

### **### IBRO/ILAE EPILEPSY-EEG TRAINING**

A training on Epilepsy and EEG, co-funded by IBRO and ILAE, was held in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo - DRC) from December 9 to 12, 2024. The event took place at the Institut National pour la Recherche Biomédicale (INRB) in Kinshasa.

This training was aimed at young French-speaking neurologists from Africa. Seven young African neurology residents were selected, coming from the following countries: Cameroon (one candidate); Congo-Brazzaville (one candidate); Togo (one candidate); Senegal (one candidate); Burkina Faso (two candidates); and Tunisia (one candidate). They were joined by 21 candidates from Kinshasa and other regions of the DRC.

Several topics were covered during this training. The new classification of epilepsies was reviewed, along with the pathophysiology, etiology, and treatment of epilepsies, including the treatment of refractory epilepsies. Aspects of epilepsy surgery were also discussed.

Participants were then divided into groups for one-on-one discussions regarding the diagnosis of rare clinical forms of epilepsy. An important part of the training involved teaching participants the principles of EEG recording. Several sessions were dedicated to EEG protocols.

The faculty consisted of epilepsy experts from Africa (Burkina Faso and Mali) and Europe (Belgium and France).