

# ANNUAL REPORT 2013



International Bureau for Epilepsy



## Our Vision

IBE has a vision of the world where everywhere fear and ignorance about epilepsy are replaced by understanding and care.

## Our Mission

IBE exists to improve the social condition and quality of life of all people with epilepsy and those who care for them.

## Partnerships

- Special Consultative Status on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC)
- Official working relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)
- Member of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO)
- Member of the European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA)
- Close working partner with the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



When I took over the mantle of President at the time of the General Assembly on 26th June 2013, it was clear that I had some very large boots to fill. My predecessor, and now Immediate Past President, Mike Glynn, served IBE with dedication and hard work for the four years of his tenure and is evident from the plans and initiatives introduced during his time as President.

For the first six months of 2013, with Mike still at the helm, there was a high volume of work being undertaken to progress the work of the Bureau.

European Epilepsy Day was celebrated very successfully in the European Parliament in Brussels; an excellent meeting took place in Dublin the elections for the positions on the seven IBE Regional Committees were carried through; the IBE-ILAE European Epilepsy Forum took place in Dublin in March; a new round of the Promising Strategies Programme was arranged; the IBE website was redesigned; the 50% anniversary of the first International Epilepsy News was celebrated; and there was significant effort in finalising IBE's activities at the 30th International Epilepsy Congress and ensuring a smooth hand-over to the incoming committee. For all of this, I would like to say 'Thank You'.

For the second half of the year, since the end of June, my fellow committee members and I have been busy on a number of issues. In September we celebrated the 13th European Conference on Epilepsy & Society in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in which the European Regional Committee played a major role. The outcome of the conference was a disappointment with attendance numbers lower than expected due, in some measure, to high travel costs. This was a great pity because the conference programme was excellent and much appreciated by those who were with us in the charming city of Ljubljana.

A first meeting of the new IBE-ILAE Joint Task Force in Europe - Epilepsy Advocacy Europe, took place in Ljubljana and a Strategic Plan was agreed. As a next step, IBE and ILAE has been looking at options for registration in Europe, in order to be able to qualify to apply for project funding to EU funding programmes.

In October, on the invitation of our member in China, the Management Committee attended an important national meeting in Chongqing and had the opportunity to meet many members of the China Association Against Epilepsy. IBE was represented at the WHO Regional Committee annual sessions in Europe, South East Asia and Western Pacific in September and October strengthening our ties to WHO and making many important contacts.

Our Executive Director, Ann Little, spoke on behalf of IBE at a workshop in the Lithuanian Parliament in Vilnius in October, supporting our member in Lithuania in its work to improve care and treatment services for people with epilepsy.

As our members in the Latin American Region celebrated Latin American Epilepsy Day on 9th September, in Europe we were beginning to prepare for the 5th European Epilepsy Day that would take place in February 2014.

In the last few months of the year we were planning for the IBE-ILAE regional congresses that would take place in Cape Town, Singapore and Buenos Aires over the course of 2014 and, as the year came to a close, we were beginning to prepare an important survey of our members. This survey will play a pivotal role in the development of our Strategic Plan that would begin early in the New Year.

With best wishes to all!

Athanasios Covanis  
President

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st December 2013

With comparative totals for 2012

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
INCOME	1,654,938	843,301
EXPENDITURE	(1,564,009)	(1,101,461)
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u>90,929</u>	<u>(258,160)</u>

## Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st December 2013

With comparative totals for 2012

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	237,959	166,381
Cash in hand and at bank	3,173,786	3,082,949
Amount held on behalf of the IBE/ILAE Joint Task Force	200,661	242,316
	<u>3,612,406</u>	<u>3,491,646</u>
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due in one year)	(665,300)	(635,469)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,947,106</u>	<u>2,856,177</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>2,947,106</u>	<u>2,856,177</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
General Reserve	2,921,736	2,772,233
Restricted and designated funds	25,370	83,944
	<u>2,947,106</u>	<u>2,856,177</u>

The financial statements were approved on 29 June 2014 and signed by:

Athanasios Covanis, President

Ann Little, Executive Director

## Statement of Income and Expenditure

Year ended 31st December 2013

With comparative totals for 2012

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Congress income received	1,549,202	548,854
Congress income receivable	-	69,195
Corporate donations	51,024	69,255
IBE/ILAE JTF management fee	20,924	19,855
IBE/ILAE JTF reimbursement of expenses (IBE 50%)	10,366	24,248
Membership dues and solidarity fund	9,106	15,696
Investment income	14,316	26,796
EPICURE grants	-	33,045
Miscellaneous income	-	327
	<u>1,654,938</u>	<u>843,301</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Congress expenditure	1,191,750	680,971
Office expenses	18,664	23,470
Printing and postage	1,239	3,690
Printing and postage - International Epilepsy News	18,220	35,464
Travel	85,166	61,522
Global Campaign costs	4,923	30,000
Accountancy fees	2,762	3,925
Audit fees	16,609	9,158
Administrator costs	200,359	144,861
Bank charges	2,317	2,055
Rent	19,666	15,700
Promising Strategies	25,606	40,144
Website costs	(4,564)	16,935
IBE JTF expenditure	10,366	24,248
	<u>1,593,083</u>	<u>1,092,143</u>
Loss of foreign exchange	(29,074)	9,318
	<u>1,564,009</u>	<u>1,101,461</u>

# FINANCIAL REPORT continued

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

### IBE/ILAE Joint Task Force

The IBE/ILAE Joint Task Force programme is a joint 50:50 initiative of the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). Its aim is to raise the profile of epilepsy across Europe by undertaking new research and educational activities. The initiative received corporate sponsorship and the fund is jointly owned by IBE and ILAE. IBE administer the programme and the fund, and received a management fee of US\$20,924 (2012: US\$19,885).

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Opening balance	242,316	310,699
Bank interest received	3,868	4,856
Expenditure incurred	(45,523)	(73,239)
Closing balance	<u>200,661</u>	<u>242,316</u>

### Congress Financial Information

The International Bureau for Epilepsy and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) engages the services of a contracted International Director of Meetings (IDM) under the terms of an Agreement dated 2 February 2010. The IDM is charged with the organisation of various European and International Congresses.

The 2013 financial statements reflect the portion of assets, liabilities, net revenues and expenses held by the International Director of Meetings on behalf of the International Bureau for Epilepsy. An analysis of the proportion of congress assets, liabilities, income and expenses applicable to the Bureau is as follows:

	2013 US\$	2012 US\$
Cash at bank	435,590	243,643
Debtors and prepayments	231,219	99,178
Creditors	(11,288)	(56,918)
Deferred income	(222,233)	(111,169)
IDM-Congress income received	1,549,202	584,854
IDM-Congress income receivable	-	69,195
IDM-Congress expenses	<u>(1,191,750)</u>	<u>(680,971)</u>

# Solidarity Fund Donations 2012



IBE acknowledges the very generous support of the member associations listed below, whose donations to the Solidarity Fund in 2012 helped to meet the membership dues of members in emerging nations who might, otherwise, have been unable to meet their dues payments.

## US\$1,500

- Swedish Epilepsy Association, Sweden

## US\$500

- Swiss Epilepsy Foundation, Switzerland

## US\$200

- Indian Epilepsy Association, India

## US\$150

- ANLICHE, Chile

## US\$100

- Epilepsy Association of South Australia and the Northern Territory Inc., Australia
- Epi-Suisse, Switzerland
- Epilepsy Association of New Zealand
- Canadian Epilepsy Association, Canada
- Stichting Kemhenhaeghe, The Netherlands
- Epilepsy Vereniging Nederland, The Netherlands
- Epilepsy Society, UK

## Under US\$100

- Slovenian League Against Epilepsy, Slovenia
- Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association, Malta
- Taiwan Epilepsy Association, Taiwan
- Greek National Association Against Epilepsy, Greece

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| <b>2. BANGLADESH:</b> | Bangladesh Epilepsy Association                           | <b>13. NIGER:</b>        | LNCENMNC, Service de Psychiatrie                |
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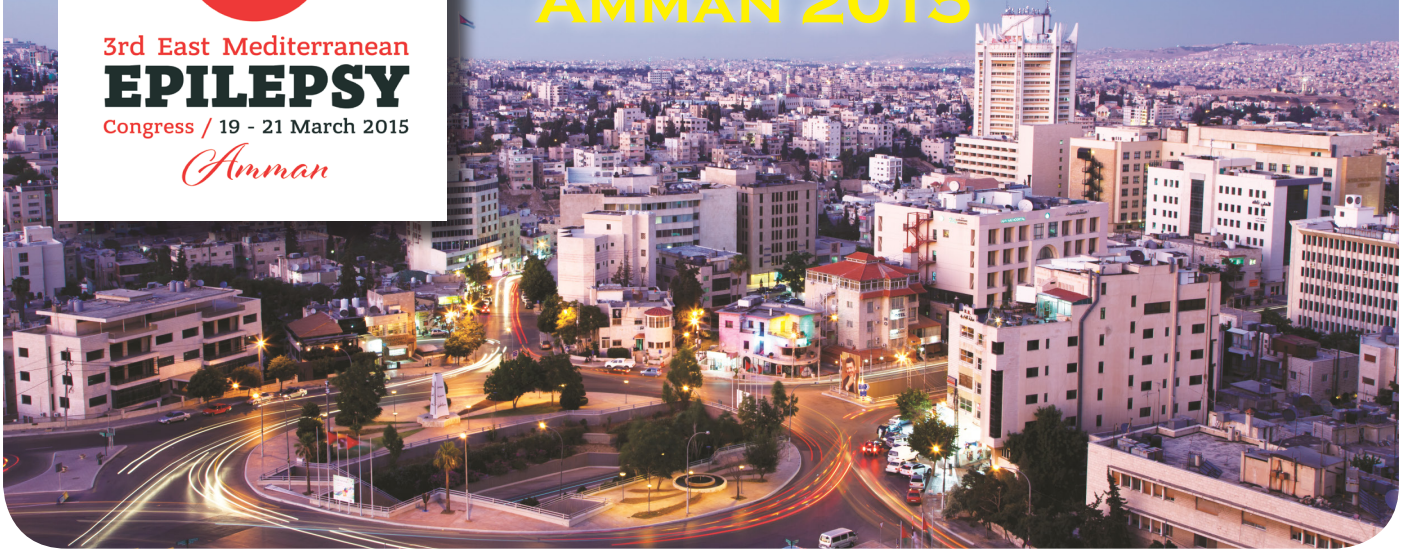
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