

Election Statement

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am honoured to be nominated for consideration as a Member of the ILAE Asian-Oceanian Committee.

I have had the privilege of working alongside committed colleagues across our region to advance epilepsy care as a member of ILAE-AO and ASEPA Committees for the 2021-25 term. Despite our heterogeneous cultures, diverse languages, and disparities in socioeconomic status, geographical size, and demographics, we unequivocally share and have worked towards the same goal: advancing epilepsy care to improve the quality of life of people with epilepsy. Regional leadership, both past and present, has been inspirational in bridging many of the existing gaps in epilepsy care and this has to continue, to address the evolving needs of our unique and diverse region, which is home to the world's largest population.

With your support, I hope to continue contributing meaningfully to the region. I remain committed to furthering the goals of an inclusive epilepsy care and education network across the region. With my experience in working under resource-limited conditions and implementing indigenous, unconventional solutions that have enabled our national chapter to make notable progress, I hope to contribute meaningfully to the ILAE-AO's IGAP initiatives.

Of the ~40 countries in the region, only 21 are ILAE chapters, primarily due to spatial and resource disparities. With the support of ILAE-AO, I would also like to work towards the integration of the region's non-chapter countries into the official ILAE-AO network, enabling them to benefit equally from regional initiatives and strengthen epilepsy care within their own health systems.

I look forward to continuing my collaboration with the ILAE-AO leadership and colleagues to advance equitable, inclusive, collaborative, and impactful epilepsy care for everyone in our region.

Yours sincerely,

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Zarine Mogal

