

## CLAE February 2024 Newsletter



### In Memoriam

#### Dr. Robert Mark Sadler



It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Dr. Robert Mark Sadler, age 70, on December 26, 2023, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, after a brief illness.

Mark was born in Saint John, New Brunswick to Robert and Shirley (Fulton) Sadler. He is survived by wife Keltie English, daughters Meredith (Luke Siemens) and Leigh (William Mackay), grandson Henry Mackay, brothers David (Paula Barry) and John (Barbara Sadler), and numerous nieces and nephews.

After obtaining his medical degree at Dalhousie University in 1977, Mark completed a Neurology residency and Epilepsy fellowship at the University of Western Ontario. He started his practice in St. John's, Newfoundland, then returned to Halifax in 1988 for the remainder of his career where he was Professor of Medicine (Neurology) at Dalhousie University. He served as Neurology Residency Program Director at Dalhousie University from 1995-2001.

For decades, Mark was the leading light in epilepsy care in Atlantic Canada. He was pivotal in establishing a state of the art 4-bed Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre and the only comprehensive epilepsy surgical programme in Atlantic Canada. He served terms as President for the Canadian League Against Epilepsy, Chief Examiner for the Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists EEG Examination, and Vice-President for Epilepsy Canada.

It is impossible to quantify the impact that Mark has had on thousands of people with epilepsy and their families. He will be greatly missed by his family and a global network of friends and colleagues.

In memoriam donations can be made to The R. Mark Sadler Fellowship in Clinical Epilepsy and Neurophysiology via

<https://my.qe2foundation.ca/the-mark-sadler-fellowship>

For the full obituary please visit [here](#).



Congratulations to the 2024 Penry Kiffin Award winners!

Gianluca D'Onofrio

Andy Ng

# CLAE 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting



You are invited to submit proposals for a plenary session or workshop for the CLAE Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Montréal, QC, from October 25-27, 2024.

**The deadline for submission is March 24, 2024.**

[For More Information Visit Here](#)

CLAE 2024 Camfield Fundraiser Symposium and  
Dinner



**THE RIDDLES OF CHILDHOOD EPILEPSY  
AND THE ROAD AHEAD:**  
*HONOURING THE LEGACY OF CAROL AND PETER CAMFIELD*



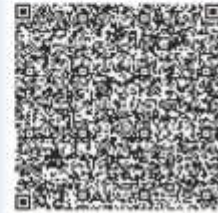
**April 8, 2024**

The Hospital for Sick Children  
Toronto, Canada

A symposium and fundraiser to celebrate the legacy of world-renowned pediatric epilepsy experts Drs. Carol and Peter Camfield. Funds raised will support the Camfield Epilepsy Research Fund, in collaboration with the Canadian League Against Epilepsy.

Register now:

[HTTPS://CVENT.ME/NVKKOG](https://cvent.me/nVkkOG)



**Symposium Faculty**

Dr. Anne Berg	Dr. Ingrid Scheffer
Dr. Richard Chin	Dr. Renee Shellhaus
Dr. Mary Connolly	Dr. Mary Lou Smith
Dr. Pamela Cooper	Dr. Kathy Speechley
Dr. Elizabeth Donner	Dr. Sunita Vohra
Dr. Rima Nabbout	Dr. Elaine Wirrell
Dr. Kathleen Nolan	

**Gala Dinner**

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Arcadian Court  
401 Bay Street  
Toronto, Canada

Questions? Contact Christine Kowal: [christine.kowal@sickkids.ca](mailto:christine.kowal@sickkids.ca)

[Click Here to Register!](#)



## Education Initiatives



Education initiatives have been developing with [CETN EEG series](#) launched, as well as expert speaker series which can be viewed [here](#).



The CLAE is proud to announce the development of an e-journal club dedicated for epilepsy fellows across Canada. These are held once a month Friday 12-1PM EST. Upcoming sessions for 2024 are: Feb 9 / Mar 7 / Apr 12 / May 10 / Jun 14 / Jul 12 / Aug 12 / Sep 13 / Oct 11 / Nov 8 / Dec 13

Trainees, faculty and health professionals of an epilepsy program are welcome to join. The primary focus will be on fostering a community of life-long learning, collaboration, mentorship and inclusivity in **post-graduate epilepsy education**. The e-journal club is lead by Dr. Anita Datta and co-lead by Dr. Paula Marquez. If your training program would like to be involved, please email the CLAE.

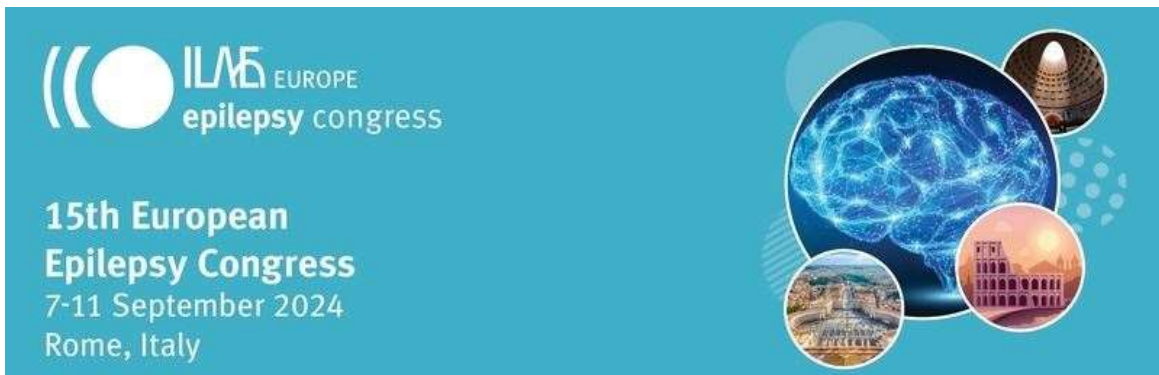
## Upcoming CLAE Project

The CLAE is developing a database of ongoing clinical trials which will be posted on the CLAE website.

The Medical Therapeutics Committee is looking for submissions to include in this online resource.

Please submit your clinical trials to [clae@secretariatcentral.com](mailto:clae@secretariatcentral.com).

## ILAE News and Updates



**Autoimmune Epilepsies Survey**

The ILAE [Young Epilepsy Section \(YES\)](#) is in support of a study on variabilities of practices and access to testing in seizures/epilepsy of autoimmune etiology with focus on care providers' familiarity with such diagnosis and management.

The [survey](#), conducted by a research team with Western University, should take approximately 5 minutes to complete, and all responses provided will remain completely anonymous. If you had any questions, please contact [rochelle.sorzano@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:rochelle.sorzano@lhsc.on.ca).

Participation deadline: 29 February 2024

[Complete Survey Here](#)

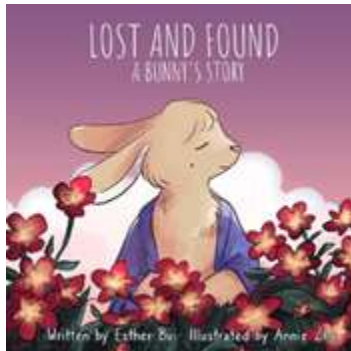
## New Health Care Initiative



To address ongoing clinical and healthcare system challenges facing epilepsy in Ontario, all existing provincial epilepsy-related programs, resources and stakeholders have been unified into a clinical and community network, designated OPEN (Ontario Provincial Epilepsy Network). This is a clinical network, modelled on the Alberta Strategic Clinical Network model, whose aim is to integrate clinicians and consumers and identify and address systems-based healthcare problems in order to improve delivery of care.

Its aim is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Ministry of Health in epilepsy related matters in Ontario.

New Book



## Lost and Found: A Bunny's Story

A newly published children's book for parents with medical illness.

For anyone who has ever struggled to find the words to talk to young children about parental illness, this children's storybook helps parents find the right words using the universal theme of love. Told through the eyes of one mommy bunny and her children, *Lost and Found - A Bunny's Story* is a beautiful tale filled with adventure, bravery, and the saving grace of love. This children's book was written by Dr. Bui and illustrated by Dr. Annie Zhu to empower parents facing illness to create an authentic narrative of their lived experiences for their children. In the words of one reader a "truly huggable book".

*Now available on Amazon with proceeds supporting the Women's Neurology program, University of Toronto.*

Available on Amazon.ca <https://a.co/d/bUTw00J>

Available on Amazon.com <https://a.co/d/iN7j3D5>

Also available in print on Amazon UK, Netherlands, France, France, Germain, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Poland, Australia

## Upcoming Events



Vancouver  
22-25 May 2024  
CANADA





Abstract submissions closed on October 31, 2023.

[More details here](#)

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A practical and hands on  
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“Please ‘SAVE THE DATE’ for the **2nd Annual Canadian Stereo-EEG** course to gain hands-on experience and cultivate your skills. The conference will include internationally renowned speakers and experienced faculty that will instruct you in solving theoretical cases. Specialist with diverse training, levels of knowledge and experience will assist participants in increasing their knowledge about paediatric Stereo-EEG.

**Event Details:**

2nd Annual Paediatric Canadian SEEG Conference

**Date:** 01-03 November 2024

**Location:** Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre- London, Ontario, Canada

**Registration:** To open April 2024

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