

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Brief Biography:

My interest in epilepsy started under the late Fritz Dreifuss, a former president of the ILAE and a faculty member at the University of Virginia. He had established one of the first truly comprehensive epilepsy programs in the United States, modeled after centers in the United Kingdom and Europe. His passion for the disease inspired many of us to become epileptologists. My international orientation began as my family traveled the world with my father's different assignments. Living in Germany and Nepal for several years each gave me an international perspective that was strengthened during the year when I left the university to work on the farm in Germany that had been my grandfather's childhood home.

My career has involved a combination of laboratory and clinical research as well as clinical care. I built the epilepsy monitoring unit and epilepsy surgery program at the University of Virginia over 20 years ago. I served as the Director of Research at SEIN in the Netherlands for several years. Through education posts with the American Epilepsy Society and, more recently through committee work in the American Academy of Neurology, I have learned how specialty organizations serve their members and the public. My association with the ILAE started in 2005. As ILAE Information Officer I have been able to work with League members from all of our regions. They have taught me about the very different issues that are faced by clinicians and patients in each country. Serving as Information Officer and as Editor for *Epigraph* has helped me understand the operation of the League, the issues faced by our colleagues and patients around the world, and the importance of getting the epilepsy message out to the rest of the world.

Selected Service to the ILAE:

Organizing Committee, Workshop on the Neurobiology of Epilepsy, France, 2005; Secretary, Commission on Neurobiology of Epilepsy 2005-2009; Associate Editor, *Epilepsia*, 2006-; Information Officer, 2007-; Editor, *Epigraph*, 2007-; Ex officio member, Executive Committee, 2007-2011; Faculty, Advanced International Course: Bridging Basic with Clinical Epileptology, San Servolo, Venice, 2008, 2011, 2014; Chair, ILAE Task Force on Reports and Position Statements. 2011-2013; Member, ILAE Publications Task Force, 2014-; Member, ILAE Communications Task Force, 2014-.

Selected American Epilepsy Society Service:

Task Force for Meeting Reorganization, 1998-2000; Council on Education, 2000-2010; Chair, Committee for Enduring Materials Education, 2000-2004; Task Force for Animal Models and Antiepileptic Drug Development, 2001-03; Chair, CME Committee, 2004-2006; Co-Chair Mid-Year Meeting Planning Committee 2005-2006; Chair Education Development Committee, 2007-2010; Member, Budget Committee, 2007-2009.

Selected Other Service:

Co-organizer and co-chair, NINDS Conferences for models to identify improved epilepsy therapies, 2001, 2002, 2010; Science Committee, American Academy of Neurology, 2011-; Neuroscience is Essential Task Force, American Academy of Neurology, 2015-.

Editorial Activities:

Field Editor, *Epilepsy Currents*, 2002-2004; Editorial Board, *Epilepsy Research*, 2005-2008; Associate Editor, *Epilepsia*, 2006-; Editor, *Epigraph*, 2007-; Editorial Board, *Neurobiology of Disease*, 2015-; Interim co-Editor in Chief, *Epilepsia*, 2015.

Publications: over 75 peer reviewed articles, 95 published abstracts and 35 invited chapters or reviews.