

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to submit my candidacy for a position on the management Committee of the International League Against Epilepsy. With over three decades of experience in the field of neurology, coupled with my leadership roles within the epilepsy community, I am confident that my expertise and dedication will significantly contribute to the mission and goals of the ILAE.

As the President of the Tunisian Epilepsy Chapter and the past Chair of the ILAE-Eastern Mediterranean Region, I have been deeply involved in promoting epilepsy awareness, improving patient care, and fostering research and education in epilepsy. My leadership in organizing regional conferences, underscores my commitment to advancing the understanding and treatment of epilepsy on both a local and global scale. My professional journey as a child neurologist has provided me with extensive clinical experience and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with epilepsy. I believe that by working collaboratively, we can bridge gaps and ensure that every person with epilepsy receives the highest standard of care, regardless of their geographic location.

If elected to the management Committee, I will focus on the following key areas:

Continue and strengthen actions to achieve the **implementation of the Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders (IGAP) (2022-2031)**, particularly in the regions that need it most in the world, by facilitating access to information and training and by sponsoring them in their actions. Many things have been accomplished since 2021, "step by step to implement IGAP in EMR" which will be published by the EMR commission, webinars, conferences in congresses, etc. but much remains to be done to help chapters and the international community as set up pilot projects, support documents for advocacy, good governance, health pathways according to the capacities and needs of the countries.

Strengthen work with ILAE chapters through ILAE regional committees, helping them with logistical and budgetary means to implement actions and achieve their objectives. Increase the number of ILAE affiliated chapters in certain regions and improve their visibility in the international community. During my term as a chair of EMR, 6 chapters was added in the EMR.

My commitment **to improving epilepsy education** dates back several decades through the establishment of a master's degree in epileptology in my university for French-speaking countries, the establishment of the EMR educational program, regional courses, fellowships and teaching visitors in the EMR. Convinced that language can no longer be a barrier to training and scientific development, ILAE training courses have been held in French for the French-speaking countries of EMR and in November the PET course will be delivered in French for the first time.

Strengthen and develop epilepsy research, especially in countries that do not have the logistical, human and financial means to do so by setting up a research training program, pilot research projects in partnership with international research centers. Helping countries develop their epilepsy databases and using available technological means to improve the diagnosis and treatment of people with epilepsy are research priorities in certain countries and regions.

Openness to other organizations: strengthen and develop collaboration with international organizations such as IBE, WHO, ICNA and WFN in projects in favor of epilepsy. My involvement in the executive committees of IBE, WHO and ICNA will allow me to implement collaborative projects to improve the care of PWE.

I am eager to contribute my skills, knowledge, and passion to further the goals of the ILAE and to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by epilepsy globally.

Respectfully Yours,

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