

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack on Monday; October 30, 2017

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on October 30, 2017 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Dr Subrata Sinha, President, IAN presided over the meeting. The list of members present during the meeting is enclosed (Annexure – I).

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

1. The minutes of the last GB meeting held on October 19, 2016 at National Brain Research Centre, Manesar were confirmed.
2. In a brief report, the General Secretary apprised the members about the continued improvement of Academy's recognition amongst other neuroscience societies outside India. He informed the members that there was increase in number of applicants for all the IAN award categories, indicating participation of more and more young neuroscientists. Acknowledging the support of IBRO and FAONS for providing fellowships to the young researchers for attending the workshops, symposia and conferences, he also thanked The Japanese Neuroscience Society for providing travel fellowships to the early career scientists / PDFs for attending the annual meetings of JNS.
3. While presenting a brief report of the XXXV annual conference of IAN, Dr (Ms) Manorama Patri, the Organizing Secretary informed that there were 6 plenary lectures, 8 symposia, 9 oral sessions, 2 young scientist colloquia, 2 award sessions for young researchers and poster sessions during the three day conference. She mentioned that the scientific programme of the three day conference also consisted of memorial orations and children interaction programme. The sessions were well attended by the participants and the deliberations in the scientific sessions were excellent. Dr (Ms) Patri informed that three pre-conference workshops were organized at Ravenshaw University. These workshops were attended by the participants from different parts of the country. She thanked Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, AIIMS, New Delhi; Dr Akshay Anand, PGIMER, Chandigarh and Dr Bikash R. Pattnaik, University of Wisconsin, Madison for their help and support to organize the workshops which were useful for participants. She also mentioned that a post conference symposium was planned at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar. She acknowledged the financial support received from the science agencies and help from her colleagues from the university and other places to organize the conference successfully. The GB appreciated the efforts of the Organizing Secretary and her colleagues to develop an exciting scientific programme.
4. As Dr A.K. Agrawal, the Treasurer of Indian Academy of Neurosciences could not attend the meeting; the statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant was presented by the Secretary HQ. Issue of payment of dues towards affiliation fee of FAONS and IBRO was also discussed. The GB unanimously approved to pay off the dues to both FAONS and IBRO to continue affiliation of IAN. The members were happy to note that the financial status of the Academy is good.
5. Dr Akshay Anand while presenting the Editor's report informed that all the four issues of the journal - Annals of Neurosciences for the year 2017 were brought out as per requirement of indexing agencies. He mentioned that the original website www.annalsofneurosciences.org of the journal is running efficiently and the submission of manuscript was changed to the new Karger website of the journal. He further said that the online content of the journal are available in pdf format on the Karger website. Dr Anand provided information on the submission numbers of articles (original

papers, reviews, case reports and mini-reviews) and the accepted/rejected rate of the articles from January – August 2017. He acknowledged the help of Editorial Board and staff in bringing out the issues in a professional manner on time. He said that Google search record for the journal had enhanced hits and associated with increased visibility on social networking. Presenting matrices of total citations / self citations, Dr Anand informed that the journal is being tracked through ESCI of Thompson Reuters. He said that it will take some time to have reasonably good impact factor. The GB appreciated the efforts of Dr Anand and suggested him to include more original papers as discussed in the EC meeting and to seek advice of senior members to take the journal to greater heights.

6. (i). The GB approved the recommendation of the EC for electing Dr (Ms). Charanjit Kaur, National University of Singapore, Singapore and Dr BSS Rao, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru as Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The GB also approved the proposal to elect Dr Tadashi Isa, Kyoto University, Kyoto as Honorary Fellow of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
 - (ii) The GB was informed that out of three papers received for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize, paper published in Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology 36, 577 – 592, 2016 by Arpita Sharma was selected for the award.
 - (iii) The proposal to reorganize the NCR branch of IAN as discussed in the EC was approved by the GB.
7. While discussing the venue to hold the next annual conference of IAN, it was informed that the proposal to hold the XXXVI annual conference of IAN in 2018 at BHU Varanasi was already approved by the GB in the meeting held on October 19, 2016 at National Brain Research Centre, Manesar. The GB was further informed about two proposals received to hold the IAN conference in 2019 from Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, UoH, Hyderabad. The members discussed at both the proposals and recommended that the IAN conference in 2019 may be organized at AIIMS, New Delhi. The GB further discussed the proposal received from Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota and approved that the IAN conference in 2020 may be organized at UoH, Hyderabad. She was suggested to send the fresh request/proposal duly forwarded by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Hyderabad for holding the IAN conference in 2020.
 8. The suggestions of EC to form the Executive Committee for 2017 was approved by the GB (Annexure – II).

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

1. A brief report on activities undertaken as a part of IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy Programme at Lucknow was presented by the Secretary HQ. He informed that interactive meet and lectures by leading neurologists and psychiatrists were organized with cross section of society on April 12, 2017 and May 24, 2017 at CSIR-IITR, Lucknow. He further informed that Science March and Interactive Meet was also organized on May 1, 2017 at the Regional Science City, Lucknow. He also acknowledged Dr P.K. Seth for his support to hold these activities. The GB appreciated the efforts of the Lucknow Chapter and felt that such programs be regularly taken and Chapters may also organize such activities.
2. The proposal as discussed in the EC that two prizes (INR 2,500/- each) may be given out of the interest from the corpus created for Sutte Nag Prize by Dr (Ms) Devika Nag in the memory of her late mother was approved by the GB. It was further approved that these awards may be started from the annual conference of IAN at Cuttack itself and two papers presented

in the Poster Session may be selected for the award. The Secretary HQ was further requested to frame the guidelines for Sutte Nag Prize in consultation with the General Secretary and Treasurer and seek approval of Dr (Ms) Devika Nag, the donor.

3. The proposal to give away two Best Paper Award from Organizers as discussed in the EC was approved by the GB.
4. Dr TR Raju (SVYASA Yoga University, Bangalore), a senior member and elected Fellow of IAN proposed that IAN should partner with Sfn. He said that the affiliation of IAN with Sfn will bring more visibility of IAN at different platforms and help to run neuroscience schools in the country. The President welcomed the idea and appreciated Dr Raju's suggestions. The GB recommended that IAN may partner with Sfn without any financial obligations and requested Dr Raju to work on the modalities with Sfn and inform the Secretary HQ.

Dr Raju further proposed to institute new award – Sfn Bangalore Chapter Award under the banner of IAN. He said that two awards (INR 2,500/- each) may be given to the best papers presented in the Poster Session during the annual meetings of IAN. He said that the award money will be sent to the Treasurer before the annual conference every year. The GB appreciated the gesture of Dr Raju and approved his proposal.

While discussing the issue of the prizes for best posters under the category SS Parmar Research Foundation (USA) Prize, the GB also approved that cash prizes (INR 2,500/- each) may also be given alongwith mementos to the best papers selected for these award during the annual meetings of IAN from 2018 onwards. The GB also approved that amount of cash money be given by IAN.

The Secretary HQ thanked the Organizing Secretary and her colleagues for their efforts for holding a successful neuroscience meet. He also requested her to extend the feelings and sentiments of the members to the Vice Chancellor of the University.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Attendance Sheet

Sl. No.	Name / Affiliation
1	Dr (Ms). Shubha Srivastava, K.N. Govt P.G. College, Gyanpur, Bhadohi
2	Dr U.C. Srivastava, NASI, Allahabad
3	Dr M.K. Thakur, BHU, Varanasi
4	Dr T.S. Roy, AIIMS, New Delhi
5	Dr (Ms). Jharna Ray, University of Calcutta, Kolkata
6	Dr (Ms). Jayasri Das Sarma, IISER, Kolkata
7	Dr Tushar Kanti Ghosh, University of Calcutta, Kolkata
8	Dr S.B. Ray, AIIMS, New Delhi
9	Dr T.C. Nag, AIIMS, New Delhi
10	Dr (Ms). Pushpa Dhar, AIIMS, New Delhi
11	Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
12	Dr A.B. Pant, CSIR – IITR, Lucknow
13	Dr Prasun K. Roy, IIT, BHU, Varanasi
14	Dr Mehdi Hayat Shahi, AMU, Aligarh
15	Dr S.K. Trigun, BHU, Varanasi
16	Dr S. Prasad, BHU, Varanasi
17	Dr Vijay Paramanik, IGNTU, Amarkantak
18	Dr Rajnikant Mishra, BHU, Varanasi
19	Dr Dipak K. Sarkar, Rutgers University, USA
20	Dr K.P. Mohanakumar, IUCBR&SSH, Kottayam, Kerala
21	Dr (Ms). Laxmi T. Rao, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
22	Dr (Ms). Suman Jain, AIIMS, New Delhi
23	Dr T.R. Raju, SVYASA University, Bengaluru
24	Dr B.S.S. Rao, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
25	Dr Surya Pratap Singh, BHU, Varanasi
26	Dr Ghanshyam Pandey, UIC, Chicago
27	Dr Arijit Ghosh, Netaji Nagar Collge for Women, Kolkata
28	Dr A. Roy Chaudhury, SRM University, Kolkata
29	Dr B.R. Paital,
30	Dr Mahadeb Pal, Bose Institute, Kolkata
31	Dr Rajesh Singh Yadav, Dr. Harisingh Gaur Central University, Sagar
32	Dr Nilofar Khan, DIPAS, Delhi
33	Navneet Kaur
34	Gurkeerat Kaur
35	Niyamat M.A. Chimthanwala
36	Parul Bali
37	Yoko K. Sen
38	Dr Anurag Tripathi,
39	Abdul Ghani, PGIMER, Chandigarh
40	Ajit Kumar Sabat, Cuttack
41	Kuntal Ghosh, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
42	Dr Oishee Chakrabarti, SINP, Kolkata
43	Dr Nilkanta Chakrabarti, University of Calcutta, Kolkata
44	Dr Santosh Singh, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidhyalaya, Bilaspur, CG
45	Dr Swati Banerjee, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
46	Dr Arindam Biswas, SNP Centre for Neurosciences, Kolkata
47	Dipanwita Sadhu, SNP Centre for Neurosciences, Kolkata
48	Juhi Singh, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara

49	Mohit Kumar, Panjab University, Chandigarh
50	Dr G.C. Baskey, Ranchi University, Ranchi
51	Dr Anu MAntha, Central University Punjab, Bathinda
52	Binita Ghosh, Ranchi Collrge, Ranchi
53	Smriti Gupta, Panjab University, Chandigarh
54	Aarzo, Panjab University, Chandigarh
55	Subhadeep Dutta Gupta, Kolkata
56	Maltesh Kambali, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
57	Dr R.V. Omkumar, RGCB, Trivandrum
58	Dr M.C. Arunan, CUBE, NBCSE, TIFR, Mumbai
59	Meetu, DIAPS, DRDO, New Delhi
60	Sudeshna Das, DIAPS, DRDO, New Delhi
61	Manisha, DIAPS, DRDO, New Delhi

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