

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for a position as a committee member of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). I am deeply committed to advancing epilepsy care, education, and advocacy both regionally and globally.

Having trained under the esteemed Prof. Jo Wilmshurst, I was privileged to receive mentorship that enabled me to immediately contribute to paediatric neurology upon returning to Zimbabwe. I currently serve as the national lead for Zimbabwe's Paediatric Epilepsy Training (PET) program and have led the training of healthcare providers in both Zimbabwe and Zambia. Through this role, I have demonstrated strong leadership and a long-term commitment to building sustainable capacity for epilepsy diagnosis and care across the region.

As an active member of the Zimbabwe ILAE Chapter and an affiliate member of multiple epilepsy support organizations, including the Epilepsy Foundation, I am uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between clinical practice and community advocacy. My work with support groups has helped raise awareness, reduce stigma, and empower families affected by epilepsy — ensuring that patient voices remain central to our efforts.

In addition to clinical practice, I have engaged in epilepsy research and policy development. I have contributed to the review of epilepsy guidelines for low- and middle-income countries and published three peer-reviewed articles focused on epilepsy care in resource-limited settings. I am also actively involved in the mentorship of nurses, doctors, and allied health professionals in Zimbabwe, fostering a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to epilepsy care.

My professional background reflects a deep commitment to both clinical excellence and health system strengthening, particularly in underserved communities. I am passionate about ensuring that low-resource settings are represented in global discourse, and I am confident that my voice on the ILAE committee would contribute meaningfully to shaping inclusive and equitable strategies worldwide.

With this experience, combined with a strong record of leadership, advocacy, and education, I am well-prepared to support the mission of ILAE. My appointment would bring regional expertise and an action-oriented perspective to the global fight against epilepsy.