The first (1) and second (2) editions of the International Classification of Headache Disorders were well received and have formed the basis of clinical research over the last quarter century. The third edition is now keenly awaited (3).

The beta version will be available in 2013 with a number of important changes. I will illustrate some and encourage attendees to feedback on this third edition.

Chronic migraine is now defined in the main body and includes patients with aura.

Tension-type headache remains unchanged with the complexity of dissecting out if photophobia or phonophobia are acceptable parts of that phenotype.

Hemicrania continua has been moved to section three and the cranial autonomic features have been standardized across the syndromes.

Entities such as nummular headache (4) and hypnic headache (5) have been included in section four.

Medication overuse headache has had its definition streamlined.

New conditions contained in the appendix include Infantile Colic (6), and visual snow (7).
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