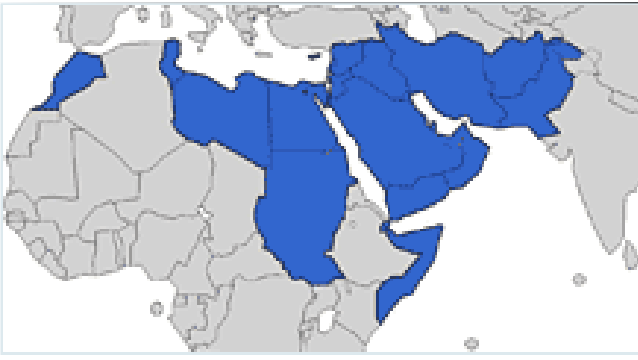


PRESIDENT'S letter

International Bureau for Epilepsy 25 March 2008



IBE Regions Completed!



This map is an approximation of actual country borders.

Dear Friends

I am very pleased to announce that the final region in IBE's structure has been completed with the successful election of a Regional Executive Committee in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, with the following people:

Mrs Manar Sawwan, Lebanon (Chair)
Dr Muhammed Aldossari, Saudi Arabia (Vice Chair)
Proj Najib Kissani, Morocco (Secretary)
Dr Abdulaziz Asemari, Saudi Arabia, ex officio member

On behalf of myself and the members of the International Executive Committee I am delighted to congratulate all these officers on their elected positions. I am confident that the Regional Committee will play an important role in helping to identify activities that will make a difference for people with epilepsy and their families in the region.

Solidarity Fund

As you may have noticed, a call for membership dues has recently been sent out to IBE Members. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage contributions to the IBE Solidarity Fund as this is an important source for support to less developed countries. The Solidarity Fund was established by Philip Lee as a means of identifying funds that would allow IBE members in developing countries to play an active role in IBE activities, when lack of funds would otherwise have prevented this. All contributions, large and small are important in developing the fund.

AOEC in Xiamen next!

In a couple of months the first regional congress this year will take place in Xiamen, China and preparations are well underway. I am happy to see the tremendous interest in this congress and I look forward to meeting many of you in China. Apart from the scientific programme, the regional committees of South East Asia and Western Pacific have also created a special programme for people with epilepsy with a day of intense discussion with a special tour of the region on Day 2. I am sure that this will be a great and fruitful event.

Until next - best wishes to all!

Susanne Lund
President



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