

*Best wishes from  
the  
IAN Executive  
Committee*



**INDIAN ACADEMY OF NEUROSCIENCES**

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University of Illinois at  
Chicago  
1601 W Taylor Street  
Chicago IL, 60612  
6:00-9:00pm

**Launching Ceremony of the  
Indian Academy of  
Neuroscience US Chapter**



**Annual Dinner of Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in  
America (Neuroscience Division)**



## About Academy

The Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) came to existence in 1982 with the efforts of Late **Prof. K.P. Bhargava**, Late **Prof. Mahdi Hasan**, **Prof. S.S. Parmar**, **Prof. B.N. Dhawan**, **Prof. P.K. Seth** and other eminent neuroscientists. Ever since its inception the Academy has been active in promoting neurosciences. It has been holding meetings regularly at different centres involved in neuroscience research in the country. Besides, the Academy has organized and sponsored symposia, workshops and conferences in areas of current interest.

The Academy recognizes eminent Neuroscientists by electing them as Fellows and Honorary Fellows. The Academy has instituted BK Bachhawat Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration which are conferred on the scientist for his/her outstanding contributions in neurosciences. To encourage young scientists, the Academy has instituted awards for poster and oral presentations and published work. The Academy also provides Travel Fellowships to candidates seeking support for participation in the annual conference of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The Academy publishes a Newsletter and a Journal - Annals of Neurosciences. A Membership Directory is also available which is updated from time to time.

Indian Academy of Neurosciences has good amalgamation of basic and clinical researchers. Started with few neuroscientists in 1982, the Academy has grown into a sizable organization of dedicated members. At present, the Academy has over 900 life members from India, Germany, Japan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, UK and USA. Annual meetings of the Academy are also attended by foreign members and thus provide a unique forum for interaction among the neuroscientists from India and abroad.

The Academy invites you to join the league of neuroscientists and become Academy member and help the Academy achieve its goals and objectives.

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# IAN-US Chapter Launch

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## Program

Welcome remarks by  
**Dr. Sayed Ali**  
*Secretary, ASIOA (Neuroscience Division)*

Remarks by  
**Dr. Ghanshyam N. Pandey**  
*President, ASIOA (Neuroscience Division)*

### Launching Ceremony

Welcome Remarks by  
**Dr. Subhash C. Pandey**  
*Convener IAN US Chapter &  
Vice-President IAN*

Remarks by Guest of Honor  
**Bellur Prabhakar**  
*Professor, Head, & Associate Dean  
Dept. of Microbiology & Immunology, UIC*

Remarks by Chief Guest  
Honorable **Dr. Ausaf Sayeed**  
*Consul General of India  
Chicago*

**Keynote Scientific Presentation**  
“Redox Signaling in Pathogenesis of Parkinson’s Disease”  
by

**Dr. Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath**  
*Professor & Chair,  
Centre for Neuroscience,  
Indian Institute of Science,  
C.V. Raman Avenue,  
Bangalore, India*

Vote of Thanks  
**Dr. Debomoy K. Lahiri**  
IAN Secretary International Affairs

**Dinner**

Dear Professor Pandey,  
I have immense pleasure to note about the launch of IAN-US Chapter at a formal function on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

It has been rightly said that nature has no religion and science has no boundaries. The launch of IAN-US Chapter will be a great opportunity to involve neuroscientists to deliberate and contribute towards unraveling and moreover scaling the uncharted territory of brain for benefit of the society at large. I am sure that flow of thoughts among the researchers will lead to formulate strategies and strive to achieve higher plateaus on the Everest of neuroscience for a great future. Being optimistic, I see that there is a great possibility to develop new linkages and strengthen the existing ties with good chemistry and resonance among the researchers.

I salute the Founders of Indian Academy of Neurosciences for their vision and appreciate their constant endeavors in bringing it to the present stature. Further, I appreciate your initiatives for bringing the neuroscientists in US together for the launch of IAN-US Chapter. I would miss this proud historical moment for not being able to be present physically, however, even thinking about it makes me nostalgic.

I Congratulate !! you in all sincerity and request you humbly to extend my Greeting !! to all other members present on this occasion.

With best personal regards,  
Vinay K. Khanna,  
Ph.D  
Secretary HQ, IAN

Subhash

I was delighted to learn that your untiring efforts have borne fruit and the US Chapter is being inaugurated on auspicious Mahasaptami, It will not be possible for me to join but I would request you kindly to extend my greetings to fellow members of the Academy and best wishes for further growth and scientific activities.

Best wishes and congratulations  
Prof. B.N. Dhawan Founder and  
Past Presidents IAN Ex-Director

## Messages and Best Wishes

Dear Prof. Pandey,

I am very happy to learn that the US Chapter of Indian Academy of Neurosciences will be inaugurated on October 20, 2015 at UIC Chicago in presence of several neuroscientists. Unfortunately, I will miss the event as it is close to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neuroscience to be held here in India, but my good wishes are with you for this major event. This is an important milestone for the Academy that has made its presence felt internationally and now has over 1000 members.

I wish grand success for the Launch of US Chapter of Indian Academy of Neurosciences and thank you for your efforts in making it possible.

Warm wishes,  
Pankaj Seth, Ph.D  
General Secretary-IAN  
Professor & Scientist VI Molecular  
and Cellular Neuroscience, National  
Brain Research Center

Dear Subhash,

I am delighted that through your sustained efforts the Indian Academy of Neuroscience (IAN)-U.S. Chapter is going to be launched on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a matter of great coincidence that event will take place during most auspicious days-Navartires-according to Hindu mythology. The organizing team of the Chapter represents distinguished neuroscientists from U.S.

Dear Professor (Dr.) Pandey:

I express my sincere thanks and gratefulness to you for your kind invitation to be the "Guest Of Honor" during the launching ceremony of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) - US Chapter.

I congratulate you for undertaking this noble task which clearly exhibit your vision for the role of Neuroscience towards the benefit of mankind and suffering humanity. Your "Global Interest" in Neuroscience is greatly appreciated.

I fully agree with you that the growth of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences has been due to the sincere and hard work of distinguished neuroscientists from India and abroad. I am delighted to state that in the early stages of its inception the number of IAN members in the United States was significantly higher and this encouraged neuroscientists in India to become an active part of this prestigious academy. The IAN is an extremely sound and is fully recognized not only by neuroscientists but other distinguished basic and medical scientists all around the WORLD.

I sincerely wish you every success on this historical event which is jointly celebrated with the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin in America. I am extremely thankful to all distinguished participants at this launching ceremony.

With kindest personal regards and sincere good wishes.

S. S. Parmar  
Honorary D.Sc. (King George Medical/CSM Medical University)  
Ph.D. (Lucknow), Ph.D. (McGill)  
Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor & Emeritus Professor of  
Physiology University of North Dakota

whom I had the privilege to know and meet on several occasions. On the occasion of launching of the first foreign Chapter of IAN, I wish to convey my greetings to all present to witness the event and thank you, Prof. G.N. Pandey and others for joining hands to build the SETU (Bridge) of Neuroscience between India and US. The maximum number of IAN foreign members are from US. There was a time when US had more members than India, as Professor Parmar one of the founders of the Academy, enrolled a large number of his associates and colleagues as life members. US neuroscientists have been enriching the IAN scientific program by their participation in its annual meetings. I am confident that launching of this chapter would further boost collaboration and exchange of ideas and participation of IAN members in IAN and SFN.

With warm regards,  
Prof. P.K. Seth  
Founding member & Past-President of  
IAN  
CEO, Biotech Park

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October 14, 2015

Prof. Subhash C. Pandey, PhD  
Convener - US Chapter of Indian Academy of Neurosciences  
and  
Professor & Director, Alcohol Research Center  
Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago

### Message for the Launch of Indian Academy of Neurosciences – US Chapter

Dear Prof. Pandey,

I am delighted to learn about the launch of the US Chapter of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (US Chapter-IAN) scheduled on October 20, 2015 at UIC Chicago, USA. The Indian Neuroscience community in the USA has always been a source of great strength for the IAN. Their enthusiastic participation in the activities of the IAN in India is highly valued by all of us. They bring to the IAN a global perspective that enriches us scientifically and enables many of our members to expand the horizons of their work.

With the US Chapter of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (US Chapter-IAN) being inaugurated, this cooperation will be institutionalized and have the potential of further growth. The US Chapter would further help in augmenting the footprint of IAN and increasing its visibility. We hope the Chapter will help us to reach out to neuroscientists in the western world and initiate innovative programs for increasing the association of Indian and US brain researchers towards realizing their common goal of understanding the healthy and diseased brain. As you are aware, we are into the fourth decade of the IAN. We sincerely appreciate your great efforts to enable the Indian Academy of Neurosciences to grow beyond national borders.

I am sure that the event would be a grand success and the US Chapter would be a great force in binding together the neuroscience communities of India and USA.

Warm personal regards,

*Subrata Sinha*

Prof. Subrata Sinha  
Director