

ILAE,

COMMISSION ON CLASSIFICATION AND
TERMINOLOGY

Dear Sir:

I have read carefully your dossier about new ideas in classification and terminology, and my suggestions are as follow:

In **MODE OF SEIZURE ONSET**, three points of discussion:

1) When you say: localized (1) more widely distributed (2) limited to one hemisphere (3) or bilateral (4), there is a fifth category lacking between 3-4 that is: **"bilateral with clear predominance from one side of the brain"**.

2) The last category **"bilateral unclassified epileptic seizures"** must continue, because it will be impossible to hold a classification so complete that includes all clinical spectrum. It will be better to let a door opened for very rare unknown presentations.

3) If you desire to eliminate the term *secondary generalized*, you must replace in some way the distinction between "convulsions *d'emblée*" vs. **"auras followed by convulsions"**.

Finally, my own definition of Epilepsy: "excessive neuronal discharges, excitatory or inhibitory in nature, during a certain period of time, arising in the brain and secondary to upper CNS lesions or dysfunction, which interferes with behavior and/or consciousness in a paroxysmic manner termed seizures, which tend to repeat if there is not treatment to avoid them".

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