

Editorial



Dear Friends,
Welcome to the latest issue of *Epigraph*. This is being distributed mainly in the conference bags of the International Epilepsy Congress, and has a different

purpose from the three annual online issues of *Epigraph*. The online issues are sent by email to all ILAE members and have a newsletter function and format. In contrast, this print edition is intended primarily to give an outline of the ILAE and some of its activities. Although hopefully all ILAE members will learn something from the issue, it is designed particularly for new members and also for the non-members attending the ILAE conference, and for those who have not had much contact with the ILAE before.

ILAE is an organization which was founded in 1909 and which has in recent years expanded in size and in the range of its activities. There are now 96 chapters and over 15,000 members around the world. This issue of our newsletter is intended to be a guide to some of the work of the ILAE. Among the articles in this edition are features on the Headquarters Office in Brussels and the Finance Office in Hartford (p. 6) and the International Director of Meetings Office in Dublin (p. 7), as well as an outline of the basic nuts and bolts of the ILAE structure (p. 3/4). The ILAE is a federation of

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President's Message

The last months of 2006 and the first of 2007 saw again important developments of our organization. The series of regional Congresses of Epileptology was continued with three meetings. The first of these was the 4th Latin American Congress, which was held in Guatemala City September 6-9. It will especially be remembered for a very well-prepared and well-attended convention of the regional chapters with focus on the development of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy in Latin America. During the lively discussion, a strong desire was expressed to establish a Latin American Epilepsy Academy. In addition, a special interregional discussion group addressed epilepsy services and needs in the Caribbean with Haiti and many small countries. This discussion was continued by the North American Commission when it met at the occasion of the American Epilepsy Society in San Diego, and preparations of both commissions for an interregional meeting in the Caribbean to take place in 2007 are now well under way.

For the first time, the AES meeting was designated as a congress of the North American region, which comprises the Chapters of USA, Canada and Jamaica, and our friends in the AES are thanked for opening up their traditional meeting in this way. Like the other regional congresses, this is expected to become a biennial event. During the Congress, working groups on the Commissions on Therapeutic Strategies and on Diagnostic Methods started their work to develop two new distance learning modules on imaging in epilepsy and on clinical pharmacology of antiepileptic drugs.

The 1st Eastern Mediterranean Congress took place in Luxor, Egypt, February 22-24. This well-attended event, and highly important for the development of the region, will be remembered for its historical flavor, both in the scientific and social programs. It also set the scene for the establishment of a new Commission on Eastern Mediterranean Affairs. I wish our colleagues in the Eastern Mediterranean region good luck with their ambitious plans.

The series of train-the-trainer courses of the Francophone Section of the European Epilepsy Academy



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President, ILAE*

was continued with a course in Dakar (Senegal) where delegates from 11 West African countries participated and which comprised a practical course for EEG technicians. Several national organizations in these countries are now ready to apply for membership in the ILAE or have already done so, and a multinational group of young neurologists of the region have established a network where they are rapidly developing a distance education program in French, in close cooperation

with EUREPA. These courses would not have been possible without substantial financial support of the Commission on European Affairs, who deserves our special thanks.

The highlight of the last months clearly was the 1st LASSE (Latin American Summer School on Epilepsy) which took place February 5-14 in a retreat setting close to São Paulo (Brazil). Following the successful format of our San Servolo courses, some fifty young postgraduates, both clinicians and theoretical researchers from 10 Latin American countries together with a few delegates from Mozambique and Angola spent 10 days of intensive study with a faculty of senior epileptologists. They received lectures and tutorials about all aspects of epilepsy, and formed teams to design research projects which on the last day were presented to the plenum for critical discussion. The spirit of the meeting and the excitement of the participants were overwhelming. "A new world has opened up for me," one of the students from a Central American country said, and many participants, both juniors and seniors, expressed their feeling that this course marked the beginning of a new era for epilepsy in Latin America.

At the occasion of the LASSE, the Commission on Latin American Affairs continued its deliberations on education in the region and agreed to take action to form an Academia Latino-Americana de Epilepsia (ALADE) with an office in São Paulo and Esper Cavalheiro as Secretary. As its first initiative, ALADE would continue to hold a LASSE annually.

The spring meeting of the Executive Committee took place in Brussels on March 8 and 9 and focused on the three priorities, especially education. It could among

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How to Join the International League Against Epilepsy

The ILAE is a federation of 96 national chapters and a person can join the ILAE by becoming a member of their national chapter.

Benefits of membership of a national chapter include:

- Full participation in national and international activities of ILAE
- National chapter conferences and other benefits of individual national chapters
- Complimentary copy of *Epigraph*
- Heavily discounted subscription rates to *Epilepsia* and other epilepsy journals
- Eligibility for membership of ILAE Commissions/Task Forces
- Access to the online ILAE Discussion Group and other Web site features

Individual chapters vary in exact criteria for membership but generally speaking any doctor or health professional with an interest in epilepsy is eligible for membership. To join, write to the secretary of your national chapter. You can find the contact addresses on the ILAE Web site www.ilae.org.

Your membership in the International League Against Epilepsy is vital. Of greatest importance is the fact that membership strengthens the authority of ILAE in its mission to influence and improve epilepsy care worldwide. Your membership counts; become part of the League!

ILAE Congresses and Meetings

ILAE congresses are held at international, regional and national levels. The ILAE International Congresses is now held every two years, although this has not always been the case (see below for dates and places). Since 1965, these have been held in conjunction with IBE.

ILAE Regional Congresses are a more recent development. The first regional conferences were those of the European region, and now there are regular congresses in the Asian and Oceanian, Eastern European, Latin American and North American regions as well. These are all held every two years, in the years in which there is no international congress). The national chapters also hold congresses — these are usually annual events and sometimes are held joint other national chapters.

The abstracts of the International and Regional Congresses and of the larger National

Congresses are published in *Epilepsia* (www.epilepsia.com).

In addition to the congresses, ILAE also supports workshops and other meetings and summer schools. Proceedings of some are published in *Epilepsia*. EUREPA, the education arm of ILAE, also runs a series of teaching courses supported by the ILAE as well as web-based distance education courses (see www.ilae.org for details).

It is through all these congresses, meetings and courses that ILAE seeks to disseminate research and clinical findings to professionals in the field of epilepsy on a worldwide basis; and these are now large and popular events.

Simon Shorvon
ILAE Information Officer

The International ILAE meetings and congresses since the inception of ILAE in 1909:

1909	Budapest	1965	Vienna	1987	Jerusalem
1910	Berlin	1969	New York	1989	New Delhi
1912	Zurich	1973	Barcelona	1991	Rio de Janeiro
1913	London	1976	Dublin	1993	Oslo
1931	Bern	1977	Amsterdam	1995	Sydney
1935	Lingfield	1978	Vancouver	1997	Dublin
1939	Copenhagen	1979	Florence	1999	Prague
1946	New York	1980	Copenhagen	2001	Buenos Aires
1949	Paris	1981	Kyoto	2003	Lisbon
1953	Lisbon	1982	London	2005	Paris
1957	Brussels	1983	Washington		
1961	Rome	1984	Hamburg		

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national chapters, and chapters have now been formed in nearly 96 countries worldwide (p. 5). In addition there are commissions and task forces and a close partnership with the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) whose president Suzanne Lund has kindly contributed an article (p. 10). ILAE also publishes a scientific journal, *Epilepsia*, and new developments in the journal are discussed on p. 11. The information provided in this issue of *Epigraph* is because of the limitations of space a brief outline only — and certainly does not do justice to the depth and quality of the work of the League in many areas. Nevertheless, hopefully the issue provides at least a flavor of the ILAE and will encourage all of

you to contribute to and to take an active part in its activities. In almost every aspect of the League's work, the contribution of new members is needed and new people bring new ideas and new energy. The organization is powered by the voluntary work of its members and officers throughout the world; without this work there would be no ILAE. Details on how to join are given above and membership is through the national chapters. Those interested should contact the secretary of the national chapter (contact details are on the chapter pages of the ILAE Web site www.ilae.org).

Epigraph has been published since 1994 and I was appointed as the first editor. Its was initially printed twice a

year initially in two colors, and then from 1999 in full color. In 2006, *Epigraph* moved to four issues a year (three online and one print edition) and this has facilitated communication with ILAE members worldwide.

In July 2007, the editorship passes to Dr. Edward Bertram, who was appointed in April to the position of ILAE Information Officer. Ed Bertram is a wonderful choice and I have no doubt the information office will go from strength to strength under his tutelage. He has kindly contributed a short biography on p. 8.

Simon Shorvon
ILAE Information Officer

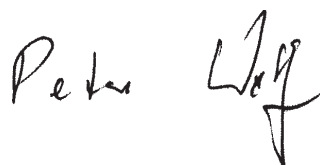
President's Message

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others be reported that the above-mentioned new distance learning modules are well under way and expected to be launched in Singapore.

For Singapore, about 800 abstracts have been submitted and have been organized into what looks again like a very attractive congress program. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

With kind regards,



ILAE Commissions and Task Forces

Much of the professional work of the ILAE is carried out through its commissions and task forces. The individual commissions and task forces are nominated by the ILAE president at the beginning of each four-year term. Each is given a schedule of work for the four-year term and the commissions and task forces meet regularly during this term. Each consists of a chair and members, chosen from colleagues around the world. As is the case for all ILAE appointments, these posts are unpaid.

Each commission/task force has a program of action and is responsible to the ILAE Executive for the prosecution of this program. A budget is allocated by the Executive to cover the expenses of the group, and each group provides an annual report of its progress. A final report is compiled at the end of the four-year period and most are posted on the ILAE Web site or published in *Epilepsia*. The commissions and task forces can also organize workshops and other meetings and publish other documents as required. Topic-related commissions/task forces are constituted to address specific issues relating to epilepsy care worldwide and are responsible for developing ILAE policy and guidelines in various broad areas of activity. An example is the task force on

Classification and Terminology which is responsible for updating the ILAE Classifications of Seizures and Epileptic Syndromes, classification schemes which have had a profound influence on academic and clinical work in all countries over the past two decades. The task force was divided into four working groups (Descriptive Terminology for Ictal Events; Seizures; Syndromes and Diseases; and Impairment) and has consulted widely among ILAE members worldwide. Their latest report was published in *Epilepsia* in 2005. The Commission on Neurobiology is another example of a commission whose work is largely conducted by the organization of scientific workshops, and which for instance conducted in the last term the biannual WONOEP (Workshop on Neurobiology of the Epilepsies; with supplements published in *Epilepsia*), a Symposium on Experimental Models of Infantile Epilepsies (with a book published resulting from the workshop), and pre-congress courses in three regional ILAE Congresses (Latin American, Europe, Asia and Oceania).

The regional commissions are responsible for organizing the regional conferences, regional publications and for developing regional policy in regard to epilepsy care. An example is the European

Commission. In the last term this commission was the most active of all the regional commissions. It held two major regional conferences, which attracted over 3,000 participants each, annual international courses, an epilepsy summer school, and a landmark conference in Russia; established a Working Group on Development of Quality of Care; contributed to the establishment of a Europe-wide pregnancy register to assess the comparative teratogenic risks of prenatal exposure to antiepileptic drugs; published several influential position papers; awarded European bursaries for young persons to attend conferences; and constituted a biannual European Epileptology Prize. The commission has had an important influence on public policy in regard to epilepsy in Western European countries and has begun to focus its activities on assisting colleagues in Eastern Europe.

*Simon Shorvon,
ILAE Information Officer*

The commissions and task forces of the current presidency are:

Regional Commissions:

- European Region (Chair – M. Baulac)
- Asian and Oceanian Region (Chair – S. Lim)

- North American Region (Chair – S. Weibe)
- Eastern Mediterranean Region (Chair – H. Hosny)
- Latin American Region (Chair – M. Medina)

Task Forces:

- Faculty of One Thousand (Chair – E. Perucca)
- Investment Policies (Chair – P. Wolf)
- Web Site and Information (Chair – S. Shorvon)

Commissions:

- Classification and Terminology (Chair – A. Berg)
- Neurobiology (Chair – A. Vezzani)
- Pediatrics (Chair – H. Cross)
- Therapeutic Strategies (Chairs – J. French, G. Mathern)
- Neuropsychiatry (Chair – E.S. Krishnamoorthy)
- Genetics (Chair – R. Ottman)
- Epilepsy Care (Chairs – G. Avanzini, P. Lee)
- Education (Chair – E.M. Yacubian)
- Diagnostic Methods (Chair – W. Galliard)

2005-2009 ILAE Executive Committee



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*IBE Treasurer
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An Introduction to ILAE

The ILAE is constituted as an international non-profit organization and is registered in the United States. ILAE is the premiere international professional association of physicians and other health professionals in the field of epilepsy. It was founded in 1909 and has grown greatly in size and influence in recent years. From its earliest years, it has been organized in the form of a federation of national chapters and currently there are chapters in 96 countries and over fifteen thousand members worldwide.

The mission of the ILAE is to work towards a world where no person's life is limited by epilepsy. Its mission is to provide the highest quality of care and well-being for those afflicted with the condition and other related seizure disorders.

Over the years, ILAE has grown in complexity and size, and now seems a good time briefly to lay out its structure and component parts. For more details, readers can consult the ILAE Web site at www.ilae.org.

Executive Committee

The ILAE is overseen by an Executive Committee, currently of 12 persons (current members in brackets). The President (P. Wolf) is elected by a ballot of national chapters for a four-year term. The Secretary General (S. Moshé), Treasurer (M. Brodie) and three Vice Presidents (E. Perucca, F. Andermann and C.T. Tan) are also elected by a ballot of national chapters for a four-year term. The Information Officer (S. Shorvon) and the Editors-in-Chief of *Epilepsia* (P. Schwartzkroin, S. Shorvon) are appointed by the President and the Executive Committee. The Past President (G. Avanzini) serves for a four-year term. There is also a Regional Representative from the Asian region (C.T. Tan). The President (S. Lund), Secretary General (E. Hargis) and Treasurer (M. Glynne) of the sister organization, the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE), are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Constitution and Bylaws

The ILAE is governed by a written constitution and bylaws, and these are posted on the ILAE Web site. The constitution has sixteen articles, and the bylaws have fourteen sections, and these cover the objectives, membership,

governance and the range of the ILAE activities and its structure. The Constitution can be amended at the General Assembly of the ILAE. There is a standing Constitutional and Elections Task Force to oversee changes in the constitution.

National Chapters

Each national chapter has its own constitution on bylaws and its own president and officers, elected by individual members of each chapter. The constitutional and leadership arrangements vary from chapter to chapter, within stipulations defined in the ILAE constitution, as do the details of membership eligibility. However, generally speaking membership is open to any doctor and health professional interested in epilepsy.

There are currently 96 chapters in the ILAE, which is the greatest number in its history. The largest is the American chapter with just under 2,000 voting members, and the smallest is Singapore with twelve members. The role of the national chapters is generally to establish and maintain good communication between persons active in the field of epilepsy, assist in the care of epilepsy and maintain standards of this care in their own countries, promote publications in the field of epilepsy, organize or sponsor national meetings, appoint commissions or individuals for specific problems, and develop or apply other methods for the furtherance of the objectives of the ILAE.

Regional Bodies

ILAE is also divided into six regions (North America, Latin America, Europe, Eastern Mediterranean, Asia and Oceania, Africa). Each region is made up of a grouping of national chapters — the largest is Europe with 46 chapters and the smallest is North America with three national chapters. Fully developed regions each have a Regional Commission and a Regional Council, and regional scientific conferences are held every two years. Active regions also conduct research and education and have a role in influencing public policy in epilepsy at a regional level. The currently constituted regional commissions are: European Commission (Chair — M. Baulac), Asian and Oceanian Commission (Chair — S.H. Lim), North American Commission (Chair — S. Wiebe), Latin American Commission (Chair — M.

Medina), Eastern Mediterranean Commission (Chair — H. Hosny).

ILAE Commissions and Task Forces

In every four-year term, the President and the Executive Committee appoint Commissions and Task Forces, to carry out work for the ILAE. These bodies involve individual members transnationally. Currently, the following topic-related commissions and task forces are constituted: Web Site and Information Task Force (Chair — S. Shorvon), Faculty of One Thousand Task Force (Chair — E. Perucca), Investment Policies Task Force (Chair — P. Wolf), Classification and Terminology Commission (Chair — A. Berg), Education Commission (Chair — E. Yacubian), Epilepsy Care Commission (Chairs — P. Lee, G. Avanzini), Neurobiology Commission (Chair — A. Vezzani), Genetics of Epilepsy Commission (Chair — R. Ottman), Diagnostic Methods Commission (Chair — W. Galliard), Pediatrics Commission (Chair — H. Cross), Therapeutics Strategy Commission (Chairs — J. French, G. Mathern), Neuropsychiatry (Chair — E. Krishnamoorthy).

Administrative Offices

The ILAE has two administrative offices. The Financial Office is in Hartford and the ILAE Headquarters is in Brussels. The Hartford office oversees the administration and is led by Mr. Peter Berry. There are five staff employed in the service of ILAE at these two offices: Peter Berry (Administrative Director), Nele Devolder (Assistant Administrative Director), Sofie Peeters (Membership Services), Donna Cunard (Finance Director), and Cheryl-Ann Tubby (Web Site Project Manager).

ILAE Conferences and the Office of the IDM

ILAE holds a global scientific conference once every two years (Epilepsy International Congress). Each region holds a regional scientific conference every two years, in the years when there is no global conference, and every national chapter holds a national scientific conference every year. At the national conferences, the chapters also hold their Annual General Meetings, and at the International Congresses, the ILAE also

holds its General Assembly of all its national chapters. The regional and international conferences of the ILAE are organized by its own conference organizer (R. Holmes, International Director of Meetings) and his office.

Global Campaign

This is a joint ILAE, IBE and WHO initiative, launched in 1997. The first phase of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy was devoted primarily to increasing public and professional awareness of epilepsy as a universal treatable brain disorder, and raising epilepsy to a new plane of acceptability in the public domain. The second phase of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy was launched in 2001 and was devoted primarily to activities that promote public and professional education about epilepsy, identify the needs of people with epilepsy on a national and regional basis, and encourage governments and departments of health to address the needs of people with epilepsy. The third phase was launched in 2005 and is focused on special projects in different parts of the world and on assisting health care authorities worldwide in the field of epilepsy.

Epilepsia

Epilepsia is the scientific journal of the ILAE and the leading journal in the field of epilepsy. It is published by Wiley-Blackwell and edited by an Editor-in-Chief, (or as currently two joint Editors-in-Chief; P. Schwartzkroin, S. Shorvon) who also appoint an editorial board and Associate Editors (currently : A. Berg, E. Behgi, E. Bertram, A. Brooks-Kayal, M. Cook, M. Duchowney, R. Guerrini, B. Hermann, P. Patsalos, M. Sperling, A. Vezzani, and M. Walker). *Epilepsia* was started in 1909, and currently is published monthly. It has an annual profit of \$1.2 million dollars, a subscription base of 10,649 (consortia, individual and institutional), and in 2005 399,814 articles were downloaded from its online hosts.

Epigraph and the ILAE Web Site

In 1994, the ILAE launched its own newsletter *Epigraph*, to be sent individually to all individual members. This was initially sent out two to three

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ILAE Chapters

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Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt

Emirates
Estonia
Finland
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Guatemala
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Hong Kong
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Saudi Arabia
Senegal

Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Taiwan
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The Netherlands
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USA
Venezuela
Yugoslavia
Zimbabwe

An Introduction to ILAE

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times a year. Since 2006, four issues a year have been published – three online and one (the current issue) in print. The first online edition in 2006 was mailed to 10,587 persons. The newsletter is designed to facilitate communication of ILAE news from the central bodies to individual members in each country. Four years ago, ILAE also launched a Web site www.ilae.org. This has grown in size and complexity and in 2006 there were over 350,000 visits. *Epigraph* and the Web site are overseen by the ILAE Information Officer and Web Site Task Force.

ILAE Finances

With the assistance of the Financial Office, ILAE finances are overseen by Martin J. Brodie, Treasurer, who reports to the Executive Committee on all financial matters. The current Executive Committee has adopted a policy committing 3% of the investment portfolio to underwriting new projects and programs emphasizing

education, epilepsy care and translational research.

Membership of the Executive Committee, regional bodies, commissions and task forces is honorary and members are not paid for their work. The editorships of *Epilepsia* and *Epigraph* are also unpaid. Salaried staff is located in three administrative offices: Headquarters Office located in Brussels, Belgium; Finance Office in Hartford, Connecticut, USA; and the Meeting Planning Office located in Dublin, Ireland.

Income is derived from national chapter dues, sponsorship, *Epilepsia* royalties, international and regional congresses, and investment income. The annual dues of each chapter to ILAE are a minimum of \$10 per year per chapter, except for countries with low GDPs (World Bank categories low and lower middle) for whom membership is supported by a solidarity fund.

Simon Sharvon
ILAE Information Officer

Chapter Template

Want to keep your members and the rest of the ILAE membership up to date with what your chapter is doing? Sign up for your free chapter Web page template on the ILAE Web site.

Each template is linked with the respective chapter information page

and does not require any knowledge of Web design or editing. Simply update text and links, and your chapter has its very own Web page.

To sign up for your own chapter Web page, email ndeolder@ilae.org.



ILAE Offices Ready to Serve the League

The International League Against Epilepsy has grown considerably over the past few decades, and with the membership hovering around 100 chapters worldwide, the need for administrative support became necessary to provide the ILAE membership with the responsiveness and customer service they need.

On January 1, 2002, the League opened their official headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. The goal of this office was to provide support on membership services and oversee the daily administrative tasks associated with running the organization.

Through this office, the League maintains two staff members who work with the Executive Committee and the chapters on their needs. The Assistant Administrative Director of the ILAE is Nele Devolder and to provide support as the Membership Services Coordinator is Sofie Peeters.

Nele Devolder handles the general management of the Headquarters office and provides support to the Executive Committee in their day-to-day activities. She also serves as the central contact point. Nele studied Communications at the EGON Hogeschool in Gent, Belgium. She is multi-lingual, with the ability to speak English, French and German.

Sofie Peeters, who joined the League's administrative staff in 2006, is responsible for membership services. Sofie studied Medical Management Assisting at the Katholieke Hogeschool in Leuven, Belgium. She is also multi-

lingual with the ability to speak English and French.

To complement the Brussels office, the League also has a financial office located in Hartford, Connecticut, USA. The main objectives of the Hartford office are the financial management of the League, overseeing publications services, creating the Annual Report, and

providing administrative oversight of the League's activities.

The staff has also played a role in the development of the League's Web site, www.ilae.org. The staff works closely with the Information Officer and the Web Task Force to provide new features and content for the use of the chapters and their members.

Administrative Director Peter J. Berry, CAE works closely with the ILAE Executive Committee, serving as a liaison with the officers and organizing the agendas for the Executive and Management Committee meetings. Peter supervises all work undertaken at both the Brussels and Hartford offices. He has over 28 years of association management experience. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science and his graduate degree from

Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.

ILAE's Financial Manager, Donna Cunard, works closely with the League's Treasurer on all aspects of financial management. She is responsible for maintaining the financial records in preparation for the League's annual audit. She also assists the treasurer with budget development and assumes responsibility for the day-to-day management of the operating accounts. Donna holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Business Administration from Colorado State University.

Cheryl-Ann Tubby is the League's Web Site Project Manager and works with the Information Officer on maintaining the ILAE Web site. In addition to the Web site, Cheryl-Ann and the Information Officer collaborate on writing and editing the League's official newsletter, *Epigraph*. Cheryl-Ann holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut. She also is a Certified Program Planner and has been

working with the American Epilepsy Society for seven years as their program director.

The two offices are in constant contact with each other via email and telephone and work closely as a team. The integration of the Hartford and Brussels offices is virtually seamless. In 2005, the offices developed a synergistic database which allows for each office to work collaboratively from the same program. This allows for the real-time update of records, which has exponentially increased the efficiency of managing the League's information.

The opening of the second office has brought the League's management and service level to a new high. With the ability to respond to members' needs and to provide administrative support to the volunteers, the Executive Committee has had more time to focus on the items requiring their immediate attention and to undertake new strategic initiatives for the organization.

*Peter J. Berry, CAE
Administrative Director*

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Financial Office in Hartford, Connecticut



Headquarters Office in Brussels, Belgium



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Assistant Administrative Director*



*Sofie Peeters
Membership Services Coordinator*



*Donna Cunard
Financial Manager*



*Cheryl-Ann Tubby
Web Site Project Manager*

New International Director of Meetings Office

Many international medical societies now have their own in-house Congress Secretariat offices. The International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) set up a dedicated Congress Secretariat office in 1999 and **Richard Holmes** was appointed as the International Director of Meetings (IDM) responsible for ILAE and IBE international and regional congresses. Based in Dublin, Ireland, the Congress Secretariat is staffed by a full-time team of twelve people, and is assisted by additional temporary administration staff during busy periods. Members of the team come from a variety of backgrounds ranging from business to law to international relations and have proficiency in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Portuguese and Japanese.

Congresses are organized three to four years in advance and much preparation and behind-the-scenes work is done by the IDM Office. Members of the team travel extensively to identify the most appropriate conference centers and facilities for each congress which, in turn, ensures the smooth running of each event and allows delegates who have travelled from all over the world to meet each other and exchange views, ideas and updates on current research.

Once the location of a congress has been chosen, the IDM Office carries out in-depth site inspections and meets with the tourist organizations in that country to discuss convention centers and the facilities that will be available to delegates during their stay. During a site inspection, the IDM Office will also ensure that essential requirements such as adequate lighting, audio-visual facilities, soundproofing, air-conditioning, Internet access and networking points meet an extremely high standard.

Once the selection of a host country is made, the IDM Office then commences negotiations with the conference center and other suppliers. This is often a long process and involves meetings with several key personnel to ensure that the needs of the ILAE, IBE and its delegates are met in every possible way. The delegates and the health care professionals who attend the congresses year after year are a testament to the continuing success and commitment of the IDM Office.

Since its establishment, the office has managed several meetings in each region. The IDM Office has been involved in the

International Epilepsy Congresses (IEC) in Lisbon (2003), Paris (2005), Singapore (2007) and is already involved in arrangements for the 29th International Epilepsy Congress, Budapest 2009, which will mark the centenary of the foundation of the ILAE in that city in 1911. The European Congress on Epileptology (ECE) was organized in Madrid (2002), Vienna (2004) and Helsinki (2006) and is also being planned for 2008 in Berlin where it will be hosted jointly by the Israeli and German Chapters of ILAE. The ECE in 2010 will take place in the ancient city of Rhodes in Greece. For the Latin American Congress on Epilepsy (LACE) the team has worked on meetings in Mexico (2004), Guatemala (2006) and plans are currently underway for Montevideo (2008). The Asian and Oceanian Epilepsy Congress (AOEC) saw the team work on events in Bangkok (2004) and Kuala Lumpur (2006) and site inspections have been underway this past six months for the 2008 meeting which will be held in Xiamen, China. This year the IDM Office was involved with the organization of the 1st East Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress (EMEC) in Luxor, Egypt.

The IDM Office has also assisted the IBE with running the European Conference on Epilepsy & Society (ECES) in Lloret del Mar (2002), Malta (2004), Copenhagen (2006) and the planning of the next conference in Marseilles (2008).

Since the creation of the Web portal in 2002, www.epilepsycongress.org, the IDM Office has been able to reach even more members of the ILAE and IBE worldwide. The IDM Office can now offer an online registration system, accommodation booking services and an abstract submission system for poster presenters. The ILAE UK Chapter 2007 annual scientific meeting has also used the abstract system administered by the IDM abstract team.

Emma Flood, who has a degree in International Business and speaks fluent German, looks after the administration of the abstract system and travel bursary applications. She receives up to 100 inquiries each day. In addition she prepares the abstracts for review and for the Congress Final Programs. The abstract system allows the members of the Scientific Committee to appraise and score each abstract online, a time-

efficient and cost-effective mechanism.

Jenn O'Gorman, who holds a BA Hons. in Media Production and Management and is currently studying for her Master in Development Management degree, looks after all aspects of the Web sites, including the speakers' portal and the online registration system. She also works closely with the registrations team, which is overseen by **Gus Egan**, who holds a degree in International Marketing and Japanese. Together with **Vania Silva**, a native of Portugal who graduated with a BA in Languages and speaks fluent Portuguese, Spanish, German and Italian, they have processed in excess of 7,000 registrations in the past year.

The 1st East Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress (EMEC) was held in January of this year. The successful meeting was held in Luxor, Egypt in 2007. The Scientific Advisory Committee was assisted by **Finola Quinn** with **Donna Creaven**, who was responsible for coordinating the logistics on the ground. Finola, who has a BA in International Marketing and Languages and speaks fluent German and French, joined the IDM office in 2001 and oversees exhibitions and sponsorship for all congresses. Donna holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Law degree.

Soazig Daniel, who has a degree in English Literature and is now based in Paris, joined the IDM team in 1999 and has been responsible for coordinating each of the international congresses. She is also involved in preparations for the 8th ECE in Berlin and the 11th ECES in Marseilles next year.

Following the success of the 4th LACE in Guatemala in 2006, new guidelines have been implemented for the 5th LACE in 2008. **Jane Whelan**, assisted by Vania Silva, has been overseeing the

organization of the Montevideo 2008 Congress and assisting the Latin American Region of the ILAE and IBE. Jane has a degree in International Commerce and Spanish and speaks Spanish and French.

Plans are now underway for the 7th AOEC which will be held in Xiamen, China, supported by the IDM Office. Richard Holmes along with **Kathryn Hodgson**, who has a BA Honours degree in Italian and Classical Civilization and who also holds a post-graduate degree in Business Studies, began site inspections in late 2006. The first committee meeting was held in Xiamen earlier this year.

With five regional meetings to look after this past year, **Maria McDonnell**, who heads up the IDM Accounts Department, has been joined by **Conor Whelan**. Conor holds an Honours degree in Economics and began his career with the IDM following graduation from university.

The surplus funds from the International and European Congresses have increased tremendously since the IDM Office was created. This has enhanced the overall financial situation of the ILAE and IBE and has enabled the successful development of other regional Congresses in Asia, South America and the Eastern Mediterranean. Congress finances are overseen by the Treasurers of ILAE and IBE with the support of the accounting firm Grant Thornton and the Congress Finance Advisory Committee.

Richard Holmes is fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled team to assist him in managing high quality congresses for ILAE and IBE.

*Richard Holmes
International Director of Meetings*



New Information Officer

Starting in July Edward Bertram will assume the role of the League's Information Officer from Simon Shorvon. He is a professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Virginia, where he trained under the late Fritz Dreifuss and Eric Lothman. His clinical activities focus exclusively on epilepsy with a significant emphasis on presurgical evaluation. In the laboratory he has several areas of activity including defining the circuitry of the various epilepsies and determining the role the different components of the circuit play in the initiation and spread of seizures. In addition his laboratory is involved with the development of new approaches to therapy discovery with the hope that using different models to test new therapies will lead to better treatments in

the clinic. In the past he worked in the Netherlands and Germany, and, as a child, lived for several years in Nepal.

Dr. Bertram's new responsibilities as Information Officer will include:

- Supervising the publication of *Epigraph* at least twice annually.
- Taking responsibility for the information published on the Web site and serving as Chair of the Web Site Task Force.
- Overseeing the activities of, and the contract with, the Epilepsy Information Center.



He was attracted to this position in part because of the international scope of the League and because it will allow him to assist in a wide range of the League's activities as the Executive Committee

develops the long-range goals for improving epilepsy care throughout the world. The appointment comes at a particularly exciting time as the ILAE is developing a new global education initiative, the Faculty of One Thousand, whose goal is to identify and train regional epilepsy experts who will, in turn, serve as regional sources for information and education. Supporting those efforts will be an important factor in making this

effort to improve global epilepsy expertise a success. There is also a wish to create a greater sense of community among the members of the more than ninety League chapters. In the coming years the League hopes to strengthen the ties among members spread across the globe, so that the different perspectives on epilepsy and the care of patients with it can be shared more readily and potential solutions can be found. Although the new age of electronic communication and the World Wide Web offer great potential for the creation of a global epilepsy community, achieving that potential will require a group effort. Dr. Bertram looks forward to working with the Executive Committee, the League commissions and the chapters on achieving these goals.

Name the Epileptologist and Win a Prize!

This photo was contributed by Ted Reynolds, former president of ILAE. Neither of us can remember where or when the picture was taken or who all the individuals are in the picture. This seemed to us to be a good subject for a quiz — especially for the older delegate!

Epigraph would like to offer a prize (a bottle of champagne) to the reader who can identify the greatest number of individuals. One point each for correctly identifying the people (please indicate where they are in the photo) and an extra two points for the location and/or date.

Entries please by October 1, 2007 by email to: Simon Shorvon (e.mobayed@ion.cul.ac.uk).



The ILAE Web Site — www.ILAE.org

In the past few years, ILAE has developed a Web site. This has grown steadily and now has a key role in documenting and communicating ILAE activities. The Web site has been constructed in-house in the ILAE Hartford Office and guided by the Web Site Task Force. The site has three main roles:

- To present Information about ILAE personnel, structure and purpose
- To convey information about epilepsy for the benefit of ILAE members (including interactive areas)
- To assist in ILAE administrative activities.

The site continues to develop. New pages are currently in the process of development, and other sections and in the planning stage. Currently, the following sections comprise the site.

Home Page

The home page has been designed to show highlights and topical features and includes links to various other ILAE activities (global campaign, conferences, EIC, *Epilepsia*, etc.).

About the ILAE

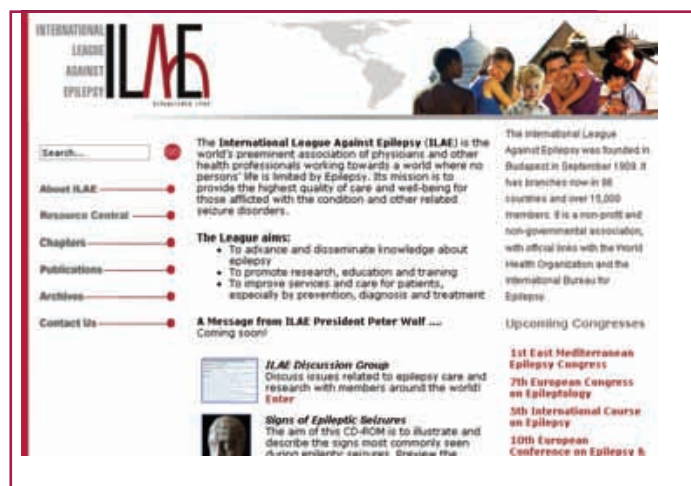
This area contains documentary information about the central ILAE structures and personnel.

- ILAE Executive Committee
- ILAE commissions and task forces
- ILAE constitution and bylaws
- ILAE strategic plan
- Historical details.

ILAE Resource Central

This area contains information about epilepsy. Among the entries are:

- Discussion Group — this is a new initiative launched in February 2006.
- ILAE Worldwide Resource Directory, a searchable database of the EIC collection of 1,500 epilepsy-related publications and videos held in Zurich. This database is updated regularly in collaboration with the EIC. Almost all of the videos and documents have now been copied into digital format.
- Epilepsy Brochures. Fifteen brochures about epilepsy have been copied and put online; some of the brochures have been translated into four languages. It is planned to post further selected items and eventually



- to have 50-100 documents on the site.
- A worldwide AED Database, compiled by Bob Fisher, allows members to view a comprehensive list of antiepileptic drugs (with generic and proprietary names) that are available around the world. The database can be searched by brand name, generic name and/or in which country certain medications can be found.
- The proposals of the ILAE task force on classification and terminology.
- Details of future ILAE congresses and meetings with links to relevant Web sites and in some cases online registration.
- EUREPA Distance Education, a listing of upcoming educational opportunities.
- Global campaign section presents details of the ILAE/WHO/IBE global campaign and links to the WHO Web site.

- ILAE annual report section contains the current annual report.
- Links section provides links (via a click on the mouse) to other professional organizations.
- Epilepsy Bibliography. This is a list of Books and Monographs published in the field of epilepsy. It is compiled by Dr. Fukuyama and is in a fully searchable format.

Regions

This area provides information on the Regional Commissions and their activities.

Chapter Section

This area contains information about ILAE chapters worldwide.

- Details of ILAE national chapters and their officers and council members. There are links to the chapter Web site (where available) and email contact details.

- The annual reports of individual chapter are also posted when available.
- Map showing geographic location of each chapter, with a clickable search facility.

Publications Section

This area contains information about ILAE publications

- The current editions of *Epigraph*.
- Information about *Epilepsia* and links to the journal Web site.
- A subscription area for discounted subscriptions for ILAE members for *Epilepsia* and four other epilepsy journals.
- ILAE Annual Report.

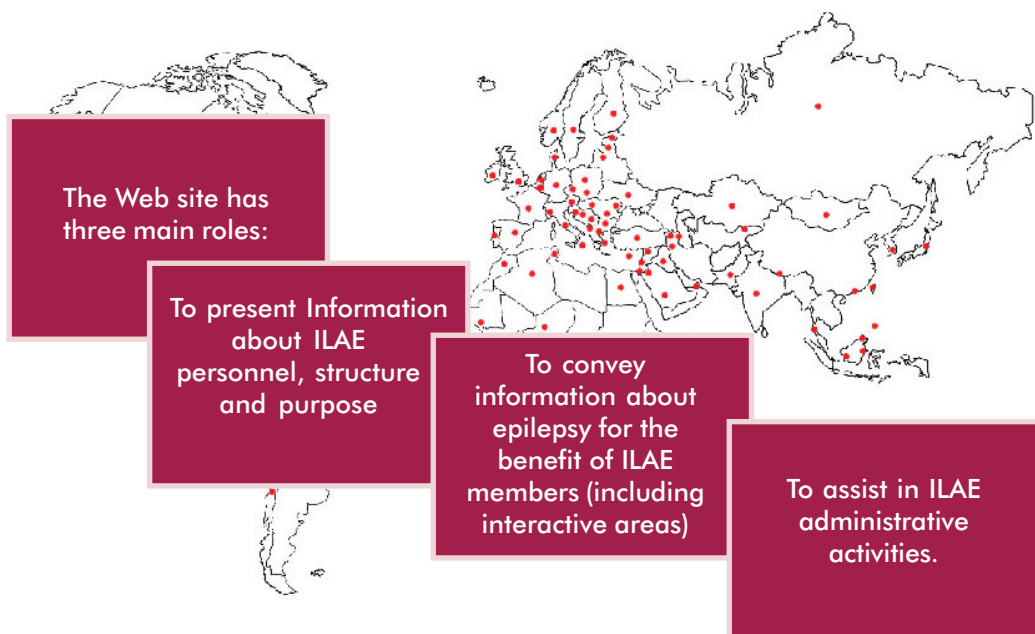
Archive Section

This area contains archived copies of recent ILAE documents

- Non-current copies of *Epigraph* (from 1999).
- Annual reports of 2000, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- Awards section with details of ILAE awards and the recipients, since 1999, of the following awards: Ambassador, Lifetime Achievement, Michael Prize, Social Achievement, Young Investigators Award.

Contact Details

This section contains details of the Brussels and Hartford offices and personnel.



A Special Partnership

When I was invited to prepare an article for *Epigraph* to describe some of the current work of the International Bureau for Epilepsy, I was immediately reminded of the special relationship that exists between the League and the Bureau. This connection stretches right back to the foundation of IBE in 1961 and has remained unbroken ever since. Indeed the very creation of IBE is due to the insight of the ILAE Executive Committee of that time, which saw the need for a separate organization that could focus on the social aspects of epilepsy but which would work in tandem with the League.

This special and unique relationship, which is the envy of many similar organizations around the world, provides the perfect platform to address jointly both the medical and social aspects of epilepsy. When it comes to epilepsy this is very important because, while up to 70% of people will have their epilepsy well-controlled, epilepsy still impinges on every aspect of their daily lives.

The concept of medical and lay organizations collaborating on issues of joint interest might have been viewed as almost ground-breaking in the 1960s. However today, it can be seen as an arrangement that was simply farsighted. In recent years around the world, and in particular in Europe, the emerging trend among governments is to encourage the involvement of advocacy groups in issues relating to policy-making. In some places this involvement is a prerequisite to accessing funding for development or research projects. In respect of EU funding it is almost a mandatory regulation. This facilitates cooperation and collaboration between organizations focused on scientific aspects of a condition or disease and their counterpart lay groups who address social issues, and can only lead to a more comprehensive provision of services and optimal access to information for those seeking care and support.

The biggest joint initiative to date, the ILAE/IBE/WHO Global Campaign Against Epilepsy "Out of the Shadows" attracted the prestigious support of the World Health Organization in part, I am sure, because of the involvement of both ILAE and IBE. This



is a fantastic initiative that involves projects and activities around the globe. Since its inception ten years ago in 1997, several other organizations have sought to introduce

similar campaigns, although none has done it so successfully as the ILAE and IBE.

The most recent joint project, EUCARE, also includes both medical and advocacy elements in its plans and activities through the FONDE Study and the Political Action Group.

Working to Make a Difference

Now fifty years on, in 2011 IBE will celebrate its golden jubilee and I believe that we will have much to celebrate. The Bureau is now an important and expanding organization, working with its 113 members based in 88 countries, and visible in every region of the world. We have grown to such strength that we have been able to introduce regional committees in all of the regions as outlined by the WHO regional divisions. These are in Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Latin America, North America, Southeast Asia and Western Pacific. The only divergence from the WHO structure is the division of the Americas into Latin America and North America.

The membership of each regional committee comprises IBE members in that

region and each region has an elected regional executive committee whose role is to coordinate the policies and plans of the Bureau at the regional level and to identify regional issues of relevance and significance to members in their region. More recently, IBE and ILAE have introduced the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy Regional Steering Committees to facilitate and monitor activity at the regional level and to encourage the involvement of WHO Regional Health Advisors in the campaign.

All of this is in line with the goal of IBE to provide a strong global network to support the development of new members and to encourage cooperation and contact between members.

Promising Strategies Program

IBE is also committed to supporting its members to develop to their full potential and the Bureau has long been aware of how difficult a task this is for our members in developing countries where lack of funds presents a real obstacle to those who are working with dedication to improve the quality of life of people with epilepsy.

As a measure of our determination to find new and innovative solutions to the problems

impacting people with epilepsy and their families, in particular for those with limited resources, IBE last year initiated the Promising Strategies Program, which will provide a limited amount of financial support to IBE member organizations on a competitive basis for initiatives aimed at improving quality of life for people with epilepsy in developing nations. An initial 13 projects have been selected for support in Argentina, Cameroon,

Ecuador, Gambia, Guatemala, Mauritius, Mongolia, Romania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The projects range from horticulture and farming to textile training and awareness-raising campaigns and many will provide training to people with epilepsy to help them find employment and become more independent in the future. IBE is very excited about this initiative and is confident of its success.

The Same but Different

While the focus of ILAE and IBE could be viewed as quite different – with one involved in medical science and the other



in social science – the two organizations have one very important similarity; both are dedicated to helping people with epilepsy to achieve the best possible quality of life. Working together is absolutely the best way forward to close the treatment gap, to fight stigma and to increase understanding of the condition.

I look forward to the next 50 years of collaboration!

*Susanne Lund
President
International Bureau for Epilepsy*



Recent Developments in *Epilepsia*, the Journal of the ILAE

A number of changes have been made to *Epilepsia* in the last 12 months. The changes reflect work in progress. The editors feel strongly that it is time for *Epilepsia* updates, since the medical publishing field is going through a period of great flux and there is increasing competition between journals. This article provides a general summary of the main changes made to date.

Themed Issues

Since June 2006, the monthly print issues of *Epilepsia* each had a predominant theme. In 2006, these were pediatrics (June), new treatments (July), temporal lobe epilepsy (August), hormonal influences on epilepsy (September), genes and epilepsy (October), cognitive issues (November), and seizure- and drug-related morbidity (December). Publishing "Online Early" (see below) frees the Journal from the need to compose the print issues in strictly chronological order (of acceptance), and this freedom in turn has allowed us to group articles according to general themes. We feel that this practice increases the readability of and interest in the Journal.

Online Early

Since July 2006, *Epilepsia* articles have been published online on the Journal's Web site (Blackwell-Synergy) prior to their appearance in the print edition. Our target is to publish articles online approximately 35 working days after acceptance. The "Online Early" publication date is the official publication date for an article; once published online, these articles are citable, can be identified as published papers in CVs, and are indexed

on Pubmed and other lists. This practice has greatly shortened the time to publication of *Epilepsia* articles, an important consideration in today's academic climate. Articles that have been published online but have not yet appeared in print are listed in the *Online Early* section of *Gray Matters*.

Gray Matters

Since June 2006, a new section has appeared in the Journal entitled *Gray Matters*. This section is focused on ILAE activities and acts as a record of ILAE developments and activities. It also assists the ILAE to deliver its priorities, and provides space in the Journal for material that does not require peer review. The section comprises short reports of ILAE activities/actualities, reports of ILAE conferences (listing main themes etc.), reports of ILAE commissions and other bodies (abbreviated, where these do not appear in the scientific sections of the Journal), letters and commentary, a calendar of upcoming meetings, announcements, and other items.

Reviews, Commentaries and Editorials

We are also commissioning more reviews and editorial commentary, and where possible are publishing paired basic and clinical reviews together. We are especially keen to publish reviews at the interface of epilepsy and other neurological conditions, and also particularly encourage reviews in areas of controversy; we have initiated a series of editorial commentaries on such topics.

Other Editorial Changes

We introduced a modified Harvard reference citation style in October 2006, as it is our view that this is more useful to readers than the more prevalent Vancouver style. We also have changed the Instructions for Authors (and included Best Practice Guidelines on Publication Ethics) and Copyright Release forms. Our publisher, Blackwell, has introduced *Author Services* which provides a greater range of facilities for authors. We have

developed more stringent criteria for publication and guidelines for reviewing. We hope these changes will increase the scientific value of the Journal to its readers.

Editorships and Editorial Board

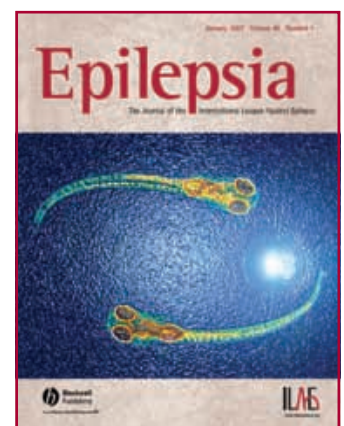
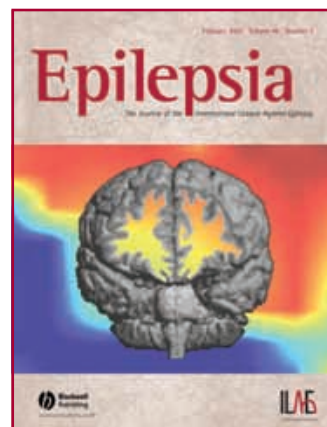
A new Managing Editor, Mrs. Alison Alsmeyer, was appointed in April 2006, and has made an outstanding contribution to the running of the Journal. The number of associate editors has been increased to 12. The appointment of an expanded associate editorship is a major change, made in response to the increasing number of articles submitted each year and the need to improve peer review; this is an important ingredient in improving the expertise and speed of the peer review process. The current Associate Editors are: Anne Berg, Ettore Behgi, Edward Bertram, Amy Brooks-Kayal, Mark Cook, Michael Duchowney, Renzo Guerrini, Bruce Hermann, Philip Patsalos, Michael Sperling, Anna-Maria Vezzani, and Matthew Walker.

The Editorial Board has been slightly expanded with the addition of a number of new members. Membership of the board is for a three-year term.

The Morris-Coolé Prize

This new annual prize of €10,000 was established in 2007. The prize is to be awarded annually to the first author — preferably a junior investigator — of the paper published in *Epilepsia* during the preceding calendar year which has, in the

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Out of the Shadows — the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy

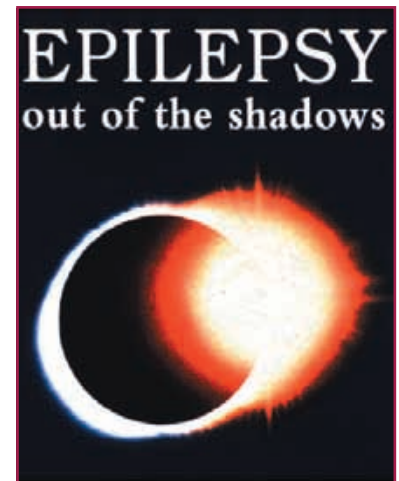
The Global Campaign Against Epilepsy is a joint initiative of ILAE, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE). Its mission is to bring epilepsy “out of the shadows” by improving diagnosis, treatment, prevention and social acceptability of the disorder world-wide. It aims to do this by:

- Increasing public and professional awareness of epilepsy as a universal treatable brain disorder
- Raising epilepsy to a new plane of acceptability in the public domain
- Promoting public and professional education about epilepsy
- Identifying the needs of people with epilepsy on a national and regional basis

- Encouraging governments and departments of health to address the needs of people with epilepsy, including awareness, education, diagnosis, treatment, care, services and prevention.

The first phase of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy was launched in June 1997 and was devoted primarily to increasing public and professional awareness of epilepsy as a universal treatable brain disorder, and raising epilepsy to a new plane of acceptability in the public domain. The second phase of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy was launched in 2001 and was devoted primarily to activities that promote public and professional education about epilepsy, identify the needs of people with epilepsy

on a national and regional basis, and encourage governments and departments of health to address the needs of people with epilepsy. The third phase was initiated in 2005, and there are a number of ongoing activities. There are demonstration projects in Congo, Kenya and Brazil with proposals from a number of other countries. Plans are in place for the development of regional atlases, multi-center studies, an epilepsy surgery project, a project on epilepsy and legislation and a project on stigma in epilepsy. Regional steering committees have been set up and regional reports are being written. The Global Campaign is being led by Giuliano Avanzini, ILAE Past President, and Phil



Lee, IBE Past President. If any reader is interested to help with these projects, they should contact either Prof. Avanzini or Mr. Lee. Further details are available on the ILAE Web site www.ilae.org.

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judges' opinion, made the most significant advance in knowledge in the field of epilepsy. Only full-length original articles (not reviews) are eligible for consideration, and should not have been the subject of any earlier prize or award. Papers in any research field (clinical or basic) and from any region of the world are eligible. The prize will be awarded during the opening ceremony of the International Congress or (in alternate years) a regional ILAE conference. The winning researchers will be invited to present their findings in a special Morris-Coole Lecture at the conference.

The prize was established through the generosity of Mr. Christopher Morris-Coole and his wife Sandra, with the intention of stimulating epilepsy research and rewarding particularly young researchers

in order to motivate and provide an incentive to excellence.

The winner of the 2007 prize is Dr. Zita Gajda from Hungary, for the paper: Gajda et al. The functional significance of gap junction channels in the epileptogenicity and seizure susceptibility of juvenile rats. *Epilepsia* 2006 47:1009-1022.

Redesign of the Print Edition of Epilepsia

Plans for redesign of the print issues of *Epilepsia* have been completed. The first redesigned cover appeared in January 2007, and these new covers have been well-received. The new page design will be unveiled in the November 2007 issue. A redesign was considered a vital step so

that *Epilepsia*, as the scientific journal of the ILAE, can fully represent the professional and scientific quality of ILAE. The redesign is also considered an essential ingredient in the revitalization of the Journal necessary to maintain financial and scientific competitiveness. Elements of the new page design include full color throughout, a change to matte paper, a new typeface, and redesigned editorial pages. We hope that these will meet with the approval of our readership.

Epilepsia Digests, Supplements, Circulation and Revenue

In 2006, five supplements were published: AES Annual Course, Cognitive

and Behavioral Outcomes of Epileptic Syndromes, 7th European Congress on Epileptology, AES Annual Meeting Abstracts, and the Italian League Against Epilepsy Official Reports and Proceedings. *Epilepsia* Digests were published in Italy, Japan, China, Turkey, South America and India. During 2006, *Epilepsia* saw an 11% increase in circulation and a 37% increase in online readership, and the total net revenue to the ILAE from the Journal was \$1,436,656.

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