

Dear President and Officers of the ILAE Chapters,
Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I am writing to confirm my desire to stand for the election as member of the ILAE Management Committee (Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer) 2021 – 2025. I would like to appeal for your support and I believe that my candidature is worthy of your support. I have dedicated in the epilepsy control career for more than thirty years in my life and involved in the ILAE activities in different levels for many years, from the chapter, region to the international executive level.

I am the founder and first president of the China Association Against Epilepsy (CAAE, 2005 - 2014). In this role I have built and grown the Association to one of the largest chapter of the ILAE, which now has more than 6,000 members, with varied program and an efficient central administrative office.

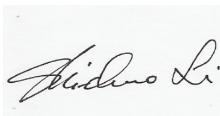
I have been an Advisor for Public Health of the ILAE Executive Committee since 2017 and member of the Global Advocacy Council. I am therefore very familiar with the objectives and activities of the global epilepsy control movement.

At the international level, (1) In 1996, I, as the chairman of the WHO Executive Board and representative of China, joined to initiate the concept and preliminary plan of the “Global Campaign against Epilepsy” (GCAE). I developed and promoted the "Demonstration Project" of GCAE and an extensive epilepsy control project in rural China which has cared for more than 116 thousands person with epilepsy and provided a model to other developing countries. (2) I proposed, promoted and drafted the original WHO resolution for epilepsy to the Chinese government in 2014. It was subsequently submitted and promoted with the efforts of the ILAE/IBE. The "WHA68.20" was passed in May 2015 as an important historical milestone. (3) I actively joined in organizing the WHA side events in 2018 and 2019 to promote further implementation of the WHA68.20 Resolution, drafting the “Global Report on Epilepsy” and the “Global Action Plan on the public health response to epilepsy”. (4) I have previously served as Chairman of the ILAE/IBE Epilepsy Research Advocacy Task Force (RATF), Co-chair of the ILAE/IBE Global Outreach Task Force.

I am a trained neurosurgeon and neuro-epidemiologist. I work with epilepsy specialists from different disciplines, as demonstrated in my leadership in the CAAE, with its executive members consisting of professional of different background. I am also familiar of working in a multi-cultural and multi-national context, in my previous position as Assistant Director General of WHO and WHO Representative in South Pacific.

With your kind support, once elected, I assure you that I will do my best to work together with you to further develop the global epilepsy control movement through the Global Action Plan, including to reduce treatment gap especially in the low-and middle income countries (LMICs), navigate further growth of epilepsy net-working, promoting multi-center collaborative research, and to promote the quality of life of the people with epilepsy.

It would be a great honor for me to have the support from your chapter.



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