

Dear colleagues:

I receive with deep gratitude and commitment the opportunity to apply as a member of the ILAE Latin America Committee, a key body for the development of regional strategies that promote equity, education, and excellence in the care of people living with epilepsy.

My professional training and experience as a clinical neurologist and epileptologist have allowed me to make a sustained contribution to strengthening epilepsy care in settings with multiple health and social challenges, particularly in rural areas and underserved populations.

Since the beginning of my career, I have been committed to the clinical and healthcare development of Epileptology. I have actively participated in interdisciplinary teams and academic centers, promoting continuing education in epilepsy for general practitioners, residents, and healthcare personnel, both in undergraduate and specialized programs.

I am convinced that the Latin American reality demands coordinated action, informed by science, but deeply rooted in the social and cultural needs of our people. In this sense, I take on the responsibility of contributing to the rollout of the Global Intersectoral Action Plan on Epilepsy and Neurological Disorders (IGAP), working for its effective implementation in fragmented health systems with structural inequalities.

I am applying with the firm intention of collaborating in the development of educational strategies, translational research, and institutional strengthening, promoting the active participation of national affiliates in the development of public policies and training programs.

For me, the ILAE represents a space for regional and global convergence, where scientific knowledge, ethical leadership, and social commitment can radically transform the approach to epilepsy. As a member of the ILAE Latin America Committee, I will commit to representing our colleagues and patients with integrity and dedication, promoting academic excellence, collaborative work, and the inclusion of new generations of professionals in the common task of reducing the suffering associated with epilepsy in our region. I sincerely appreciate this nomination, which I consider an opportunity to continue serving the community from a position of regional responsibility, with a focus on a more just, informed, and humane future for people living with epilepsy.

With consideration and respect,

Dr. Lenin Peñaloza Miranda