

## **ILAE AO Course -Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery –From basics to advancements, Cochin**

The first ILAE AO course on **Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery –From basics to advancements** was conducted at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Cochin, Kerala, India, on November 7th-10th, 2024. Course directors were Prof. K P Vinayan, Prof. Ashok Pillai and Prof. Siby Gopinath. Apart from the course directors, the faculty included Dr. Hans Holthausen, Dr. Till Hartleb (Germany), Dr. Naotaka Usui, Dr. Midori Nakajima (Japan), Dr. Petia Dimova (Bulgaria), Dr. Eliseu Paglioli (Brazil), Dr. Suresh Pujar (UK), Dr. Jithangi Wanigasinghe (Sri Lanka). They were supported from eminent national faculty. Apart from didactic lectures, the course included a series of sessions with interactive case discussions on presurgical planning and outcomes along with debates on futuristic aspects. The local organizing committee would like to formally thank ASEPA and ILAE for the administrative and financial supports provided.

A total of 120 students attended the program. The students included a mix up of pediatric neurologists (70), adult neurologists (30) and neurosurgeons (20). There were students from all the major Asian countries like India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Maldives. Students from other regions like Kenya, Russia and Iran also attended the program.

The scientific content and the format of the program were well appreciated. The excellent feedback were received from all the delegates. The program was financially and logistically supported by the unrestricted academic grants from ICON Pharma and Natus Neurology Inc.

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