

Beirut, July 23, 2012

Dear Friends,

I was deeply honored by your nomination as a candidate for one of the three officer positions of the ILAE Executive Committee 2013-2017. This letter is to now seek the support of your Chapter in electing me for one of those positions.

Having served as President of the Lebanese Chapter of the ILAE and as Chair of the Commission on Eastern Mediterranean Affairs has given me a detailed understanding of the problems faced by individual countries in our region as well as a broad perspective on the unmet needs for the care of patients with epilepsy in the Middle East. I believe that many of those issues are shared by a number of third world countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

My plans, if elected to the ILAE Executive Committee, will be to closely work with Dr. Emilio Perucca, our President elect, to support his global vision for the ILAE, and to promote his top priorities for the upcoming four years that will focus on addressing the treatment gap, promoting epilepsy care and research, fostering the education and the mentoring of the younger generation of epileptologists, and continuing advocacy initiatives for people with epilepsy.

In addition, I will serve as an advocate and a strong voice for higher level of autonomy, financial support and educational opportunities in third world countries. I strongly believe, as does our President Elect that the treatment gap for patients with epilepsy in poor regions around the world is unacceptable as that the League should urgently address this matter. A close collaboration with local ILAE and IBE chapters coupled with a strong endorsement by the ILAE in promoting awareness about epilepsy and in obtaining governmental support for education and access to care will be an essential step in that regard.

I strongly believe that with hard work, closer collaboration amongst Chapters and Commissions, cooperation with the IBE and WHO, listening to and addressing the concerns and recommendations of our constituency, a lot can be accomplish to promote epilepsy education and research, to narrow the treatment gap, and to train a younger generation of epileptologists which will eventually improve the care of patients with epilepsy worldwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB', written in a cursive style.

Ahmad Beydoun, M.D.  
Chair, Commission on Eastern Mediterranean Affairs

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**



Ahmad Beydoun, M.D.

Date of Birth: September 19, 1960 Beirut, Lebanon

Married, two sons

### **EDUCATION**

Medical Doctor: American University of Beirut

Neurology Residency: University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Neurophysiology Fellowship: University of Michigan Medical Center (UMMC)

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

7/91 - 8/98	Assistant Professor of Neurology, UMMC
9/98-12/2003	Associate Professor of Neurology, UMMC
2004-12/2005	Professor of Neurology, UMMC
12/2003-Present	Professor of Neurology, American University of Beirut Hospital

### **OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

3/2000 – 12/2003	Director, Epilepsy Program, UMMC
7/93 – 12/2003	Director, Investigational AED Program, UMMC
9/2009-Present	Director, Epilepsy Program, AUBMC
3/08- 7/09	Treasurer of CEMA, ILAE
3/08-7/12	President; Lebanese Chapter of ILAE
7/09-Present	Chairman, Commission of Eastern Mediterranean Affairs, ILAE
7/11-Present	Editorial Director of the Middle East edition of the Archives of Neurology

### **SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

Principal Investigator in more than 60 investigational clinical trials in epilepsy

More than 90 publications in peer reviewed Journal in addition to Book Chapters