

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on October 19, 2016 at National Brain Research Centre, Manesar

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on October 19, 2016 in the auditorium of National Brain research Centre (NBRC), Manesar. Dr Subrata Sinha, President, IAN presided over the meeting. The list of members present during the meeting is enclosed (Annexure – I).

Professor Sinha welcomed the members and the meeting proceeded as per the agenda.

1. The minutes of the last GB meeting held on GB meeting held on on November 1, 2015 at Panjab University, Chandigarh were confirmed.
2. Dr. Pankaj Seth, General Secretary in his brief report apprised members of the activities of IAN during the year. He informed members about the activities held under the auspices of IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy Programme and also informed the members about other programmes organized at local chapters of IAN. He mentioned about the linkages of IAN with IBRO, FAONS and other neuroscience societies including Japanese Neuroscience Society and encouraged the young researchers to avail the opportunities for attending the workshops and summer schools being sponsored by these international agencies in India and outside. He mentioned about the funding opportunities with national science agencies and urged the senior member neuroscientists to encourage and groom the young researchers to take up research in the challenging areas of neurosciences. The General Secretary requested the members to update their profile and contact information by logging on to IAN website or by contacting Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary HQ and Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Treasurer of the Academy in an effort to update the IAN Directory and thanked the membership for their support.
1. Dr Pankaj Seth also presented a brief report of the XXXIV annual conference of IAN. He said that there were 5 plenary lectures, 11 symposia, 2 oral sessions, 3 award sessions for young researchers and poster sessions during the three day conference organized with the theme – Molecules to Mind. He also informed that the scientific programme of the three day conference also consisted of one memorial oration, a special evening lecture and children interaction programme. The deliberations in the scientific sessions were excellent and all sessions were well attended by the participants / delegates. Dr Seth in his report further informed that pre-conference workshops (one at AIIMS, New Delhi and the other at NBRC, Manesar) were organized. The workshops had trainee participants

from different parts of India and were useful for the participants. He acknowledged the financial support received from the science agencies and help from his colleagues from NBRC and other places to organize the conference successfully.

4. The statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant was presented by Dr A.K. Agrawal, Treasurer, Indian Academy of Neurosciences. While presenting the brief report, he also informed about the induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. The GB expressed satisfaction and was happy to note that the financial status of the Academy is good.
5. The Editor's report was presented by Dr Akshay Anand. The GB appreciated the efforts of the Editor to bring out the issues of the IAN journal Annals of Neurosciences. It was suggested to include more original research articles to improve the quality of journal. Further, the Editor was requested to start the submission of articles online and bring out the issues of the journal on time.
6. (i). The recommendation of the EC for electing Dr S Prasad, BHU, Varanasi and Dr Rajat Sandhir, Panjab University, Chandigarh as IAN Fellow was approved by the GB.

(ii) The GB was informed that out of six papers received for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize paper published in The Journal of Neuroscience 35: 13475 – 13486 (2015) by Prem Chand was selected for the award.

(iii) Recommendation of the EC to create local branch of IAN in Japan was approved by the GB.

(iv) The GB appreciated the concern to strengthen local branches of IAN and hold regular scientific activities. The suggestion of EC that IAN Delhi branch be renamed as IAN NCR branch was further approved by the GB.
7. Proposal for organizing the XXXV annual conference of IAN in 2017 was discussed. The members were informed about two proposal received to hold the conference from Dr (Ms) Manorma Patri at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack and Dr (Ms) Suman Jain at AIIMS, New Delhi. The proposals to hold the IAN conference at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack was approved by the GB. Dr (Ms) Manorma Patri, who proposed to hold the conference was also present. She was requested to organize the meeting in October 2017 to avoid overlap with other conferences and have maximum participation of neuroscientists from India and abroad. Further, proposal of Dr Shukla Prasad, Professor, Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi to host the XXXVI annual conference

of IAN in 2018 was also discussed. The GB approved to hold the IAN conference in Varanasi in 2018.

8. The suggestions of EC to form the Executive Committee for 2017 was approved by the GB (Annexure – II).

Any other matter

1. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary HQ informed that Panel Discussion joined by leading neurologists, psychiatrists and neuroscientists of the city and interactive meet with cross section of society were organized under the auspices of IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy Programme on September 2 and 28, 2016. The GB appreciated the efforts of members of Lucknow Branch.
2. Amendments in the guidelines of KT Shetty Memorial Oration as discussed in the EC meeting was approved by GB. The GB approved that the applicant should not be above 55 years on the calendar year of the conference.
3. The proposal to increase the amount of cash prize to INR 5,000/- from INR 1,000/- for Jyotsnamoyee – Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize was discussed. The GB was informed that the award was instituted by Late Dr S.K. Bhattacharya in the memory of his late parents after donating INR 20,000/-. The medal and cash prize are given out of the interest of that amount. The GB approved that amount of cash money be increased to INR 5,000/- and amount from IAN be added incase required.
4. The proposal to institute an award by Dr (Ms) Devika Nag in the memory of her late mother Smt Sutti Nag was discussed. Dr Ng had donated INR 1.00 lakh and expressed her desire to institute an award for 1-2 papers presented in the oral or poster sessions out of the interest from the corpus. The GB approved the proposal and the Secretary HQ and General Secretary were requested to decide the modalities.
5. The matter of payment of dues towards affiliation fee of FAONS and IBRO was discussed. The GB approved that payments be made to continue affiliation of IAN with FAONS and IBRO.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Sl. No. Name / Affiliation

1. Dr T.S. Roy, New Delhi
2. Dr P.K. Seth, Lucknow
3. Dr M.K. Thakur, Varanasi
4. Dr Laxmi T. Rao, Bengaluru
5. Dr (Ms). Suman Jain, New Delhi
6. Dr S. Prasad , Varanasi
7. Dr S.K. Trigun, Varanasi
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9. Dr Prasun Roy, Manesar
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15. Ms Vedangana Saini, Amritsar
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20. Dr Bhupesh Mehta, Bengaluru
21. Mr Ajay Kumar, Lucknow
22. Dr Arun Anirudhan, Kerala
23. Dr Saroj Kumar Das, Cuttack
24. Dr (Ms). Bindu M. Kutty, Bengaluru
25. Dr BSS Rao, Bengaluru
26. Dr Yoganarasimha Dorreswamy, Manesar
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28. Dr Tusharkanti Ghosh, Kolkata
29. Dr Rajnikant Mishra
30. Dr U.C. Srivastava, Allahabad
31. Dr (Ms). Nisha Patro, Gwalior
32. Dr Ishan Patro, Gwalior
33. Dr Shyam Diwakar, Cochin
34. Dr T.R. Raju, Bengaluru
35. Dr Rajat Sandhir, Chandigarh
36. Dr Pankaj Seth, Manesar
37. Dr Subrata Sinha, Manesar
38. Dr A.K. Agrawal, Lucknow
39. Dr Akshay Anand, Chandigarh
40. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, Lucknow
41. Ms Richa Gupta, Lucknow
42. Ms Ankita Pandey, Lucknow
43. Mr Chetan S. Rajpurohit, Lucknow
44. Ms Aparna S. Rajpurohit, Lucknow
45. Ms Namrata Mitra, Lucknow
46. Ms Rukmani Pandey, Lucknow
47. Ms Sonam Tripathi, Lucknow

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