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Candidate Statement

I have been a full professor at the Peking University Health Science Center working in the Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics since 1997. I served as the President of Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine (2000-2002), the founding Director-General of Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2002-2004), and the Executive Vice President (2005-2016) and Board Chair (2007-2016) of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College. I also served as the President of Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) between 2000 and 2004. I am currently the Vice President of Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, the President of Chinese Epidemiology Association, the Editor-in-Chief of Chinese Journal of Epidemiology, and a WHO consulting expert for prevention and management of noncommunicable diseases. I was honored to have been awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship in 1997 and conferred as Honorary Fellow by the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom in 2010.

I have been involved as Principal Investigator or co-Investigator in multiple national and international research projects, in areas such as cardiovascular epidemiology, epidemiology of aging, and chronic disease prevention and control, which resulted in (co)authorship of more than 110 peer-reviewed publications in international journals. I am now co-leading the China Kadoorie Biobank (CKB) study, a large cohort of 0.5 million of adult Chinese of which the primary objectives are to assess the effects of both established and emerging risk factors for many different diseases reliably. I am also leading the Chinese National Twin Registry, which aims to establish a prospective twin registry with about 60 thousands of twin pairs.

I decided to stand for election to play a bigger role in the IEA. If elected, I will seek to:

- maximize the roles of IEA in supporting capacity-building and training activities for resource-poor countries and regions and in promoting international collaborative research opportunities, based on an understanding of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in regard to capacities for research and disease prevention and control, evidence gaps, and available resources for different regions of the world;
- foster ongoing connections and communication among young epidemiologists that builds opportunities for future international collaborations;
- promote IEA sustainable development through increasing recruitment of members, raising funds from various sources, and gain supports from governments and nongovernmental organizations; and
- enhance the involvement of Chinese epidemiologists in the IEA activities.