

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is an honor for me to be among the candidates to serve on the Management Commission of the ILAE for the 2021-2025 term.

Over the past years, in different positions in the executive board of the ILAE-Latin America, first as treasurer and next as Chair of the region, I have seen up close the changes that can be made with a good organization, coordination, and optimization of resources.

As Chair of the Latin American region together with my commission, we have especially focused our efforts on the training of epileptologists in the region, development of teaching programs in epilepsy for primary care, and increase of awareness in the general population. I believe that one of the most important tools we have to help all people with epilepsy, especially those living in remote areas of the world with a lack of resources, is the creation of networks through which they can be reached, and during my term as a chair I have dedicated myself to building these networks. Herein, I consider there is an essential role for the Telemedicine Task Force of the ILAE of which I am a member. As an example, in Argentina, the telemedicine network for people with epilepsy has greatly advanced over the past years and proves to be vital in these Covid-19 times in which changes in our daily practice have occurred that are probably here to stay.

After leaving the position of Chair of the region of Latin America in 2021, I would very much like to continue my efforts for the League and therefore people with epilepsy in one of the positions in the Management Commission. I feel I can contribute positively to the work of the ILAE in the areas of improvement of access to care, education, research, advocacy, and financial growth as well as the integration of the different regions of the world and local chapters in this endeavour. In addition, I strongly believe in the importance of our continued work together with the International Bureau of Epilepsy, the World Health Organization, the Pan-American Health Organization for a better allocation of human and financial resources to improve the lives of people with epilepsy.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Roberto Caraballo