

IBE LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - QUITO
(In the context of the VII Latin American Congress of Epilepsy)

Date: Thursday 15th November 2012

Time : 15:30-17:00 hrs

Place: Room Meeting I. Hotel Hilton Colón Quito

Attendance: Dr. Carlos Acevedo (Chile), Dr. Alicia Bogacz (Uruguay), Dr. Rosario Calderón (Bolivia), Dr. Luis Octavio Claboclo (Brazil), Dr. Jaime Fandiño (Colombia), Dr. Federico Fortún (Bolivia), Mr. Mike Glynn (Ireland), Dr. Beatriz González del Castillo (Venezuela), Mr. Richard Holmes (Ireland), Dr. Silvia Kochen (Argentina), Dr. Li Li Min (Brazil), Mrs. Ann Little (Ireland), Dr. Tomás Mesa (Chile), Dr. Lilia Nuñez (Mexico), Dr. Galo Pesantez (Ecuador), Mr. René Scull (Venezuela), Dr. Henry Stokes (Guatemala), Dr. Ernesto Triana (Panama), Dra Elza Marcia Yacubián (Brazil)..

Board of Directors:

Dr. Lilia Nuñez. President and Regional LA Vice President (Mexico)

Dr. Elza Marcia Yacubián. Vice President. (Brazil)

Dr. Tomás Mesa. Secretary. (Chile)

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- 1- Dr. Núñez gives the welcome to the attendance and presents the meeting index.
- 2- Every attendee introduces himself.
- 3- Dr. Mesa reads PREVIOUS MINUTES (of a meeting carried out in Rome, Italy), which is approved.
- 4- Mr. Mike Glynn, President of IBE International Executive Committee gives some words, stressing how important is the Strategic Plan of Epilepsy for the Americas (PAHO).
- 5- WEB site: The things done for the web site are discussed. Mrs. Ann Little informs that some changes in IBE web site were done, which now looks friendlier; there is no problem to continue having information in Spanish, which will be more visible, adding the chance to have it also in Portuguese. Dr. Alicia Bogacz will be the coordinator of Latin American web site, especially giving and coordinating the information with the LA Executive Committee (Secretary).
- 6- Mr. Richard Holmes explains three items:
 - a) The problems that had the organization of the Congress, which coincided with two events: PAHO and Glaxo Symposium.

- b) Therefore, a guideline was established for future congresses: a committee of 6 people: 3 of IBE, 3 of ILAE and Jane Whelan as secretary.
 - c) The speakers will be nominated by the local committee and not by pharmaceutical companies, taking into account academic achievements and not friendship or commitment.
 - d) He requests to nominate two countries for the next LA Congresses, explaining the reason of this petition and that the final decision will be made at the beginning of 2013.
- 7- The venue options for the VIII LA Epilepsy Congress are discussed, which are:
- a) Argentina
 - b) Chile
- 8- Dr. Lilia Núñez explains the activities carried out by the IBE LA Committee last year, some of which are:
- a- IBE active participation in the organization of the VII LA Congress of Epilepsy.
 - b- The research training chaired by Dr. Beatriz González was supported.
 - c- The Bureau day in Quito was planned, chaired by Dr. Galo Pesantez.
 - d- The IBE LA Committee Assembly was carried out in Rome on August 31st, 2011.
 - e- IBE Vice President nomination for LA taking Dr. C. Acevedo's place, who shows gratitude and asks for the support for the same position in the next elections, which voting ends on January 16th 2013.
 - f- She announces new IBE LA Committee elections: the applications begin on February 1st. The election process lasts 60 days, the months of April and May 2013. Dr. Tomás Mesa is willing to apply as President for this Committee.
- 9- PAHO's report: Dr. Acevedo explains the performed activities:
- a- Gratitude to Mr. Mike Glynn due his support to PAHO development.
 - b- IBE has given a great support to the development of PAHO's program, having 9 attendees' members.
 - c- On Friday 16th November 2012 PAHO Task Force meet to summarize the performed activities and to suggest the following steps. The Group: IBE: Drs. Lilia Nuñez, Li Li Min, C. Acevedo and guest T. Mesa.

- d- The PAHO agreement should be signed by two countries, between government and PAHO, to submit it to WHO in order to activate its policies. The two countries will be Brazil and Chile.
 - e- There are different opinions that agree to review the constitution and laws of each country, ideally by a lawyer, to revive issues related to Epilepsy in order to give it meaning and life. A general guideline would be ideal to review these laws and to include the insurance related to epilepsy in each country. (People in charge: Drs. Kochen, Stoke, Triana).
 - f- Finally, support for PAHO is requested for each country in close relationship with ILAE chapters.
- 10- **ALADE**: To carry out a training course in Bolivia is agreed (Dr. Mario Camargo) and also in Paraguay. ILAE-IBE will jointly participate.
- 11- An **official picture** is taken of the assembly attendance.
- 12- Report of **Regional Growth Committee**: nowadays 13 countries of Latin America belong to IBE (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela). **Honduras** (Fundahep) is now a full member of IBE, since July 2012; its chapter is chaired by Dr. Eduardo Rodas. **Panama** has been progressing and probably will join the Congress in Montreal. There are new advances for **Paraguay** as well as for **Bolivia**, **Costa Rica** and **Salvador** (in the last aforementioned country Mr. René Skull has contacts to obtain some support).
- 13- Regarding **Promising Strategies** projects, there are many of them that are being carried out in Latin America (see Epilepsy News, Issue 3, 2012) and in the next contest the application deadline will be on November 26th, 2012. The amount limit of each project is US\$ 5000.
- 14- The **30th International Epilepsy Congress** will be carried out in Montreal, Canada on June 23rd and 27 of 2013. There will be a Symposium of IBE on Sunday 23rd June. Also, the IBE General Assembly and IBE LA Committee Assembly will be accomplished.
- 15- The IBE International **Executive Committee Elections** results will be known the first two weeks of January 2013. The voting deadline is on 16th January 2013. In Latin America Dr. Carlos Acevedo applies as IBE President and Dr. Lilia Núñez as Vice President for Latin America. Both request support.
- 16- The **European Epilepsy Forum** will be carried out in May 25th to 27th, 2013 in Dublin, Ireland, which is the first research conference of Epilepsy, supported by European Union.
- 17- The problems that have some chapters to participate in Latin American and International Epilepsy Congresses are discussed. For instance, in this congress,

Honduras could not join us due financing difficulties. This also happened to people of Colombia. Therefore, the IBE LA Committee will make some suggestions to solve this problem.

18- REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF EACH COUNTRY: these will be included in the annual report of IBE of each LA chapter.

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