

## **Indian Academy of Neurosciences**

### **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 29, 2011 at DIPAS, New Delhi**

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on October 29, 2011 at DIPAS, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Rakesh Shukla, President of the IAN. Following members were present,

1. Dr. Rakesh Shukla
2. Dr. P.K. Seth
3. Dr. Ishan K. Patro
4. Dr. Akshay Anand
5. Dr. BSS Rao
6. Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur
7. Dr. Pankaj Seth
8. Dr. A.K. Agrawal
9. Dr (Ms). Shashi Bala singh
10. Dr (Ms). Anju Bansal
11. Dr. Vinay K. Khanna
12. Dr. B.N. Dhawan
13. Dr. M.K. Thakur

#### Special Invitees

14. Dr (Ms). Devika Nag
15. Dr. Mahdi Hasan
16. Dr. Subrata Sinha
17. Dr. Sunil K. Hota

Dr. Rakesh Shukla, President of the IAN formally welcomed the members and special invitees and thanked them for attending the meeting. Dr. Vinay K. Khanna and Dr. Devika Nag joined in between the meeting as their flight was late. The meeting proceeded as per agenda.

1. The minutes of the last EC meeting held at Lucknow on September 3, 2011 were confirmed.
2. The members readily agreed to take up the action taken points as per the agenda item no. 3, 4 and 5.
3. Dr. M.K. Thakur apprised the members about the discussions that he had with the committee members (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) to resolve certain issues raised by the Editor

also present in the meeting. The members considered all the points and following decisions were taken after detailed discussions,

Launching of neuroscience Journalism award and inclusion of name of organization / individual donor in the citation of award was not considered appropriate and thus not approved. Further, inclusion of names of donors / Patrons alongside the Board members and one full page advertisement free of cost of the sponsor of such awards was also not approved.

4. The members appreciated the efforts of Dr. P.K. Seth for coordinating with Ms. Gill More, Executive Secretary, CINP to hold its regional meeting in 2013 in India. It was felt that organization of the regional meeting of the CINP will be a good opportunity to showcase the neuroscience strength in the country and develop collaborative projects with different countries. Dr. Rakesh Shukla, President of the Academy expressed his interest and willingness to hold this meeting in Lucknow. The members were happy on his initiative and suggested to finalize the dates and venue for holding the CINP meeting in consultation with Dr. P.K. Seth, Dr. B.N. Dhawan and Dr. M.K. Thakur.
5. Dr. A.K. Agrawal apprised the members about the discussions that he had with the committee members (Chairman – Dr. Rakesh Shukla, Convener- Dr. A. K. Agrawal, Member - Dr. P.K. Seth) to resolve the issue of inducting M.Sc. students as Life Members of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The members discussed the issue at length and approved that a new category - Associate Life Member be created for such interested students on payment of Rs. 2,000/- as in the case of Life Member. The category of Associate Life Member will be converted to Life Member as soon as the individual completes and sends copy of his / her Ph.D. degree. The EC felt that the issue be discussed in the General Body and necessary amendments be made in Rules and Bye-laws after having the approval of the General Body.
6. Dr. I.K. Patro, Chairman of the Academic Committee and Dean of the IAN informed that nominations of Dr. (Ms) Preeti G. Joshi, Bangalore and Dr. (Ms) Gurcharan Kaur, Amritsar were received for the Fellowship of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. He further informed that the Academic Committee after a thorough and careful review of nominations has recommended both the nominees for the award of Fellowship. The EC approved the recommendation of the Academic Committee and also decided to elect Dr. W. Selvamurthy and Dr (Ms). Sarah A. Dunlop as Honorary Fellows.

The recommendation of the Search Committee for the award of Professor B.K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for 2012 to Dr (Ms). V.L. Ravindranath 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.

7. The EC approved the following Academic and Search Committees for 2011 – 2012.

**Academic Committee** (Ex officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Fellows – Dr. Mahdi Hasan, Lucknow, Dr (Ms). Shashi Bala Singh, New Delhi, Dr. P.K. Seth, Lucknow)

**Search Committee for Professor B. K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award / KT Shetty Memorial Oration** (Ex officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Editor, Fellows – Dr. P. N. Tandon, Manesar, Dr. B.N. Dhawan, Lucknow, Dr. U.S. Bhalla, Bangalore)

8. 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 2011 was approved by the EC.

Dr. S.C. Pandey, USA  
Dr. BSS Rao, Bangalore  
Dr. M.K. Thakur, Varanasi  
Dr. Ishan K. Patro, Gwalior

9. The following panel of judges for evaluating the awards for oral and poster presentations during the XXIX annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences was approved by the EC.

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

Dr. P.K. Seth, Lucknow; Dr. V.K. Khanna, Lucknow; Dr. I.K. Patro, Lucknow; Dr. Rakesh Shukla, Lucknow

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

Dr (Ms). Charajeet Kaur, Singapore, Dr (Ms). Renu Wadhwa, Japan; Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, Hyderabad; Dr. A. K. Agrawal, Lucknow

(Members suggested the Dean to include more members in the panel in consultation with the General Secretary if required)

10. The issue to consider nationality and place of work for eligibility in the nominations for the awards of Indian Academy of Neurosciences was discussed. It was approved that persons of Indian origin who have carried out majority of the work in India should be considered for different awards of the Academy. It was also recommended that necessary amendments be made in Rules and Bye-laws after having approval of the General Body.

11. Dr. Akshay Anand, Editor, Annals of Neurosciences informed that four issues (January, April, July and October) have been brought out during the year 2011. He also gave an account of the number of articles and reports brought out in different issues of the journal. He also mentioned that efforts are on to get the journal indexed and was hopeful that quality and quantity of submissions would improve following indexing. The EC appreciated his efforts in taking pains to improve the quality of the journal and bringing out issues of the journal on time.
12. Dr. A. K. Agrawal, Treasurer of the Academy presented the audited annual account of the Academy and the same was approved unanimously by the members.
13. Proposal for organizing the XXX annual conference of the IAN in 2012 at the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar received from Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur was discussed. Dr (Ms). Kaur in her brief presentation apprised the members about the facilities and infrastructure available at the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar and assured to have a good scientific meeting. The EC approved the proposal and suggested her 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.
14. Based on the nominations received for various posts, the Executive Committee for 2011 – 2012 was proposed for the approval of the General Body (list enclosed as Annexure - I).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Indian Academy of Neurosciences  
Executive Committee (2011 – 2012)**

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|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>President</b><br>Dr. M.K. Thakur<br>BHU, Varanasi                                | 2011 - 2014 | <b>Chief Editor</b><br>Dr. A. Anand<br>PGIMER, Chandigarh                       | 2011 - 2014 |
| <b>Vice Presidents</b><br>Dr. G.N. Pandey<br>UIC, Chicago, USA                      | 2009 - 2012 | <b>Members</b><br>Dr. B.S.S. Rao<br>NIMHANS, Bangalore                          | 2009 - 2012 |
| Dr. U.C. Srivastava<br>AU, Allahabad  | 2010 - 2013 | Dr (Ms). Usha Singhal<br>AMU, Aligarh   | 2009 - 2012 |
| <b>Dean</b><br>Dr. S. Sinha<br>NBRC, Manesar  | 2011 - 2014 | Dr U.S. Bhalla<br>NCBS, Bangalore   | 2010 - 2013 |
| <b>General Secretary</b><br>Dr. P. Seth<br>NBRC, Manesar                            | 2011 - 2013 | Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur<br>GNDU, Amritsar                                       | 2010 - 2013 |
| <b>Secretary HQ</b><br>Dr. V.K. Khanna<br>CSIR-IITR, Lucknow                        | 2009 - 2012 | Dr. (Ms). S.B. Singh<br>DIPAS, New Delhi  | 2011 - 2014 |
| <b>Secretary International Affairs</b><br>Dr. Raghu Vemuganti<br>UoW - Madison, USA | 2009 - 2012 | Dr. RV Omkumar<br>RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram                                      | 2011 - 2014 |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Dr. A. K. Agrawal<br>Lucknow                                    | 2010 - 2013 | <b>IBRO and FAONS Representative</b><br>Dr. P. K. Seth<br>Biotech Park, Lucknow |             |
|   |             | <b>Immediate Past President</b><br>Dr. R. Shukla<br>CSMMU UP, Lucknow           |             |
|   |             | <b>Immediate Past General Secretary</b><br>Dr M.K. Thakur<br>BHU, Varanasi      |             |