

## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE AGAINST EPILEPSY (ILAE) AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR EPILEPSY (IBE)

Dear Friends,

On behalf of both the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) and the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE), it is our pleasure to personally invite you to join us in attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Epilepsy Congress in Cape Town on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

We are proud of the work done by the Scientific Advisory and Organising Committee in assembling a great scientific programme, rich and varied with plenary sessions, symposia, interactive sessions and posters. Time will be provided for you to develop social and personal networks and friendships with the aim of promoting co-operation to improve the care of people with epilepsy in a continent characterized by challenging diversities in infrastructure as well as social and cultural backgrounds.

There is a widespread misunderstanding throughout much of Africa about the nature of epilepsy, its causes and its implications. We are confident that this congress will allow us to once again advance and move the boundaries of epilepsy in the African continent.

Cape Town provides us with a destination full of wonders. Stunning mountains, magnificent beaches and outstanding vineyards, can all be enjoyed before and after the congress.

We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town!

With warm regards,



**Emilio Perucca**  
President, ILAE



**Athanasios Covanis**  
President, IBE



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CONGRESS DATES

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### CONGRESS WEBSITE

[www.epilepsycapetown2014.org](http://www.epilepsycapetown2014.org)

All details regarding the congress will be announced on the congress website as they become available. Please refer to the website for updates on the scientific programme.

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

All abstracts should be submitted via the congress website [www.epilepsycapetown2014.org](http://www.epilepsycapetown2014.org). Please refer to the congress website for submission dates and details.

### CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDITS / CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Please check the congress website [www.epilepsycapetown2014.org](http://www.epilepsycapetown2014.org) for updates on CME/CPD accreditation.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is available online at [www.epilepsycapetown2014.org](http://www.epilepsycapetown2014.org)

Early registration opens	Late October 2013
Last minute registration deadline	Mid March 2014
On-site	22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2014

*Further information regarding registration terms and conditions and cancellation policies may also be found on the congress website.*

### VISAS

Many nationalities do not require a visa to enter South Africa; however travellers from certain countries will require a visa. As for all international travel, visitors to South Africa are required to hold a valid passport. It is best to check before travelling with travel agents or the nearest South African embassy or mission if you require a visa.

Please note: Visas are not issued on arrival at South African ports on entry.

### CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

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## EPILEPSY IN AFRICA: BRIDGING THE GAP



2 <sup>nd</sup> AEC- Provisional programme at a glance							
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2013	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2013	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2013			
08.30-08.45		Set up	Morning Coffee 08:30-09:00	Morning Coffee 08:30-09:00			
08.45-09.00							
09.00-09.15	ILAE Chapter Convention / ILAE CAA Meeting (restricted to invited ILAE Chapter representatives)	Posters	Posters	Posters			
09.15-09.30					Chairs' Symposium 09:00-11:00	Plenary Session: Diagnosis of epilepsy 09:00-11:00	Workshop: Social Issues 09:00-11:00
09.30-09.45							
09.45-10.00							
10.00-10.15							
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10.45-11.00							
11.00-11.15					Coffee Break 11:00-11:30	Coffee Break 11:00-11:30	Coffee Break 11:00-11:30
11.15-11.30							
11.30-11.45							
11.45-12.00					Session: Causes of epilepsy 11:30 - 13:00	Session: Childhood epilepsy 11:30-13:00	Workshop: Social Issues 11:30-13:00
12.00-12.15							
12.15-12.30							
12.30-12.45							
12.45-13.00							
13.00-13.15	Lunch & Posters 13:00-14:30	Lunch & Posters 13:00-14:30					
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14.45-15.00	Session: Treatment options 14:30 - 16:00	Session: Management of epilepsy 14:30 - 16:00					
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17.15-17.30	Round Table Discussion 16:30-18:00	Round Table Discussion 16:30-18:00					
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18.45-19.00							
19.00-19.15							
19.15-19.30	Welcome Ceremony 19:00-20:00						
19.30-19.45							
19.45-20.00							
20.00-20.15							
20.15-20.30	Welcome Reception 20:00-21:00						
20.30-20.45							
20.45-21.00							

Please note there may be changes to the programme at a glance; any changes will be updated on the congress website  
[www.epilepsycapetown2014.org](http://www.epilepsycapetown2014.org)

## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Epilepsy Congress (AEC), organised jointly by the International League Against Epilepsy and the International Bureau for Epilepsy. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AEC will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Building on the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> AEC, held in Nairobi, Kenya in June 2012, the scientific programme of the congress promises to provide information on new developments in the field of epilepsy, to share knowledge and to impart an insight into the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy at grassroot level in Africa. The programme comprises plenary sessions, topical lectures, interactive sessions, as well as sessions of particular interest to people with epilepsy, their families and carers.

The congress will take place in the Westin Hotel, which offers spectacular views over the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, and the expanse of Table Bay. Cape Town is a city alive with creativity, colour, sounds and tastes. From the iconic Table Mountain to world renowned wine estates, you will find much to do in your spare time.

We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful city of Cape Town, for what promises to be a personally rewarding and informative scientific congress.



**Amadou Gallo Diop**  
(Senegal)  
- ILAE Executive Committee  
Member  
- Chair, ILAE Commission  
on African Affairs



**Anthony Mulenga Zimba**  
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- IBE International  
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- IBE Vice President, Africa

Co-chairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> AEC Scientific Advisory and  
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