Name of Chapter: Malaysian Society of Neurosciences

Affiliate: Epilepsy Council of Malaysia

**The 2011-2012 Epilepsy Council Malaysia consists of:**

**Chairman:**

Prof. Dato’ Dr. Raymond Azman Ali

**Secretary:**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wong Sau Wei

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Dr. Azmi Abdul Rashid

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1. Prof. Dr. Tan Chong Tin
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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. 8 March 2011
2. 28 May 2011
3. 1 November 2012

Annual AGM were held in May 2011 during MSN AGM and all the three existing office bearers will continue for another term ( 2012-2013)

Next annual AGM will be held in June 13 during MSN AGM

**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 2011 although the ECM has received partial funding from the Neuroscience Foundation in Dec 2009 and Dec 2010.

The council decided to put on hold until after the national general election.

Datuk Dr Raihanah was interviewed on Epilepsy by Metro Harian which was organized by Pantai Hospital

**2. Educational activities**

A series of workshop and lectures were conducted by ECM members to other healthcare professionals throughout 2012.

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

1. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Management of epilepsy in Malaysia”*** at the GSK round table discussion with Prof Patrick Kwan on Epilepsy Disease Burden and Treatment Option, Hilton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, 25 February 2012.
2. Delivered 4 lectures to the year 2 medical students at **Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidi**n, Kuala Terengganu, 17 May 2012 entitled “Cranial nerve disorders”, “Differential diagnosis of blackouts”, “clinical approach to epilepsy” and “diagnostic approach to weakness”.

1. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Psychogenic Non Epileptic Seizures”*** at the 8th Kuala Lumpur Mental Health Conference, organised by the Badan Kebajikan Psikiatri, Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, 4 July 2012.

1. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Differential Diagnosis of Blackouts”*** at Neuroscience 2012, the 23rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences, Pullman Hotel, 8 July 2012.
2. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Approach to Fits, Faints and Funny Turns”*** at the Penang Neurology Update, Penang Hospital, 13 July 2012.
3. Delivered a plenary lecture (as Tokoh Penyelidik) entitled ***“The Molecular Basis of Epilepsy”*** at the 14th Research Week of the Health Sciences, UKM, 16 July 2012.
4. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Semiology of spells and seizures”*** at the Johor Neurology Update, Monash University Clinical Campus, Johor Bahru, 13 October 2012.
5. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Semiology of Generalised Seizures”*** at the Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA) Teaching Course in “Classification, Semiology and Differential Diagnoses of Seizures and Epilepsies”, Makassar, Indonesia, 11 November 2012.
6. Delivered a lecture entitled ***“Other Differential Diagnoses of Seizures and Epilepsies”*** at the Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA) Teaching Course in “Classification, Semiology and Differential Diagnoses of Seizures and Epilepsies”, Makassar, Indonesia, 11 November 2012.

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

1. Neuro Update: Epilepsy and Status Epilepticus. Academy of Medicine 21 April 2012
2. East Coast Neurology Update. 24 May 2012 Hotel Permai, Kuala Terengganu
3. EEG monitoring in localisation. 6-8 July 2012 MSN Pullman Putrajaya
4. Seizures and CNS infection. 6-8 July 2012 MSN Pullman Putrajaya

**By Datuk Dr Raihanah Abdul Khalid :**

1. Delivered a lecture entitled “ **Seizures – When the drugs don’t work**” at GP & Physician workshop, Grand Dorsett Hotel, Subang Jaya, Oct 12
2. As part of lecture series for Post-Gradute Nurses’ promgramme in Critical Care- talk on Epilepsy , and another one on Status Epilepticus, at the Tun Tan Cheng Lock College of Nursing, PJ throughout Sept – Oct 2012
3. Epilepsy awareness talk to Parents-Teachers Association at Sekolah Sungai Dua, Penang, June 2012

**By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wong Sau Wei:**

1. Delivered a lecture entitled “ Benign Epilepsies in Childhood” at East Coast Neurology Update, 24 May 2012 Hotel Permai, Kuala Trengganu

**By Dr. Ahamd Rithauddin:**

1. Delivered a lecture entitled “ **Update on Treatment of Intractable Epilepsies**” An Update of Pediatric Neurology 2012, 23-25 September, 2012, Auritorium, Kota Bahru Nursing College, Kota Bahru
2. Delivered a lecture entitled “ **Common Pediatric Epilepsy Syndromes**” Pharmacy Practice Scientific Conference, 23 March 2012, Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur
3. Delivered a lecture entitled “ **Fits, Faints and Funny Turn**” , Pediatric Workshop for GPs organized y UBM Medica, 1st July 2012, Hotel Saujana, Subang Jaya
4. Delivered a lecture entitled “ **EEG Monitoring in Chidlren**”, 23rd MSN Annual Congress, 6th July 2012, Hotel Pullman, Putrajaya

**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( UKMMC and UITM) and a letter from IMR containing a counter suggestion to this research initiative. Due to IMR lab was burnt and can’t carry out the test, the council decided to divide equally amongst UKMMC and UITM. Due to there is no further reply from UITM, the council decided to allocate all the fund to UKMMC. The test kit is still in progress abd is expected to be ready for communication by 2013

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