Letter of intent

It is a great honour to me to be nominated for the election of the ILAE-Commission on European Affairs (CEA). My priorities are:

1. **Education**
I share the vision of the ILAE-CEA on the importance of advanced education of health-care professionals in the field of epilepsy. At present I am co-director of two on-line ILAE courses (VIREPA) and the course director of a summer school on EEG. I would like to actively contribute to further development of the ILAE educational network, focusing on the new possibilities offered by the internet technology (on-line courses, webinars). The educational agenda (plan) of the ILAE-CEA offers an excellent platform for educational activities. I am willing to contribute to start new courses and strengthen the European epilepsy curriculum and answer unmet needs in various European and global regions. There is a definite need for educational courses in epilepsy also for nurses and non-MD medical staff interested in this field.

2. **Improvement of diagnostic methods and clinical care**
In spite of technical advances, many new diagnostic methods are not or only rarely implemented in the clinical practice. This is partly due to lack of well-designed, multi-centre diagnostic studies on accuracy and clinical utility of the new methods. I do believe that CEA has a role in organising and coordinating such initiatives.

3. **Transnational research initiatives**
I think that ILAE-CEA should contribute significantly to facilitate transnational research projects by organising research-workshops at the epilepsy congresses. In addition one should make it possible to post project proposals on the ILAE-CEA homepage, in order to find partners for multicentre research projects.

4. **Multidisciplinary approach**
Epileptology has many connections with other medical specialities. I do believe that improved collaboration with other medical societies will facilitate the professional level of care of the patients with epilepsy. I definitely can see the possibilities of organising joint courses, developing guidelines or initiating studies together with other medical societies.

I am willing to contribute actively as a member of the ILAE-CEA to pursue these goals.

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