

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am not a politician and am not comfortable with self-promotion, but believe we have a duty to serve if we can.

If elected, I promise to listen to you, and to be a strong voice for regional education and service development, aiming to match the differing needs and priorities of local communities. I promise to be an agent for change when needed to ensure the ILAE is truly globally representative and with balanced priorities rather than being overcentralised.

Many of us have worked together during my terms as ILAE Asia-Oceania (ILAE_AO) secretary (2009-2013, 2017-2021), chair of the Asian Epilepsy Academy (2016-2019) and now chair and acting-treasurer of ILAE_AO and member of the ILAE executive committee, global advocacy council and congress council (2021-2025).

We have worked as partners with people with epilepsy to improve care, primarily through education and mentoring, and to develop strategies to serve local needs. I have learnt that so many people are doing great work despite the lack of resources and who give so much – so many people who deserve strong support.

Whilst the world has so many different cultures and languages, we have common goals. We want a better life for our families and people, inclusive of people with epilepsy, and these goals have not changed despite the challenging times we are now living in.

We can support each other by sharing our challenges and solutions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dunne', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Dunne