A HISTORY OF INITIATIVES TO REDUCE THE GLOBAL BURDEN OF EPILEPSY

COLLABORATION AMONG ILAE, IBE AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN A LEADING FORCE IN ADDRESSING THE BURDEN OF EPILEPSY WORLDWIDE.

1997
Global Campaign Against Epilepsy (GCAE) is formed by ILAE, IBE and WHO 1 2

2000
Access to essential medicines as a right to health
2000 – 2003: Regional Declarations on epilepsy

2004
The first Regional Reports on Epilepsy are produced by the GCAE 1 These continue through 2013

2005
WHO/ILAE/IBE Atlas: Epilepsy Care in the World

2008
WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) launched, with epilepsy as a priority condition

2011
European Written Declaration on Epilepsy, Pan-American Health Organization regional strategy and action plan on epilepsy (2011-2021)

2012
WHO launches program on reducing the epilepsy treatment gap. US Institute of Medicine report published: Epilepsy Across the Spectrum

2013
WHO comprehensive mental health action plan (2013 – 2020)

2015
World Health Assembly resolution on the global burden of epilepsy
Inaugural International Epilepsy Day

2017
WHO Atlas for Neurological Disorders, 2nd Edition

2018
WHO country reports on epilepsy demonstration projects: Ghana, Mozambique, Myanmar, Viet Nam

2019
ILAE, IBE and WHO publish "Epilepsy: A Public Health imperative" World Health Assembly Epilepsy Side Event

2020
The WHO's governing body adopts WHA 73.10, calling for the development of an intersectoral global action plan for epilepsy and other neurological disorders

2021
Draft WHO 10-year Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders (IGAP)

2022
WHO's Executive Board approves draft IGAP