

Minutes

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1. Minutes of last meeting

Last meeting was held 30th August 2006, in connection with the 26th International Epilepsy Congress in Paris. The minutes were sent out together with other documents regarding the regional committee meeting.

In Paris was it a discussion regarding the election process. The European Regional Executive Committee (EREC) has sent a request to IBE International Executive Committee. The President has written to all regions about the new constitution and election process. It is also been established a committee with vice presidents from all regions chaired by Mr. Covanis. All members should feel free to forward any comments on this issue.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

UCB Epilepsy Ambassador.
Next conference

3. EREC report 2005 - 2006

The EREC report 2005 – 2006 and the minutes from the European Committee meeting in Paris and are sent all European members.

The report that summarize the work regarding the 10th Epilepsy and Society conference, collaboration with pharmaceutical companies, EUCARE and the contact persons for IBE European Committee members where discussed.

It was also informed about the Epilepsy Board Game for children and young persons with epilepsy, about the brain and epilepsy, which are developed by UCB. It will be demonstrated at the UCB stand during the E & S conference here in Copenhagen. UCB will also host a breakfast symposium showing their DVD the "Brian Storm".

In connection with any future events is it important that EREC and IBE are included in the process from the very beginning. We have some experience that we are invited to participate when a project already is partly developed.

4. EUCARE

The EUCARE Political Action Group have made and distributed a questionnaire to all members in the European Parliament. It was followed up a well attended press conference in April where the results where presented.

At the ILAE conference in Helsinki this summer a scientific medical study about how treatment to newly diagnosed persons are carried out.

5. Support and contact work of the EREC

EREC are currently working on how to improve our support and contact with the members. It will be made two action plans:

- How to locate new members or contact persons in countries without a member today.
- How to offer support to new or less developed members

6. 11th European Conference on Epilepsy and Society 2008

EREC are still waiting for material from IDM that we need in the process of making a decision on the venue for the next conference. IDM has promised to provide us with the information we need by September. EREC will inform about when and where as soon as possible after our decision.

Information was given regarding eventual possibilities to apply for funds that can be used for translation at the next E & S Conference.

7. Any other business

27th International Epilepsy Congress in Singapore 2007

EREC has been asked to participate as the European region, with a session at the Singapore congress. We have therefore sent a proposal based on the EUCARE Action Pack session at this conference. As far as now the present proposal has been reported rejected because it has been considered "too European". So at the time being things are a bit uncertain about our possibilities to participate with our European experiences

EREC are looking into the possibilities to provide bursaries for Singapore, but it needs to be discussed in connection with bursaries with the next Epilepsy and Society conference.

Since the registration fee is very high will IBE write to the organising committee to ask if it possible to get reduced fee. It will be possible to attend the IBE General assembly without paying the registration fee.

Next meeting

A European Regional Committee Meeting will be held during the International Epilepsy Congress in Singapore 2007.

UCB Epilepsy Ambassador

EREC are not informed about this ambassador programme run by UCB Pharma, but we will look into it and provide the Regional Committee with the information about it.

Other business

Suggestion to videotape the General Assembly in Singapore so people can watch it on the IBE website.

In connection with the next European Committee meeting it will be better to send out the information 2 – 3 weeks before the meeting, and not too early.

Oslo, September 2006
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