

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Dear Members,**

I express my sincere gratitude to all members of the IAN, particularly executive committee, for electing me as the President. I am grateful to all my predecessors and senior members who have nurtured the Academy with their enlightened leadership. I am conscious of the high honor bestowed on me by the largest body of neuroscientists in the country and the huge responsibility associated with it. During three years term, we have many plans to strengthen the activities of the Academy. I sincerely hope that with the guidance, advice and cooperation from all the members, we would be able to fulfill these expectations.

During the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Academy organized by DIPAS at New Delhi, many recommendations have been made. We are trying to approach different funding agencies for its implementation. The Government is thinking favorably to support neuroscience education and research during its XII five year plan. So this is right time when we can make sincere joint efforts to achieve our objectives. We wish to activate the existing chapters of IAN and establish more new chapters to promote neuroscience activities. Let us make a membership drive and enroll more new members. We need more clinicians to join the Academy so that there can be close collaboration between clinical and basic neuroscientists. For this endeavor, I request cooperation from all members and appeal them to organize local scientific and public participation programs to promote scientific interaction and public awareness. I would also request everyone to contribute research papers for publication in Annals of Neurosciences and inform us about the activities and recognitions received so that they can be included in the Academy newsletter.

The first announcement has been made for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Academy. Please visit the website for more details and participate actively in scientific deliberations. I invite all members to send us their suggestions of activities that IAN can take up and appeal them to come forward to strengthen neuroscience in the country.

With warm greetings and best wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year,

M. K. Thakur  
President, IAN