



Dear colleagues and friends,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to run for the election of the member of ILAE-Asia Oceania Committee for 2025-2029. My journey in epilepsy began in or around 2006 when I became a neurologist as I had the opportunity to learn from many excellent teachers such as Prof Patrick Kwan, Prof Christian Elgar among others. My MD thesis was kindly examined by Prof Emilio Perucca. I remembered taking my ASEPA EEG examination during the 6th AOEC in Kuala Lumpur and examined by Prof Lim Shih-hui. But my experience with ILAE grew when I had the opportunity to speak to Prof Samuel Wiebe about the wish of the Hong Kong Chapter to host the AOEC. To my understanding, the 11th AOEC in Hong Kong was one of the most successful AOECs. My memory with many subsequent AOECs together with friends and colleagues around the world was most treasurable (eg 12th AOEC in Bali, 15th AOEC in Delhi). I would like to thank Prof John Dunne for leading us in the latest AOEC in Delhi. I shall strive to serve the region in its epilepsy conferences in the years to come.

I had been the President of the Hong Kong Epilepsy Society(HKES) for 6 years (2018-2023) and one of my most important tasks was to make EEG examinations available under the highest possible standards. We hosted our first bilingual EEG examination (in its written form) under the auspice of HKES, Hong Kong Neurological Society and also hand-in-hand with ASEPA of CAO through Prof SY Kwan. We filled the gaps for EEG examination candidates who may wish to take their examination in our native language. Looking forward, we shall continue to work with ASEPA in its regional endeavours in the provision of high-quality teachings related to epilepsy e.g. in 2023 we hosted the ASEPA neuropsychology Course in Hong Kong. I shall continue to work with ILAE in many initiatives to make epilepsy care accessible to different regions. I participated and worked with Prof Tim Welty in 2022 in the ILAE Generic Substitution Task Force and published a paper on the barriers and needs with generic anti-seizure medications. In 2025, we are beginning to have SEEG webinars with other regions under the leadership of Prof KS Lim. This will hopefully increase our knowledge in SEEG and promote regional collaborations in both education and promulgation of epilepsy service.

The Hong Kong Chapter has a unique role in the Asian-Oceanian region. Under the Basic Law of Hong Kong, Chapter VI, article 149, academic organizations may develop relations with relevant international organizations. We, therefore, have the special cultural and regional role in helping ILAE with more global initiatives including but not limited to IGAP initiatives, working closely with IBE in the mitigation of stigma and other important patient-benefit agendas. In the near future, if I were granted the opportunity do so, I would like to work with CAO and ILAE in the development of region-based, culture-relevant epilepsy service accreditation to help centres around the world receive recognition in, and maintain the level of, their standard of service, having regard to individual regional accreditation already available.

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