

Statement

It is a great honor for me to be a candidate for elections of a 'chair' position for the ILAE-EMR for the term (2021-2025)

I was first nominated as a board member in the executive committee of "CEMA= Commission of Eastern Mediterranean Affairs' for the term (2013-2017); I was then elected as a board member for a 2nd term of CEMA (2017-2021) which is now the ILAE-EMR

In my 2nd term in ILAE-EMR (2017-2021) I had been assigned to chair the 'Task Force of Epilepsy Awareness' in MENA Region

Historically I was one of the founders of the Iraqi Chapter Against Epilepsy in 1999 and served as treasurer until 2010; on 2010 I was elected as a Vice President for the Iraqi League. Currently I am the Sec General of the chapter.

My interest in Epilepsy was dated back to 1980, three years after graduation from Baghdad College of Medicine (1977); I started real practice in the field of 'epileptology' since 1991 after qualification. I served as the director of the 'Epilepsy and EEG clinic' at Hammad Shihab Teaching Hospital 1991-2003

Currently I am a Consultant Epileptologist and Clinical Neurophysiologist at the 'Iraqi Council for Medical Specialization' and member of teaching faculty in Iraqi Boards for 'Neurology, Paediatric Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology' and the supervisor of 'Video-EEG Monitoring Unit' at Baghdad Teaching Hospital

If I would be elected to serve as a chair of ILAE-EMR for the term (2021-2025), **My Goals** would be:

1-To improve education about epilepsy for patients and families and promote awareness of epilepsy in the societies of MENA region

2-To help reduce the misconceptions, stigmatization and discrimination regarding people with epilepsy and their families

3-To improve health care and management of epilepsy in Middle East and promote actions to prevent the causes of epilepsy

4-To improve investment in epilepsy research and increase research capacity

5-To promote research in electrophysiology to improve awareness of the role of EEG in the diagnosis and 'misdiagnosis' of epilepsy

6-To promote teaching of and raise awareness for epileptology especially for the medical staff that are far from the field

7-To organize scientific activities, like symposia, webinars and conferences in the MENA region

8-To try my best in the continuation of the active role of Prof Chahnez Triki who led the commission very efficiently in the term (2017-2021)

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