

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

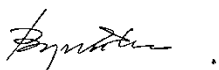
The ILAE, our organization consisting of over 110 chapters, is unique not only for its broader scope of professional goals and activities but also for its coalition with the International Bureau for Epilepsy. ILAE has expanded its interests and activities to improve both academic and non-academic issues which are closely related to the care and quality of life of people with epilepsy, which requires wider inputs and being open to all professionals related to epileptology in the world.

During many years of work with ILAE, starting with a member of ASEPA (educational arm of CAO) and Chair of the Commission for Asian and Oceanian Affairs(CAO) and an executive member of ILAE at present. I have realized that the ILAE needs louder voice from each chapter and region. I am willing to encourage voices from every chapter of our League and transform individual region's unmet need into the visibility through closer communication, harmonization, and prioritization.

There are tremendous inter-chapter differences and gaps in many aspects, not only treatment but also research, education and training, governmental support, stigma, etc., which are difficult to handle by individual chapter alone. We need a global alliance of dedicated epileptologists from all of our chapters to discuss, confront, and act together against important obstacles being unique to individual chapter.

It is such an honor of me to stand up for the membership of Management Committee of ILAE. I aspire to work hand to hand with you for further progress of our organization. Our League will strengthen its support of members for their professional achievement and support chapters for networking with regional and global advocacy groups. Promotion of the global standard of epilepsy care is the prime aim of all of us.

Respectfully yours,


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