



# IBE Editors Network

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## Dear All

Welcome to the fifth edition of the IBE Editors Network. I am delighted to accept the appointment of Chair of this network and look forward with great enthusiasm to serving and further developing this important IBE initiative.

We last met at the IBE International Epilepsy Congress in Paris on 29 August 2005 with IBE President, Susanne Lund as Chair.

It was fantastic to meet so many editors and so much interest from this group. A number of requests and actions resulted and it is clear that editors want to collaborate and share knowledge and resources.

## Our purpose

The main purpose of this network is to provide a users group to share data to assist with the dissemination of information worldwide to increase Epilepsy awareness internationally.

As Editors, our messages to communities must be consistent and comprehensive and one of the ways we can achieve that is by sharing.

## IBE—Paris

At our Paris meeting we discussed ways of achieving that and those present agreed that it may be possible through the IBE website, to load our magazines, newsletters and publications so that we all have access to a huge, ever growing reservoir of articles. They would then be available for global use.

This exclusive and special website section would need to be password protected for Editors Network members only because many organisations provide newsletters as part of their members benefit package and that integrity must be maintained.

I have subsequently contacted Dr Shung-lon Lai, Chair of the IBE Website Task Force to request this arrangement.

## The role of the Group will be to: -

- Address those issues identified by Network members as being relevant and helpful to them
- Provide a forum for discussion on topical issues identified by the Network members
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information, experience and expertise between Network members
- Organise meetings and other contact opportunities for Network members
- Organise training and learning opportunities that are relevant to the Network members' needs

## Sharing

Our President, Susanne Lund commented on not "reinventing the wheel" and communication with colleagues will ensure that information, articles, research results and issues for all our clients and stakeholders are shared widely, which is to everyone's benefit.

Publishing is an important task and the quality and value of the information disseminated is critical to progressing the epilepsy cause. Through this networking, we can ensure continuous improvement of our publishing quality.

Member websites are another wonderful and rich resource for information. I urge you to consider scanning IBE member sites to access other information.

## Communicating

Language is a global issue and while English is a common link, we need to ensure that other countries who publish have access and vice versa.

Therefore, Editors regional networking will be more advantageous eg. a South American network or an African network might be considered.

Singapore 2007 is logically our next face to face meeting and in the meantime I would welcome contact from members with their thoughts, ideas, issues and needs.

Kind regards,

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