Abstract:
Epilepsy although known for ages, was shrouded in mystery and superstition even after it was described as a brain disorder by Hippocrates (400 BC), known as the father of modern medicine. The modern approach to diagnosis and treatment started around 150 years ago, mostly in Western Europe. A British neurologist John Hughlings Jackson made major contribution in the 19th century to prove without doubt Epilepsy as a Brain Dysfunction.

The Special Epilepsy Centers started also in Western Europe in the 19th century, initially as Homes for People with Epilepsy (PWE), which over the past 100 years developed into modern and fully equipped Epilepsy (Neuro) Centers. In Switzerland there are three such centers in Zurich, Tschugg/Bern, Lavigny/Vaud. Swiss Epilepsy Center Zurich was founded in 1896, has evolved itself into a center of National importance, is considered one of the six best such centers worldwide (Davidson, 1988). Switzerland offers in addition to this, the State of the Art facilities for PWE at the neurology Departments of the University Hospitals in Zurich, Basel, Bern, Geneva and Lausanne.