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Dear Friends and colleagues,

International league against epilepsy (ILAE) consists of 118 chapters with a total membership of 17,000 people working for people with epilepsy, for mainly 4 viewpoints such as patient care, education, clinical and basic research, and social improvement. I have belonged to Japan Epilepsy Society (JES) since 1990, whose memberships currently more than 3000, with multidisciplinary membership of neurology, psychiatry, pediatric neurology and neurosurgery. JES is one of the largest chapters within ILAE. I currently serve as the president of JES (2017-2021) following the vice-president (2013-2017).

I also have had the privilege to be served as the chair of ILAE-Asia Oceania (formerly called as CAOAA) since 2017 (until 2021). ILAE-Asia Oceania consists of 20 chapters among the whole Asian area such as East Asia, South East Asia, South Asia and Oceania area. It is the largest region out of 6 regional commissions in membership, and it is also heterogenous region in the ILAE with regard to religion; economical state, geographical factors and medical care system. I was also served as the Executive committee member of ILAE as the representative from ILAE-Asia Oceania. Both internationally provided me with the great opportunity to learn and contribute to improve the various situation of epilepsy people for epilepsy patient care, education, clinical and basic research, and social improvement in spite of variable state of religion, economical state, geographical factors and medical care system.

ILAE-Asia Oceania in the last decades improved tremendously in many points by the excellent contribution of all members as follows, 1) EEG and epilepsy teaching by ASEPA, 2) inter-regional communication by means of biannual AOEC, 3) scholarship provided by several countries (Australia, Japan) to the whole Asian area, 4) clinical competence endorsement system by means of ASEPA EEG Board System, 5) global campaign against epilepsy especially for stigma of epilepsy.

While I have been served as the chair, I tried to contribute to continue those established activities, and furtherer more, I tried to introduce the international research collaboration at least in the clinical field, especially rather directly helping the clinical diagnosis and treatment, i.e., international cortical myoclonus study, preparation for data base study, wide-band EEG analysis (DC shifts and high frequency oscillation) for invasive and non-invasive EEG.



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Besides that, in the last 4 years, I was also served as associate editor of Epilepsia, Research priorities task force member, ILAE/AES translational task force of the neurobiology commission of the ILAE member, ILAE COVID task force member, Global advocacy council, Joint ILAE / IFCN EEG database task force member, Lancet Neurology commission member, Advocacy member.

Based on those past experiences which was fortunately given to me and then I have learned, I am now very pleased to contribute to ILAE as the Management Committee on this election. Prof. Samuel Wiebe, President of ILAE, showed the 5 missions, 1) improving access to care, 2) knowledge creation, 3) knowledge translation and education, 4) financial sustainability and growth, 5) expanding boundaries. Prof. Helen Cross, President-elect of ILAE shows 5 missions 1) epilepsy at a local level, 2) continued inclusivity and diversity, 3) expanding education, 4) review of our congresses, 5) Our partner organisations. Those are all relevant, connected and very promising mission.

I also think that the following 2 matters are very important, 1) collaboration among all of us such as doctors, patients, medical staffs, as well as multidisciplinary harmony among neurology, psychiatry, pediatric neurology and neurosurgery which I have experienced in my career as the President of JES in the past are very essential. 2) Best care will be provided by the best research of any field, and continuous approach and collaboration shall promise the future.

Fortunately, there are so many colleagues and friends in each chapter who have the same thoughts as us or who could agree to that, and thus, I sincerely would like to contribute with your great help, and hope to work together for the people with epilepsy in this planet from ILAE.

With my best wishes,

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