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International Bureau for Epilepsy

Promising Strategies Program in Laos
European Epilepsy Day in Brussels
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Golden Jubilee
Ljubljana Conference
Epilepsy Research Forum Dublin

International Executive Committee 2013-2017
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)

International Executive Committee from July 2013 to 2017
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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

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Balance Sheet
Year ended 31st December 2013
With comparative totals for 2012

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The financial statements were approved on 29 June 2014 and signed by:
Athanasiou Covanis, President
Ann Little, Executive Director
## Statement of Income and Expenditure

Year ended 31st December 2013  
With comparative totals for 2012

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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).

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<td>Closing balance</td>
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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:

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<td>Debtors and prepayments</td>
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<td>Creditors</td>
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<td>Deferred income</td>
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IBE acknowledges the very generous support of the member associations listed below, whose donations to the Solidarity Fund in 2013 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

Members supported by the Solidarity Fund

1. ALBANIA: Albanian Association of Epilepsy
2. BANGLADESH: Bangladesh Epilepsy Association
3. CAMEROON: Association Camerounaise Contre l’Epilepsie
4. CAMEROON: Community Development and Epilepsy Foundation
5. CONGO: MHCD Centre for prevention and treatment of Epilepsy
6. ETHIOPIA: Epilepsy Support Association
7. GAMBIA: Gambia Epilepsy Association
8. GHANA: Ghana Epilepsy Association
9. HONDURAS: Fundación Hondureña de Epilepsia
10. KENYA: Kenya Association for the Welfare of People with Epilepsy
11. MONGOLIA: Mongolian Epilepsy Association
12. NEPAL: Nepal Epilepsy Association
13. NIGER: LNECMNMC, Service de Psychiatrie
14. NIGERIA: Epilepsy Association of Nigeria
15. PAKISTAN: FLAME
16. SENEGAL: Ligue Senegalaise contre l’Epilepsie
17. SIERRA LEONE: Epilepsy Association of Sierra Leone
18. SWAZILAND: Swaziland Epilepsy Association
19. TANZANIA: Parents Organisation for Children with Epilepsy
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