

Election Statement for the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)

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Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to be considered for nomination for the elections for members of the ILAE-Eastern Mediterranean Committee for the 2025-29 term. With a career dedicated to advancing epilepsy care, research, and education, I am deeply committed to the League's mission of improving the lives of people with epilepsy worldwide.

Since Completing my fellowship in epilepsy and neurophysiology in 2018, I have worked as an epileptologist in Sultan Qaboos University hospital in Oman. I am the head section of the long term EEG monitoring in the hospital and I am honored to say that we have expanded our epilepsy monitoring units from 2 beds (adult and pediatric) to total of 4 beds. We have expanded our epilepsy surgery evaluation from one hospital based to multiple country institutions serving all to work together to discuss medical refractory epilepsy cases at national level. Currently I am a member of the national team for the establishment and empowerment of the epilepsy surgery program in Oman. I am also a member of the Oman league against epilepsy and with the support of our president and members we have ran multiple public campaigns to educate about epilepsy and reduce stigma over the last few years in schools, book fairs and public areas.

My involvement with ILAE has included presenting multiple talks during the monthly eastern Mediterranean webinar series and young epilepsy section and participating in publishing a paper regarding long term EMU protocols during COVID era. Through this work, I have come to appreciate the immense value of interdisciplinary and international collaboration in tackling the many challenges facing epilepsy care across diverse regions.

If elected, my priorities will include:

- **Advancing public and professional education**
- **Supporting the next generation of epilepsy professionals**
- **Fostering global research networks**

I believe the ILAE plays a unique and essential role in uniting our global community, and I would be privileged to contribute to this mission through committed service, inclusive leadership, and strategic vision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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