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MEETINGS
The ILAE Young Epilepsy Section (YES) met 24 times in 2023.

HIGHLIGHTS
• YES booth sessions at IEC 2023 in Dublin, Ireland
• Neuroimaging in Epilepsy course
• First ILAE-Latin American YES retreat in Buenos Aires, Argentina

ACTIVITIES
First Neuroimaging Course
For the first time, we ran a hands-on virtual course on post-processing neuroimaging in epilepsy. The course lasted 11 weeks. The selection process for the YES Neuroimaging in Epilepsy course involved five participants per ILAE region, totaling 30 participants. Allied healthcare professionals without clinical work were excluded from the selection process. The criteria for selection were: Current location, clinical experience (with a preference for less experienced clinicians, but with expertise in neuroimaging post-processing), working with underserved populations, and the motivation letter. One hundred seventy-three applications were received, with 15 submitted after the deadline. The post-course survey showed high satisfaction levels, and suggestions were made to improve the upcoming courses.
The following tables are from the Neuroimaging in Epilepsy course:

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<td>Why multimodal imaging in epilepsy?</td>
<td>Dr Wim Van Paesschen</td>
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<td>The importance of appropriate neuroimaging protocols: The HARNESS protocol</td>
<td>Dr Neda Bernasconi</td>
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<td>Basic understanding of neuroimaging data: formats, terminology, nomenclature, scripting, GUIs</td>
<td>Dr Ahmed Radwan</td>
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<td>Voxel and surface-based morphometry in MRI using FreeSurfer</td>
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<td>Detecting FCD using the MELD pipeline</td>
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* At least a third of Q&A sessions

**35th International Epilepsy Congress**
We held five sessions at the YES booth, all with very good evaluation after the congress:
1. Advantages and challenges of using SEEG for the study of the bidirectional relationships between sleep and epilepsy
2. Mistakes not to make in getting therapy from the lab to the clinic
3. Seizure prediction - methods, devices, and future challenges
4. Finding work-life balance and preventing burnout
5. Translating ideas to publications - a three-phase standard operating procedure

The YES networking event was very successful and joyful.
The following pie charts are from the survey we conducted after each session at the YES-booth:

**ILAE-YES events at IEC 2023**

**Advantages and challenges of using SEEG for the study of the bidirectional relationships between sleep and epilepsy**

- **Attendance:**
  - Yes: 5
  - No: 14

- **Satisfaction:**
  - Satisfied: 1
  - Very satisfied: 4

- **Comments:**
  - Satisfied: 1
  - Very satisfied: 4

**ILAE-YES events at IEC 2023**

**Translating ideas to publications - a three phase standard operating procedure**

- **Attendance:**
  - Yes: 11
  - No: 8

- **Satisfaction:**
  - Satisfied: 2
  - Very satisfied: 8

- **Comments:**
  - It has many practical advices for young researchers.
  - It is interesting to me. I want to know more about choosing the article to publish.

**ILAE-YES events at IEC 2023**

**Seizure prediction - methods, devices and future challenges**

- **Attendance:**
  - Yes: 6
  - No: 13

- **Satisfaction:**
  - Very satisfied: 6

- **Comments:**
  - It was a very meaningful and impressive lecture.
  - This is an amazing study.
**Mistakes not to make in getting therapy from the lab to the clinic**

- **Attendance**: Yes:7, No:12
- **Satisfaction**: Very satisfied:3, Satisfied:4

**Comments**
- Very much background noise, sometimes this made it difficult to follow
- Audio was very poor
- The mic did not work. It is not an issue of yes but rather general organization. It was too loud and one could barely hear. And there were not enough chairs

**ILAE-YES Networking Event**

- **Attendance**: Yes:11, No:8
- **Satisfaction**: Satisfied:2, Very satisfied:3

**Comments**
- Perfect dance party!!
- Too expensive for what was offered
- Great DJ, a lot of fun. Fully served its purpose
- Music too loud to talk/network
- The open bar should’ve lasted longer (just kidding). It was a really nice experience for networking. I had an amazing time. I would gladly participate again.

**Finding work-life balance and preventing burnout**

- **Attendance**: Yes:10, No:9
- **Satisfaction**: Satisfied:2, Very satisfied:8

**Comments**
- Great
- I was able to learn how to prevent burnout.
- The speaker provide evidence and useful method 4-7-8 for relaxing.
- Great speaker
Re-registration
We are conducting a campaign on re-registration in compliance with the GDPR guidelines.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
The YES Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram social media performance has shown significant growth and engagement. On Facebook, the page gained 2982 new followers, resulting in a net increase of 36 followers, representing a 64% increase from the previous period. The reach and impressions also saw a substantial increase, reaching 3.1k, a 102% rise from the last period, with an engagement metric of 287, marking a 44% increase. X experienced a follower count of 3168 and a notable 123.5% increase in tweet impressions, totaling 39k. The retweet and like statistics revealed an average of 1.3k impressions per day, an engagement rate of 2.8%, and an average of five clicks per day. On Instagram, the account garnered 1900 new followers, with 69% women and 30% men. The age range of the followers varied from 18 to over 65 years, with 43.4% between 25 and 34 years and 36.7% between 35 and 44 years. The top countries engaging with the account were Brazil (10.1%), Colombia (9.3%), Argentina (8.8%), Turkey (7.9%), and the USA (7.7%). The reach on Instagram surged to 4.3k, a 117% increase, with visits reaching 3k, reflecting a substantial 141% rise in engagement.

The first Neuroimaging in Epilepsy course was held and became an instant success, with more than 170 applications received. Covering all regions from ILAE, this is the first time that we have covered all regions with an educational tool.

We had elections for the new board before IEC 2023 in September. We continue to thrive in participation and members across the globe.

Report submitted by Sebastian Ortiz