

ANNUAL REPORT 2018





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.

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- 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)
- Board Member of the European Federation of Neurological Associations (EFNA)
- Associate Member of the European Patients' Forum (EPF)
- Close working partnership with the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)
- Observer status on the PCWP Committee of the European Medicines Agency (EMA)



Income sources

- IBE's activities are funded through membership subscriptions, congress income and grant funding from the pharmaceutical industry.
- Industry funding amounted 3.8% of total income. IBE received industry-related income from one company in 2018 - UCB Pharma.
- In 2018, non-industry income accounted for 96.2% of all income.

2018 was another busy and productive year for IBE, as we bedded-down some of the initiatives that were introduced at the start of the term in mid-2017.

The now well-established International Epilepsy Day, on the 2nd Monday of February, was more successful than ever with a high level of engagement on social media and local events organised right around the globe. Celebrated in more than 130 countries, International Epilepsy Day provides us with a highly visible platform on which to advocate for change. As before, Epilepsy Alliance Europe, the joint initiative of IBE and ILAE, used the day to highlight epilepsy on the European stage. An important, high-level breakfast briefing was held in Brussels, hosted by the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), who form the European Advocates for Epilepsy group. This was a closed session of invited MEPs, speakers from IBE and ILAE, representatives from the EU Research Commission, and other relevant stakeholders. This meeting played a part in leading to a major initiative of the EU Research Commission in May to discuss the need for a global alliance on epilepsy research.

Two activities under the banner of EpilepsyNEXT moved from planning to implementation. The first of these was the presentation of the Golden Light Awards to three amazing young people at the 12th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress in Bali in June. The young women, from Australia, China and Taiwan, shared their inspirational stories and told us about their initiatives to help the wider epilepsy community in their countries. Recognising the huge success and significance of this programme, we began to plan for an international Golden Light event to take place at the 33rd International Epilepsy Congress in Bangkok 2019.

The second initiative was a Youth Summit organised by the Latin American Regional Committee that took place during the 10th Latin American Epilepsy Congress in Costa Rica later in the year with 30 young people from across the region gathering in San Jose for two busy days. All who attended reported a life-enhancing experience!

May was a very busy month for me, with the main event being the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva. At the assembly, the WHO presented its three-year report on the Resolution on Epilepsy, which had been approved in 2015. Unfortunately, while progress had been made in some countries to implement the resolution, the bottom line read 'could do better'. A first step in 'doing better' would be the WHO Epilepsy Report, on which work continued throughout the year with a planned launch in 2019. This publication will provide a powerful tool in advocating for change around the world in providing services for people with epilepsy. Special thanks are due to the large number of chapters that took the time to complete the detailed survey that will be so important to producing the final report.

Also, in May, and as mentioned earlier, two consecutive one-day workshops took place in Brussels under the aegis of the European Union (EU). The first – epiXchange – brought together investigators from seven EU-funded projects to explore how the outcomes of these projects could be best synergized. The second meeting, hosted by the Commission for Research and Innovation, discussed the need for global



MARTIN BRODIE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

research alliances and included speakers from Europe, North America and Asia.

The IBE Promising Strategies Program launched a new round of funding, with three projects selected for support – in Lebanon, South Africa and Costa Rica. This has been one of IBE's biggest success stories over the years. We are hoping to attract new funding to increase the number of projects that we can support.

During 2018, I had the honour of speaking at national events organised by three IBE chapters. These were Avance in Lebanon, Epilepsy Environment Association in Georgia and the Association of Parents of Children with Epilepsy in Bulgaria. These visits also give me the opportunity to see for myself the diversity of our membership. On the one hand, this can be seen as a positive attribute in IBE's structure but, on the other hand, it does present us with challenges in identifying appropriate initiatives that we should look to develop to meet the needs of our increasing membership worldwide. Cognisant of this, we began to plan for a major review of the IBE Strategic Plan to take place in London in January 2019, which would involve both the executive board and a number of stakeholders drawn from each of IBE's seven regions.

On a sad note, during the year we lost three people who had, each in their own way, made valuable contributions to the epilepsy field and who will be greatly missed – Robert Cole, Augustine Mugarura and Margaretha Andersson. Robert had served as IBE Treasurer for the period 2013-2017 and had recently retired from his position as CEO of the Epilepsy Association of South Australia and Northern Territories. Augustine was the pillar of our chapter in Uganda and had worked to improve the lives of people with epilepsy there for more than 20 years. Margaretha Andersson (or Maggan as she was fondly known), was a member of the European Regional Executive Committee (EREC) and had been involved in epilepsy work in her native Sweden for many years.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow board members, members of the regional committees and of our commissions, for their continued effort and support on behalf of IBE. Together we are working hard to make a difference for people with epilepsy around the world!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st December 2018

With comparative totals for 2017

	2018 US\$	2017 US\$
INCOME	571,550	1,550,009
EXPENDITURE	(1,066,484)	(941,659)
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u>(494,934)</u>	<u>608,350</u>

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st December 2018

With comparative totals for 2017

	2018 US\$	2017 US\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	603,112	290,600
Cash in hand and at bank	2,264,589	2,720,460
Amount held on behalf of the IBE/ILAE Joint Task Force		66,618
	<u>2,867,701</u>	<u>3,083,678</u>
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due in one year)	(705,088)	(426,131)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,162,613</u>	<u>2,315,988</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>2,162,613</u>	<u>2,657,547</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
General Reserve	2,106,960	2,601,894
Restricted and designated funds	55,653	55,653
	<u>2,162,613</u>	<u>2,657,547</u>

The financial statements were approved on 24 September 2019 and signed by:

Martin Brodie, President

Ann Little, Executive Director

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Year ended 31st December 2018

With comparative totals for 2017

	2018 US\$	2017 US\$
INCOME		
Congress income received	433,778	1,436,373
IBE/ILAE JTF management fee	17,548	16,173
IBE/ILAE JTF reimbursement of expenses (IBE 50%)	48,642	12,889
Membership dues and solidarity fund	11,606	13,129
Investment income	8,218	14,617
Restricted gifts and donations	51,758	56,828
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TOTAL INCOME	571,550	1,550,009
EXPENDITURE		
Congress expenditure	655,316	810,258
Office expenses	13,364	16,364
Printing and postage	50	133
Travel	90,178	45,894
Global Campaign costs	(9,528)	6,992
Accountancy fees	5,563	6,753
Audit fees	8,450	8,870
Administrator costs	12,556	10,528
Staff costs	118,996	115,254
Employer's PRSI	12,487	11,845
Bank charges	1,360	959
Rent	3,027	3,053
Promising Strategies	2,835	7,737
Website costs	5,283	4,276
IBE JTF expenditure	11,090	11,090
International Epilepsy Day	15,933	12,669
Professional fees	26,531	8,616
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	1,156,080	1,081,291
(Profit)/Loss on foreign exchange	89,596	(139,632)
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,066,484	941,659
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FINANCIAL REPORT continued

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Epilepsy Alliance Europe - IBE/ILAE Joint Task Force

Epilepsy Alliance Europe, 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\$17,548 (2017: US\$16,173).

	2018 US\$	2017 US\$
Opening balance	66,618	69,893
Bank interest received	-	-
Gain/(loss) on foreign exchange	(11,249)	9,614
Expenditure incurred	(21,483)	(12,889)
	<u>33,886</u>	<u>66,618</u>
Closing balance		

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 2016. The IDM is charged with the organisation of various European and International Congresses.

The 2018 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:

	2018 US\$	2017 US\$
Cash at bank	146,055	338,809
Debtors and prepayments	495,594	284,073
Creditors	(504,361)	(267,061)
Bank overdraft	(16,045)	(33,085)
Deferred income	(41,597)	-
IDM-Congress income received	1,436,373	1,436,373
IDM-Congress expenses	(655,316)	(810,258)

Working for people with epilepsy and those who care for them across the globe

In 2018, IBE had 137 chapters in 103 countries
 With the world population estimated at 7.6 billion,
 6.8 billion people or 89% of the world's population
 live in countries served by an IBE chapter



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| Albania | Ecuador | Israel | Netherlands | South Africa |
| Argentina | Egypt | Italy | New Zealand | Spain |
| Australia | Estonia | Jamaica | Niger | Sri Lanka |
| Austria | Ethiopia | Japan | Nigeria | Swaziland |
| Bangladesh | Fiji | Kazakhstan | Norway | Sweden |
| Belgium | Finland | Kenya | Pakistan | Switzerland |
| Brazil | France | Korea | Panama | Taiwan |
| Bulgaria | Gambia | Lebanon | Paraguay | Tanzania |
| Cameroon | Georgia | Lithuania | Peru | Thailand |
| Canada | Germany | Luxembourg | Philippines | Togo |
| Chile | Ghana | Macedonia FYR | Poland | Tunisia |
| China | Greece | Malawi | Portugal | Turkey |
| Colombia | Guatemala | Malaysia | Romania | Uganda |
| Congo, DR | Guyana | Malta | Russia | UK |
| Costa Rica | Honduras | Mauritius | Scotland | USA |
| Croatia | Hungary | Mexico | Senegal | Uruguay |
| Cuba | Iceland | Moldova | Serbia | Venezuela |
| Cyprus | India | Mongolia | Sierra Leone | Zambia |
| Czech Republic | Indonesia | Morocco | Singapore | Zimbabwe |
| Denmark | Iran | Namibia | Slovakia | |
| Dominican Rep | Ireland | Nepal | Slovenia | |

HIGHLIGHTS 2018

Life is Beautiful Photo Competition



To celebrate International Epilepsy Day 2018 on 12th February, we launched a photo competition on the theme Life is Beautiful, hoping that the competition would attract a good number of entries. Little did we know just how popular the competition would prove to be! Close to 3,000 photographs were received and thanks are due to the members of the judging panel: Carol d'Souza (India), Heather Davies (Scotland), Carina Jonkers (Netherlands), Jorge Förster (Chile) and Baiqiu Zhang (China) for their wonderful work in the extremely difficult task of selecting the winners.

We would also like to thank the more than 600 people from 61 countries who submitted stunning photos to the competition. A special word of thanks to those who told their very personal stories of being affected by epilepsy and who allowed us to share these on the International Epilepsy Day website internationalepilepsyday.org. The website also holds a gallery of the competition photos.

Since the competition, a number of the wonderful photos submitted have been used by the World Health Organization in the Global Epilepsy Report, published in partnership with IBE and ILAE in 2019.

The report cover features a photo titled 'I can fly', submitted by Sujan Sarkar, India.



International Epilepsy Day

Winner Adult Category: 1. Oyuncu, Leyla Emektar (Turkey).

Runners Up: 2. Beautiful Mind, Sandipani Chattopadhyay, (India);

3. U Will Like It, Mithail Afrige Chowdhury, (Bangladesh),

4. Monsoon Splash, Ata Adnan (Bangladesh); 5. Bond of Memories, Niraj Gera (India); 6. Harvest, Peng Yuan (China).

Winner U-12 years Category (opposite): 1. Love makes life Beautiful, Morris van der Smaal (Netherlands).

Runners Up: 2. Beautiful Day, Tiago Terre Neves, 10 years (Portugal);

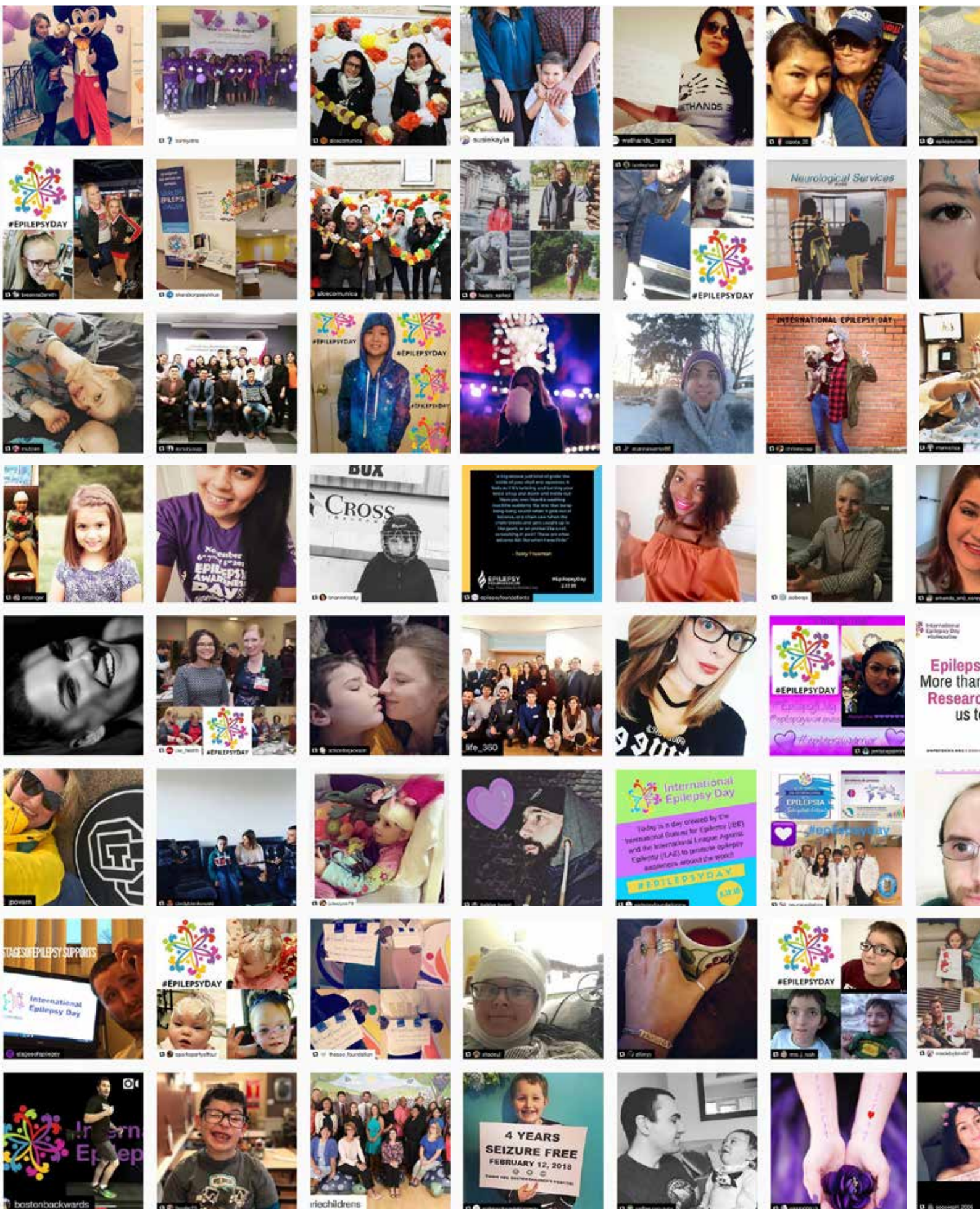
3. Life is Beautiful, Amir Mohammad Dehghan, 10 years (Iran); 4. Live the Moment, Abril Culebras Canas, 12 years (Spain),

5. Little Miracle, Fatima Yusuf, 10 years (India);

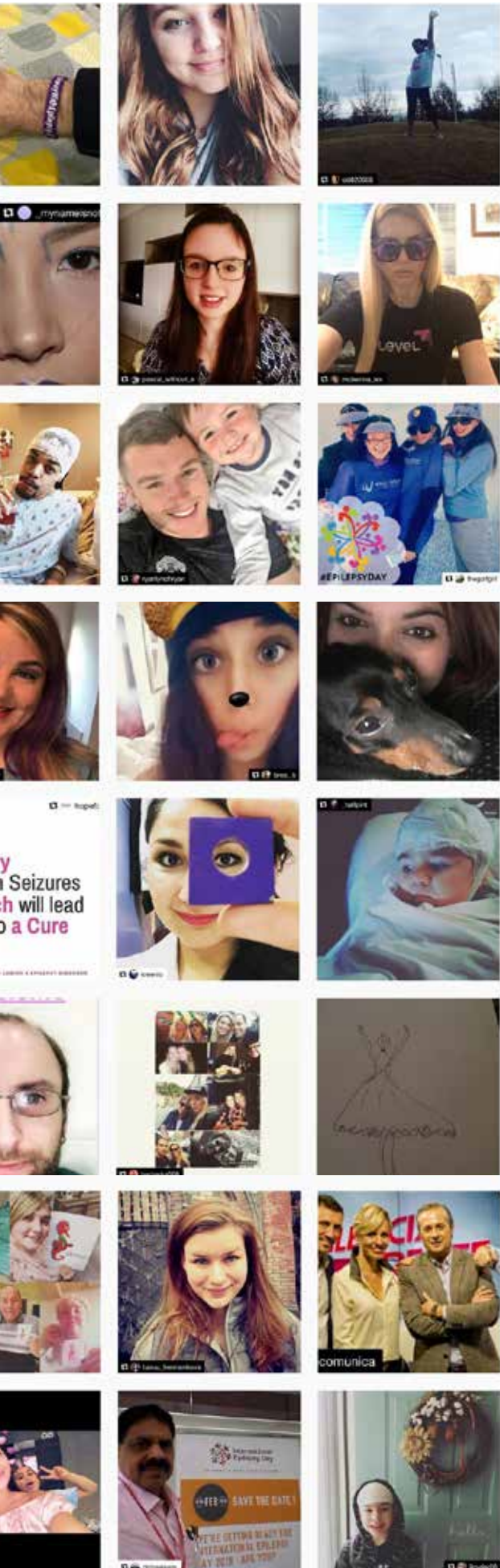
6. Sunset Cows, Cate Gusentine, 12 years (USA).



International Epilepsy Day



Celebrated in more than 120 countries



INTERNATIONAL EPILEPSY DAY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

#EpilepsyDay - The Numbers

Hundreds of people around the world took part in our #EpilepsyDay activity. They shared their photos, many moving, some comical and all very much appreciated. The success of the campaign showed just how powerful we can be when we pull together!

8,617 tweets

4,820 participants

50,526,526 impressions!

World Health Organization celebrates the day

The World Health Organization (WHO) were Twitter's top Health Influencer during the period, with 4,320,000 followers. For the second year, the most popular health-related URL in a tweet during the period was WHO's epilepsy factsheet <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs999/en/>

WHO's factsheet Tweet was shared more than 1,000 times and their Facebook post more than 1,300 times.

WHO also shared a webpage dedicated to International Epilepsy Day focusing on their commitment to reducing the epilepsy treatment gap.



EpilepsyNext, a wide-ranging youth platform, represents a major new element of our work programme. It's an exciting development that sets out to help young people grow in independence and develop the skills and qualities necessary to have a happy and productive life and, for some, to learn how to be effective leaders. It also challenges young people to use these attributes for the betterment of both themselves and the global epilepsy family. The first activities carried out under the umbrella of EpilepsyNext were celebrated in 2018.

YOUTH SUMMIT - SAN JUAN, COSTA RICA

The Youth Summit, took place in San Juan in September at the 10th Latin American Epilepsy Congress. The objectives of the summit were to provide young people affected by epilepsy with the opportunity to share their experiences from both a medical and social perspective; to identify barriers, challenges and problems that hindered their inclusion in the community; and, as a group, to suggest guidelines to improve the lives of other young people with epilepsy.

The participants, from across the Latin American region deemed the event a great success. The next summit in the region is planned for Medellin, Colombia in 2020. Other summits will take place at the time of the other regional congresses as well as stand-alone events, the first being in Europe in 2019.

Photo: participants at the summit in Costa Rica.



GOLDEN LIGHT AWARD



Golden Light Award honours young people with epilepsy who have been a 'shining light' for others. They recognise the fact that people with epilepsy should not be defined by their condition but, instead, embrace the call of the IBE to 'bring epilepsy out of the shadows and into the light'.

In July, three young women received their award at the Opening Ceremony of the 12th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress in Bali, where they also shared their epilepsy stories. They were Katherine Height, Australia; Shuorong

Huang, China and Ern-Chun Hung, Taiwan. Following a successful regional event, an International Golden Light Award programme has been introduced, with the first awards to be presented at the 33rd International Epilepsy Congress, Bangkok 2019.

Photo from left: Martin Brodie, IBE President, Katherine Height, Shuorong Huang, Ern-Chung Hung and Parthasarthy Satishchandra, former Chair IBE South East Asia Regional Committee.



AFRICAN YOUTH SUPPORT

Poultry rearing among five projects that received IBE funding support

Funds were provided to support five projects, developed by young people in Africa, which aimed to improve the situation for their peers living with epilepsy in the region and which met the required criteria:

- The project must benefit and be implemented by young people with epilepsy.
- Outcomes must be measurable.
- The project should benefit a group, not an individual.

Following the close of the call period and review of the applications received, five projects were selected:

KENYA: 'Why me?' a project to raise awareness through social media and public talks

MALAWI: A schools project to reduce absenteeism caused by epilepsy stigma

SIERRA LEONE: Training in beadwork and lacework to assist in employment

ZAMBIA: poultry rearing training as a means of earning money and becoming self-sufficient

ZIMBABWE: "Shine like a star" a project to demonstrate the abilities of people with epilepsy, if given a chance.



International Bureau for Epilepsy

PROMISING STRATEGIES 2018 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

US\$350,000+ provided to 83 PROJECTS in 37 COUNTRIES



PROMISING STRATEGIES PROGRAM

IBE is committed to finding new and innovative solutions to the problems impacting people with epilepsy and their families world-wide. As part of this commitment, under its Promising Strategies Program, IBE has been providing financial support to chapters, on a competitive basis, for initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for people with epilepsy in resource challenged countries or regions.

It is now 12 years since the program was established and by 2018 Promising Strategies had provided US\$350,000 in funding to 83 projects in 37 countries. In mid-2018, the latest round of funding was announced with three projects to be selected.

This is one of the initiatives of which IBE is most proud. The Bureau looks forward to continuing and expanding this very successful program in the coming years.



African Epilepsy Advocacy (Utetezi) Project

Providing IBE chapters in Africa with the tools to develop and execute country-specific national action plans



PROJECT GOALS

1. Situation and needs analysis at country level
2. Creation of national taskforces
3. Development of national plans of action
4. Advocating governments to adopt, fund and implement plans of action

PILOT COUNTRIES

- eSwatini
- Kenya
- Mauritius
- South Africa
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

AFRICAN ADVOCACY PROJECT

While the capacity of IBE chapters in Africa is limited, there is a strong desire to build infrastructure in order to narrow the knowledge and treatment gap in response to the WHO Resolution on Epilepsy 2015. With this in mind, in 2018 IBE approached the BAND Foundation and secured US\$65,000 in funding support for the creation of advocacy projects by six chapters in the region for the implementation of the resolution.

The projects are being administered by the IBE African Regional Committee. The overarching goal of the project is to reduce the epilepsy treatment gap and improve epilepsy knowledge throughout Africa. Initial work in selecting the countries to be involved in the pilot phase took place in 2018.

Other programmes and initiatives



STRATEGIC REVIEW

With the IBE Strategic Plan 2016-2019 nearing its end date next year, planning for a meeting to review the current plan and to draft a new strategy paper to address IBE's objectives for the coming years was underway as the year drew to a close.

Recognising the value of involving all stakeholders in this important work, in addition to the IBE International Executive Committee, the day-long meeting would involve a number of stakeholders representing people with epilepsy drawn from each of IBE's seven regions. In advance of the meeting itself in London, a further number of stakeholders participated in an online survey in late 2018 to ensure that the issues pertinent to each region are addressed.



Created under the auspices of the International Bureau for Epilepsy and the International League Against Epilepsy and registered in Europe as a not-for-profit in 2015, Epilepsy Alliance Europe (EAE) is a joint organisation that brings together European professional and lay stakeholders. The work of the alliance is undertaken by an 8-member task force, four of whom represent each IBE and ILAE.

Its main objectives are the protection of the rights of people with epilepsy, the improvement of epilepsy care, the dissemination of awareness and knowledge about the complex spectrum of epileptic diseases, and the promotion of research in epilepsy and its comorbidities, and to establish epilepsy as a healthcare priority in Europe.

To mark International Epilepsy Day 2018, in February the joint task force held an important breakfast briefing in the European Parliament in Brussels to report on the unmet needs in the field of epilepsy and the status of epilepsy research priorities at a global level. At this invitation only

meeting, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), voiced their support for the 6 million people living with epilepsy in Europe. In turn, the MEPs heard from speakers about the continued unmet needs of people living with epilepsy and the need for improved services, novel new treatments and actions designed to educate the public about epilepsy and, thereby, reduce discrimination. This was a significant event as it paved the way for another closed workshop, in May, involving invitees from Europe, Asia, North- and Latin-America, organised by the European Union Commission on Research and Innovation. The focus of the second workshop, which took place at the commission offices in Brussels, was to consider the need for a global alliance on epilepsy research if advances are to be made in finding new and innovative treatment and care option.

Photo: Participants attending the closed breakfast briefing, Brussels, February 2018

RESOLUTION WHA68.20 (2015)

Global burden of epilepsy and the need for coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications



Three years after its adoption in 2015, the resolution was on the agenda for discussion at the World Health Assembly in May 2018. IBE and ILAE sent delegations to Geneva and made oral statements to the assembly.



IBE STATEMENT TO THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The International Bureau for Epilepsy envisions a world where understanding and care replace ignorance and fear of epilepsy. Epilepsy affects people of all ages and all ethnicities. Close to 80% of the 50 million people living with epilepsy live in low- and middle-income countries.

It is unacceptable that 75% of people with epilepsy living in low- and middle-income countries do not have access to treatment. Approximately 65% of these individuals could be treated easily with inexpensive daily medication that costs as little as US\$5 per year. Without access, these people will continue to live in poverty and be at risk.

Worldwide the number of cases of unexpected death in epilepsy is estimated at 60,000 per year. In low- and middle-income countries the mortality and morbidity rates are even higher because of status epilepticus and drowning. In every part of the world, people with epilepsy and their families suffer from human rights violations, stigma, social isolation,

seizure related injuries and discrimination. Persons with epilepsy have access barriers in schooling, employment and health care.

WHO demonstration projects have indicated that it is possible to diagnose and treat most people with epilepsy at the primary health-care level without the use of sophisticated equipment. To do this we need to have a commitment from governments that epilepsy is a public health priority. Progress towards achieving the goals of WHA68.20 has been slow.

On behalf of persons living with epilepsy and their care providers we ask

1. for a new report on the implementation of the resolution WHA 68.20 to be prepared and discussed again at the 74th World Health Assembly in 2021 and
2. for the development of a Global Action Plan on Epilepsy.

IN MEMORIUM



In 2018, IBE lost three supporters who had played major roles in efforts to improve life quality for people with epilepsy and their care-givers around the globe. Their passing is a great loss to the epilepsy world.

Robert Cole, Australia

Robert Cole, who passed away in May 2018, had served as IBE Treasurer for the term 2013-2017, having previously been Chair of the Western Pacific Regional Executive Committee. He had also acted as chair of the IBE Editor's Network and CEO's Network. In his native Australia, he was CEO of the Epilepsy Association SA&NT and had also served as President of Epilepsy Australia, the federation that forms the IBE Full Chapter in Australia.



Augustine Mugarura, Uganda

Augustine Mugarura was a founding member of the Epilepsy Support Association of Uganda, an organisation of which he was to be the driving force for 20 years until his death in October 2018. He was also a member of the IBE Research Commission at the time of his passing.



Margaretha Andersson, Sweden

Margaretha, or Maggan as she was better known to family and friends, was a member of the IBE European Regional Executive Committee from 2013 until her death in December 2018. She was also a key member of the board of the Swedish Epilepsy Association.

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International Epilepsy Day

Celebrated annually on the 2nd Monday in February
www.internationalepilepsyday.org

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