

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held on November 25, 2010 at Lucknow**

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on November 25, 2010 at Hotel Clarks Avadh, Lucknow, the Congress Venue. Following were present,

Dr. Rakesh Shukla, CSMMU, Lucknow
Dr. I.K. Patro, Gwalior
Dr. M.K. Thakur, Varanasi
Dr. B.G. Unni, Jorhat
Dr. P.K. Seth, Lucknow
Dr. G.N. Pandey, USA
Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Lucknow
Dr. B.N. Dhawan, Lucknow
Dr. Pankaj Seth, Manesar
Dr. V.K. Khanna, Lucknow

Special Invitees

Dr. S.S. Parmar, USA
Dr (Ms). Devika Nag, Lucknow
Dr. M. Hasan, Lucknow
Dr. R.C. Srimal, Lucknow
Dr (Ms). Shashi Bala Singh, Leh

Dr. Rakesh Shukla, President of the IAN presided over the meeting. Welcoming the members and special invitees, he thanked them for making it convenient to attend the meeting. He said that it is a matter of great pride to have the opportunity of hosting the 5th Congress of Federation of Asian-Oceanian Neuroscience Societies (FAONS) alongwith XXVIII annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) at Lucknow and one of our past President Dr. P.K. Seth is currently serving as the President of FAONS. He congratulated and thanked him for his initiatives to hold the Congress at Lucknow. He also made a special mention of Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary HQ for his untiring efforts to bring the congress to the reality. He further acknowledged Professor P.N. Tandon, Dr. B.N. Dhawan and all the past Presidents of IAN for their guidance and support in making this event memorable being organized for the first time in the country. Following this, the discussion as per agenda followed,

1. The minutes of the last EC meeting held at Jaipur on December 17, 2009 were confirmed.
2. The recommendation of the Search Committee for the award of Professor B.K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for 2011 to Dr (Ms). Devika Nag was considered and approved. The EC further

suggested that the awardee for KT Shetty Memorial Oration be selected based on the nominations received in due course of time.

3. Dr. I.K. Patro, Chairman of the Academic Committee and Dean of IAN informed that following three nominations were received for Fellowship of the Academy,
 - i. Dr. Subrata Sinha, NBRC, Manesar
 - ii. Dr. Upinder S. Bhalla, NCBS, Bangalore
 - iii. Dr. Rakesh Shukla, CDRI, Lucknow

He further informed that the Academic Committee after a thorough and careful review of nominations has recommended the above three nominees for the award of Fellowship. The EC approved the recommendation of the Academic Committee.

Following this, the EC also decided to elect Professor Torsten N. Wiesel, Nobel Laureate as Honorary Fellow.

4. The EC approved the following Academic and Search Committees for 2010 – 2011.

Academic Committee (Ex officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Fellows – Dr. Mahdi Hasan, Lucknow, Dr Raj D. Mehra, New Delhi, Dr. P.K. Seth, Lucknow)

Search Committee for Professor B. K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award (Ex officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Editor, Fellows – Dr. P. N. Tandon, Manesar, Dr. G.N. Pandey, Chicago, USA, Dr. U.S. Bhalla, Bangalore)

5. The recommendation of the Dean appointing the following panel of judges in consultation with the General Secretary to evaluate the papers for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2010 was approved by the EC.

Dr. Raj D. Mehra, New Delhi
Dr. BSS Rao, Bangalore
Dr. Pankaj Seth, Manesar
Dr. D.K. Lahiri, USA
Dr. H.C. Pant, USA
Dr. S.C. Pandey, USA

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6. The EC approved following panel of judges for evaluating the awards for poster and oral presentations during the XXVIII annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences and 5th Congress of Federation of Asian-Oceanian Neuroscience Societies.

Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award / Dr. D. M. Kar Prize

Dr. S.S. Parmar, USA; Dr. R.C. Srimal, Lucknow; Dr. M. Hasan, Lucknow;
Dr. B.G. Unni, Jorhat

S.S. Parmar Research Foundation (USA) Prize / Best Paper from the Organizers / IBRO – APRC Award

Dr. B. G. Unni, Jorhat; Dr. A.B. Pant, Lucknow; Dr. Y.S. Chan, Hongkong;
Dr. Wing Ho, Hongkong

7. Being away from the country, Dr. Akshay Anand, the Editor of the journal of the Academy, Annals of Neurosciences could not attend the meeting. The Secretary HQ read the contents of his mail sent to him. The members appreciated sincere efforts of Dr. Anand to improve the quality of the journal. The discussions on certain points could not be held in his absence and thus following committee was constituted to materialize the issue.

Chairman - Dr. Rakesh Shukla, Lucknow; Convener - Dr. M.K. Thakur, Varanasi, Members - Dr. P.K. Seth, Lucknow; Dr. I.K. Patro, Gwalior; Dr. G.N. Pandey, USA

The EC however approved the annual subscription charges of Rs. 5,000/- for institute / college libraries as proposed by the Editor.

8. Dr. A. K. Agrawal, Treasurer of the Academy presented the audited annual account of the Academy for the year 2009 – 2010 and the same was approved with applause by the members.
9. The venue of the next annual conference of IAN in 2011 at New Delhi to be organized by Dr (Ms). Shashi Bala Singh was approved. She alongwith his colleague Dr. Sunil K. Hota briefed about the facilities and infrastructure available at DIPAS and assured the members to have a good scientific meeting. The EC suggested to organize the meeting in late October or early November to avoid overlap with other conferences and have good participation of neuroscientists from India and outside.
10. Based on the nominations received for various posts, the Executive Committee for 2010 – 2011 was proposed for the approval of the General Body (list enclosed as Annexure - I).

Any other matter

1. Dr. B.N. Dhawan informed that CIMP has asked for proposal to have a satellite meeting in 2012 and thus suggested that it could be held in India. He said as India has many institutions of neuroscience research and strength of basic and clinical neuroscientists, it will be a good opportunity to have the meeting to showcase the research in the area on one hand and develop linkages between the Indian and overseas scientists on the other. The EC appreciated the views of Dr. Dhawan and requested him to explore the possibility.
2. Dr. A.K. Agrawal informed that many applications from M.Sc. students have been received to be the Life Member of the Academy. As per the amended rules, an individual has to be Ph.D to apply for the Life Membership else he/she may be the Associate Member. Dr. Agrawal requested the EC to permit the interested M.Sc. students to join as Life Members to motivate them and for being associated with the area of neuroscience. Following committee was formed to look in to the matter so that the issue be resolved in the next EC meeting.

Chairman - Dr. Rakesh Shukla, Lucknow; Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Lucknow; Dr. P.K. Seth, Lucknow.

3. Proposal to increase 5 more awards (Best Paper Award from the Organizers) in the category of poster presentation for IAN – FAONS Congress was discussed by the Organizing Secretary and the EC approved the same.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure - I**Indian Academy of Neurosciences
Executive Committee 2010 - 2011**

		Term
President	Dr. R. Shukla, CSMMU, Lucknow	2008 - 2011
Vice Presidents	Dr. G.N. Pandey, Chicago, USA Dr. U.C. Srivastava, Allahabad	2009 - 2012 2010 - 2013
Dean	Dr. I.K. Patro, Gwalior	2008 - 2011
General Secretary	Dr. M.K. Thakur, Varanasi	2010 - 2013
Secretary International Affairs	Dr. Raghu Vemuganti, Madison, USA	2009 - 2012
Secretary HQ	Dr. V.K. Khanna, Lucknow	2009 - 2012
Treasurer	Dr. A. K. Agrawal, Lucknow	2010 - 2013
Editor	Dr. A. Anand, Chandigarh	2008 - 2011
Members	Dr. P. Seth, Manesar Dr. C. S. Paulose, Cochin Dr. BSS Rao Dr (Ms). U. Singhal, Aligarh Dr. U.S. Bhalla, Bangalore Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur	2008 - 2011 2008 - 2011 2009 - 2012 2009 - 2012 2010 - 2013 2010 - 2013
IBRO and FAONS Representative	Dr. P. K. Seth, Lucknow	
Immediate Past President	Dr. B. N. Dhawan, Lucknow	
Immediate Past General Secretary	Dr (Ms). P.G. Joshi, Bangalore	