

## **Statement of Lilia Morales Chacón for the ILAE Commission on Latin American Affairs**

I really appreciate my nomination as a voting member of the Commission on Latin American Affairs of the International League against Epilepsy in the term 2013-2017.

Throughout my professional life, I have worked with pharmaco-resistant epilepsy patients along with their families, trying to better define diagnoses not only to improve their clinical and surgical treatment, but also their life quality. This is a challenging task, especially when working in a developing country like Cuba, where the financial resources are limited.

I strongly believe that it is of paramount importance that local governments in Latin America begin considering epilepsy as one of their top priority health issues, and support the OMS/PAHO. It would be also necessary to develop education programs for primary health-care workers that would help to minimize the epilepsy treatment divide.

I am really looking forward to working in collaboration with the members of the executive committee to achieve common goals with my experience and active assistance, and I hope my contribution helps to bring about an everlasting improvement in epilepsy patients.

Sincerely,

Lilia Morales Chacón MD, PhD.

Head of the Clinical Neurophysiology service and Video EEG Monitoring, International Center for Neurological Restoration

President of the Cuban League against Epilepsy