

ILAE Executive Committee Nominees

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Personal Statement

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Dear friends,

Let me first thank all who gave me their vote at the Presidential election. Even if I was not elected, I much appreciated the support that was given to me. When I now present myself as a candidate for one of the other offices of the ILAE, I wish again to make quite sure that I do not consider myself as representing only one particular region. The ILAE is a global organization, and I have both profited in my career from the worldwide exchange of ideas and experiences, and made my own modest contribution to international epileptology – by my basic research on epileptogenesis, my work in the ILAE Commissions on Neurobiology and Education, my involvement in the lay organizations supporting patients with epilepsy (in Brazil and in the International Bureau for Epilepsy), and by my work for the improvement of research and networking for epilepsy in the developing world.

As faculty member of San Servolo advanced courses I was so impressed that I initiated the annual Latin American Summer Schools on Epilepsy which now for the third time under my direction have been instrumental in developing epilepsy in Latin America. Consequently I have also been entrusted with running the permanent secretariat of the Latin American Epilepsy Academy. One of my priorities as a member of the ILAE Executive would be to use these experiences to further develop the educational agenda of our organization, with special emphasis on the needs of underserved countries and regions. I also would focus on the development of global networks for research with the participation of low economy countries. My background in the health politics of my own country and the international relations which resulted from it, e.g. with TWAS, the Academy of Sciences of the Developing World, give me unique opportunities to do this efficiently.

Sincerely,

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