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I am a pharmacologist and immunopharmacologist working in the field of allergy. I hold the first chair in immunopharmacology and created the first course in immunopharmacology at the Hebrew University. My professional goal is to find drugs to prevent/ treat allergy. Therefore, I see IUPHAR as my natural home, and pharmacology as the most important science the world needs.

I believe that to make things happen you have to take the lead. I have a proven background of leadership demonstrated through my roles in IUPHAR and in other global professional scientific organizations. As a member of the IUPHAR ExCom, I am extremely familiar with its structures and a number of national societies. I possess the tools critical to carry out the role of President-Elect, to build on IUPHAR's strong base and lead it to reach its goals.

I am motivated to increase communication with other global science organizations with the aim of furthering scientific research, development and knowledge through international cooperation. I am a team builder and have effectively managed difficult and controversial issues taking all views into account.

Depending on our locale, education, culture, and gender, we have varying perceptions, ideas, and priorities regarding pharmacology. My aim is to harmonize pharmacology through open channels of communication, making it inclusive rather than exclusive, thus strengthening it on a global level and enabling access to all regardless of geographical location.

I will continue as an active researcher and academic, but leading IUPHAR will be my highest professional priority.