

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is an honor to be considered as a candidate for the next Chair of International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)- North America. I have devoted my professional career to improving the lives of persons living with epilepsy through clinical care, research, education, and advocacy. I consider my work with the American Epilepsy Society, ILAE-NA and on ILAE commissions and task forces to have been my most important contributions to achieving this goal. I believe that my prior leadership roles in the American Epilepsy Society (e.g. President and member of the Board of Directors of the AES, Chair of Development Council, Chair of Scientific Program Committee), service as a board member of ILAE-NA, my expertise in clinical care and research in epilepsy and my teaching experience provide me with the necessary skills to be an effective Chair of ILAE-NA.

If I were elected Chair of ILAE-NA, I would work with our ILAE-NA members and chapters to ensure that our commission contributes toward the attainment of key priorities of ILAE and the President-Elect, Dr. Helen Cross. I would also continue to support successful ILAE-NA activities such as but not limited to:

- The Leadership Development Course offered at the International Epilepsy Congress
- Our collaborative educational activities with other chapters and commissions globally such as supporting the PAHO driving Task Force
- Our interdisciplinary work to improve access to care and reduce the treatment gap not only in North America and in the Caribbean but in other regions of the world through collaborative education, research and advocacy.
- Support for Global Health activities through the Global Health Task Force
- Support for younger epilepsy professionals and those from under-resourced countries in our region to attend the IEC and regional congresses.
- Support for epilepsy educational and research conferences throughout the world such as The Gordon Conference on Epilepsy and Neuronal Synchronization and the San Servolo Course.

Thank you in advance for considering my nomination. I am committed to working collaboratively with all of my colleagues in ILAE-NA, internationally, with our incoming President Dr. Helen Cross and with the ILAE Management Committee to improve the lives of persons living with epilepsy, their families and their caregivers.

Sincerely,



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