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I am professor of Neurology at the Yonsei University College of Medicine(YUCM) and Director of Yonsei Neuroscience Center in Seoul, Korea. I got my MD degree at the YUCM in 1974. I took Neurology Residency at the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis, MN, from 1980 to 1983, and then took the Epilepsy and Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. I served as a faculty of Neurology at the Indiana University Medical Center from 1984 to 1988, which was followed by a service as a Neurology Faculty at the YUCM.

I found the first Comprehensive Epilepsy Care Program in Korea in 1988 with the introduction of V-EEG monitoring and Epilepsy Surgery. Yonsei Epilepsy Symposium(YES) has been held annually from 1994 to 1999, and then biannually to promote knowledge and skills in epilepsy care for epileptologists in Korea. I was instrumental for the organization of Korean Epilepsy Society(KES) in June, 1996. I was the 2nd and the 3rd President of KES and has been serving as the Honorary President since 2002. My official services to other academic organizations include the Secretary General of the 9th AOCN(1993-1996), CEO and President of Korean Neurological Association(2007-2010), President of Korean Neurocritical Society(2008~), and Chair of the Council of National Medical College Professors(2007-2011).

My contribution to the Epilepsy Community of Asian and Oceanian Region was started at 1993, when I participated as a member of AOEO(Chair: M Seino of Japan). I continued my service as the chair of the organizing committee of the Inaugural Congress of AOEO in September, 1996, a member of the Commission on Developing Countries of ILAE(1997-2001) and a member of the subcommittee for the guidelines of AEDs Therapy of ILAE in 1999. I was a member of CAOA; 1997 to 2001, a member of ASEPA; 2003-2007 and 2011-2015, and is currently serving as a chair of CAOA. I have been organizing Yonsei Epilepsy Preceptorship, a biannual teaching program for neurologists practicing in Asia, since 2003.

My research is related to epilepsy surgery, neuroimaging, and antiepileptic drug therapy. I applied SPECT to the presurgical evaluation of intractable epilepsy in 1986, which was the pioneering work for imaging based localization of epileptogenic zone. I initiated the first randomized clinical trials of AEDs in Korea, and have been involved with many local and international clinical trials of AEDs. I am an author of 100 peer reviewed publications and 5 book chapters.