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Motivation letter for the election of the Regional ILAE-Europe Committee members, 2025-2029

To the Executive Board Members of the ILAE European Chapter.

Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of all our society, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for all contribution, efforts and support and I am exciting to inform you that I have an honor to run for the election for the board of ILAE-Europe for the next term, as a candidate from the Ukrainian ILAE-chapter.

I am a neurologist, psychiatrist and leader researcher at the Institute of neurology, psychiatry and narcology of NAMS of Ukraine and President of the Ukrainian League Against Epilepsy.

All my professional commitment related to epilepsy starting from 1988 for almost 37 years in Ukraine. My clinical and scientific interests include the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy, including psychiatric aspects of epilepsy, pre-surgical evaluation, and post-surgical patient management. In addition to epilepsy, I also have a special interest in sleep disorders and differential diagnosis of paroxysmal events.

Since 2017 I have served as a President of the Ukrainian League Against Epilepsy (Ukrainian Chapter).

Since 2022, we work very hard together with the ILAE Emergency Response (Ukraine) Task Force to ensure Ukrainian epilepsy patients are provided with appropriate diagnosis and treatment in conditions with limited resources and Management of Epilepsy in Ukraine During a War including also displaced patients both inside and outside Ukraine.

Organizer of annual ULAE conferences since 2014, as vice-president and since 2017 as president of the Ukrainian Chapter of ILAE. The conferences were organized both during the online pandemic and after the outbreak of a full-scale war unleashed on the Russian Federation in February 2022. In 2023, the next ULAE conference was held in a mixed mode in person and virtual.

Initiator of organizing a number of joint educational programs together with ILAE-EUROPE in Ukraine, - EEG and epilepsy courses - 2016, 2017 and 2019, East European Course of Epilepsy - 2018.

The initiator and organizer of translations of ILAE recommendations translated into Ukrainian, translations of presidential and chair's symposia of the International and European Epilepsy Congresses. In 2018, SCORE EEG was translated into Ukrainian and is available to Ukrainian specialists around the world

ULAE official website was launched in 2017 and maintaining weekly, with a number of educational materials, including national guidelines, ILAE materials, materials from different international Epilepsy journals, news and announcements of the ULAE educational events and ULAE endorsement events. With the beginning of the full-scale invasion, a section of ULAE work during the war was created.

Since April 2020, a series of online webinars has been launched. ULAE continues online training, with 77 webinars conducted to date.

All ULAE educational programs continue despite the terrible war unleashed by the Russian Federation.

President of the ULAE have been selected as a recipient of the ILAE European Epilepsy Education Award 2024 and granted during the Welcome Ceremony of the 15th European Epilepsy Congress in Rome, September, 2024.

My vision inside ILAE EUROPE is to continue and improve such programs to expand the epilepsy knowledge and awareness, focusing on the following goals:

- Improving the awareness of doctors in European countries about ILAE and ILAE Europe events to increase the number of participants in online events
- Strengthen and expand educational initiatives endorsed by ILAE-Europe, continuing and intensifying my commitment to innovative educational approaches.
- Enhance patient-centered perspectives by supporting collaborations with patient advocacy groups across ILAE-Europe Chapters, highlighting the key role of the IBE.

I am committed to continuing my work to support the epilepsy community and would be honored and excited to contribute further as a member of the ILAE-Europe board.

I also have experience working in crisis situations. It is a very terrible experience, but an experience that can be useful for ILAE Europe.

Your support is much appreciated!

With many thanks and best regards

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