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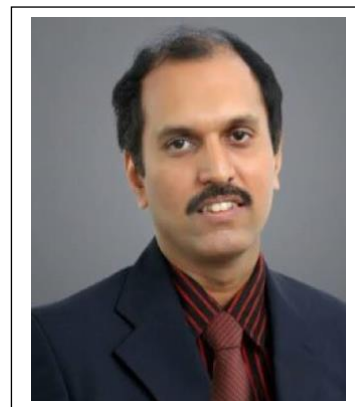
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I have been an active member of the ILAE in various capacities for the past 23 years, ever since I finished my neurology residency and joined as a full time faculty in my university. I was fortunate to get support from the league at several points in my academic career. I was the recipient of the Japanese Epilepsy Research Foundation Scholarship in 2005 and the Asia- Oceania Clinical Epileptology Fellowship, 2008 of the Epilepsy Society of Australia. Under these schemes, I could get advanced training in clinical epileptology at National Epilepsy center, Shizuoka, Japan and Westmead Epilepsy Program, Sydney, Australia. I could also attend the Venice international Epilepsy School in 2006 and Eilat course in 2009, well acclaimed educational courses under the ILAE. As one of the recipients of the ILAE leadership award in 2015, I had attended the leadership training program during IEC, Istanbul. I was one of the recipients of the Asia- Oceania Outstanding Achievement Award from ILAE in 2021

From my part, I have tried my level best to contribute to the activities of the league at local, national and international levels throughout my career. I am currently the Secretary General of Indian Epilepsy Society, the national chapter of ILAE. As the secretary of the Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA), I am also trying to contribute immensely to the educational activities of the league in the region. I have been a regular faculty member of the ASEPA EEG Courses in different countries in the AO region. I was the ILAE representative to the WHO regional assembly in Paro, Bhutan in 2022. I have recently contributed to the ASEPA – PET launch in Singapore in association with British Pediatric Neurology Association, which I think will help to improve the epilepsy care of children in the region in a significant way

I am currently a member of the Terminology Commission and the EEG ,plant based therapies and Delphi taskforces of the ILAE . In addition , I also contribute to the activities of the ILAE Standard and Best Practice Council . I was the lead of the global survey of the plant based therapy taskforce of the therapeutics commission, looking at the availability and affordability of cannabinoids in various geographic settings , the results of which is under peer review in Epilepsia. I was also a member of the classification commission which published the updated classification of epileptic seizures in 2025 and a member of the writing group entrusted with the task of modifying the epilepsy glossary. I was a member of the Pediatrics and Diagnostic methods commissions in the previous terms and had actively contributed to the published recommendations of neonatal, infantile and comorbidities task

forces. I was a faculty at the Venice international epilepsy school in 2016 and have been an invited faculty at several regional and international epilepsy congresses.

I am currently the professor and head of the department of pediatric neurology and the children's epilepsy program at my institution, which offers most of the state of the art treatment options for resistant childhood epilepsy in this part of the world. My areas of clinical interest include presurgical evaluation of pediatric epilepsies, dietary therapies, early onset infantile epilepsies and epileptic encephalopathies looking at its genotype – phenotype correlations and management of resistant status epilepticus including FIRES. My other research interests include the study of the fascinating interface between epilepsy and other cognitive/ behavioural comorbidities of the developing brain.

I was an editor of Epilepsy India, The official news letter of the IES for four years (2013-17). As the secretary of the Indian Epilepsy Association, Kochi Chapter , I am also very active in the patient support and advocacy programs . As the organizing secretary of ECON 2012, Kochi, the National conference of the Indian Epilepsy Association and Indian Epilepsy Society, I was instrumental in spreading the message of epilepsy effectively in this part of the world. I was one of the course directors for the ILAE neonatal EEG courses (Cambridge course) at Cochin in 2020 and 2023 which were attended by more than 100 international students from inside and outside our region. Last year , Infantile seizure society Inducted me to be a council member.

As an elected member of the ILAE -AO board, I am looking forward to contribute further to the cause of epilepsy care in the AO region by using my organizational, administrative and academic experience and expertise gained through all the above mentioned activities. I am sure, such a position will give me the necessary space to further contribute to the mission and vision of the league in our region with a thrust on education, capacity building and advocacy activities seamlessly integrating with the global efforts of ILAE and other related organizations.

My detailed CV is attached