

IBE LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE REPORT

President: Dr. Lilia Núñez

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Secretary: Dr. Tomás Mesa

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2009

28th International Epilepsy Congress in Budapest.

Participation of Dr. Lilia Núñez in the organizing committee, coordinator of plenary session EPILEPSY AND FAMILY and post-plenary session EPILEPSY AND FAMILY;

Participation of Dr. Carlos Acevedo in the Presidential Symposium with the topic STIGMA;

Award AMBASSADOR FOR EPILEPSY to Dr. Lilia Núñez June 28th 2009;

Meeting of the IBE Latin American Regional Committee with the attendance of representatives from Argentina, Ecuador, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Chile, México, Uruguay and El Salvador; During this meeting, there was information about previous activities, Promising Strategies projects and joining research projects with different countries. One of the proposals was to create an educational program on Epilepsy for Medical Students. The REC asked for an annual report from the members.

Re-election of the REC and re-election of Carlos Acevedo as Vice-president for Latin American in the IBE International Executive Committee for the period 2009-2013;

Organization of 6° LACE during 2009

Cartagena, Colombia was the venue selected to hold the 6° LACE.

IE News

Dr. Acevedo is the editor of the journal with an occasional section in Spanish. He is as well the link between the IBE Executive Committee and the IBE Latin American REC.

Enlargement project

As our aim is to have each country of the region with a local organization devoted to psychosocial problems of people with epilepsy, our REC joined this enlargement project. During November, Dr. Acevedo and Dr. Mesa visited Paraguay in order to help local people to organize the full member of IBE and Dr. Lilia Núñez visited Panama, both visits with very promising results. In Panama the only problem is the local registration of the organization, because of slow local procedures. Soon both countries will be members of IBE.

2010

Organization and participation in the 6th Latin American Epilepsy Congress in Cartagena, Colombia, August 2010.

The organizing Committee was integrated by Dr. Carlos Acevedo, Dr. Lilia Núñez Orozco for IBE and Marco Media, Manuel Campos, Alejandro Scaramelli, Daniel Nariño, Jaime Carrizosa. Lectures in different sessions and activities:

- Discussion group Challenges in quality of life of persons with epilepsy.
- Generics in the treatment of Epilepsy
- Laws in epilepsy.
- Participation in the IBE Day (before the opening of the Congress) in FIRE, hosted by Dr. Fandiño, which included a visit to the center and learning about their activities. Lectures by Dr. Carlos Acevedo and Dr. Lilia Núñez
- Brief of Promising Strategies during a breakfast
- General Assembly of the IBE Latin American Regional Committee
- Meeting of both Executive Committees: ILAE Commission and IBE Latin American Regional Committee
- Presentation of posters about the work of IBE members of our region
- Successful ALADE course about video EEG for diagnosis of epileptic seizures. The book and CD have been published by Dr. Elza Marcia Yacubian and Dr. Silvia Kochen. The book has been distributed to the LA colleagues.

Integration of Dr. Tomás Mesa in the IBE Research Task Force and Dr. Lilia Núñez in the Task Force on Neuropsychobiology;

Publication of activities of members of the LA region on the IBE website;

Information on activities of members of LA region in International Epilepsy News;

Visits to Paraguay and Panama in order to help them in the creation of IBE member representatives in their country; Following the visit of Dr. Lilia Núñez, Panamá held a meeting (September 11th of 2010) to initiate the activities of the BUPACE (Bureau of Panamá against Epilepsy), which recently signed as an association presided by Dr. Ernesto Triana that will soon apply for IBE membership;

Dr. Elza Marcia Targas Yacubian, Vice-president of LA IBE Committee, will be the next President of ALADE (Latin American Academy of Epilepsy);

Election of Dr. Carlos Acevedo as Secretary General of IBE;

Preliminary work to organize the 7th Latin American Congress of Epilepsy to be held in November 2012 in Quito, Ecuador;

Research Task Force with the inclusion of Tomás Mesa, is gathering information about epilepsy research in different regions of the world. A survey with this intent was sent by e-mail;

Chile is conducting the Project TRAINING SCHOLARS OF BASIC EDUCATION ON EPILEPSY, using the video “Juanito” in different Latin American countries;

With a grant from the Chilean League against Epilepsy in association with the Chilean Society of Psychiatry and Neurology of Infancy and Childhood, a manual CONSENSUS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS IN SOME ELECTROCLINICAL SÍNDROMES AND OTHER EPILEPSIES IN CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS was published to be distributed during the congress in Rome;

Approval in WHO of the STRATEGIC AND ACTION PLAN ON EPILEPSY FOR THE AMERICAS, elaborated by Dr. Carlos Acevedo and Dr. Marco Tulio Medina;

Posters about the work of each member of LA IBE will be displayed during next congress in Rome;

PROJECTS.

- Continue the researches initiated;
- Enlargement project: visit Honduras and Bolivia (countries with no IBE representation);
- Association with ALADE in order to work with ILAE in educational strategies;
- Implementation of Strategic and Educational plan for the Americas recently approved;
- Encourage local activities in each member country;
- Participation in Promising strategies;