



EpiCARE

April 2024 NEWSLETTER

If you want to be informed about our next events, educational and research activities and calls, but also news from the coordination team, our different members and our ePAG community...don't miss this **Newsletter!**

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2024 EpiCARE Annual Meeting

In June (17th – 19th) the **7th annual meeting** of the ERN EpiCARE will take place at the **Hospital Sant Joan de Déu** (coordinating HCP) in **Barcelona**, Spain. On Monday, the **face-to-face meeting of the Executive Committee** will be followed by **meetings of our Working Groups**. The day of Tuesday is reserved for the **General Assembly**, with the participation of representatives from all full or affiliated EpiCARE members and collaborating partners, as well as patient advocates. The invited scientific lecture on "Brain organoids as a model in developmental epilepsy", will be given by **Sandra Acosta** (University of Barcelona). The afternoon is reserved to **brainstorming on levels of epilepsy care** at national level, the **JARDIN** project funded by the European Commission, and the **Guidelines** under preparation focusing on "Pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions in the treatment of Infantile Epileptic Spasms syndrome". Other Working Groups and the patient advocates will meet on Wednesday morning.

NEXT WEBINAR

Thursday May 16th - 17h CET
Epilepsy in primary immunodeficiencies

Presented by: Katarzyna Kotulska-Jóźwiak

[Register here](#)

Our webinars take place **once a month**, and the replays are always available on our website. You can check the programme of the upcoming webinars and register to the mailing on the EpiCARE webpage:

[Webinars webpage](#)



LATEST NEWS

EPIPED Course was a success!



EIPED Course on Treatment Strategies in Paediatric Epilepsies proved once again being very much appreciated, with almost **80 participants**, mentors and mentees, **adult and child neurologists** from **15 different countries!** The course allowed attendees to discuss with experts about the best clinical practices and therapeutic strategies. This is the [session programme](#) we enjoyed! This was the 1st year of the 3 years training cycle (2024-2026), held in **Girona**, a beautiful and sunny city in Catalunya, Spain. Professors **Alexis Arzimanoglou, Jaume Campistol Plana, and Maša Malenica** have been the course directors. The training course had the endorsement of ERN EpiCARE, ILAE Europe and other scientific societies. We enjoyed **plenary sessions** on relevant topics, as well as **practical training sessions** where participants were able to discuss use cases and situations related to treatment strategies in pediatric epilepsies. Moreover, we were able to enjoy networking in this lovely place.

17th Paros Epilepsy Workshop

Epilepsy surgery has been relying on anatomico-clinical correlation for more than a century and much knowledge has been accumulated, in particular since the advances of long-term video-EEG monitoring. With the recent worldwide deployment of Stereo-EEG, fine correlations have progressed further, as well as our understanding of their potential bias, ambiguities and limitations. During 5 days, **52 systematic reviews focusing on anatomico-clinical correlations of focal seizures were presented by 68 contributors from all over the world.** Attended on site by another 112 experts and followed remotely by more than 300 clinicians.



European Joint Programme on Rare Diseases: deadline extended

The registration deadline for the Final EJP RD Conference has been extended to **May 22nd, 2024!** Join us on **May 27-28, 2024** for engaging sessions on rare disease research. Check out the **agenda** for a sneak peek into the sessions and plan your conference experience! [Register here](#) and for [more information](#).

EVENTS

MAY

17th EILAT Conference on New Antiseizure Medications - Madrid, Spain. Dates: 5 – 9 May

[17th EILAT Conference on New Antiseizure Medications](#) will feature discussions and information related to **new antiepileptic drugs in various stages of development**, as well as to present new findings on second-generation treatments. After the success of the 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2022 conferences held in **Madrid** (Spain), they have decided to hold the 2024 congress there again. Here is the [registration link](#).

The topic of "ADDRESSING CHALLENGES WITH EPILEPSY TRIALS IN EUROPE" will be treated by the European Consortium for Epilepsy Trials (ECET: <https://epi-care.eu/ecet/>) at the Monday May 6th morning session.

18th ICNA International Child Neurology Congress - Capetown, Southafrica. Dates: 6 – 10 May

[The 18th International Child Neurology Conference](#) in 2024 "Footprints to the Future" will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from May 6-10. Child neurology has a severely under-resourced base of expertise across the African continent, a region where 40% of the children are expected to live by 2050. The aim of this event is to provide **an overview of childhood neurological disorders**, from major advances to basic issues, in a way that they will be relevant to regions around the world.



12th European Conference on Rare Diseases & Orphan Products (ECDR 2024) EURORDIS - Brussels, Belgium. Dates: 15-17 May

[EURORDIS](#) is a conference that will take place on 15 and 16 May 2024 online and at The Square in Brussels. The ECRD is the **largest, patient-led, rare disease policy-shaping event held in Europe**. With over 1000 participants, the Conference is an opportunity to network and exchange insights **within the rare disease community**. On-site attendance **is already full**, but online registration **is still available**.



Tagliacozzo Training Course - Rome, Italy. Dates: 21-25 May

Specialists in neurology, psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, pediatric neurology, pediatrics, clinical neurophysiology and psychology will participate in the [11th International Course on Drug Resistant Epilepsies](#). The programme will feature **lectures from expert epileptologists and working groups with tutors**, and it will be held in the St Francis Convent of Tagliacozzo, a convent built in 1115!

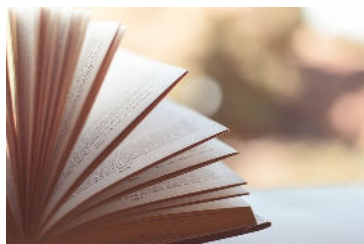
JUNE

With this calendar we would like to inform you briefly about the events of June:

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EpiCARE General Assembly (Annual Meeting) (Barcelona)	EpiCARE General Assembly (Annual Meeting) (Barcelona)	EpiCARE General Assembly (Annual Meeting) (Barcelona)				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					EAN (European Academy of Neurology) (Helsinki, Finland)	EAN (European Academy of Neurology) (Helsinki, Finland)

EpiCARE SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- Frauscher B, Mansilla D, Abdallah C, Astner-Rohracher A, Beniczky S, Brazdil M, Gnatkovsky V, Jacobs J, Kalamangalam G, Perucca P, Ryvlin P, Schuele S, Tao J, Wang Y, Zijlmans M, McGonigal A. **Learn how to interpret and use intracranial EEG findings.** *Epileptic Disord.* 2024;26(1):1-59. doi: 10.1002/epd2.20190. [LINK](#)
- Ancora C, Ortigoza-Escobar JD, Valletti MA, Furia F, Nielsen JEK, Møller RS, Gardella E. **Emergence of lingual dystonia and strabismus in early-onset SCN8A self-limiting familial infantile epilepsy.** *Epileptic Disord.* 2024;26(2):219-224. doi: 10.1002/epd2.20203. [LINK](#).



You can consult recent publications on rare and complex epilepsies, epilepsy surgery and other topics on our [scientific publications webpage](#).

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A WORD FROM OUR ePAGs

Different faces of rare and complex epilepsies

“It is our pleasure to announce the second conference titled DIFFERENT FACES OF RARE AND COMPLEX EPILEPSIES, organised by Dravet syndrome Croatia, that will be held in Split, Croatia at hotel Amphora from Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th of October 2024. The conference aims to encourage knowledge sharing and productive discussions on rare and complex epilepsies, and it will be hybrid, both in person and online. On 18th of October, panel discussions will be held for healthcare professionals in English, and on 19th of October panel discussion will be held in Croatian. For more information, [visit its website](#).”



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