

Fifth CAAE International Epilepsy Forum

The 5th CAAE International Epilepsy Forum (CIEF) was held in Chongqing City, China from September 23 to 25 2013. A total of about 700 people participated in the Forum including a delegation from Taiwan and epileptologists from international society.

The First CIEF was founded in 2004 which focus on the international hot issues targeted to specialists of epilepsy care. Since then, It has been held every other year supported by ILAE, IBE, WHO and become a brand conference now.

In the fifth CIEF, we invited more than 10 internationally well-known neuroscientist and epileptologists to carry out special lectures and seminars for this forum, including Prof Sten Grillner, former chairman of Nobel Prize in physiology or Medicine Committee talking about the modular nervous system; ILAE president Emilio Perucca reviewed the 25 years history of new AEDs; IBE president Athanasios Covanis summarizing difficulties and challenges in epilepsy treatment; chief-editor of SEIZURE Markus Reuber introducing his experience of how to publish papers in good journals; Prof Andrew J. Cole from Massachusetts General Hospital talking about Pre-Operative Evaluation for epilepsy, Taiwan Epilepsy Society president Shang-Yeon Kwan introducing recent advances in EEG, etc.

During the forum, except for those lectures in plenary sessions, in which domestic epileptologists also gave lectures in current hot issues, post-main session, parallel sessions, video session etc. had plenty of interesting topics presented and active discussion/debate made the academic atmosphere very warm. Besides, other activities were also held in the 5th CIEF: 1. epilepsy professional photography exhibition; 2. The inaugural meeting of CAAE Youth Committee and the first Youth symposium; 3. Education activity for people with epilepsy (PWE); 4. ASEPA training course on Psycho-social problems in epilepsy. In all the meeting rooms, we found that more and more young doctors have the courage to stand up and ask good questions,

we are happy with their active thinking and good communication ability. The PWE program focused on the content of PWE's health education and social support and other issues, a number of domestic and international invited experts gave lectures to introduce PWE's education and care project experience of their owns, including IBE president and treasurer. More than 100 PWE attended this activity.