

News from the Philippines.....

As part of the Global Campaign Against Epilepsy "Out of the Shadows" campaign, the Philippine League Against Epilepsy (PLAE) celebrated "Epilepsy Awareness Week" during the first week of September this year as "Epilepsy Awareness Week", according to the PLAE president, Dr. Leonor Cabral-Lim. Dr. Jojo Casanova-Gutierrez was the chairperson for the event.

During the week, Epilepsy Seminars, coordinated by PAVEs (Provincial Awareness Volunteers for Epilepsy), were held for non-medical audiences in several areas. Seminars, organised by Dr Elam Mararon and Dr Johnny



A poster produced by PLAE to advertise the *Walking Out of the Shadows of Epilepsy* Walkathon

Lokin also took place in various medical schools and neurology training colleges. Workshops focussing on the lay aspects of epilepsy were organised by a team of doctors in various locations throughout the country. The week-long celebration was culminated in a series of Walkathons called "Walking Out of the Shadows of Epilepsy" on September 8. Invited participants included PLAE members, people with epilepsy and their carers, medical students and representatives from the pharmaceutical industry; all of whom received free T-shirts as a memento of the occasion.