Slate of Candidates 2025-2026: Approved by BOD

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Submitted on behalf of the Nominating/Awards Committee

POSITION: Nominating Committee 2nd Chair

Name	**Ahlam El Shikieri**
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Background Highlights

Professor of Clinical Nutrition
Able to committee 16 hours/month

Experience

Currently, Dr. El Shikier works at Taibah University, Saudi Arabia, where she heads the Scientific Research and Ethics Unit at the College of Applied Medical Sciences. She is also a valuable member of the university's Ethics and Patients' Rights Committee. Her role at the university encompasses various aspects – she is a Professor of Clinical Nutrition, actively involved in research, lectures students, mentors them, and holds a managerial position.

Dr. El Shikier has been a prominent figure within the IAAND. She served as the International Project Chair from 2021 to 2022, followed by President-Elect in 2022-2023, and most recently, as President in 2023-2024. Her dedication to the association is evident in her contributions, which include opening new channels of collaboration with other Dietetic Practice Groups (DPGs) and Member Interest Groups (MIGs).

Skills

Academic and Research Excellence, Leadership and Management, Experience in fostering collaborations with other DPGs and MIGs within the IAAND, Proven leadership experience as IAAND President.

Candidate Statement

I am kindly writing to express my strong interest in serving as the 2nd nomination seat with the International Affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (IAAND). As a Professor of Clinical Nutrition, Certified Public Health Nutritionist, and current Past-President of IAAND, I

bring extensive international experience and a proven track record of leadership in nutrition and dietetics.

My qualifications include:

1. Long-standing commitment to IAAND, having served as President (2023-2024), President-Elect (2022-2023), and International Project Chair (2017-2022)
2. Extensive cross-cultural experience working in Sudan and Saudi Arabia, giving me unique insights into global nutrition challenges and opportunities
3. Strong research background with over 40 peer-reviewed publications and successful funded projects in areas including clinical nutrition, public health, and cultural competency
4. Proven leadership in academic and clinical settings, including designing nutrition programs, developing curricula, and implementing evidence-based practices
5. Active involvement in key committees including the Global Food Insecurity Taskforce and Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

My vision for this role includes:

- Strengthening international collaboration in nutrition research and practice
- Advancing cultural competency in nutrition care
- Supporting evidence-based nutrition interventions across diverse populations
- Mentoring the next generation of nutrition professionals globally

Having been recognized with awards such as the Professional Member of the Year (2021) by the International Academy of Nutrition Educators and Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (2020) by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, I am well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to IAAND's mission and growth.