

## Athanasios Covanis: A brief CV

Dr Covanis graduated from Athens Medical School. He subsequently worked in UK for 11 years in paediatrics, neonatology, child neurology, adult neurology, neurophysiology, and epilepsy. He has obtained amongst others the: Diploma in child health Glasgow University, Diploma in Pediatrics Athens University, and Diploma in Adult Neurology Athens University.

Since mid-80 until late 2010 he had been the Director of Neurology and Neurophysiology Department, at the Children's Hospital Agia Sophia, in Athens.

Dr Covanis is the current President of the International Bureau for Epilepsy-IBE for the period 2013 to 2017 and also the current President of the ILAE and IBE Greek chapters.

Dr Covanis has organized in Greece: Ten Pan-Hellenic epilepsy congresses with international participation and fifteen educational epilepsy workshops for young doctors interested in epilepsy. He was the local organizer of the 7<sup>th</sup> Epilepsy and Society Conference in Athens in 2000, the 7<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Epilepsy Conference in Athens in 2001, the International Epilepsy and Co-Morbidity Conference in Athens in 2003 and the 9<sup>th</sup> European Epilepsy Congress in June 2010 in Rhodes, Greece.

Dr Covanis has given many lectures on epilepsy and has contributed as author and co- author in several articles, in different journals and chapters of books.

The International Epilepsy Community has honored dr Covanis with the Ambassador for Epilepsy Award.