Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Dear Executives of the ILAE European Chapters,

I feel honored to be a candidate for the upcoming 2017 election for the Commission on European Affairs (CAE) of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).



I had the privilege to serve in the CEA since 2013. During my first term in the CEA, I dedicated my work to:

- Improving communication with the European Chapters, by reorganizing the CEA homepage in order to provide updated information on the CEA activities and transparent decision-makings.
- Promoting education by diversifying the courses endorsed and sponsored by the CEA, and by developing the online student-feedback system, to monitor the quality of the courses.
- Promoting improvement of quality-of-care for patients with epilepsy, by supporting and participating in taskforces developing guidelines – in collaboration with other societies (European Epilepsy Monitoring Units Association, European Academy of Neurology, International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology, and European Sleep Research Society).

I kindly ask your support for the second term so that I can continue the initiatives I have already started. Besides those listed above, my top priorities are:

- <u>Education:</u> Advances in information technology made it possible to develop distance education programs. In addition to the teaching courses, I would like to promote and actively contribute to further development of web-based ILAE educational network (online courses, webinars).
- <u>Collaboration with our sister societies:</u> Care of patients with epilepsy is multidisciplinary. Therefore it is essential that we join forces with our sister societies (EAN, EPNS, European Chapter of IFCN, ESRS) to develop European guidelines, promote joint European research projects and educational activities.
- <u>Promoting improvement of diagnostic methods and wearable health devices:</u> The boom in signal analysis methods opened new perspectives for seizure detection, post-processing of EEG and of neuroimaging data. Web-based medical networks have a huge potential for improving patient care. I do believe that CEA has a role in facilitating further development in this field.
- <u>European Congress on Epileptology:</u> ECE is a high quality forum, with outstanding scientific and
 educational sessions. I would like to further improve the ECE by increasing the involvement of the
 chapters in developing the program and the topics. I would like to increase the number and duration of
 educational activities in the ECE. The goal is to increase the number of participants and the quality of
 the sessions.

Respectfully yours

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