Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Neuroscience of Bambino Gesù Children’s Hospital – IRCCS, Rome – Italy with the endorsement of the Commission on European Affairs (CEA), and Italian Chapter of ILAE (Lega Italiana contro l’Epilessia – LICE) is presenting the educational initiative – “Drug Resistant Epilepsies – Residential International Course” that will take place in Tagliacozzo (AQ) in the surroundings of Rome. It is given in English. 

**The Course is planned from May 4 to 10, 2014.**

This course is clinically-oriented, targeted to specialists at the second and third level of epilepsy care and focused on comprehensive aspects of diagnosis and treatment of children and adults with epilepsy. It also includes the basic sciences in clinical epileptology issues and comprehensive care and rehabilitation of patients with epilepsy.

The faculty consists of leading European epileptologists. The faculty members give lectures on the clinically relevant aspects on epileptology and conduct interactive case discussions and/or tutorials on different topics. The video-EEG sessions are supposed to be an integral part of the course.

Didactic cases provided by tutors and case reports prepared by participants are planned to be discussed in small group of participants. Teaching methodology has been elaborated in cooperation with EUREPA and is based on interactive education.

Specialists in neurology, psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, paediatric neurology, paediatrics, clinical
neurophysiology and psychology are welcome to apply.

The course is limited to a maximum of 36 applicants to allow an optimal level of interaction with the faculty members. Applicants should submit together with the application form, an updated CV, a short abstract with a case report to be discussed during the course, and a recommendation letter signed by his/her head of department or head of research lab.

**Registration fee**: 1500 Euro + VAT. It includes accommodation (in twin room), full board and access to all the educational activities (lectures, tutorials, case discussions, video-sessions).

Please send application form, attachments and case reports by March 10, 2014, to

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The Organizing Committee:  
Federico Vigevano, Nicola Specchio, Meir Bialer.

You are kindly requested to forward this information to the members of your ILAE chapter, colleagues and other possibly interested persons.

Thank you for kind cooperation. On behalf of the Organizing Committee,  
Federico Vigevano
Drug Resistant Epilepsies – Residential International Course

Tagliacozzo (AQ), Italy - 4-10 May 2014

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AND TENTATIVE FACULTY

Day 1 (Sunday 4th May)
Arrival
Introduction to the Course  Organizing Committee
Dinner

Day 2 (Monday 5th May)
The concept of drug resistant Epilepsy  R. Guerrini (Firenze-Italy)
Biological basis of drug resistant Epilepsy  G. Avanzini (Milano-Italy)
Early prediction of drug resistant Epilepsy in children  A. Arzimanoglou (Lyon-France)
Early prediction of drug resistant Epilepsy in adults  To be assigned
Working Groups and Plenary Case presentations

Day 3 (Tuesday 6th May)
Appropriate AED use  E. Perucca (Pavia-Italy)
New drugs  M. Bialer (Jerusalem-Israel)
Advanced management of drug resistant Epilepsy in children  F. Vigevano (Rome-Italy)
Advanced management of drug resistant Epilepsy in adults  R. Michelucci (Bologna-Italy)
Working Groups and Plenary Case presentations

Day 4 (Wednesday 7th May)
Genetic basis of Epileptic Encephalopathies  L. Fusco (Rome-Italy)
Tuberous Sclerosis  P. Curatolo (Rome-Italy)
Working Groups and Plenary Case presentations

Day 5 (Thursday 8th May)
Status Epilepticus in epileptic patients  E. Trinka (Innsbruck -Austria)
FIRES  H. Yamamoto (Tokyo-Japan)
Long-term outcome in paediatric drug resistant Epilepsy  R. Nabbout (Paris-France)
Cognitive deterioration  M. Filippini (Bologna-Italy)
Working Groups and Plenary Case presentations

Day 6 (Friday 9th May)
Indications and prognosis of surgical treatment in children  N. Specchio (Rome-Italy)
Indications and prognosis of surgical treatment in children  L. Tassi (Milan-Italy)
Surgical procedures  
O. Delalande (Rome-Italy)

Neuromodulation  
C.E. Marras (Rome-Italy)

Working Groups and Plenary Case presentations

Day 7 (Saturday 10th May)
Management of PACS  
To be assigned
Alternative treatments  
To be assigned
Working Groups and Plenary Case presentations

End of course

Tentative Tutors and Topics:
M. Bialer (Jerusalem- Israel): Drug interactions
G. Capovilla (Mantova-Italy): Differential diagnosis in children
R. Cusmai (Rome-Italy): Severe epilepsy in rare diseases
P. Plouin (Paris- France): Diagnostic value of video-EEG
N. Specchio (Rome – Italy): Indication to surgery, case disucssion
P. Striano (Genova-Italy): Genetic approach toward diagnosis
L. Tassi (Milan-Italy): Seizure semiology
P. Tinuper (Bologna – Italy): Differential diagnosis in adults
E. Trinka (Innsbruck – Austria): Practical management in adult patients with SE
F. Vigevano (Rome – Italy): Management of drug resistant epilepsies

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Further details will be soon available