

## Research and Innovation Task Force

### 2023 Annual Report

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The creation of working groups to explore the role of ILAE in advancing research quality, priorities and output, translation, education and training, clinical research, publications, networking and collaborations, advocacy, public engagement, and globalization of research including in low resource areas
- A survey to assess the level of agreement and importance of the various recommendations of the task force towards increasing the research output and quality
- A final report was completed and submitted to the ILAE leadership

#### ACTIVITIES

- The Task Force conducted a series of Zoom calls to explore areas that need to be developed to advance the ILAE strategic goals on research and innovation and the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders (IGAP) research goals. Working groups were formed to discuss specific areas of interest and initiatives.
- A survey to prioritize the recommendations was completed.
- A final report was submitted to the ILAE leadership.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The creation of an ILAE Research Council was strongly recommended to coordinate the various ILAE activities towards advancing the ILAE Strategy 2030 Goal 4 and the IGAP Target 4.2 on doubling of global research in neurology and epilepsy over the coming decade.

Recommendations were made towards promoting research and innovation, best practices in research, building research collaborations within and outside epilepsy, creating outreach and advocacy strategies to improve engagement, impact, and investment on epilepsy research, and advancing educational, training, and mentoring initiatives. Consideration of the regional research priorities and infrastructure, when structuring these initiatives, was strongly recommended to build global research capacity and output, including within low resource regions. Additional recommendations were made in reference to the congress and publication councils.

The report with the recommendations of the Task Force was completed and submitted to the ILAE leadership. A survey was completed within the membership of the Research & Innovation Task Force of the ILAE that showed a high level of agreement for the recommendations and a prioritization.

## **RESEARCH & ARTICLES PUBLISHED**

The final product of the Task Force was a report of the recommendations of our Task Force that was submitted to the ILAE leadership for consideration.

## **MEETINGS**

We had five Zoom meetings among all members of the Task Force and around 10 Zoom calls among members of the working groups.

*Report submitted by Aristeia Galanopoulou*