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Dear Friends,

It is a great honour to be elected as your President for the 2013-2017 term. I wish to express my deep gratitude to all the Chapters and individuals that supported my candidacy. I also wish to express my appreciation for Dr. Tatsuya Tanaka, who was the first to congratulate me on the election results. Dr Tanaka's campaign raised many key issues that will undoubtedly be part of action plan that the League will have in the next four years.

Your support reinforces my commitment to serve our constituency to the best of my efforts and capabilities. During the next term, top priorities will be to address the treatment gap, promote epilepsy care and research, foster the education and the mentoring of the younger generation of epileptologists, and continue advocacy initiatives for people with epilepsy. I look very much forward to working together with the next Executive Committee, our Chapters, IBE and all our members towards achieving these goals. By joining forces we will be able to make progress, and with your help much can be achieved.

A crucial component of teamwork is communication – I encourage all of you from this very moment to contact me and contribute with your ideas and suggestions as we develop the agenda of the League for the next term. I look forward to work with you towards the fulfilling of our vision - a world in which no person's life is limited by epilepsy.

Yours faithfully

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President-Elect, ILAE

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