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I gained both my MD and PhD at the Karolinska Institute where I became Professor of Neurology in 2002. I am currently head of the epileptology section at the Department of Neurology in the Karolinska University Hospital and devote much of my time to clinical epileptology with an emphasis in research on pharmacotherapy, epidemiology and pregnancy issues. My two main research interests the last decade have been in mortality and particularly SUDEP, and in pregnancy outcomes. The projects have been characterized by extensive international collaboration within Europe and beyond. A major commitment the past 15 years has been my role as chairman of EURAP, the International Antiepileptic Drugs and Pregnancy Registry. MORTEMUS (Mortality in Epilepsy Monitoring Unit Study) is another example of a European initiative and international collaborative project in which I am involved.

With respect to ILAE activities, I was among the founders of the Swedish Chapter in 1986 and have in the past served as its secretary and president. During the last 15 years or so I have had the privilege to serve on several Commissions of the ILAE including the Commission on Education (as treasurer), the Commission on the Burden of Epilepsy (as chair), the Task Force on Epidemiology, the Commission on Therapeutic strategies (first as chair), and presently on the Commission on European Affairs. I am also chair of the current European Advisory Council. I serve on the editorial boards of *Epilepsy Research*, *Epileptic disorders*, and the *European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*, and as associate editor of *Epilepsia*.

I have been engaged in several educational activities sponsored by the ILAE Commission of European Affairs, e.g. as faculty member of the Migrating Courses, Regional Epilepsy Summer Schools, and the VIREPA module on clinical pharmacology. I have been a member of the organizing committee of the International Eilat Educational Courses on the Pharmacological Treatment of Epilepsy and on the International Organizing Committees and Scientific Advisory Boards of several European Congresses on Epileptology.