

## Statement

It is a great honor for me to be appointed as one of the two presidential appointees for the membership of the ILAE's Commission of Eastern Mediterranean Affairs for the term 2013-2017.

I am a founding member of the Iraqi League Against Epilepsy which was founded at 1999, and was appointed as treasurer from 1999-2010.

At 2010, I was elected as Vice President for the Iraqi Chapter Against Epilepsy for the term 2010-2015.

Since my first years of Medicine and Medical Practice, I was interested in Epilepsy and Electroencephalography,

I am a Consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist and Epileptologist.

Formerly leading the Neurophysiology unit in Neurology Department of Hammad Shihab Teaching Hospital; and directing the 'Epilepsy and EEG clinic' in Neurology Department for twelve years (1991-2003)

Currently I am a part of the Teaching faculty of the Iraqi Board of Neurology and Teaching Faculty of the Iraqi Board of Neurophysiology.

I was graduated at the Medical College of Baghdad University in 1977, and then at Medical College of Al-Mustansyria University in 1988 for Master Degree in Clinical Neurophysiology. I was then graduated at King's College London/University of London for the Master Degree in 'Epileptology' at 2007.

My goals for the CEMA regions are:

1-To increase awareness among both health professionals and the general public for 'Epilepsy' as a universal and possibly treatable brain disorder

2-To raise 'Epilepsy' to a 'new plane of acceptability' in the public domain

3-Improve health care and management of 'Epilepsy' in our countries

4-To identify the needs of people with epilepsy and encourage governments to address these needs

5-To share in a better orientation for the role of 'Electroencephalography' in the diagnosis and classification of 'Epilepsy' for both medical professionals and public, since it is the most abused 'tool of investigation' in Neurology and is probably responsible for the 'suffering' of a lot of people everywhere!

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