

The First Epileptologists' Summer School in China

The First International Advanced Clinical Epileptology Summer School was held in Mount Emei, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China from August 7th, 2011 to August 14th, 2011. This summer school was encouraged by ILAE, supported by CAOAA, hosted by China Association Against Epilepsy and the West China Hospital, Sichuan University.

This summer school was aimed to clinically-oriented, targeted to specialists of epilepsy care and focused on comprehensive aspects of diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of children and adults with epilepsy.

There were 9 international experts who were invited to give lectures and have case discussion with the participants. They are Drs. Solomon L. Moshe, Giuliano Avanzini, Emilio Perucca, Byung-In Lee, Martin J. Brodie, Terence John O'Brien, Torbjorn Tomson, Hermann Stefan and Paul A.J.M Boon. About 60 specialists in neurology, neurosurgery, neuropsychiatry, pediatric neurology, took part in this summer school from China, Hong Kong, Korea, India, Vietnam and Burma.

The course program arranged 3-day lectures on the clinically relevant aspects covered several aspects of epileptology and conduct interactive case discussions and tutorials on EEG, imaging or clinical pharmacology. The course enabled the participants to receive the up-to-date information and expert opinion on the main topics of clinical epileptology, and helped

them to improve their competence and gained practical skills in the diagnostic work-up and decision- making concerning the management of different aspects of pediatric and adult epileptology. Additionally, some practical activities, such as small group discussion, clinical work designing, video sections and EEG analyzing were designed as part of the activities.

After the summer school, we did a survey on the satisfaction of the course among the attending students. About 93% attendants felt satisfied with the academic program and tutors, about 86% attendants felt satisfied with the accommodations and facilities, about 78% attendants felt satisfied with the weather, transport and food. At least 86% attendants thought the summer school was successful and suggested to continue.

Although the expense exceeded the budget, we still considered it was a meaningful event in raising the international academic influence of epilepsy of China.