

## **Statement of Roberto Caraballo to serve on the Management Committee of the ILAE**

Dear colleagues,

It is a great honor for me to have been proposed as a candidate to serve on the Management Committee of the ILAE. For most of my professional life, I have worked with children with epilepsy and their families, both trying to improve their lives by giving them the tools to cope with the disease and to better define diagnoses to improve their treatment. This is a challenging task, especially when working in a developing country, where organizational and financial resources are still difficult to find.

I believe that it is important that local governments all over the world start considering epilepsy as one of the priority health issues. It would be important to work on the identification of education and service needs and develop national epilepsy programs providing integrated and cost-effective care for people with epilepsy and coordinating education programs for the community and primary health-care workers that may help to reduce the treatment gap that currently exists. The only way all people with epilepsy, even the poorest, will benefit from treatment is through the building of networks through which they can be reached.

As treasurer of the Latin-American Chapter of the ILAE I have seen the work of the ILAE from within and as a group we have shown a lot can be done with few resources and a lot of effort. Working on a worldwide level would be a challenge.

Should I be elected as member of the ILAE Management Committee, I am prepared to work hard and enthusiastically in collaboration with the national chapters to achieve these goals.

Best regards,

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