



President's Report cont'd

Our website is now due for a major review and a Task Force has been introduced to assist with the job. The Website Task Force is chaired by Shung-lon Lai, Vice President Western Pacific and members will already have received correspondence from Shung-lon about the review.

On a more intimate scale, I have been delighted to be able to circulate regular short President's letters to all members to keep you informed on what has been happening, and what is planned to happen, within the Bureau. These messages will also be made available on our website.

But the work of IBE would be to no avail if we did not have such fantastic membership. I am in awe of the

breadth and scope of work being undertaken by members right around the globe. Each association, large or small, works to improve the quality of life of those affected by epilepsy. Some work with impressive budgets and staffing, while others struggle to make ends meet. But each one achieves success when even the tiniest change is made to the lives of those living with epilepsy.

Over the coming four years I will be honoured to be working with you all and I am convinced that together we can achieve great things.

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During his IBE Presidency, Philip Lee established a Mediterranean Task Force, the objectives of which were as follows:

- The creation of new chapters of IBE in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- Support to existing Chapters of IBE in the region
- Encouragement of collaborative studies in the region
- Distribution and exchange of information from different countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- Encouraging participation of local IBE chapters at future Mediterranean Meetings on Epilepsy.

Membership of the Task Force, which was chaired by IBE Vice President Athanasios Covanis, was open to all interested parties in the region. The Task Force met for the first time at the 25th International Epilepsy Congress in Lisbon and further meetings were held in Marrakech and Paris. By mid-2005, through the encouragement of the Task Force, IBE membership in the region had developed to the point where the criteria for the establishment of a Regional Committee in the area had been met.

With its main objective reached, the Task Force is now relieved of its duty and the first steps in creating an Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee are being taken.

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