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LETTER OF INTENT—Election of ILAE Vice-president, Secretary General and Treasurer

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have received sufficient nominations to stand as a candidate for one of the three elected officer positions of the ILAE Executive, namely Secretary General, Treasurer or Vice-President. I count this as an enormous privilege, and I would like to ask for the support of your Chapter in the final phase of the elections, which consists of voting for your candidates.

As an elected officer of the ILAE, I will continue to strive to serve our constituency and to further our common goals as we stand up for epilepsy together. My tenure as Secretary General of the ILAE during the past three years has given me a solid grasp of the challenges and opportunities of the epilepsy community around the world. The ILAE is a mature, global organization with an enviable position in terms of chapter membership, productivity and collaborations with key organizations such as the World Health Organization and the International Bureau for Epilepsy. Its goals are lofty, but so are its responsibilities. Much remains to be done to achieve our collective aims in the fight against epilepsy. I identify fully with the vision of our President-elect, Emilio Perucca, whose top priorities will be to address the treatment gap, promote epilepsy care and research, foster education and mentoring of younger generations, and advocate for people with epilepsy.

I bring to the ILAE Executive a rich and varied experience in leadership in the League, and I am eager to work with you and with the new Executive to realize our potential as clinicians, educators, advocates and researchers in epilepsy.

As an elected officer of the ILAE executive, I will devote my efforts to enhance cooperation and teamwork, to listen attentively to our constituency, and to pursue our collective vision with determination. I would be greatly honoured to have the vote of your Chapter.

Sincerely,

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Curriculum Vitae

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Training:

- Medical Doctor, University of Guadalajara, Mexico
- Internal Medicine, National University of Mexico
- Neurology, University of Western Ontario, Canada
- Masters of Science (Clinical Epidemiology), McMaster University, Ontario, Canada
- Epilepsy and EEG, University of Western Ontario, Canada



Current positions:

- Professor and Head, Division of Neurology, University of Calgary
- Director, Comprehensive Epilepsy Programme, Calgary, Canada
- Director, Clinical Research, Hotchkiss Brain Institute, Calgary, Canada
- Chair, Clinical Neurosciences Research Unit, University of Calgary, Canada
- Chair, Canadian Epilepsy Study Group, Canada
- Secretary General, International League Against Epilepsy

Academic Activities:

- Outcomes research in Epilepsy and Neurology, including the areas of knowledge synthesis and translation, patient-oriented outcomes, surgical trials in epilepsy, epidemiological studies and health services research
- Journal Editorial Boards (past and present): Neurology, Epilepsia, Epilepsy & Behavior, Epileptic Disorders, Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences, Neurosciences Journal, Revista de Salud.
- Reviewer for over 30 scientific journals.
- Review Panels, Scientific Committees and Peer reviewed funding (past and present): NINDS, Canadian Institutes for Health Research, Albert Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, American Epilepsy Society, Epilepsy Foundation of America
- 320 Peer-reviewed publications, 3,200 citations, h-Index 33.

Awards, Distinctions, Leadership (past and present)

- University of Calgary: Kinsmen Chair of Pediatric Neurosciences. Hopewell Professor of Clinical Neurosciences Research. Induction to Hall of Distinguished Awards.
- Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences
- Past-president of the Canadian League Against Epilepsy
- Past-chair of the North American Regional Commission, International League Against Epilepsy
- Scientific Program Director, American Epilepsy Society 2004
- Co-chair 1st African Epilepsy Congress, Nairobi, Kenya
- Co-Chair 30th International Epilepsy Congress, Montreal, Canada