Name of Chapter: Malaysian Society of Neurosciences

Affiliate: Epilepsy Council of Malaysia

**The 2010-2011 Epilepsy Council Malaysia consists of:**

**Chairman:**

Prof. Dato’ Dr. Raymond Azman Ali

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11. Dr. Marina Ismail
12. Dr. Lee Siew Peng
13. Prof. Dr. Zabidi Azhar Hussin
14. Dr. Vigneswari Ganesan

A total of 3 meetings were held:

1. 22 May 2010
2. 14 Dec 2010
3. 8 Mar 2011

Annual AGM will held in June 2011 during MSN AGM to select the new office bearers for 2011-2012.

**Annual Report for Year 2010-2011**

**Rules and Regulation of Epilepsy Council**

1. **Name**

1.1 Epilepsy Council of Malaysia

1. **Objectives**
   1. To promote education, training of health professionals in the care of epilepsy patients
   2. To promote research in epilepsy
   3. To continue to improve care in epilepsy management
2. **Activities**
   1. Publishing guidelines and recommendations on epilepsy
   2. Organising professional meetings and conference on epilepsy
   3. Constructing curriculum for postgraduate training in epileptology
   4. Accrediting epilepsy centres for postgraduate training in epileptology
   5. Recognising or certifying specialists in epileptology
   6. Advising the Government on epilepsy and epilepsy-related issues
   7. Initiating and coordinating research related to epilepsy to collaborate with MES and other organizations on related epilepsy issues
3. **Membership**
   1. Members of the Council must be a member of MSN
4. **Office bearers**
   1. The members shall elect among themselves a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other office bearers as necessary to administer the affairs of the council. The term of office of the office bearers shall be two years. The Chairman shall make an annual report to the Council of MSN
5. **Changes to the Rules and Regulations**
   1. Any changes to the rules and regulations of the Epilepsy Council shall be approved at the AGM of the MSN
6. **Meeting**
   1. The council shall meet at least four times a year. The quorum shall be half of the Committee Members of 5 council members whichever is lesser

**Summary of activities**

**1. Epilepsy Awareness Campaign**

The school epilepsy program hit a snag when the personnel in the Ministry of Education changed portfolio. No campaign was carried out in 2010 although the ECM has received partial funding from the Neuroscience Foundation in Dec 2009 and Dec 2010.

No media activities took place in 2010.

**2. Educational activities**

A series of workshop and lectures were conducted by ECM members to other healthcare professionals throughout 2010.

**By Prof. Dato’ Dr. Raymond Azman Ali:**

1. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Review of intravenous levetiracetam in seizure emergencies”***, Dinner Symposium on Seizure Emergencies, Prince Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, 6 March 2010.
2. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Antiepileptic drug and Epilepsy management update”*** to the pharmacists at Universiti Sains Malaysia Hospital, Kota Bharu, 15 March 2010.
3. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Old and new antiepileptic drugs: quality of life of patients with epilepsy”*** to 150 neurologists, neurosurgeons, paediatricians and psychiatrists in Hanoi, Vietnam, organised by the Neurological Association of Vietnam & Glaxo Smith Kline (Vietnam), 13 March 2010.
4. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Old and new antiepileptic drugs: quality of life of patients with epilepsy”*** to 200 neurologists, neurosurgeons, paediatricians and psychiatrists in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, organised by the Neurological Association of Vietnam & Glaxo Smith Kline (Vietnam), 14 March 2010.
5. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Special issues in epilepsy management”*** at the Janssen-Cilag Epilepsy Meeting, Shangri La Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 27 March 2010.
6. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Special issues in epilepsy management”*** at the Janssen-Cilag Lunch Symposium, An Update Of Paediatric Neurology 2010, Penang Hospital, Malaysia, 17 July 2010.
7. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Special issues in epilepsy management”*** at the Neurology Update 2010 of Hospital Raja Perempuan Bainun, Ipoh, Malaysia, 30 July 2010.
8. Delivered a **plenary** lecture entitled ***“Special Issues in Epilepsy Management”*** at the 5th Conference in Internal Medicine 2010, Grand Riverview Hotel, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaysia, 8-9 August 2010.
9. Delivered a lecture entitled “***Management of Status Epilepticus***” at the 12th Sabah State Clinical Conference themed “Critical Care Update”, Promenade Hotel, Tawau, Sabah, 7 October 2010.
10. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Acute Managment of Seizures”*** at the Neurology Update 2010, Sultanah Aminah Hospital, Johor Bahru, Malaysia, 14 October 2010.
11. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Special Issues in Epilepsy Managment”*** at the Neurology Update 2010, Sultanah Aminah Hospital, Johor Bahru, Malaysia, 14 October 2010

**By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tan Hui Jan:**

* + 1. Delivered a lecture during the Neuro Update, at Hospital Kuala Lumpur, 12 March 2010
    2. Delievered a lecture during Balance Disorders workshop at Hospital Sungai Buloh, 29 april 2010
    3. Delivered a lecture on Epilepsy Disorders at Easai Head office, 30 April 2010
    4. Delivered a lecture entitled “Women with Epilepsy” at 2010 MSN GSK-MERCK National Neurology Update, Pulau Redang, 18 June 2010

**3. Consensus Guidelines on Epilepsy**

The council launched the updated Epilepsy Consensus Guidelines 2010 during the MSN Annual Scientific meeting 2010 in Kota Kinabalu. The electronic copy of the guideline is available on the MSN website.

**4. Research in Epilepsy**

Although no new research was conducted, the ECM received a research grant of RM20,000.00 from Novartis Corp (M) Sdn Bhd to conduct research for HLA-B\*1502 testing. The ECM called for research proposals for cross-validation studies from 5 institutions throughout Malaysia that were capable of performing the test in-house. The ECM received proposal from 2 institutions and a letter from IMR containing a counter suggestion to this research initiative. As most of the members who attended the ECM meetings were from either UKM or UM, it was decided that the IMR may be the most suitable institution to validate all other in-house tests. The chairman of the ECM will discuss the details of this with the relevant people in IMR in the near future.

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9 May 2011