

First and Second Scientific Congresses of the ILAE 1910–1912

The second meeting of the ILAE was held on 4th and 7th October 1910 during the 4th International Congress on the Care and Treatment of the Insane in Berlin, at which 60 papers were given on the topic of insanity.

As souvenirs, delegates were given an 'elegant' 666–page volume on German hospitals and a similar work on Austrian asylums. Salvarsan was pronounced a disappointment in treating paralysis, and phenobarbital (Luminal) – made by Bayer & Co. – a 'good hypnotic'. The ILAE met for two afternoons. Amongst the papers subsequently published were articles on criminality among epileptics (Veit, Wuhlgarten) and physiopathological research in epilepsy (Muskens).



Alfred Ulrich, who was the host at the 3rd ILAE meeting in Zurich

The third meeting was held on September 1912 in Zurich. Here, 15 lectures were given, ranging from low–salt food in epilepsy, to alcohol–induced epilepsy, to twilight states, the curability of epilepsy, and new surgical and medical methods of treating the disease.



Prussian House of Deputies, where the ILAE meeting in Berlin was held

Programme of the ILAE meeting Zurich in 1912

- Report on low–salt food in the treatment of epilepsy
- Report on alcoholism and epilepsy
- Internal secretion and epilepsy
- The curability of epilepsy
- Variations in the manifestations of epilepsy
- Myoclonic reflexes in vertebrates and invertebrates
- New experiences with surgical treatment in epilepsy
- Motor signs in alcoholic epilepsy
- Some phases of the institutional work at the New Jersey Institution for Epileptics
- Observations on the treatment of classical forms of epilepsy
- Surgical treatment of epilepsy
- Genuine epilepsy as a manifestation of catatonia
- Alcohol–induced epilepsy in Russia
- New methods of treating epilepsy