

PHILIPPINE LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY UPDATES
June 2000

The Philippine League Against Epilepsy held its regular elections last November 20, 1999 at the Westin Philippine Plaza during its Annual General Assembly Meeting. The new Executive Committee consists of : Dr. Leonor Cabral-Lim, Dr. Myrna Fojas, Dr. Josephine Gutierrez , Dr. Marilyn Ortiz, and Dr. Felicidad Soto. The new Board of Trustees consists of : Dr. Fe Enrile Bacsal , Dr. Bernardo Conde, Dr. Imelda David, Dr. Maresio Perez and Dr. Aida Salonga. In their first Executive Committee Meeting last January 24, 2000 they elected the following officers to the following positions:

PRESIDENT	Dr. Leonor Cabral - Lim
FIRST VICE - PRESIDENT	Dr. Felicidad Soto
SECOND VICE - PRESIDENT	Dr. Myrna Fojas
SECRETARY - GENERAL	Dr. Josephine Gutierrez
TREASURER	Dr. Marilyn Ortiz

The first few meetings of the Executive Committee were spent reviewing the mission -vision of the League formulated during a workshop last August 28, 1999. Several committees were prioritized based on the Vision for 2004. Chairpersons for the committees were assigned. It was agreed upon that chairperson shall determine the number of members in his committee, and shall be responsible for appointing the members. However, volunteers are also encouraged. So if you are interested to work for a particular Committee, please get in touch with the chairperson involved:

Committee on Lay Education	Dr. J. Gutierrez
Committee on Continuing Medical Education	Dr. M. Ortiz
Committee on Health Care Delivery	Dr. Cabral-Lim
Committee on National Registry	Dr. Madeleine Sosa
Committee on Natl. Epilepsy Convention	Dr. M. Fojas
Committee on Fundraising	Dr. Aida Salonga

The Committees were assigned to prepare long-term plans and strategies that would enable us to accomplish the vision for 2004. They are expected to hold brainstorming sessions and draw up their proposals prior to the Strategic Planning Meeting set for September 2000.

PLAE MISSION - VISION

MISSION : We are a non-profit national organization of professionals committed to the improvement of the quality of life of persons with epilepsy thru education, research, prevention, advocacy and delivery of optimal health care.

VISION 2004 : We are internationally recognized as the national chapter of the International League Against Epilepsy , with regional representation throughout the Philippines.

We are acknowledged as the expert source of information and continuing professional education in the care of persons with epilepsy.

We maintain a national epilepsy registry and a fund for research and other activities.

We see persons with epilepsy . . .

Who have ready access to an efficient referral system from the grassroots level to the experts in the field of epilepsy in collaborations with the Department of Health and other organizations;

Who can avail of efficacious and affordable antiepileptic drugs ; and

Whose rights are protected by legislation.

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The Philippine League Against Epilepsy is launching a Logo Design contest. . The contest rules are as follows:

1. The Logo Design contest is open to all members of the PLAE with the exception of the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.
2. The Logo should be an original concept by the member. He may ask an artist or use a computer to render or execute the design but the design concept shall be his own.
3. The Logo design should be based on the Mission-Vision of the organization.
4. All entries shall be mounted on a 20" x 20 " illustration board, and shall be submitted to the PLAE office at the Dept. of Neurosciences in PGH not later than 5:00pm, October 31, 2000.
5. All entries submitted shall be considered the property of the Philippine League Against Epilepsy.
6. All the entries shall be exhibited and the winner selected by the Board of Judges on November 15, 2000 during the Annual PLAE General Assembly Meeting in the Baguio Country Club. .

FIRST NATIONAL EPILEPSY CONGRESS

Plans are underway for the first National Epilepsy Congress in 2001. The Over-All Convention Chair is Dr. Myrna Fojas. Internationally and locally recognized experts in the field of epilepsy are being eyed to provide learning experiences for the attendees.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

JUNE	Deadline for ILAE Presidential Nominations
JUNE-SEPT	Preparation of Strategies by Committees
SEPT	PLAE Strategic Planning Meeting
OCT 1	Deadline - receipt of votes for ILAE President
OCT 31	Deadline for entries to Logo Design Contest
NOV 15	1st National Epilepsy Congress in Baguio

	CNSP-PLAE: ANNUAL PLAE BUSINESS MEETING; PLAE DINNER FORUM: "Clinical Dilemmas in Epilepsy Management " ; Announcement Logo Contest Winner
DEC 31	Deadline for nominations of ILAE Officers
APRIL 1 2001	Deadline for voting for ILAE Officers
APRIL 15 2001	Results of ILAE Elections reported
MAY 2001	ILAE 24th International Epilepsy Congress

ILAE UPDATES

- The International League Against Epilepsy is offering a Research Fellowship in Neurobiology for residents and students. The announcement has been sent to all hospitals with a Neurology Residency Training program. Interested members who have not received or heard of the announcement may contact the Secretariat of the PLAE for details. Deadline for submission of research proposals to the ILAE is on July 1,2000.
- The ILAE has appointed a Nominating Committee to undertake and monitor the election of the President and officers for 2001-2005. All national chapters are invited to participate in the process. Our chapter is entitled to two votes based on the size of our membership. Dr. Cabral-Lim, PLAE President and official representative to the ILAE, in consultation with the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, will be nominating Dr. Peter Wolf, current ILAE Secretary-General from Bielefeld, Germany for the Presidency. The schedule for nomination and election of officers of the ILAE is given in the previous page. Please inform the Executive Committee of any objection or reaction to this decision in writing, not later than 5:00 p.m. June 12, 2000 .