

# Letter from



# the President

International Bureau for Epilepsy

April 2006

Dear All

I am happy to announce that the International Executive Committee has approved the membership and Terms of References of the two Commissions that were established in Paris.

## Commission for the Regions

The main task for this Commission is to monitor the implementation of the new IBE Constitution and to encourage and support the regions in matters linked to the Constitution. The Commission will also assist and support the Regional Committees in creating regional Task Forces and in encouraging dialogue between the Regional Committees and the International Executive Committee.

### Members

Thanos Covanis, Greece, Chair  
Mike Hills, New Zealand  
Marshal Mo-Song Hsih, Taiwan



Philip Lee  
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## Enlargement Commission

The name of this Commission indicates very well its aim, which is to further develop, support and increase the number of IBE Members with a special focus on less developed regions. A natural interaction with the ILAE and the Global Campaign is important for this Commission.

### Members

Philip Lee, UK, Chair  
Eric Hargis, US  
Solomon Moshé, US  
Tomás Mesa, Chile

## Major Website Review

I am also delighted to inform you that the International Executive Committee decided to carry out a major review of the IBE Website, both on its content and on its design. We would like to develop the IBE Website as a modern



Shung-Lon Lai  
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and useful tool for information and communication. A Website Task Force was established with Shung-Lon Lai, Taiwan, as Chair and with Paul Sharkey, Ireland and Ken Lowenberg, US as valuable members.

If you have any ideas or points of view regarding the website, please don't hesitate to contact the Chair, Shung-Lon Lai, at [shunglon@mail.nsysu.edu.tw](mailto:shunglon@mail.nsysu.edu.tw)

May I also take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of both Commissions and the Task Force for their willingness to contribute to the development of IBE.

## A new Region is born!

Thanks to tremendous and valuable efforts of many people based in the region, the International Executive Committee has been able to approve the creation of the IBE Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee. To celebrate, a launch of the IBE Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee will take place on Friday 12th May at the 1st Eastern Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

A great 'thank you' also to Philip Lee who set up the Eastern Mediterranean Task Force and to Thanos Covanis who acted as its Chair over the past 4 years. As a result of their insight and endeavours, IBE membership in the region has reached the criteria for a Regional Committee.



Thanos Covanis.  
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Finally I would like to remind that the IBE Office has moved to new premises and the address is: [International Bureau for Epilepsy](http://InternationalBureauforEpilepsy.org)  
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I will soon come back with some more information regarding a couple of issues presented and discussed at the International Executive Committee meeting, which took place in Brussels in the middle of March.

Until then my very best regards to you all!  
Susanne Lund  
President