

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

With chapters in 127 countries, the ILAE is the premiere society representing medical and allied health professionals who share the goal of improving the lives of persons with epilepsy throughout the world. During my many years of service to the ILAE, especially while being the Treasurer and Vice-President, I became aware of the unique nature and strengths of our organization. I have worked side by side with eminent ILAE Presidents and dedicated colleagues on the Executive Committee, Regional Boards, Chapters, Councils and Commissions. In my view, the future of the ILAE should be built upon the successes generated by the commitment and dedication of our international pool of talented members, chapter leaders, and regional representatives. If elected President, my focus will be on pursuing our mission together:

- **Foster the implementation of the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders (IGAP) (2022-2031), its strategic objectives and goals worldwide.** In the next term, it will be vital to leverage this unprecedented opportunity for epilepsy. It is my strong commitment, as for many years I had the privilege to lead the efforts of the epilepsy community, paving the way to the triumphant adoption of IGAP by all the Member states at the World Health Assembly, and then coordinating IGAP implementation as the Chair of the Global Advocacy Council.
- **Ensure the continuing development of ILAE Regions and Chapters.** My many years of service at multiple levels have helped me understand your needs and I will be able to foster the implementation of chapter- and region-specific actions leveraging your rich local experience to provide effective services and strong advocacy for epilepsy.
- **Advance high-quality epilepsy education worldwide.** As the mentor of young doctors from many countries, recipient of the European Educational Award and founder of the Migrating Course in Epilepsy, I have demonstrated my commitment to education. Promoting the expansion of the ILAE educational portfolio, further developing the ILAE and regional Academies, encouraging initiatives of the Chapters and Regions, incorporating novel technologies and stimulating programs for primary care will be one of my top priorities.
- **Foster research and innovations in epilepsies.** I will foster and champion initiatives that bridge the gap between basic science and clinical practice, advocate for increased funding for epilepsy research, promote inclusivity, facilitate integration of big data analytics and artificial intelligence, considering its ethical use.
- **Ensure financial sustainability and growth of the ILAE.** Based on my experience as the ILAE Treasurer, if elected, I will focus on investing in our mission, addressing the needs of the Organization, its Commissions, Regions and Chapters, maintaining a sustainable economic model with transparent and responsible allocation of resources.
- **Expand key partnerships between the WHO, ILAE and IBE and strengthen the collaboration** with the WFN, ICNA and other leading professional organizations in brain health.

My commitment to the ILAE is longstanding. I strongly believe that we should work together to fulfil our mission: to create a world where no person's life is limited by epilepsy.

*Respectfully Yours,
Professor Alla Guekht*