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CEA Key Accomplishments 2009-2013

- a) Established the CEA Strategic & Action Plans
- b) Established an educational agenda available for review on the CEA website with procedures for applications for CEA supported course/symposia
- c) Two types of educational courses: CEA-Core Courses (CCC) and CEA-sponsored activities (CSA):
- d) Promoted Epilepsy Advocacy & Research in Europe (EAE) through a joint ILAE-IBE Task Force (JTF), in partnership with European ILAE chapters and IBE associations
- e) Subsequently epilepsy research was included at the EU-FP-7 call for grant proposals
- f) Update the Bylaws of the European Congers on Epileptology (ECE)
- g) Update CEA rules in accordance with the ILAE-EC constitutional amendments
- h) Established collaboration between the CEA & the ILAE-North American. A joint CEA-CNA symposium at the 2011 & 2013 AES & 2012 & 2014-ECE
- i) Started a collaboration with the ILAE-CAA (Commission on African Affairs) aiming to answer unmet educational needs in Africa

Aim 2- Stimulate & enhance education on the prevention, diagnosis & treatment of epilepsy

Action

Two types of educational courses:

- a) CEA-Core Courses (CCC): 1) Clinical Epileptology (Migrating Course MC); 2) Pharmacology (Eilat Edu); 3) EPODES (Surgery)
- b) CEA-sponsored activities (CSA): e.g. Basic & translational Science, Pediatrics (San Servolo); 2) Stereo EEG (Lyon): 3) Regional Courses: Caucasian & Baltic-Sea Summer Schools on Epileptology

Aim 3- Stimulate & enhance basic & clinical research in epilepsy in Europe

Action

Epilepsy Advocacy Europe (EAE): a CEA-EREC Joint Task Force (JTF) for Epilepsy Advocacy that obtained the followings:

- a) Approval of the Declaration on Epilepsy in the EU Parliament
- b) Activate and support national CEA/EREC (ILAE/IBE) chapters to obtain fair allocation of health care resources to epilepsy

- c) Ensure that epilepsy achieves priority status in the EU framework program for research
- d) Set up an educational campaign to fight ignorance and stigma, and to improve legislation to protect rights of people with epilepsy
- e) Organize a conference in Dublin, Ireland on May 25-27/2013 entitled: "European Forum on Epilepsy Research (ERF2013)" attended by all parties (lay, professional, political) to sensitize them to the above needs
- f) Catalyze collaboration on innovative research and demonstration projects

Aim 4- Work with European Organizations to catalogue current epilepsy care in Europe & determine its needs

Action

- a) Annual ILAE-CEA & EFNS joint symposia since 2011
- b) ILAE-CEA & ESRS joint symposia :2012-ESRS & 2014-Stockholm-ECE (ESRS European Sleep Research Society)

Aim 5- Prompt & facilitate initiatives that improve standards of comprehensive care (diagnosis, treatment & social care). Reduce the treatment gap throughout Europe

Action

- a) A CEA-CNA-CTA joint task force (JTF) on regulatory issues of new AEDs (meeting in Rhodes-ECE, AES-2010, Rome-IEC) & a JTF-EMA-FDA meeting on regulatory issues (Paris -17/11/2011)
- b) Forthcoming White Papers to the FDA: 1) using add-on therapy for a combined monotherapy/add-on therapy indication; 2) extrapolation of adult partial onset seizure data to children; 3) use of the time to event analysis for pivotal trials

Aim 6- To help ensuring that ILAE's organizational structure is efficiently & effectively dedicated to fulfilling ILAE mission

Action:

- a. Continuous update of European chapters' chairs & secretaries (via Gus Egan ILAE -Dublin office)
- b) Establish ILAE chapters in the three remaining European countries (Belarus, Bosnia and Iceland)

c) Update CEA rules in accordance with the ILAE-EC proposed constitutional amendment

CEA-Sponsored-Courses/Symposia in 2013

- a. Advanced Epilepsy Surgery Course (Brno 22-26/1)
- b. 4th Stereo-EEG Course (Lyon,12-16/2)
- c. 4th Colloquium on Status Epilepticus (Salzburg, 4-6/4)
- d. A comprehensive course on Epilepsy(Tashkent, 17-21/4)
- e. San-Servolo Course on Surgery (Venice, 14-25/7)
- f. 7th Baltic Sea Summer School (Estonia, 17-21/8)
- g. Neuropathology Summer School (Erlangen,16-20/9)
- h. Surgical Management of epilepsy (Ljubljana,28-30/8)
- i. Workshop on Improving Care in Epilepsy (Ljubljana,27-28/8)
- j. 5th Eilat Educational Course on Pharmacology (Jerusalem 30/9-5/10)
- k.7th Migrating Course on Epilepsy (Nicosia, 3-9/11)
- **I. VIREPA-EEG SCORE Course (10/2012-2/2013)**

CEA-Sponsored Events for 2012-2013

- a. A European Chapter Convention during the London-ECE (30/9/2012) and Dublin during ERF2013 (25/5/2013) & thus, having a yearly dialogue between the CEA & the various ILAE-European chapters
- b. Regional epilepsy educational conferences in European regions with unmet need for epilepsy training
- c. Scientific conferences with European–added values

- d. Writing a European Educational Agenda with criteria for courses' organizers and bursary applicants for CEA-sponsored courses.
- e. Establishing at the ILAE- office in Dublin a repository of all participants who received bursaries for CEA-sponsored courses from 2011 on.

Additional CEA Targets for 2013 and 2014

- a. Making the 11th European Congress on Epileptology (ECE, 29/6-4/7/2014) in Stockholm to top or at least match the successful ECEs in Vienna (2004), Helsinki (2006), Berlin (2008), Rhodes (2010) and London (2012).
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