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Letter of intent

Dear colleagues:

With great pleasure, I was informed that I have been in the list of candidates for the ILAE Vice President, Secretary General and Treasurer in 2017 - 21. I am more than happy to accept the candidature and willing to serve in the coming 4 years in one of the above ILAE offices.

I have dedicated myself in clinical medicine and public health administration since 1965, especially in neurosciences and epilepsy. I conducted the epidemiological survey for epilepsy in China in early 1980's and is a leading figure in this field in China. I am the main founder of the "Beijing Association against Epilepsy" which was established in 1990 and "China Association against Epilepsy" (CAAE) which was established in 2005, the latter is currently one of the biggest chapter of the ILAE with more than 6,000 members.

In 1996, I, as the chairman of the WHO Executive Board and representative of China, initiated the concept and proposed the preliminary plan for the "Global Campaign against Epilepsy" together with the then president of ILAE, IBE and a WHO representative.

Since the CAAE joined the ILAE, I served as the co-chair of the ILAE/IBE GCAE/Outreach Taskforce and chair of Research Advocacy Taskforce, member of CAO, etc. In 2015, under direction of the presidents of the ILAE & IBE, I proposed and drafted the first version of the WHO resolution "Global burden of epilepsy and the need for coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge" through the Chinese government and it was passed unanimously in the 68th World Health Assembly.

If I have the honor to be elected, I would like to stress the following aspects, in which I will give more attention and personal contributions: 1, to cooperate/coordinate closely with colleagues in ILAE Executive committee (EC), all ILAE chapters and IBE; 2, to communicate more with epileptologists domestically and internationally to reflect their requirements, suggestions, complaints, etc. to promote ILAE's work; 3, to give more attention to "Global Campaign" and awareness/education activities in under-developed nations especially those in Africa; 4, to promote multi-central research works internationally on epilepsy; 5, to promote international technical support, focusing on providing training program for grass root public health workers, part-time epileptologists in developing countries for basic knowledge on epilepsy caring.

With my abundant experiences and proven leadership in public health administration, my enthusiasm and loyalty to epilepsy control, I believe I will serve well in ILAE if I am elected. .

I would very much appreciate the support from your chapter.

With kind regards,

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Annex: Brief CV and a photo of Shichuo Li