

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY
COMMISSION ON ASIAN/OCEANIAN AFFAIRS CHAPTER CONVENTION**

Thursday, 28th of June 2018, 12:00 – 13:45

Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel & Suites, Jalan Hang Tuah no.46, Sanur 80228 Bali, Indonesia

List of Attendance

ILAE Executive Committee

President, Samuel Wiebe CANADA
Treasurer, Sam Wiebe CANADA
Secretary General, Ed Bertram USA
Past President, Emilio Perucca (absent)
Jean Gotman CANADA
Akio Ikeda JAPAN

Commission on Asian/Oceanian Affairs

Chairman, Akio Ikeda JAPAN
Secretary General, John Dunne AUSTRALIA
Global Campaign Task Force, Ernie Somerville,
AUSTRALIA
Treasurer, Seung Bong Hing, SOUTH KOREA
Member, Jiong Qin, CHINA
Epilepsy Surgery, Kensuke Kawai, JAPAN
Past Chair, Byung In Lee, SOUTH KOREA

Research Task Force Chair, Kheng Seang Lim,
MALAYSIA
Paediatric Task Force Chair, Anannit
Visudtibhan, THAILAND
Executive Committee Liaison, Tatusya Tanaka,
JAPAN
Training Coordinator, Chong Tin Tan,
MALAYSIA
Information Officer, Derick Chan, SINGAPORE

ILAE Chapters

Listed on the roll call under agenda item (2)

ILAE Staff

Gus Egan

IDM Staff

Finola Quinn

Agenda

- (1) 12:00-12:10 Welcome Address and Opening Remarks, A Ikeda, Chair, CAO A & K Kusumastuti, President, Indonesian League Against Epilepsy**
- (2) 12:10-12:20 Introduction of Delegates, J Dunne, Chapter and Non-Chapter Representatives**
- (3) 12:20-12:30 Address by ILAE President, S Wiebe, President, ILAE**
- (4) 12:30-12:40 Report from ILAE, E Bertram, General Secretary, ILAE**
- (5) 12:40-13:30 Report from CAO A by A Ikeda, Chair, CAO A**

Annual Report -----A Ikeda Chair, CAO A
Budget ----- S B Hong, Treasurer, CAO A
ASEPA ----- JW Dunne, Chairman, ASEPA
Fellow Training Opportunities-----CT Tan, Coordinator, CAO A
CAO A Information Officer Report -----D Chan
ILAE Communications Task Force -----J Gotman
CAO A Research Task Force-----CT Tan , Chair
CAO A Paediatric Task Force-----A Visudtibhan
CAO A Epilepsy Surgery Task Force-----K Kawai
Global Campaign Against Epilepsy -----E Somerville
AO Outstanding Achievement Epilepsy Award ----- JW Dunne
Statistics of the 12th AOEC & 13th AOEC in 2020-----G Egan

(6) 13:30-13:45 Q & A and general discussion

(7) 13:45 Adjourn

1) Welcome – Akio Ikeda, Chairman, CAO A

A Ikeda opened the meeting by welcoming all to the meeting. A Ikeda explained the statistics on Bali. AOEC received over 450 Abstracts. The CAO A presently has 20 Chapters and is both geographically and culturally diverse. He introduced new CAO A committee members as well members of the Epilepsy Surgery Task Force and the new activity of CAO A – ASEPA Strategic Planning.

Kurnia Kusumastuti was welcomed as host on behalf of the Indian Chapter. John Dunne also explained how the Asian and Oceanian region have many differences in terms of language, culture etc but all have the same common goals and wishes. There are indeed more in common in these regions than differences.

2) Roll Call – John Dunne, Secretary General of CAO A

Roll call – John Dunne

Chapter	Name
Australia / Secretary General of CAO A	John Dunne
Australia / Global Campaign Task Force Chair	Ernie Somerville
Bangladesh	Muzharul Mannan
Bangladesh	Shaheen Akhter
Canada	Jean Gotman
Canada / President of ILAE	Samuel Wiebe
China	Jiong Qin
Hong Kong	Howan Leung
Hong Kong	Karen Yam
India	MM Mehndiratta
India	Sushma Sharma
Indonesia / ASEPA Task Force Member	Kurnia Kusumastuti
Japan / Chair of CAO A	Aiko Ikeda
Japan	Kensuke Kawai
Japan	Kiyohito Terada
Japan	Tatsuya Tanaka

Laos	Somchit Vorachit
Malaysia	Raymond Azman Ali
Malaysia	Sherrini Ahmad Bazir
Malaysia / Research Task Force Chair	Kheng Seang Lim
Malaysia / Training Coordinator	Chong Tin Tan
Mongolia	Avirmed Tovuudorj
Nepal	Pawan Kumar Sultania
Nepal	Isha Dunghana
Nepal	Prabin Shrestha
Pakistan	Zarine Mogal
Pakistan	Hasan Aziz
Pakistan	Hiba Mahmud
Philippines	Mel Michel Villaluz
Philippines	Cristina Cruz - Urbi
Philippines	Elizabeth Palines
Singapore / CAO Information Officer	Derrick Chan
Singapore	Ong Hian
Singapore	Lim Shihhu
South Korea	Seung Bong Hong
South Korea	Heung Dong Kim
South Korea	Byung In Lee
Sri Lanka	Jithangi Wanigasinghe
Taiwan	Shuo-Bin Jou
Thailand	Charcrin NaBangchang
Thailand / Paediatric Task Force Officer	Anannit Visudtibhan
Thailand	Kamornwan Katanyuwong
USA / Secretary General of ILAE	Ed Bertram
Vietnam	Ma Lee Quan
Vietnam	Minh – An Thuy Le
Invited Countries	
Cambodia	Absent
Myanmar	Absent
New Zealand	Absent – sent apologies

3) Address by ILAE President, Samuel Wiebe, ILAE

The President of ILAE, S Wiebe welcomed all to Bali. He gave an update on the current status of ILAE which includes 5 regions; 118 chapters and approx. 15,000 people involved. S Wiebe explained that Committees responsible for regions were called Commissions for X Affairs, but as of EC meeting in June, names changing to ILAE-Asia-Oceania, etc. He introduced the ILAE – AO board which represents 20 Chapters and 4 billion people. S Wiebe reiterated that ILAE depends completely on work they do in each chapter and in the Commission and how all the work is inextricably linked.

S Wiebe also discussed the important work that contributed to the WHA meeting in Geneva in May. There were 71 participants from 31 countries who attended the Assembly. The gathering discussed the progress of the 2015 resolution on epilepsy. This Calling to Global Action for Epilepsy means that each chapter will receive a letter asking them to approach Ministers to ask them to speak in favour of this at future WHAs.

S Wiebe reported how there was a two-day EC meeting in Brussels in June which was a strategic retreat to explore the best way to support region. He showed photo of attendees who were in Brussels.

S Wiebe confirmed that ILAE and IBE have discussed and approved Fukuoka in Japan for the AOEC in 2020 and stated how members are looking forward to it.

4) Update from ILAE, Ed Bertram, General Secretary, ILAE

Ed Bertram discussed the members of ILAE in the future as well as the development programmes. These initiatives of Helen Cross are successfully continuing. E Bertram reported it had become apparent that there was a feeling that the newest members were being ignored. The Young Epilepsy Section, YES was referred to as being purposely designed to involve the youngest colleagues. The Next Generation Task Force will become involved in other Task Forces and Commissions for planning. It was stated that H Cross is involved in the Mentor Programme and Leadership Programme which may vary from region to region. This is an important initiative as it provides guidance and advice for young people from senior colleagues. These meetings / initiatives happen mostly at Congresses, expanding more to regional Congresses, evolving all the time. These programmes help create essential skills for the next generation.

E Bertram explained that YES will act as advisory section to ILAE and regions. Membership to YES is open to anyone under 40 and it is important to remember that it is not necessary to be member of Chapter. The first YES workshop took place in May 2018 in London and was attended by largely neurologists located all around the world. From those present who attended the workshop, a Board was created, chaired by Marian Galovic.

E Bertram referred to the work of WHO Global Campaign Against Epilepsy and how the Resolution to step up actions against Epilepsy was passed by WHA in 2015, making Epilepsy a priority. The Resolution had called on the WHO Secretariat to continue to lead and coordinate the support to Member states in

addressing the global burden of epilepsy. To further this action and with the WHA Resolution in May there will be a need for every Chapter to contact their health Minister to emphasise the importance of supporting epilepsy care and the implementation of WHA Resolution 68.20 to be prepared for the meeting in 2021. E Bertram highlighted the need to develop a clear strategy with regions who will present to the WHO.

5) Report from CAO A

Annual Report, A Ikeda, Chair, CAO A

A Ikeda introduced members of the CAO A. He stated that the aims of CAO A are to develop, stimulate and coordinate epileptology initiatives in the region. He explained the missions of CAO A and ASEPA which he emphasized is a very important part of the CAO A. There will be more a focus on education and training via Asian Epilepsy Academy ASEPA which is included in the budget plan for this year. A Ikeda expressed the shared goals of CAO A & ASEPA are to;

- to advance and disseminate knowledge concerning epilepsies in the region,
- to organise the AOEC with the IDM office and IBE,
- to facilitate clinically relevant research in Asia,
- to serve as link between ILAE, IBE, WHO and regional medical organisations,
- to promote activities of local Chapters, coordinate policies and administrative structures,
- to review epilepsy service and the size of the treatment gap.

A Ikeda relayed while discussing via email the budget plan among members of CAO A members in November 2017, many ideas and plans were raised therefore a face to face meeting was necessary to discuss matters such as education, care and research. The CAO A held a strategic meeting yesterday, 27th of June 2018 and it will be reported on very soon.

A Ikeda mentioned the next International Epilepsy Congress is being held in Bangkok in June in 2019. He also referred to the study of Hans Berger who reported the first EEG in 1929. The year 2019 will mark the 90 years anniversary and JES will mark the occasion by awarding 5 young investigators with research awards. The year 2029 will also be hugely significant as it will be the centennial anniversary of the first human EEG.

A Ikeda spoke about the members of the future and the development of programmes such as Next Generation Task Force, Mentor / Mentee Programme, Leadership Programme and the Young Epilepsy Section. YES was discussed, members of their board, their aims, the number of attendees and their average age at the first meeting held this year.

A Ikeda also spoke about the WHA held in Geneva in May of this year. It was a significant meeting as 43 countries made strong statements in favour of the WHA Resolution to step up actions against epilepsy and 19 countries requested to be named as Co - Sponsors of this Resolution. He also refers to the requests of a new report on the implementation of the Resolution to be prepared and discussed at the

74th WHA in 2021 to further the development of the Global Action plan on epilepsy. The development of the Global Action plan on epilepsy will depend on;

- Retreat
- Chapter Conventions
- Letter
- Mobilization of Chapters
- Personal Communications

A Ikeda referred to the request for the the item on epilepsy to be included in the 144 EB Agenda for 2021. This agenda will be composed tentatively in August / September and Member States should address the WHO Secretariat. A Ikeda closed his presentaion with a slide on the Executive Board of WHO.

Budget, Seung Bong Hong, Treasurer, CAO A

International League Against Epilepsy			
Asian & Oceanian Affairs - 30			
REVISED			
GL Acct	Description	Jan-Dec 2017	Budget 2017
REVENUE			
EXPENSES			
5083	Publications		\$3,000
5087	Fellowship	14,000	15,000
5073	Bursaries		0
5088	Awards		0
5096	Meetings	7,506	16,000
6105	New Commission Meeting		15,000
5104	Courses	41,487	60,000
6152	Website		3,000
7111	Other Projects		3,000
7116	Joint Initiatives		10,800
TOTAL EXPENSES		62,993	125,800
NET		(62,993)	

CAOA Fund Balance:	
Balance per 2016 Audit Report	-314,970
Plus: 50% Hong Kong Surplus	45,837
Less: 2017 Expenses	-62,993
Fund Balance to date:	-332,126

Balance of CAO A: -17,156
 50% Hong Kong Surplus to IBE: +45,837
 Real balance of CAO A: +28,681

62,993 ← **125,800**

Utilization rate = **50.1%**

Explanations:		
5087	Fellowships	
	T Minh-Vietnam	7,000
	P Poudel-Nepal	7,000
5096	Meetings - Vietnam	
	G Luan	727
	L Cabral	366
	B Lee	571
	M Mehndiratta	867
	H Kim	620
	A Ikedo	1,018
	Meeting Expenses-Vietnam	2,802
	Meeting Expenses - Barcelona	534

5104 Courses:			
India	J Dunne	1,115	
	S Harvey	1,505	
	J Archer	1,452	
			4,073
Taipei	SS Ju	952	
	J Dunne	211	
	KS Lim	228	
			1,390
Singapore	J Dunne	211	
			211
Chennai	J Dunne	417.43	
			417
China	CT Tan	506	
	J Dunne	1,417	
			1,923
Bangladesh	KP Vinayan	850	
	A Mohamed	820	
	J Casanova-Gutierrez	892	
	K Radhakrishnan	899	
	Z Rahman	1,506	
	CT Tan	435	
	KS Lim	448	
	W D'Souza	1,183	
	J Dunne	1,281	
	J Archer	1,423	
			9,738
Total Courses	\$	41,487	
Indonesia	KS Lim	134	
	FC Yi	165	
	J Casanova-Gutierrez	903	
	CT Tan	169	
	C Wong	968	
	E Somerville	3,082	
			5,421
Sri Lanka	J Dunne	996	
	S Harvey	1,122	
	M Wijayath	1,059	
			3,177
Vietnam	KS Lim	212	
	U Seneviratne	1,019	
	A Rithauddin	165	
	CT Tan	136	
	JJ Tsai	400	
	J Dunne	417	
			2,349
Philippines	J Dunne	1,417	
			1,417
Pakistan	KS Lim	425	
	FC Yi	425	
	CT Tan	435	
	JJ Tsai	1,558	
	C Huang	1,603	
			4,446
EEG Exams-Singapore/Taipei	J Dunne	1,959	
	CT Tan	1,318	
	A Ikeda	590	
	SH Lim	1,045	
	SH Lim-Hotel/group	2,015	
			6,926

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5100	San Servolo Support		6,000
5104	Courses	9,726	56,300
6152	Website		3,000
5092	CAOA-ASEPA Strategic Planning		20,000
7116	Joint Initiatives		12,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		16,726	158,300
NET		(16,726)	

CAOA Fund Balance:	
Balance per 2017 Audit Report	-332,126
Less: 2018 Expenses	-16,726
Fund Balance to date:	-348,852

16,726 ← **158,300**

Current utilization rate = 10.6%

How to improve a utilization rate?

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The above slides showcased CAOAs' spending in 2017. It also displayed the courses and EEG exams that occurred in several countries throughout the region during 2017. S Hong explained the budget for 2018 and most of the proposed budget was accepted by ILAE. The current utilisation rate is at 10.6% however he mentioned they seek to increase the utilisation rate more and encourage Task Force chairs to do more.

6) ASEPA, John Dunne, Chair ASEPA

John Dunne began by stating that there are 20 CAOAs Chapters however they will also continue to support non – Chapter countries. J Dunne highlighted the aims of ASEPA which are;

- Provide Healthcare workers with the education and training necessary for optimal epilepsy care
- Trying to deliver content for different needs and resources which are determined by local circumstances
- Target areas of need and develop with local community
- Develop ASEPA educational courses in epilepsy and/ or EEG in conjunction with local faculty

- Provide teaching faculty for the activity

J Dunne expressed how all proposals are welcomed from their own region and country. He expressed how there is a need for the Committee to advise the COAO. He explained how the primary audience for the educational courses are the Healthcare providers however policy makers are also important.

J Dunne outlined the aims of both the Didactic courses and the Interactive case – based courses. He expressed there is a need for the consolidation workshops to be followed up. He presented the logistics of these workshops; recruiting local colleagues to become involved in the education and training efforts as well providing a member of the faculty to stay on for a couple of days to provide mentoring in clinical skills, EEG or both. Also, the ongoing mentoring and support of local educators can be provided via email, with follow-up workshops to consolidate. However, these options are perhaps too cost – effective.

J Dunne outlined there was 13 Teaching Courses in 2016, 15 in 2017 and 12 so far in 2018. He expressed that the latter figure needs to at least double. He emphasized that it is the local organisations and teachers who make this work. These vital courses help develop strong and linked communities which is very important. J Dunne presented a pyramid slide on their development – the attendees learn from the expert and equally the expert will encourage and teach the attendees. At the AOEC here in Bali the ASEPA activities include three workshops, the Seino memorial lecture and five didactic lectures.

J Dunne closed his presentation referring to their ongoing commitment to a flexible approach with how they define their educational objectives depending on target audience and local needs. Their flexible approach continues with the educational courses and workshops with a format and content appropriate to local needs and available resources and time.

7) Epilepsy Fellowship Training Report, C Tan Coordinator

C Tan presented a review of the Epilepsy Fellowship. He remarked how there has always been previous discussions of how effective the programme is therefore he gave examples of fellows from 2003 and their current position / what they're doing now. The goal is to nurture the future epilepsy leadership. Epilepsy fellows are spending 6 – 12 months for every 1m population. There is a need for 4000 fellows in this region and as there are 4 billion people living in Asia this programme is even more important and cannot be replaced. He relayed that at the strategic meeting a decision was made to slowly increase numbers to 5 per year from 2. Also, C Tan noted that to achieve training for 4000 fellows, they will need more fellowship positions in their region. He also mentioned that apart from ASEPA there are other fellowship programmes. It is hoped that more countries will arrange fellowships and offer them to overseas candidates.

8) Information Office Report, Derrick Chan

D Chan began by sharing information about past and current activities. He explained about that currently the E Newsletter is sent out between 2 – 4 times per year. On the website there are two CAOAs webpages under ILAE and their colleagues in Japan, JES. He explained how the webpage visits are low and therefore there is a low impact. The aims of the webpage statistics is to consider who do we want to target and what do we want to present. D Chan explained the ways to increase traffic and functionality would be;

- Relevant links within ILAE / CAOAs pages
- Increased activity by national Information Officers
- Sharing without duplication – across
- Automation of updating of notices – criteria

D Chan also spoke about the CAOAs information function which is to improve education and support patients better. They are planning to create a questionnaire to identify needs and collate results. D Chan expressed how it would be very useful to know how the national websites operate and work. It is also important to identify the Information Officer role in Chapters. He also suggested this person doesn't necessarily need to be a new person, however their role would be to streamline flow information on meetings/courses/fellowship to webpages. D Chan also expressed how we need to identify innovative avenues to reach out to target audience.

9) ILAE Communication Task Force, Jean Gotman

J Gotman is not the Chair of the Communications Task force and he explained how he presents mainly on the Publications Task Force and ILAE website. Regarding the Publication Task Force, he stated there are new editors for *Epileptic Disorders* however the editors for *Epilepsia* haven't changed. He expressed how the Wikipedia initiative is very important. This initiative was embarked upon to improve what is written on epilepsy. He expressed how they are looking for volunteers to write Wikipedia entries. The first efforts will be in English. This is important as he states that most Healthcare professionals find their information from Wikipedia.

J Gotman relayed how the ILAE is actively promoting the translation of key documents into as many languages as possible. He explained the current translation policy for ILAE position papers are difficult to follow. They are embarking on a very active campaign to promote the translation of these documents which will allow the accessibility of those documents to all those who work in epilepsy. Presently there are only a small number of documents been translated into a few of languages which have been completed. He relayed that financial support may become available to help with professional translations.

Regarding the ILAE website, there are documents in other languages aside from English. He asked if members are aware of any important documents that are not available or studies that they think may be useful for the website or for example, documents from their chapters to contact him so he or the ILAE web administrator Deb Flower can share it on the main website.

J Gotman mentioned the recent European regulations GDPR have forced ILAE to ask those on the mailing list to 'opt in'. If that person did not 'opt in' then they will not receive emails / ILAE news. There is also an option available on every page on the website to re-join. He also asked members to follow ILAE on FB and Twitter. All news items on the website will be shared on their social platforms so he asked attendees to retweet, share and be active on social media. J Gotman stated that they have restarted the Chapter Highlight feature on the website. He explained to contact Deb Flower if members wanted their chapter's activities highlighted.

10) CAO Research Task Force Kheng – Seang Lim

K S Lim introduced the members of this new Task Force. He explained there is not much to share, however he will report on what has been done over past year. He remarked the most successful achievement has been the HLA screening for AED hypersensitivity in Asia which can determine:

- The prevalence of HLA-B* 1502 and other rare variants related to AEDs hypersensitivity,
- The cost – effectiveness of HLA-B 1502 screening in Asian countries.

K S Lim noted how the most important for Asia is the research output. The output has been found to be relatively low yet he is hopeful it can be included in planning for next years.

In reference to the future plans, K S Lim outlined their key strategic plans for the future includes the Mentor – Mentee Research Programme. The objective is to promote quality research among Asian Neurologists via a Mentor. He asked for the recommendations of senior researchers in their chapters who can help, and to let K S Lim know. Similarly, if there are members who could equally benefit then contact him. He also spoke about the necessity to have closer collaboration within region and with ILAE.

11) CAO Paediatric Task Force – A Visudtibhan

A Visudtibhan began by commending the great work the Task Force has done in the past. He explained the proposed objectives of the Task Force are as follows;

- Increase the knowledge in management of childhood epilepsy in certain countries
- Conduct collaborative and applicable researchers for the region

A Visudtibhan stated that perhaps the Task Force can work with ASEPA on the first objective, and with the Research Task Force and other partners on the 2nd objective. There could be a potential collaboration with partners such as;

- AOCNA: Asian Oceanian Child Neurology Association
- ANZCNS: Australian and New Zealand Child Neurology Society

This Task Force will work with partners to create a road map for future years, asking for advice and suggestions in terms of sustainability. Suggestions are all welcome for developing this Task Force.

12) Epilepsy Surgery Task Force – K Kawai

K Kawai states there was a need for specific and a particular approach for the region since epilepsy surgery is underutilized. He states that they have been thinking of a Teaching Course for young epilepsy surgeons – basic. The Teaching Course 3 uses the example of Indonesian centre and it took more than 10 years to build up that programme. The aim is to have good collaboration with AESC – the special Congress in Asia, since 2007. K Kawai emphasized that the Task Force is not only for surgeons and how input from epileptologists is also very important.

13) Campaign Against Epilepsy – E Somerville

E Somerville stated who the members are which he notes that this is a fairly loose term since there are only three members. The joint project of the Global Campaign and Research Task Force was proposed at AOEC in Hong Kong in 2016 by CT, but no further progress has been made.

E Somerville stated how there has been an Indonesian summer school held for the past 2 years, aimed at primary physicians treating epilepsy. It lasts 2 days in resource poor locations and the format is mainly case – based, in small groups modelled on ANZAN EEG Course. He reported how the audience was quite local in the first summer school yet in the 2nd year attendees took part from further afield. All participants who attended received a certificate.

E Somerville stated how Australia has provided observerships and travel scholarship to attend ANZAN and ESA meetings in 2017 and in 2018. At this Congress there are two back to back sessions on Saturday regarding epilepsy teaching and training in the region and improving availability and quality of EEG in the region.

E Somerville explained how there was a project in Timor Leste operated by ESA and he is going there from here and will report if there is any future. There was a discussion of the function of this Task Force, its relationship with ASEPA and ILAE Global Outreach as at the moment the Task Force is completely independent. It was also mentioned that there is a need to spend more time together and how a discussion is needed and not just them talking at the participants.

14) AO Outstanding Achievement Epilepsy Award – J Dunne

J Dunne spoke about the Asian and Oceanian Outstanding Achievement Epilepsy Award in 2010. It is a very important award and it is the highest honour as it pays tribute to great leaders who have provided extraordinary contributions to epilepsy Care. The award is given every two years, and up to five candidates can be awarded, all ILAE and IBE chapters in the region may nominate candidates. J Dunne displayed photos of this year's four awardees.

15) AOEC Statistics – Gus Egan

G Egan presented the statistics for the AOEC in Bali with a total of 1145 delegates with the information and breakdown of delegates coming from each country. He compared the number of registrations dating back to Manila in 2012. This Congress has seen an increase from numbers who attended the Congress two years ago in Hong Kong. The AOEC Congress held in Singapore stands at the most attended with 1304. G Egan also announced that the next 13th AOEC will be held in Fukuoka, Japan. He explained how Fukuoka is well serviced with flights from China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and five Japanese airports. There is also a bullet train to most major cities and also presented the fact that there are many affordable hotel rooms.

A Ikeda closed the meeting by thanking all for attending despite their busy schedule.