

## Election statement

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a great honor to be nominated for the ILAE-Asia Oceania Committee for the 2025–2029 term.

I am currently based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, where I serve as a Lecturer in the Department of Neurology at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, and a neurologist specializing in epilepsy. I completed my neurology residency at the same university, followed by an epilepsy fellowship at the University of Malaya Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 2018.

Since then, I have been actively involved in establishing an epilepsy unit and epilepsy surgery program in Ho Chi Minh City. I also serve as a committee member of the Vietnam Association Against Epilepsy (VAAE). My clinical and research interests include epilepsy, epilepsy surgery, EEG, and neuroimaging.

During my 10 years of clinical practice in Vietnam, I have witnessed firsthand how people with epilepsy often face barriers to care — including stigma, geographical distance, and financial limitations. While the Asian–Oceanian region is home to the world’s largest population, disparities in epilepsy care remain significant across countries. Over the years, I have been a member of the local organizing team for multiple ASEPA–VAAE EEG and Epilepsy Courses aimed at improving epilepsy knowledge among neurologists across limited-resource regions. I am also currently working with the ILAE – AO Research Task Force to publish peer-reviewed papers on epilepsy care, surgery, and research within the region.

I hope to contribute meaningfully to improving epilepsy care and bridging treatment gaps in both medical and surgical management across our region — by enhancing EEG and epilepsy education for clinicians, particularly in low-resource settings, and by promoting regional collaboration in epilepsy research.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you all and contribute to our shared goals.

Best regards,

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