

## Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of Epigraph 2004. We start with the President's Message which discusses the recent successful ILAE International Epilepsy Congress in Lisbon held in conjunction with the IBE, the Chapter Convention (also discussed on page 2) and the ILAE electoral reform. Pages 3 and 4 give outline details of forthcoming congresses in Vienna, Mexico and Bangkok which all look most promising. Page 4 describes the new aims and function of the renamed and revamped Epilepsy Resource Centre. An update of the ever expanding activities of the Global Campaign are discussed on page 5. The ILAE website will shortly be providing comprehensive anti-epileptic drug (AED) information outlined on page 6. Jerome Engel updates the readership about the work of the ILAE Task Force on Classifications and Terminology of epileptic seizures.

A Solidarity Fund has been set up to help support chapters who are unable to meet payments of their ILAE dues. Chapters in a more fortunate position are asked to consider making a contribution to this very worthwhile fund (details can be found on page 7). As usual Diary Dates and the Bulletin Board can be found on page 8. As ever, we would like to receive any news regarding the activities of your chapter and of course diary dates would be most welcome.

I am happy to report that the chapter mailing lists are progressing well, so please do bear with us. Very shortly we hope to be in a position of mailing every individual member a copy of Epigraph. Thank you for those who have provided the ILAE office with updated membership details and of course to those of you who have contributed to this issue of Epigraph.

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Editor, Epigraph



GIULIANO AVANZINI,  
PRESIDENT, ILAE

## President's Message

*The activities of the ILAE in 2003 culminated in the 25th International Epilepsy Congress, which was organised in conjunction with the IBE and held in Lisbon (Portugal) on 12-16 October. I very much appreciated the enthusiastic feedback I received from many participants and would like to thank everyone whose constructive criticisms will help us to improve the organisation of future Congresses.*

The success of the Congress was due to the effective collaboration of the Organising and Scientific committees, the ILAE-IBE International Directors of Meetings office, the Portuguese League Against Epilepsy and all of the active participants. The IDM, Richard Holmes, and his staff faced enormous difficulties in relocating the Congress from Tunis to Lisbon in only seven months, difficulties that were only overcome by the strenuous work and dedication of Richard and his co-workers, Soazig Daniel and Jane Whelan. My special thanks to them on behalf of the ILAE, and also thanks to Francisco Pinto and José Lopes Lima (respectively President and Vice-President of the Liga Portuguesa contra la Epilepsia) for their valuable co-operation.

In his introductory address, Francisco Pinto reminded us that the 10th International Epilepsy Congress took place in Lisbon in 1953, and we share our Portuguese friend's pleasure in seeing the international epilepsy community's return to Portugal after 50 years.

The topic Chairs deserve every credit for the meeting's high scientific profile; I would like to express my appreciation to all of them, especially to Pierre Marie Preux and Basim Yakub who accepted the difficult task of taking over the Chairmanship of the "transmissible diseases" topic only four months before the Congress.

The scientific importance of the Congress was marked by the contribution of a number of eminent scientists interested in epilepsy whose participation was made possible by the ILAE Commission on Neurobiology, which once again organised the 7th Workshop on Neurobiology of Epilepsy (WONOE 7th) in conjunction with the main Congress. The main organisational responsibilities were borne by Esper Cavalheiro (Commission Chair), Claude Wasterlain, Christoph Bernard and Roberto Spreafico, who organised both the 7th WONOE (Ericeira, 8-10 October) and the pre-Congress Young Investigation Workshop (Lisbon, 12 October).

The most widely appreciated innovations in the Congress format were the inclusion of a Presidential Symposium and the new rule that the business meeting should not clash with the scientific sessions.

I was particularly pleased with the substantial support the Congress gave to young participants and to delegates from economically disadvantaged areas. However, this only partially compensated for the frustration of being forced to transfer the Congress away from Tunisia - a step backward in our mission to the African continent. The present ILAE Executive Committee (EC) is now committed to handing over to its successor a Society whose policy is no longer conditioned by undue external financial constraints.

Another important achievement in 2003 was the electoral reform. The ad hoc task force, appointed by the present ILAE EC and chaired by the ILAE past-President Pete Engel, produced new rules designed to avoid the over-representation of the ILAE Regions with a higher number of large Chapters. Its proposals were agreed by the ILAE EC, and an appropriate constitutional amendment was approved by the ILAE General Assembly (GA) in Lisbon on 12 October. The changes came into force immediately and the new rules will be followed by the Election Committee in managing the election process. This means that the next ILAE EC will include no more than one officer from a given country, and no more than two from a given Region.

A further important amendment approved by the ILAE GA in Lisbon concerned the voting rights of ILAE EC members, which are now restricted to the elected officers plus the Editor-in-Chief of Epilepsia. Moreover, the ILAE by-laws have now been amended so that the decisions of the ILAE-IBE Joint Executive Committee (JEC) will now become legally effective only after being formally ratified by the ILAE and IBE ECs.

The work of the GA was greatly helped by the previous Chapter Convention, which provided an ideal forum for discussions involving ILAE EC and staff members, Commission Chairs (in particular, the Chairs of the Regional Commissions and the members of the coordinating task force chaired by Martin Brodie), and ILAE Chapters. The extent to which the existing and future services offered by the ILAE management meet Chapter needs has been exhaustively discussed, and the items on the GA Agenda have been provisionally analysed in detail: a number of the suggestions and criticisms will make a significant

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contribution to the direction of future policies of the ILAE. Many Chapters have expressed their interest in the proposal of the ILAE Administrative Director, Peter Berry, to create and operate a website on their behalf.

Although the global Lisbon Convention must pre-dominate in all respects because of its worldwide representation (there were in fact delegates from 52 Chapters), the Chapter Convention held in Madrid during the European Regional Congress was very successful. We recommend that in the future, both the biennial International Epilepsy Meeting and the Regional Meetings that take place in other years should include such an interactive Chapter Convention. Martin Brodie, the Chairs of the Task Forces for Regional Organisations, and Cigdem Ozkara, the Chair of the Task Force for Sub-regional and Inter-regional Organisations, will be glad to help to achieve this goal.

In addition to the global Convention mentioned above, two meetings of African and Eastern Mediterranean Chapters have been convened to foster the creation of Regional Organisations in those areas. The progress made in Lisbon makes me confident that both organisations will soon be in place. Most delegates of the Eastern Mediterranean Chapters will meet in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) in January, and the African Chapters will meet in March when a further global African Convention will be organised during the African meeting of Neurological Sciences (Cotonou, Benin, 11-13 March).

I could go on to discuss many other things, but I fear that I have already used up all the space allowed for the President's Message. I would simply like to repeat my warmest thanks to everybody who helped to make my work as the ILAE President such an exciting experience. In particular, I must thank the EC, whose support and advice I can always count on, and especially the General Secretary, Natalio Fejerman and Treasurer, Ley Sander. Our work together has already carried us through some difficult moments, but there is still much to be done. To fulfil our mission, we need to be an even closer community continuing towards our common goal of alleviating the burden of epilepsy throughout the world.

Giuliano Avanzini, President, ILAE



LISBON

## The Second Chapter Convention organized by ILAE 12th October, Lisbon

*For the second time, ILAE invited all Chapters to participate in a Chapter Convention held on October 12 in Lisbon, Portugal during the 25th International Epilepsy Congress. 52 Chapters were represented by a total of 90 delegates. The purpose of this second Chapter Convention was to present an update on the recent activities of ILAE and to introduce the benefits of the new services that the ILAE can now offer Chapters.*

The Convention worked to the following agenda:

- **Welcome and introductions**  
(Giuliano Avanzini, President)
- **Chapter development and organization**  
(Natalio Fejerman, Secretary-General and Ley Sander, Treasurer)
- **Website enhancements/Chapter templates**  
(Peter J. Berry, Administrative Director and Joseph Wall, Web Site Project Manager)
- **Headquarters update**  
(Delphine Sartiaux, Assistant Administrative Director)
- **Epigraph update**  
(Ley Sander, Treasurer)
- **Epilepsia update**  
(Robert Fisher, Epilepsia Editor)

Discussion followed each presentation and the Chapters were able to express their views, needs and proposals on each topic. The lunch was also an opportunity for all participants to meet, exchange views and make suggestions for the future plans of the League. The experience will certainly be repeated during next ILAE International and Regional Congresses. Dates for the next Chapter Convention will be sent out in early 2004.

Pictures of the event are available on the ILAE Chapter Members login section of the ILAE website: <http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/chapter/secure/loginpage.cfm>.

For further information, copies of the agenda and presentations can be obtained by contacting the ILAE Headquarters office:

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VIENNA

## 6th European Congress on Epileptology 2004

Vienna, 30th May – 3rd June 2004

Delegates are now invited to register for the 6th European Congress on Epileptology, which will take place in Vienna from 30th May – 3rd June 2004. The Congress promises a challenging and wide-ranging programme that has much to offer clinicians and researchers in all aspects of Epileptology. The main topics will cover the following areas:

1. Epilepsy Syndromes
2. Remission Versus Refractoriness
3. Psychiatric Implications of Epilepsy Treatments
4. New Treatment Options

In addition to the main topics, a comprehensive programme of teaching sessions, and discussion groups will be included; researchers will also be given the opportunity to present their work during the scheduled platform and poster sessions which are also a key element of the programme. All those wishing to submit work should have done so via the on-line system at [www.epilepsyvienna2004.org](http://www.epilepsyvienna2004.org) before the abstract submission deadline of December 19th 2003.

Several specialised symposia will also be part of the scientific programme in Vienna. These will include The Chairman's Symposium, The European Epileptology Award Symposium, the EUCARE Symposium and the Austrian Epileptology Award Symposium.

The congress will take place at the Austria Centre, just a 5 minute underground ride from the city centre and delegates will of course, find a wealth of cultural and historical activities to supplement this visit to one of Europe's most architecturally beautiful and culturally rich cities.

## The III Congreso Latinoamericano de Epilepsia

Mexico, 2nd – 5th July 2004

The III Congreso Latinoamericano de Epilepsia, will be held in Mexico City from the 2nd – 5th July 2004.

This congress is seen as an important step towards achieving the ILAE's overall aim of advancing and disseminating knowledge about epilepsy on a worldwide basis. The scientific programme of the conference has been put together to combine the latest developments in epilepsy research and treatment especially for the particular issues that are important in the Latin American sub-continent.

The main themes of the congress are:

1. Epilepsy in Latin America: causes and prevention
2. Genes and Epilepsy
3. Clinical and social consequences of Epilepsy

These topics will be discussed and debated by leading epileptologists and prominent scholars in every field of epilepsy from both Latin America and further afield. The official language of the Congress will be Spanish with simultaneous translation available in English. Abstracts for the congress will be submitted online via the congress website [www.epilepsiamexico2004.org](http://www.epilepsiamexico2004.org), where detailed information on the programme can be found in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

The conference will take place in the Hotel Fiestaamericana Reforma, conveniently located on the finest, most cosmopolitan avenue in Mexico City, the Paseo de la Reforma, a short walk from the historical centre. Mexico City airport is a 30-minute taxi journey away.



POPOCATEPETL VOLCANO, MEXICO

## 5th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress

Bangkok, 28th – 31st August 2004



BANGKOK

The summer of 2004 will see the 5th Asian and Oceanian Epilepsy Congress coming 'The Venice of the East', the city of Bangkok. The challenging and rewarding scientific content plus the central location of the host city, will ensure that the 5th AOEC builds on the success of the 4th AOEC. The event promises to be of substantial interest and benefit to the epileptology community. The participation of such highly regarded and prominent figures as Professor Martin J. Brodie and Prof. C.T. Tan emphasises the impact that this Congress is certain to have.

The broad scientific program will be spread over four days from 28th to 31st August and will cover several topics including:

- The treatment of epilepsy with limited resources;
- Symptomatic epilepsies in Asia;
- The prevention of epilepsy.

Other topics such as surgery, neurobiology, paediatric myoclonic epilepsies, epilepsy in women and the elderly will also be discussed and there will be sessions concerned with social issues such as discrimination and influencing government policy. Several didactic sessions presented by leading authorities from around the globe will be held and an exhibition will be organised within the congress venue.

For further information concerning 5th AOEC please refer to [www.epilepsybangkok2004.org](http://www.epilepsybangkok2004.org).



### INTRODUCING OUR NEW...

## Epilepsy Information Centre

*The International Epilepsy Resource Centre (IERC) has undergone a major change over the last year and, under the auspices of the ILAE, has been renamed the Epilepsy Information Centre (EIC).*

At a meeting in Zürich on the 21st of Feb. 2003 with Joe Wall (ILAE) Association resources, Peter Berry (ILAE), Christoph Pachlatko (Swiss Epilepsy Centre), Gaby Hänggi (IERC) and Ian Mothersill (Swiss Epilepsy Centre) the following strategies were discussed and aims defined.

A main aim was to transfer the IERC database to the ILAE Website. The database has now been transferred and we hope that it will soon be directly accessible over the ILAE site. A major difference between the new EIC and the old IERC is that instead of being able only to search the database for information and then having to request it from the original distributor or from the IERC, in future the information on the database but will be available in digital form to be directly downloaded. The EIC will also become "more

available" because it will be accessible over the main internet search engines.

As a first step it was decided that the most requested publications (brochures) should be digitised and sent to the ILAE to be included in the Website and also to be translated. Eight brochures have already been sent and very shortly a further 20 will be digitised.

As far as possible selected video tapes from the IBE video collection which formed the basis for the IERC, will also be digitised and available on the ILAE/EIC Website. The digitised "videos" will be sent to the ILAE to check that all the technical aspects are covered.

At the moment we are in the early stages of the "conversion" of the IERC to the EIC and hope to be able

to inform you next year as to how the changes have affected the use of the centre. The collecting of material continues and once again there is an annual appeal to all who have relevant information material to send it to the EIC

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**BRINGING EPILEPSY...**

**... "Out of the Shadows"**

The ILAE/IBE/WHO Global Campaign against Epilepsy is a joint initiative of the World Health Organisation (WHO), the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) to bring epilepsy "Out of the Shadows" by improving the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and social acceptability of the disorder world-wide.

The Global Campaign provides a framework for concerted action at global, regional and national levels to bring epilepsy "out of the shadows". The Campaign works through two parallel and simultaneous tracks; first by providing a platform for the promotion of general awareness, e.g. regional conferences on Public Health, Declarations, White Papers, regional reports; and secondly, through assisting Departments of Health to develop a national epilepsy strategy, e.g. demonstrational projects, assessment of country needs and resources.

**Providing platforms for general awareness**

**CONFERENCES**

**Cairo, Egypt**

As part of general awareness-raising, the last conference on public health aspects of epilepsy was organised in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in March 2003. The goals of this conference were to review the present situation of epilepsy care in the region, discuss the needs and resources to control epilepsy at a community level, and to further the involvement of countries in the Campaign. There were 50 participants from 25 countries, including experts and representatives from the governments.

**Moscow, Russia**

A meeting on "Epilepsy as a Public Health Concern in the Russian Federation" was convened in Moscow, Russia on 13-14 May 2003. The goals of the meeting were:

- 1) Introduce and promote the ILAE/IBE/WHO Global Campaign Against Epilepsy (GCAE) "Out of the Shadows" in the Russian Federation;
- 2) To raise awareness on epilepsy;
- 3) To discuss the state of affairs of epilepsy care nationally and globally; and
- 4) To develop recommendations and a specific plan of action for 2004-2005 at country level.

There were approximately 60 participants representing most of the regions of the Russian Federation. The European Declaration on Epilepsy was translated into Russian and disseminated widely.

**DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL REPORTS**

Status reports on the implementation of the GCAE are under preparation in almost all WHO regions now. (AFRO, AMRO/PAHO, EURO, SEARO and WPRO). These reports will include the data collected through the questionnaires on countries' resources for epilepsy. The reports are intended to be tools for advocacy and instruments for dialogue with governments, health care providers, donors and other partners. They are working papers and provide basic knowledge on epilepsy and facts about the epidemiological burden, as well as proposals for the future action.

**INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The existing brochure about the Campaign was expanded and updated and has now been reprinted. Quarterly Campaign Newsletter was introduced and during the course of the year three issues were published and an Annual Report was produced and widely distributed.

**Assisting Health Departments to develop a National Epilepsy Strategy**

**DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**

**China, WPRO**

In China, 55,616 people were screened in five provinces. A paper based on the outcomes of the first phase of the Demonstration Project was published in the journal "Neurology" in May 2003.

**Zimbabwe, AFRO**

The epidemiological survey has now been completed and the next phase is about to begin. The project has been seriously hindered by the political unrest in the country but despite this it is progressing slowly but surely.

**Senegal, AFRO**

The Senegalese project has been completed on time. The first results have been presented at the International Epilepsy Congress in Lisbon, Portugal.

**Argentina, AMRO/PAHO**

A pilot project has been completed. Work is progressing on the statistical analysis of the studies covering the general public, clergy and teachers, which will be published both in Spanish and in English. The protocol for the demonstration project has been finalised. An updated budget and a plan for fundraising are being developed.

**Brazil, AMRO/PAHO**

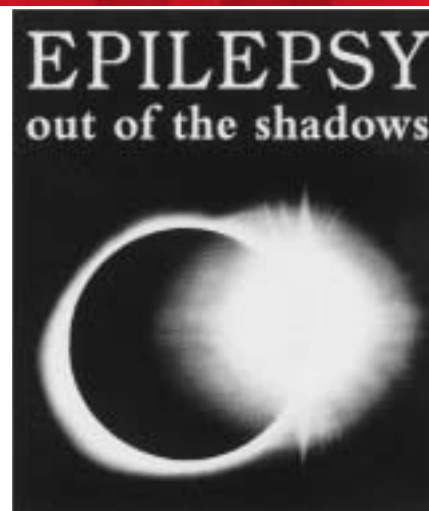
A two-day workshop was held, with the participation of representatives, amongst others, of the Brazilian League and Bureau and of the Campaign Secretariat. The first two phases of the project, namely the epidemiological survey and the capacitation of health care providers, have been accomplished within a nine-month period.

**Pakistan, EMRO**

Through a local initiative a Comprehensive Epilepsy Control Programme (CECP) was launched in Karachi in March 2001 and is now extending services all over Pakistan.

**Eastern European Region, EURO**

The Campaign Secretariat is exploring the possibilities of raising funds for the initiation of a Demonstration Project in the Eastern European Region.



**NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

**USA, AMRO/PAHO**

A possible new project amongst Navajo Indians is being planned. The idea for this project is a response to a request for proposals (RFP) from the US National Institute of Health, which will fund the study if it is accepted. The project could be used as a way to create a model for unique healthcare circumstances, comparable to that of the aboriginals and other indigenous populations in developed countries.

**Italy, EURO**

In Milan, the creation of a reference point for immigrants with epilepsy has been proposed, where they can find any medical and social support they may need. Funds have been raised to initiate a pilot project.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Development of evidence based guidelines**

Guidelines on the treatment of epilepsy in childhood and adolescence are being developed in collaboration with the WHO Dept. of Child and Adolescent Health and Development (CAH) and with the support of the WHO collaborative centre, OASI, Sicily, Italy.

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**DRAGON BOAT RACING FOR THE CAMPAIGN IN AUSTRALIA**

## LATEST NEWS FROM...

### Our Website [www.ilae.org](http://www.ilae.org)

The ILAE Website will offer comprehensive information concerning anti-epileptic drugs (AED). The searchable database will be available to our Chapters and provides the means to search by brand, country or generic name. The information will be continually updated and ILAE asks that update information be forwarded via e-mail to the ILAE office. The AED database is available in the Chapter section on the ILAE Website.



Patient brochures are now also available in the Chapter section of the ILAE Website. Currently, there are eight patient-oriented brochures available that have been translated into English and Russian, and German and Spanish translations are coming soon. Titles include Seizures; Epilepsy: Complimentary Therapies; Drug Treatment of Epilepsy; Epilepsy and Education; First Aid for Epilepsy; Growing Up With Epilepsy; Pregnancy and Child Care; and Diagnosing Epilepsy.

These complimentary brochures are available in MS Word format and can be easily formatted for printing for distribution by the Chapters. We encourage you to pass on this information to your patients.

ILAE is also looking for volunteers to translate these brochures into other languages. If you are interested, please contact Delphine Sartiaux at the ILAE Headquarters for more information: [dsartiaux@ilae-epilepsy.org](mailto:dsartiaux@ilae-epilepsy.org)



VENICE

## ILAE Task Force on Classification and Terminology



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The ILAE Task Force on Classification and Terminology has been deeply involved in evaluating the current international classification of epileptic seizures (1981), and of epilepsies (1989). Since its last formal report (Epilepsia 42:1-8, 2001), in which a diagnostic scheme was proposed, together with a list of epileptic seizure types and epileptic syndromes, it has been busy collecting and analysing comments of the membership on this material. As a result, the lists of seizures and syndromes are being refined, and attention is now focusing on the next phase, which is an evaluation of the classification system itself.

It is important to note that the 2001 proposal, which was accepted by the General Assembly in Buenos Aires, does not constitute a new classification, and the manner in which seizure types and syndromes are organized, and the 1981 and 1989 classifications are still current. There is no intention to replace these

classifications until, and unless, the ILAE agrees that there is an alternative system of organization that is significantly better than the one now in use. Following a series of articles on the issue of classification in *Epilepsia* (44:1-13, 2003), a core group of task force members met in Los Angeles, August 25-27, 2003, to begin discussions of this issue in earnest, and to decide what the steps in this process should be. A formal report of this meeting will be submitted soon and, as before, comments by our membership will be most welcome.

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## Epilepsy Summer School in Venice

*The Epilepsy Summer School will be held at the International School of Neurological Sciences, Venice International University, San Servolo, Venice from 11th to 21st July 2004*

The International Course is entitled "**Epilepsy in children: neurobiological, clinical and therapeutic approach**" and is sponsored by the International League Against Epilepsy (Commission on Paediatrics and European Epilepsy Academy). Course directors are Renzo Guerrini, (Italy) and Salomon Moshé (USA)

The aim is to teach those on the course (i) to use basic knowledge of the pathophysiology of epilepsy in the developing brain; (ii) how to recognize and describe the ictal manifestations in children and classify the main paediatric epilepsy syndromes and properly to address their treatment and management; (iii) to plan neurophysiological and video EEG investigations and to interpret their results in the clinical context; (iv) how to carry out the study of familial epilepsy; (v) how to prepare a grant application in clinical and basic epileptology; (vi) how to evaluate critically the available literature in paediatric epilepsy. Lectures on general and specific topics will be interspersed with interactive seminars, workshops and break-out sessions where small groups of attendees and members of the faculty will be involved in tutorials and problem-solving exercises.

The course is primarily targeted at students interested in developmental epilepsy who want to refine their skills in the pathophysiology, diagnosis and management of epilepsy in children. Physicians who are continuing their training or have recently specialized in paediatric neurology, paediatrics, epileptology or clinical neurophysiology, and PhDs or PhD students are welcome to apply.

The course will be limited to a maximum of 40 participants to allow the optimal level of interaction with the faculty. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their CVs and consideration will be given to ensure that there is participation of trainees from different geographical origins and disciplines.

### Registration fee:

1,300 euro in single room; 1,000 euro in twin-bedded room. The registration fee includes:

- 11 nights accommodation
- full board and coffee breaks for the entire duration of the course
- access to the course and to the Venice International University facilities
- course syllabus

Bursaries will be available for a limited number of applicants.

For further information, please visit the ILAE, EUREPA and ISNV web sites: [www.ilae-epilepsy.org](http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org), [www.epilepsy-academy.org](http://www.epilepsy-academy.org), <http://195.31.128.133/isnv/sezionii/istituzionale/info.html>

Please send application form and attachments by March 31, 2004 to the course secretary: Metella Paterlini, [sanservolocourse@virgilio.it](mailto:sanservolocourse@virgilio.it), fax +39-02-700445211

## Solidarity Fund

A Solidarity Fund has been established to support certain Chapters who are unable to meet payment of their ILAE dues, which are set out in the constitution as being mandatory in order to remain part of the ILAE. The idea of a Solidarity Fund was first suggested at the Management Committee of the ILAE and was launched at the Chapters' Convention in Lisbon. Jeff Noebels and Sue Berry of the AES announced that the US Chapter of the ILAE had kindly donated \$2000 as a contribution to the Fund. We do hope that other Chapters feel able to follow suit and make a contribution at their own discretion. If you would like to do so please contact the ILAE headquarters:

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## Diary Dates

### 9th European Conference on Epilepsy and Society

18-20 March, 2004, Malta

The Epilepsy and Society conference is the only IBE regional conference which is devised solely for the chapters, lay organisations and people with epilepsy. The first day of the conference concentrates on sharing the experiences of people with epilepsy and the second day will highlight developments in care and how to work for change.

For further information...  
[www.epilepsyandsociety.org](http://www.epilepsyandsociety.org)

### Seventh Eilat Conference on New Anti-Epileptic drugs (Eilat V11)

9-13 May, 2004, Villasimius, Sardinia, Italy

The Seventh Eilat Conference takes place in Sardinia. The conference programme is designed to provide critical reviews and updated information about new anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs) that are in different stages of development, as well as to present progress reports on recent findings, concerning marketed new AEDs. In addition sessions will be devoted to 'Advances in the Pathophysiology of Drug Resistance, New AEDs in Paediatric Epilepsy Syndromes, Modes of AEDs Action and Spectrum of Adverse Effects, and a re-appraisal of Comparative Responses to AED Combinations. The language for Eilat V11 is English.

Details can be found on the Eilat V11 website at URL: <http://www.eilatv11.com>.

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### 6th European Congress on Epileptology

30 May - 3 June, 2004, Vienna, Austria

For further information...  
[www.epilepsyvienna2004.org](http://www.epilepsyvienna2004.org)

### 14th Meeting of the European Neurological Society

26th - 30th June, 2004, Barcelona, Spain

The scientific programme is attractive for all fields within neurology. It includes the Teaching Courses, Presidential Symposium, Plenary Sessions, and Satellite events, in which the young and the expert participants will be able to appraise new scientific views and gain further knowledge in many diverse areas. The ENS is genuinely interested in the contributions of young scientists and will offer, as has been done for previous Meetings, travel grants for those with limited financial resources to facilitate the presentation of worthy scientific work.

For further information...  
[www.epilepsyvienna2004.org](http://www.epilepsyvienna2004.org)

News from correspondents

## NEWS FROM

### Turkey



A study carried out by a group of epileptologists from various centres which compares and contrasts the different classifications of epilepsy, received the best oral presentation award at the National Neurology Congress on October 22-26th 2003.

A program which will be organised on the methods of Problem Oriented Learning will be a series of lectures on epilepsy given to doctors interested in epilepsy from all over Turkey.

After the initial attempts at forming a branch of IBE in Turkey, the preparations to found the Association are nearly complete.



ISTANBUL

The National Epilepsy Congress organised by the Turkish Epilepsy Society will be held from 9th to 12th June 2004.

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### 3rd Latin American Epilepsy Congress

2-5 July, 2004, Mexico City, Mexico

For further information...  
[www.epilepsiamexico2004.org](http://www.epilepsiamexico2004.org)

### 5th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress

28-31 August, 2004, Bangkok, Thailand

For further information...  
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