strategies that include epilepsy

**80%** of countries routinely collect core set of epilepsy-related indicators

**80%** of countries have an intersectoral program for brain health promotion and prevention

# Ten-year Timeline

Phase	Year	
Phase One: Preparation and Planning	2022–2023	Preparation and plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline survey</li> <li>• Regional teams to support chapter action</li> <li>• Strategic initiatives</li> <li>• Strengthening partnerships</li> <li>• Advocacy and awareness raising</li> </ul>
Phase Two: Acceleration and Exploration	Mid 2023–2025	Roll out acceleration plans for closing gaps in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment</li> <li>• Inclusion</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Exploratory work on possible epilepsy-specific prevention activities and epilepsy prevention target(s)</li> </ul>
Phase Three: Review	2025–2026	Midterm review
Phase Four: Adjust and Implement	2027–2030	Adjust and continue implementation
Phase Five: Evaluation and Prepare	2029/2030–2031	Evaluation Prepare resolution for second IGAP

## Level 1

Self-paced e-learning, including case-based modules, covering basic principles in clinical epileptology

Result:  
Level 1 certificate

Level 1  
ENTRY

Self  
Assessment

## Level 2

Blended learning: self-paced, patient-centered e-learning combined with adaptive learning formats and tutored courses (online or face-to-face) to build proficiency in epileptology

Result:  
Level 2 certificate

Level 2  
PROFICIENCY

## VIREPA

Highly interactive, e-moderated online courses on EEG, epilepsy & sleep, neuroimaging.

Result:  
Certificate of Completion

# Education & Training

## Resources

Supplemental reading and learning, including the interactive ILAE diagnostic manual, educational review papers, guidelines and other publications related to the course content.

# Education & Training

The [ILAE Academy](#) offered interactive, practice-based online education to more than 1,700 learners—including 895 new participants—from 127 countries. Since 2020, learners have completed more than 6,600 courses. More than 95% of participants would recommend the courses to their colleagues.



**1,800,000+**  
views 2023

**6,650+**  
completed courses  
since 2020



**58,000+**  
unique visitors

**1,700+**  
active users across  
127 countries

**The year ended with a 26-module Primary Care course under development for the Academy platform, as well as discussions of Level 3 offerings**

Other curricula also are under development:

Nursing  
Epilepsy surgery  
Neuropsychology  
Neurobiology

Students from around the globe attended six residential, specialist [ILAE Schools](#) hosted by the ILAE Academy and ILAE commissions.

# Education & Training

## Online learning opportunities

ILAE held more than 50 webinars in 2023, with more than 8,000 participants from across the globe watching the live sessions.

[VIREPA](#) courses entered their 16th year going strong!

The [ILAE e-Forum](#) series continued in 2023, with more than 1,300 people participating in five live sessions and more than 4,500 views on YouTube.

[ILAE Africa](#) and [ILAE Eastern Mediterranean](#) hosted 24 webinars, with one English and one French session each month.

The [ILAE Nursing Section](#) and [ALADE](#) offered several webinars in Spanish specifically focused on [ILAE Latin America](#).



# Education & Training

## Leadership development and mentoring

The Leadership Development Course invited 32 young ILAE chapter members to attend training sessions at the International Epilepsy Congress, including workshops on financial planning, communication, conflict resolution, and work-life balance.

Thanks to the [ILAE Career Development Commission](#) and [ILAE-YES](#), the 2023 ILAE Mentoring Program kicked off with an in-person event prior to the International Epilepsy Congress. The program offers quarterly online training events as well as monthly one-on-one meetings.

## Fellowships and scholarships

Fellowships and scholarships were granted through a variety of programs, including funding from [ALADE](#) in [ILAE Latin America](#), [ASEPA](#) in [ILAE Asia and Oceania](#), and the [ILAE Career Development Commission](#) in [ILAE Europe](#), as well as internationally offered support from the [ILAE Neurobiology Commission](#).





### 2nd North American Epilepsy Congress

2022 | Virtual

#NAEC2022

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### 14th European Epilepsy Congress

9-13 July 2022 | Geneva, Switzerland

#EEC2022

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# Congresses



### XII Congreso Latinoamericano de Epilepsia

1-4 October 2022 | Colombia

#LAEC2022

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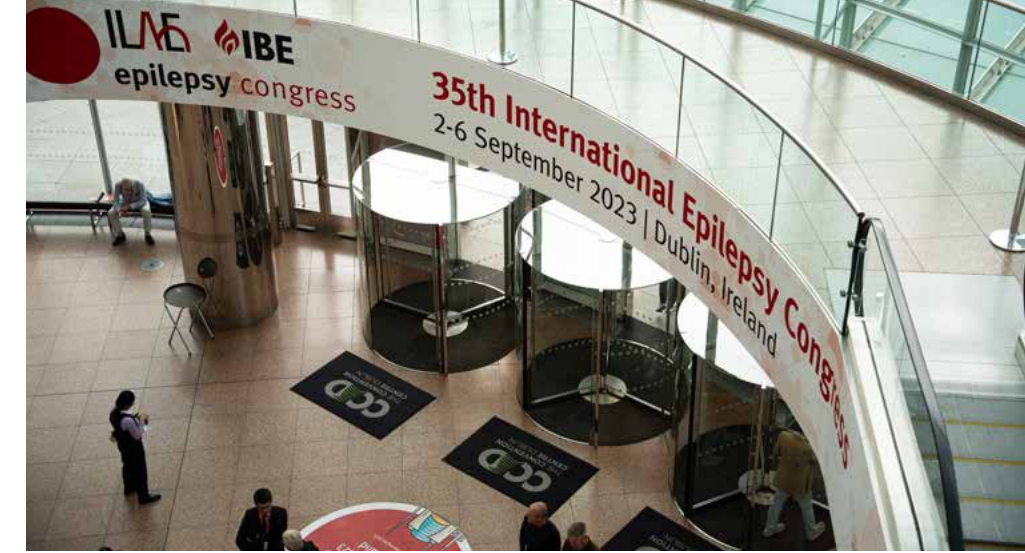
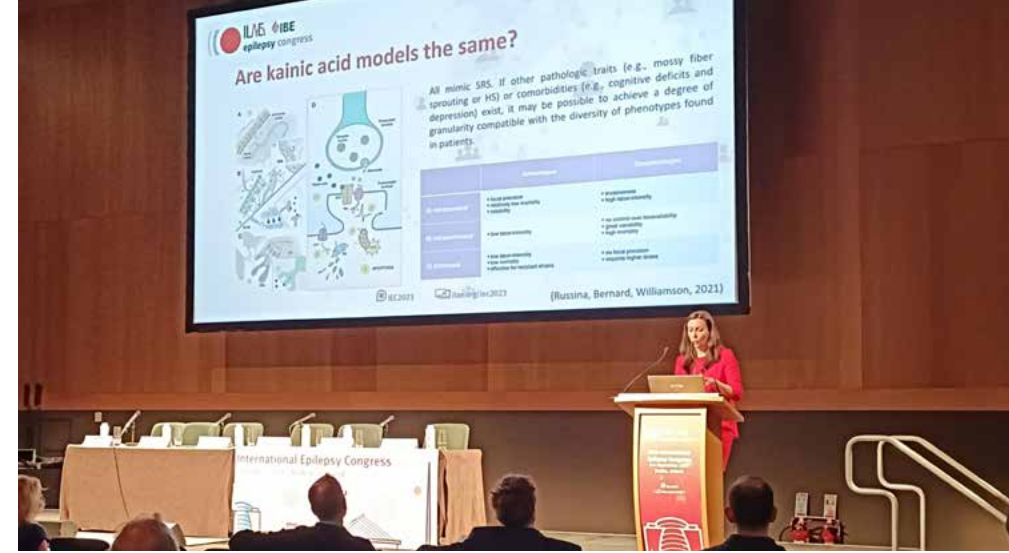


### 14th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress

November 2022 | Virtual

#AOEC2022

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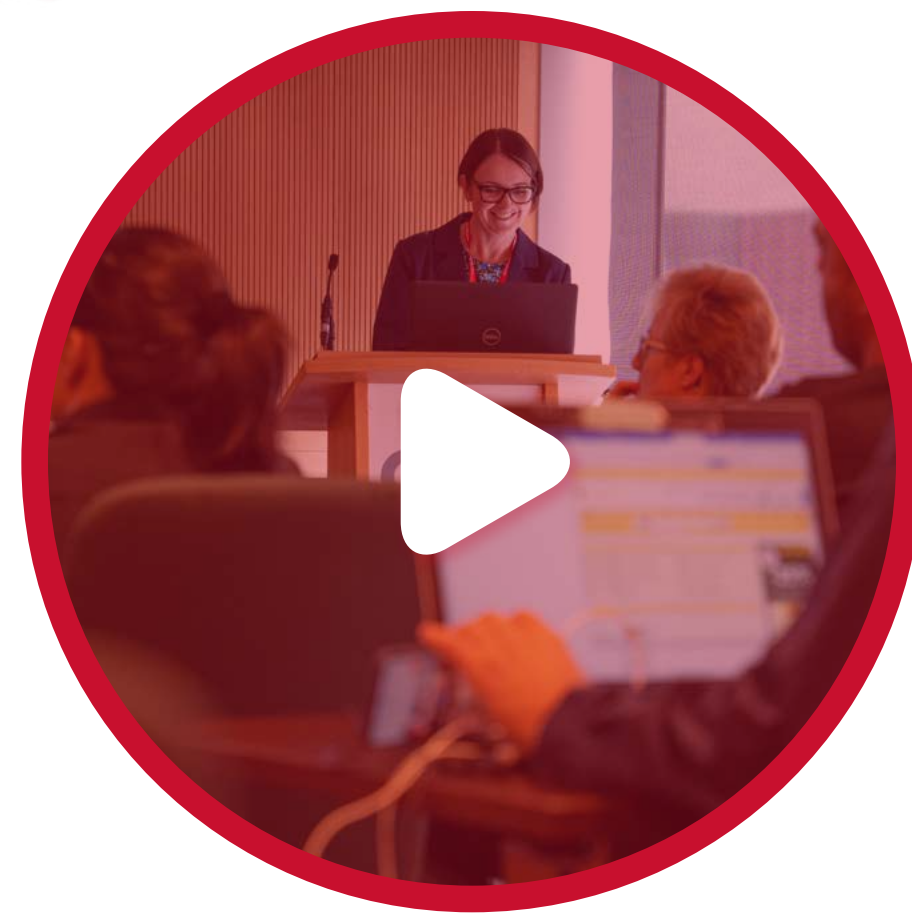


# Congresses - IEC 2023

The 35th International Epilepsy Congress, held in Dublin, Ireland in September, was the first in-person international congress since 2019. It attracted nearly **3,500 delegates** from **124 countries** for **5 days** of educational workshops, platform sessions, main-topic sessions and other gatherings. More than **350 speakers** managed more than **120 sessions**, providing education, interaction, and insights on all aspects of epilepsy diagnosis, treatment, and research.

“  
*It was perfect!*  
”

“  
*Very comprehensive!*  
”



*First Day*



*Second Day*



*Third Day*

“  
*Great!*  
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“  
*Excellent!*  
”



# Congresses - IEC 2023

“  
Love it!  
”



Fourth Day



Highlights Day

“  
Well done  
to the team  
”

“  
Amazing opportunity and look forward to the  
opportunity to attend future ones  
”

“  
Excellent presentations and topics;  
I enjoyed every minute  
”





# Publications & Communication

# Journals

The logo for the journal Epilepsia, featuring the word "Epilepsia" in a black serif font, centered within a white circle that has a thick red border.

## Epilepsia®

*Epilepsia* achieved an impact factor of 5.6. It is ranked 35th of 268 journals in the clinical neurology category. *Epilepsia* received 1,303 submissions in 2023, a 20% increase from 2022. The journal accepts about 25% of submissions. There were more than 3 million downloads of *Epilepsia* articles in 2023, a 25% increase from 2022.

The logo for the journal Epilepsia Open, featuring the words "Epilepsia Open" in a blue sans-serif font, with a horizontal blue line underneath. The text is centered within a white circle that has a thick red border.

## Epilepsia Open®

*Epilepsia Open* achieved an impact factor of 3.0. The submission rate and number of published articles doubled in 2023 compared with 2022.

The logo for the journal Epileptic Disorders, featuring the words "Epileptic Disorders" in a black sans-serif font, with a red horizontal line underneath. The text is centered within a white circle that has a thick red border.

## Epileptic Disorders®

*Epileptic Disorders*, the ILAE educational journal, achieved an impact factor of 2.3. Submissions increased 10% compared with 2022.

The logo for the journal Epigraph, featuring the text "INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY" in a small, black, sans-serif font, followed by the ILAE logo (ILAE) and the word "Epigraph" in a large, white, cursive font. The text is centered within a dark red circle that has a thick red border.

## Epigraph

*Epigraph* published 59 articles and podcast transcripts, including many French and Spanish translations. There were more than 112,000 visits to Epigraph pages on the ILAE website, a 30% increase over 2022.

# Podcast



## Sharp Waves

The Sharp Waves podcast released 25 episodes and more than doubled its subscriber base in 2023. Podcast episodes were downloaded 24,450 times.

# Website



## ilae.org

Website visits remained high, with 2.1 million visits. French and Spanish pages were revamped for ease of use. The [epilepsydiagnosis.org](http://epilepsydiagnosis.org) diagnostic manual website attracted 12,000 users each month.

# Wikipedia



## Wikipedia Project

Forty-four Wikipedia articles were edited in 2022 by more than 50 editors. Article views rose from 2.05 million in 2022 to 4.44 million in 2023.

# Social Media



## YouTube

YouTube ended the year with nearly 5,500 subscribers, a 62% increase compared with 2022. ILAE added 71 new videos. ILAE videos have now been viewed 103,000 times.

**Top video of 2023:**  
nearly 3,000 views!  
**Selecting the first anti-seizure medication**



## Facebook

More than 17,000 followers, a 12% increase compared with 2022. Posts reached more than 236,000 people.

**Top post of 2023:**  
reached nearly 20,000 people



## Instagram

More than 5,000 followers with nearly 1,500 new in 2023, a 33% increase compared with 2022. Posts reached more than 600,000 people.

**Top post of 2023:**  
13 February  
(International Epilepsy Day),  
reached 2,700 people



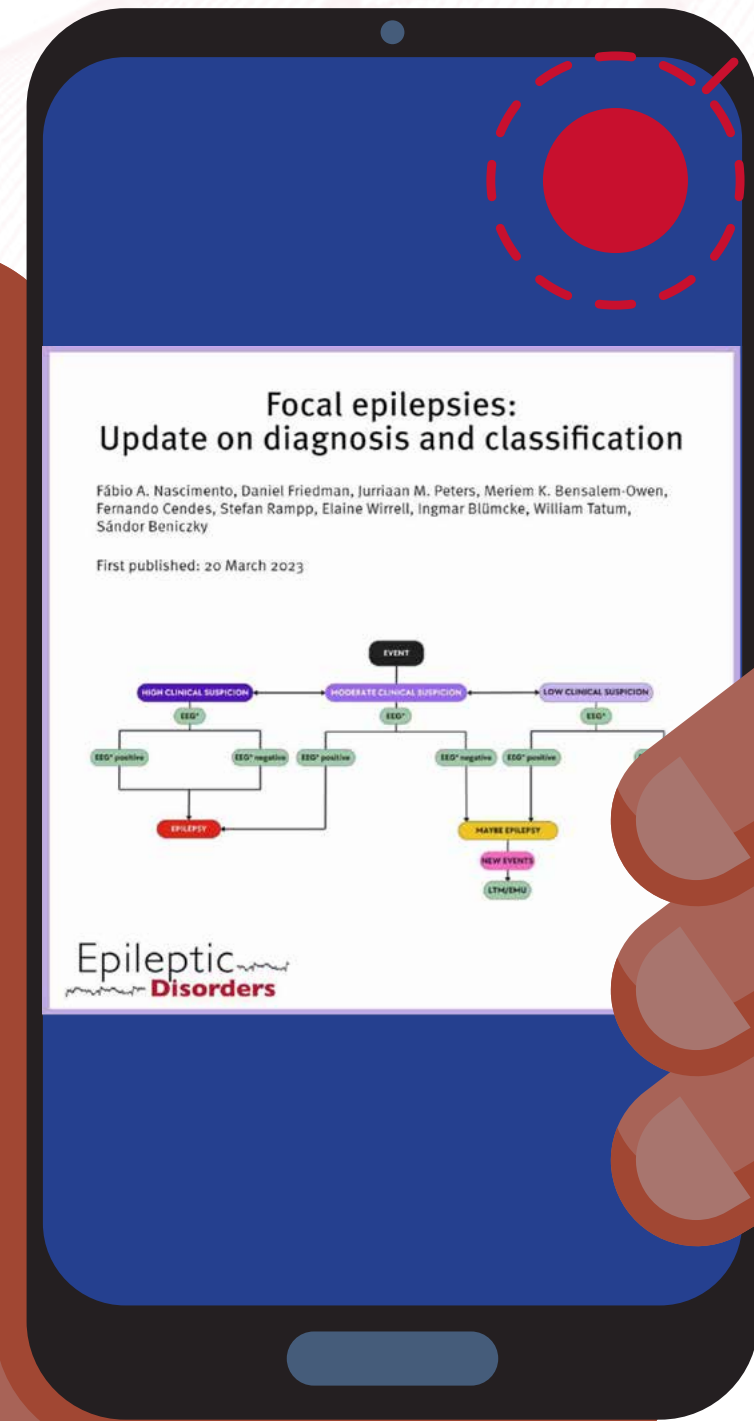
## Twitter

More than 10,000 followers, a 17% increase compared with 2022. Content had 1.5 million impressions.

**Top post of 2023:**  
18,600 impressions

# Social Media Spotlight

Highest reaching  
**Facebook** post



Highest reaching  
**Twitter** post



Highest reaching  
**Instagram** post



A group of business professionals in a meeting, looking at laptops and documents. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The text 'Commissions & Task Forces' is centered in white. The background shows several people in business attire, including a man in a blue suit and a woman with glasses, gathered around a table with laptops and papers.

# Commissions & Task Forces

# Commissions & Task Forces

ILAE's 13 commissions are a crucial part of our organization. Each commission meets multiple times per year and manages several task forces, which are focused on specific aims. Commissions tackle a scope of issues and challenges in epilepsy care, including:

- Establishing and updating recommendations on specific aspects of diagnosis and treatment
- Publishing reviews, commentaries, and position papers
- Developing individual presentations and topic-based sessions at ILAE congresses
- Providing career development and training options, such as fellowships and leadership programs
- Offering educational opportunities, including virtual and in-person courses
- Conducting surveys on the availability and accessibility of diagnostic methods, treatment options, and other health care resources



# Commissions & Task Forces

## Big Data Commission

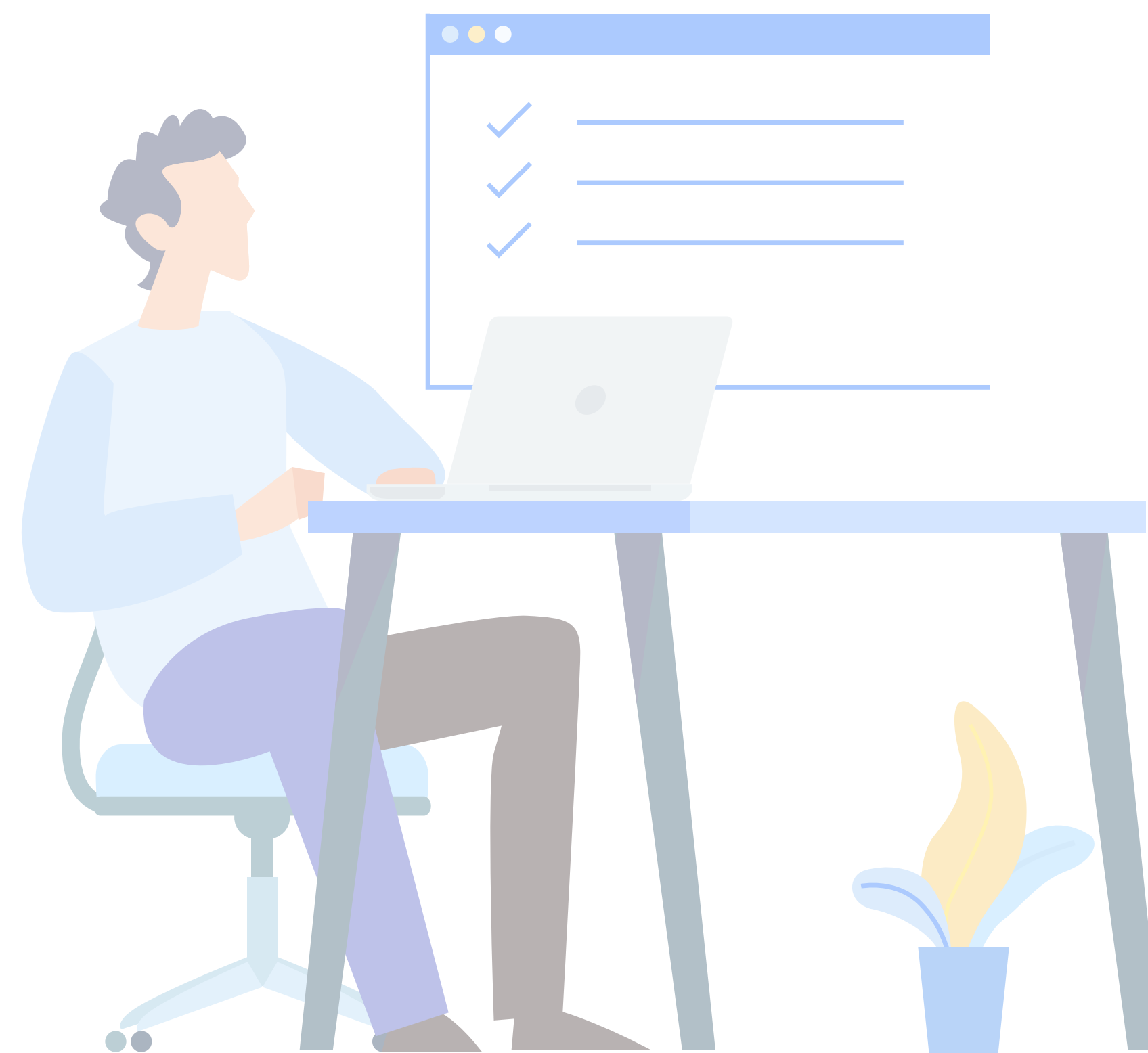
- Ongoing update of SNOMED (Systematized Nomenclature of MEDicine) terminology.
- Creating whitepaper series on Big Data and AI in epilepsy.
- Creating statement on the use of ethical AI in epilepsy.

## Career Development Commission

- Visiting scholarship program – awarded to five people (24 applicants).  
Each went to a host institution to learn a new skill or master a research method.
- Offered Leadership Course at IEC in Dublin.
- Mentor/Mentee Program.

## Climate Change Commission

- Encouraged ILAE to obtain an independent review of its investments.
- Published an article and managed a webinar on climate change and epilepsy.
- Managed multiple events at IEC in Dublin, including a parallel session and video loop.



# Commissions & Task Forces

## Surgical Therapies Commission

- Survey of existing epilepsy surgery fellowships in Latin America and Africa

## Medical Therapies Commission

- Finalizing manuscript on vitamin D and epilepsy
- Produced two ketogenic diet courses
- Worked with European Medicines Agency on new guidelines for conducting studies in epilepsy
- Finalized procedures on guidelines development (Dravet, LGS, epileptic spasms, epilepsy surgery) in cooperation with European Academy of Neurology, EpiCare, European Paediatric Neurology Society
- Global survey to assess affordability and accessibility of cannabidiol
- Preparing narrative review on the use of valproate in men
- Preparing “call to action” paper to reduce the use of valproate during pregnancy worldwide
- Preparing review article on contraception in women with epilepsy

## Neurobiology Commission

- WONOEP XVII – neurobiology of epilepsy
- Joint ILAE/AES Translational Task Force papers – what is the definition of drug-resistant epilepsy; can *in vitro* studies aid in the development and use of antiseizure medications, and preclinical common data elements
- Four critical reviews and commentaries based on WONOEP XVI – (early-onset epilepsies: Neurobiology and novel therapeutic strategies)



# Commissions & Task Forces

## Pediatrics Commission

- Two publications – guidelines for treatment of neonatal seizures, and recommendations for assessing and managing functional seizures in children
- Many educational activities – San Servolo course, finalized Spanish version of VIREPA course, three educational webinars, two podcast episodes, five sessions at IEC
- Looking at developing protocols and guidelines on several topics: treatment of self-limiting epilepsies; guidelines for DEEs; transition care; neonatal status epilepticus; interventions to mitigate stigma; diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder in pediatric epilepsy patients

## Epilepsy During Crises Task Force

- Drafted a suggested process for identifying crisis or emergency situations that may require an ILAE response
- Presented a seminar on emergency response during the International Epilepsy Congress in Dublin, Ireland
- Supported the initiatives for the WHO to update the Essential Medications List and Interagency Emergency Health Kit to include additional options for the treatment of epilepsy

# Commissions & Task Forces

## Research and Innovation Task Force

- Completed a recommendations report including the establishment of a Research Council and recommendations on promoting research, best practices, increasing awareness, increasing collaboration, and priorities for investment. Report was submitted to the Executive Committee.

## SUDEP Task Force

- Participation in multiple webinars
- Publication of global survey results on recommendations for wearable seizure detection devices

## Telemedicine Task Force

- Published article on recommendations in telemedicine for epilepsy
- Commenced a scoping review on telemedicine, survey on post-pandemic use of telemedicine, and establishing Delphi process for consensus recommendations



## Big Data Commission

- SNOMED Task Force
- MRI Task Force
- EEG Task Force
- Genetics Task Force
- Common Data Model Task Force

## Career Development Commission

- Leadership Development Task Force
- Mentoring Task Force
- Fellowships Task Force
- Networking Task Force
- Young Epilepsy Section

## Climate Change Commission

- Sustainable ILAE Task Force
- Sustainability Engagement Task Force
- Research Sustainability Task Force

## Diagnostic Methods Commission

- EEG Task Force
- Neuropathology Task Force
- Neuropsychology Task Force
- Neuroimaging Task Force
- Joint ILAE-IFCN EEG Database Task Force

## Epidemiology Commission

- Educational Tools Task Force
- Co-morbidities Task Force
- Global Burden of Disease Task Force
- Epilepsy Definitions Task Force
- Cost of Epilepsy Task Force
- Registries Task Force

## Genetics Commission

- Genetic Literacy Task Force
- Sequencing Data Sharing Task Force
- Clinical Genetic Testing in the Epilepsies Task Force
- Epileptome Task Force
- Consortium on Complex Epilepsies

## Medical Therapies Commission

- Pregnancy & Reproductive Health Task Force
- Plant-based Medicines Task Force
- Emergency Treatments Task Force
- Dietary Therapies Task Force
- Access to Treatments/Generics Task Force
- Regulatory Affairs Task Force

## Neurobiology Commission

- Training & Professional Development Task Force
- Advocacy & Dissemination Task Force
- Special Task Force on Networks
- Special Task Force on Chronobiology
- Translational Task Force
- Workshop on the Neurobiology of Epilepsy (WONOE)

## Older People Commission

- Medical Therapies Task Force
- Psychiatric Comorbidities Task Force
- Advocacy Task Force

## Paediatrics Commission

- Transition to Adulthood Task Force
- Paediatric Psychiatry Task Force (cross-commission with Psychiatry)
- Neonates Task Force
- Research Advocacy Task Force
- Education (ILAE-ICNA) Task Force
- Paediatric Medical Therapies Task Force

## Psychiatry Commission

- Paediatric Psychiatry Task Force (cross-commission with Paediatrics)
- Functional Seizures (PNES) Task Force
- Integrated Mental Health Care Pathways Task Force
- Psychoeducation Task Force
- Intellectual Disability Task Force

## Surgical Therapies Commission

- Surgical Networks Task Force
- Epilepsy Surgery in Low-Resource Settings Task Force
- Paediatric Epilepsy Surgery Task Force
- Epilepsy Surgery Education Task Force
- Severity Scale Task Force

## Terminology Commission

- Epilepsydiagnosis.org Task Force
- Status Epilepticus Terminology Task Force
- Aetiologically Driven Syndromes Task Force

## Executive Committee designated

- SUDEP Task Force
- Research and Innovation Task Force
- Telemedicine Task Force
- Epilepsy During Crises Task Force

A group of people in a meeting room looking at a whiteboard with sticky notes. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The text "Young Epilepsy Section" is centered in white. The background shows a man pointing at a whiteboard with sticky notes, a woman in the foreground looking towards the board, and other people in the background.

# Young Epilepsy Section

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The **Young Epilepsy Section** (YES) elected new officers in 2023 and led several educational initiatives, including webinar series on neuroimaging techniques and basic and translational science. YES also hosted a booth at the International Epilepsy Congress and conducted five brainstorming and career development sessions, as well as a networking event.

YES developed and ran an 11-week virtual course on post-processing neuroimaging in epilepsy. The course received 173 applications for 30 spots; five course participants were selected from each of ILAE's six regions. A post-course survey showed high satisfaction levels.

The YES social media accounts enjoyed continued success, with Facebook followers increasing by more than 60% and Instagram gaining nearly 2,000 new followers.





# ILAE Sections

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## ILAE Neurotechnology Section

The Neurotechnology in Epilepsy Section launched in 2023, quickly gaining a following of more than 450 participants. At the International Epilepsy Congress in September, the Section held the first official meeting, ran a booth, and presented informal sessions. The Section also elected its governing officers.



## ILAE Nursing Section

The Nursing Section developed two levels of nursing competencies in epilepsy and is awaiting feedback from the community. The Section also facilitated six educational webinars—five in English, one in Spanish—that reached more than 2,000 people.

The Section managed a symposium at the International Epilepsy Congress and hosted 11 short presentations on various aspects of epilepsy care at its booth.



# ILAE Sections

## ILAE Pharmacy Section

With a commitment to advancing safety and efficacy of anti-seizure medications, the Pharmacy Section was established in 2023 with more than 50 participants. The Section held four informal sessions at its booth at the International Epilepsy Congress.



## ILAE Social Work and Social Services Section

The Social Work and Social Services Section was new in 2023 and is seeking to grow. It attracted 30 participants and held five meetings.



Financial



# Financial - Expenses

## Treasurer's Report for Financial Year 2022

### EXPENDITURES

Expenditures in 2022 totaled approximately US\$5.1 million, with regional activities, education, commissions, publications, and congresses accounting for 57%. Total program expenditures were comparable to pre-COVID activities, as many countries lifted their pandemic restrictions on in-person gatherings and travel. Administration expenses in 2022 were substantially increased over the prior year.



<b>Administration</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>Publications</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Congresses</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>Regions</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Academy</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>Other Programs</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Commissions</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>4%</b>

# Financial - Revenue

## REVENUE

Total revenue during 2022 was approximately \$4.7 million, with more than 80% coming from congresses and journal royalties. Revenue from commissions activities increased as in-person events resumed, and revenue from the Academy offerings doubled over the prior year with the launch of a new learning platform.

## INVESTMENTS

Investment performance on reserve funds has not been included in the financial reporting above. The organization recorded a net loss from investments, including unrealized losses, of \$3.5 million in 2022. These unrealized losses offset many of the unrealized gains recorded in the immediate prior years.

The US IRS form 990 tax return is available upon request at [accounting@ilae.org](mailto:accounting@ilae.org).



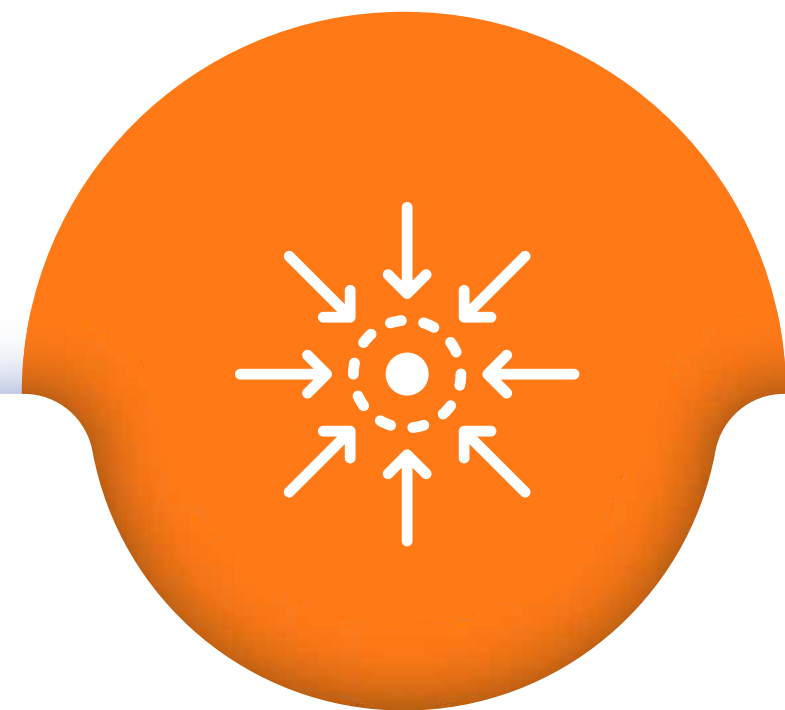
<b>Congresses</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>Commissions</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Publications</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>Dues, Other</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Academy</b>	<b>10%</b>		



# Guiding Principles

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ILAE is working toward a world where no person's life is limited by epilepsy.  
Everything we do aligns with this vision, which is supported by a 10-year Strategic Plan and five guiding principles:



## IMPACT

We strive to achieve international, enduring impact for individuals and communities affected by epilepsy



## COOPERATION

We collaborate to generate shared outcomes



## EXCELLENCE

We take a holistic and scientific approach to developing best practices



## INTEGRITY

We aspire to the highest standards of conduct



## INCLUSION

We work with all who strive for a world where no life is limited by epilepsy



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