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ELECTION STATEMENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It would be a great honor for me to be elected as a member of the Executive Board of ILAE-Europe for the 2025-2029 term.

Over the last 4 years, I have served the European epilepsy community as a member of the current board focusing particularly on issues related to communication between ILAE-Europe and the National Chapters. I am hopeful that the knowledge and experience gained during this period will help me, in the event of my election, to pursue a number of key objectives and goals.

-Bridging the Treatment Gap. Despite significant diagnostic and therapeutic advances, epilepsy care across European countries is still characterized by major inequalities regarding the available epileptological expertise, quality of provided care and epilepsy-related policies. Accordingly, bridging the Gap should be a priority in our agenda and I am personally committed to this end. The harmonization of relevant practices is, of course, a collective effort that requires multi-national collaborations as exemplified by the inspiring paradigms of Epi-Care and IGAP.

-Promoting Research networking. The importance of supporting and promoting epilepsy research, at the regional and global level, cannot be overemphasized and is rightly considered as a top priority for ILAE. Having said that, we need to acknowledge that funding of epilepsy research in Europe lags behind compared to other regions. As a previous member of the European Network for Epilepsy Research (ENER) and as an active clinical researcher, I strongly believe that in order to fulfill this important goal, we must substantiate our cooperation with funding bodies so as to increase funding in the field of epilepsy and, in parallel, increase multi-disciplinary and collaborative actions between European Academic centers and Research Institutions.

-Advancing Awareness and Education. Dissemination of knowledge about all aspects of epilepsy is a stated and highly important aim of the ILAE. To this end, we will employ all available schemes including digital education and educational courses in a face-to-face mode, such as the highly successful Paros Epilepsy Meeting and other topic-oriented educational courses, as well as visiting fellowships, bursaries and travelling grants. The organization of the 16th European Epilepsy Congress (EEC) at Athens (5-9/9/2026) will be another important milestone in this educational effort.



I am truly hopeful that with your support we will be able to materialize our important common visions for the Epilepsy Community at large.

Sincerely yours,

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