

# PRESIDENT'S letter

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Dear Friends

I hope this letter finds you all well. We have lost the snow in Sweden and I hear it has been found in the UK. So we are waiting to get it back where it belongs...in the North!

As the year draw to its close I would like to remind you about a few important activities in IBE and some dates not to forget.

The **IBE Volunteer Award** will find its second happy recipient at the 28th International Epilepsy Congress in Budapest next summer and the selection of the person to receive the award will be made by the IBE Executive Committee during early spring. I am sure you have a lot of volunteers in your Association that you would like to nominate to receive this honorable Award. The date for nominations has been extended until **19 December**.

I also would like to highlight the prestigious congress Awards of IBE and ILAE that will be presented at the Opening Ceremony in Budapest. There are three different types of Awards

- **The Ambassadors Award**

The Ambassador for Epilepsy Award is given to those who have contributed at international level to activities advancing the cause of epilepsy. A maximum of 12 awards are presented at each International Epilepsy Congress.

- **The Social Accomplishment Award**

The Social Accomplishment Award is given to persons with an extensive record of outstanding activities aimed at the social benefit of people with epilepsy. It is usually awarded to one individual at each international congress.

- **Lifetime Achievement Award**

If there is someone that has given a lifetime of effort and dedication to improving the situation for people with epilepsy, above and beyond the call of duty, you may suggest this person to be considered to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. The closing date for receipt of suggestions is **12 December**.

The nomination forms and the rules governing these elections are available on the IBE website and the closing date for nominations is **19 December** for the Ambassador and Social Accomplishment Awards.

Good luck!  
Best wishes

Susanne Lund  
President

## IBE Volunteer Award



The first IBE Volunteer Award was presented to Mrs Margaret Fadiño-Merz, a volunteer with the Columbian association FIRE.

**Who's next?**

# Nominate for Awards!