Epileptic Disorders
to become the educational journal of the ILAE

For over a century, the International League against Epilepsy (ILAE) has proudly witnessed the continuous growth of its official scientific journal, Epilepsia, which started its publication in 1909, the same year the League was born. Thanks to the great work and dedication of its editors and the relentless support of the epilepsy community worldwide, Epilepsia is now internationally recognized as the leading source of scientific information on all aspects of epilepsy, from molecular biology to clinical management. With the expansion and diversification of the League’s activities, however, it became increasingly clear that a single journal could not serve all the needs of our constituency. Many members of our community felt that the League’s ability to best fulfill its mission would be greatly enhanced by developing a journal fully dedicated to education, especially targeted to practicing physicians engaged in the care of people with epilepsy. Given this background, we are delighted to announce that – beginning with the 2013 issues – Epileptic Disorders is now the official educational journal of the League.

We are most grateful to John Libbey Eurotext and to the current editor of Epileptic Disorders, Alexis Arzimanoglou, for making this exciting development possible. Starting from its pioneering days under the enlightened leadership of Jean Aicardi, Epileptic Disorders has provided a forum for the publication of clinically oriented material and in particular for the discussion of clinical cases, including high-quality video-EEG documentation. Over the years, this resulted in the accumulation of a readily accessible web-based database of unique didactic value.

In its novel configuration as an official ILAE publication, Epileptic Disorders will no doubt evolve and take up the challenge of becoming the prime, most valuable source of educational material for all professionals interested in improving the quality of epilepsy care. To meet this goal, Alexis has already assembled a first class editorial team that will continue the truly excellent work done by the previous editorial board. In addition, we expect the entire ILAE family, including our Commission on Education, the other ILAE Commissions and Task Forces, and all individuals committed to epilepsy education to support this important initiative.

Because of its different scope and focus, Epileptic Disorders will not compete with, but will complement Epilepsia. In this regards, it is wonderful to see that the incoming editors of Epilepsia, Astrid Nehlig and Gary Mathern, have already started an intense collaboration with Alexis to ensure the best possible synergy between the two journals. We anticipate that both journals will successfully grow and mutual benefit each other, but most importantly our constituency, and advance our mission and strategic goals.

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