

IBE Enlargement Commission, 2005 - 2009

Ongoing progress

September 2005

- Commission established by vote of the International Executive Committee.

2006 plan of work and achievements

- Commission members appointed
Philip Lee, Chair, UK
Eric Hargis, US
Solomon Moshé, US
Tomás Mesa, Chile
- Commission terms of reference approved by International Executive Committee.
- Target regions and countries identified where IBE would like a member.
 - E. Mediterranean
 - Caribbean (N. America)
- A list of contacts built by researching the following sources: -
 - Conference delegate lists
 - ILAE contacts
 - WHO regional advisors
 - Ministries of Health
 - Existing IBE members
 - Dormant or lapsed contacts
- Contacts established with the IBE regional committees to get enlargement on their agendas and stimulate them to take action including attendance at regional congresses in Guatemala, Finland, Malaysia and Copenhagen.
 - **Europe** – in 2006 the European Regional Executive Committee developed a long term and comprehensive membership enlargement action plan for implementation during 2007/08. This was given a budget of US\$52,000 over the two years.

- **Latin America** – focusing on every country in the region without an IBE member; reviewing regional contacts; work in Honduras and Paraguay.
 - **Africa** – developing membership models; widening contact network to countries without IBE membership. Africa has seen the fastest growth in membership in recent years.
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- Liaison with IBE Secretary General and IBE staff.

- Consideration of ideas for a Commission session at the International Epilepsy Congress in Singapore in 2007.

2007 plan of work and achievements

- Review of membership audit file and membership enlargement file to bring these both up to date and to make data complementary. As at March 2007 these showed the following: -
 - 87 Full Members
 - 31 Associate Members
 - 32 Ongoing contacts
 - 89 countries with no contact
- Production of a draft membership development checklist to provide some ideas for regions in developing membership.
- Updated membership audit file and enlargement file distributed to every region for information and to further encourage regions to be active in enlargement. System established for distribution to be repeated as and when files are significantly updated.
- Enlargement Commission meeting during 27th International Epilepsy Congress in Singapore to bring together representatives of each region to discuss enlargement issues, exchange experiences and ideas. The outcome of the meeting was to produce a membership development checklist and tips sheet based on the draft mentioned above. The checklist was signed off and approved by the International Executive Committee in November 2007 and can now be freely downloaded from the IBE website.

2008 plan of work and achievements

- Ongoing review of membership audit file and membership enlargement files to keep these up to date.
- Ongoing contact with potential new members, in conjunction with IBE staff and IBE Secretary General, providing background information about IBE and processing membership applications.
- Continued encouragement of membership development activity by regional committees including attendance at regional committee meetings and regional epilepsy congresses in Xiamen, China and Marseille, France.

Updated 28 October 2008

- Development of a proposal to introduce a new classification of IBE membership called 'Regional Member'.

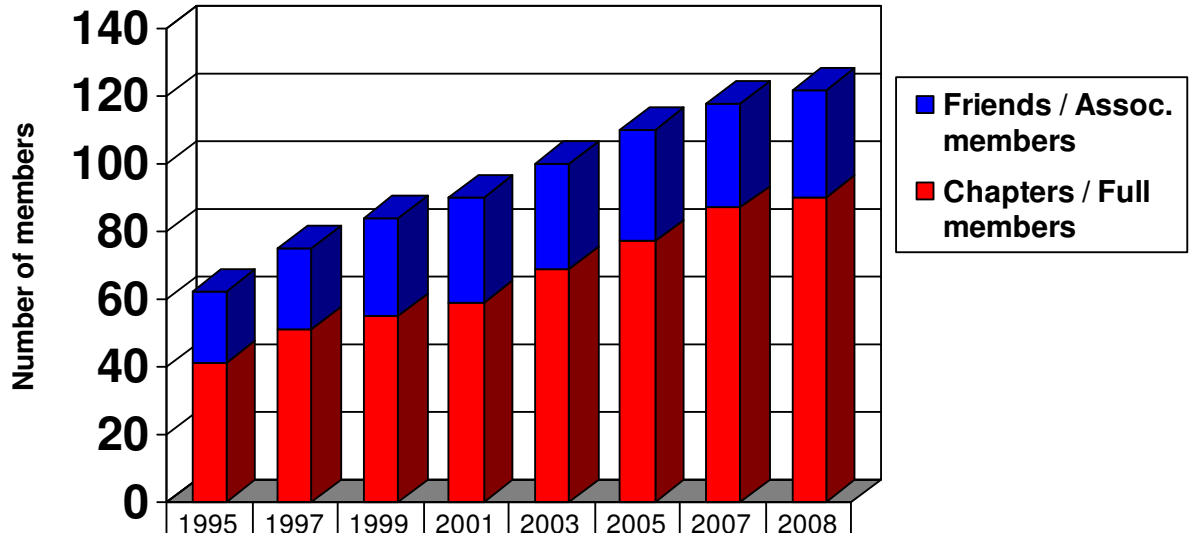
- Launch by IBE President of special membership drive to recruit 10 new members by the end of 2008.
- IBE membership profile as at October 2008.

REGION	Number of countries in region	IBE Full Members in region	IBE Associate Members in region	Percent countries with an IBE member	Regional population	Population covered by IBE members	Percent population covered by IBE members
Africa	46	18	1	41.3	664,624,620	451,063,970	67.9
Eastern Mediterranean	22	7	0	31.8	521,693,230	366,072,335	70.2
Europe	53	34	19	66.0	884,550,219	748,886,133	84.7
Latin America	25	11	2	44.0	554,888,525	490,182,706	88.3
North America	11	3	2	27.3	334,072,482	331,733,686	99.3
South East Asia	12	7	1	58.3	1,673,683,892	1,615,304,644	96.5
Western Pacific	37	10	7	27.0	1,744,780,238	1,632,191,375	93.5
Total	206	90	32	43.7	6,378,293,206	5,635,434,849	88.4

2009 plan of work

- The Commission will continue through until the end of the term of office of the current International Executive Committee. The term will conclude in June 2009.
- The continued development of existing contacts into members and identifying new contacts.
- Working with and supporting IBE's regional Vice Presidents in their efforts to increase membership in their regions.
- Completion of the 'Regional Member' concept including bringing forward proposals for constitutional change for the approval of the General Assembly.

IBE membership, 1995-2008



■ Friends / Assoc. members	21	24	29	31	31	33	31	32
■ Chapters / Full members	41	51	55	59	69	77	87	90

In 1995, IBE had a total of 62 members of which 41 were classified as voting Chapters.

Ten years later in 2005 membership had increased by 77% to a total of 110 of which 77 were Full Members (the equivalent of an old Chapter).

In October 2008, membership currently stands at a total of 122 of which 90 are Full Members.

Membership has therefore effectively doubled in the past thirteen years.