

Statement

It is in my nature to constantly improve myself, to learn what I find good and usefull from all around me.

I feel deeply honoured to have been appointed as a member of Commission on European Affairs of ILAE. I hope I will meet the expectations of those who invested faith in me.

Here I present my priorities:

- 1. Education** is of outmost importance for the progress of medical care and for research. Coming from Romania, I understand the situation and the needs of the countries in Eastern Europe and of countries with limited possibilities. As a CEA member I would like to actively facilitate twinning possibilities among tutoring centers from developed countries and centers from Eastern Europe. I will also promote within CEA the idea of funding fellowship travel bursaries for individual training in developed epilepsy centers, in the line with past CEA activities.
- 2. Research.**
It is important to create premises for Easter and Central European countries to be part of common (multinational) European research initiatives in epilepsy and bring Eastern Europe in the context of todays' epilepsy research. Special populations living in this area might be of interest for epilepsy research. Childhood epilepsy reasearch is my greatest priority, as are promoting meetings for epilepsy research and facilitating interraction of researchers. Offering bursaries to young investigators in order to improve their knowledge in other centers or attending conferences may help achieving these goals.
- 3. Medical care in epilepsy.** As a Pediatric Neurologist, my first thoughts are dedicated to the care of children with epilepsy, promoting the most advanced methods of diagnosis and treatment, facilitating these possibilities in all European countries. CEA has a role in promoting standards of care in epilepsy by organising courses and workshops.

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