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Four Visiting Professors were scheduled for 2023, three to new countries for the project. Two have taken place, one in Sri Lanka in February with Visiting Professors Tissa, Fayyaz Ahmed and Surat Tanprawate (who joined virtually), and another for the first time in Vietnam in August, with Min Kyung Chu from Korea representing IHS. Two further Visiting Professors are planned for Laos and Pakistan later in the year.

Members of the Education Committee evaluated and selected recipients for the Headache Trainee programme. The committee also participated, together with the Scientific Committee, in selecting a recipient of the IHS Fellowship. The Education Committee warmly encourages applicants to apply for these grants in 2024 as well.

The committee also continued to review programmes from national and regional conferences to receive endorsement at the request of the Board. In general, these were approved, with some feedback to the organisers.

Videos, podcasts and webinars have been posted on the IHS Learning Centre and social media channels over the past year. In June, the Education Committee launched a campaign on medication-overuse headache together with the Communications Committee. Each campaign consisted of a three-part video series on each headache disorder, with the content to target a broad viewership that includes patients as well as healthcare professionals. The purpose was to provide open-access material that delivers a concise overview of the definition, prevalence, diagnostic criteria, clinical features, and therapies for each headache disorder. To underscore the global nature of IHS, we have posted the video series by speakers in languages such as Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, and Arabic. A new campaign on trigeminal neuralgia is planned and will launch later this year. Dr. Claire Sandoe has successfully produced several great podcasts over the year, currently podcasts in a new series, Mentorship in Headache Medicine, are being released.

The Education Committee released an online course on migraine via a new Learning Institute on the IHS website. The course is CME accredited and available for all IHS members. Two courses on cluster headache and CSF pressure disorders are currently being produced and will launch soon.

In collaboration with Professor Aynur Özge and the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) the Education Committee has created three learning courses on headache for family physicians, which is expected to launch on the IHS website soon. The Education Committee would like to thank Professor Özge for her great initiative and work on this project.
The Education Committee would also like to thank all the IHS members, who have contributed greatly to all the online activities – without their great work, this would not have been possible. The committee would also like to thank IHS Administrator Carol Taylor and the Communications Committee, who have been of key importance in collaborating with and advertising about the educational activities on various media platforms.

Education has been and continues to be a big part of the mission of the society. As Chair and on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the HIS Board for their enthusiastic support of all we do. It is an exciting time to be in the headache field and the worldwide reach of our educational activities is helping to expand the field immensely.

Respectfully submitted by:

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