

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on October 31, 2011 at New Delhi

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on October 31, 2011 in the auditorium at the VP Chest Institute, New Delhi, the venue of the conference. The meeting was chaired by Professor Rakesh Shukla, President of IAN. He welcomed the members and the meeting proceeded as per the agenda. The list of members present during the meeting is enclosed as supplementary sheet (Annexure – I)

1. The minutes of the last GB held at Lucknow on November 26, 2010 were confirmed.
2. The members readily agreed to take up the action taken point as per the agenda item no. 2.
3. Proposal for holding the regional meeting of CIMP in 2013 in India was discussed and members unanimously approved and felt that organization of the regional meeting of the CIMP will be a good opportunity to showcase the neuroscience strength in the country. Besides, it will also be a good opportunity for young researchers to interact with the peers in their area and develop collaborative projects with different countries. The gesture of Dr. Rakesh Shukla, President of the Academy expressing his interest and willingness to hold the meeting in Lucknow was also appreciated by the GB. It was further suggested to finalize the dates and venue for holding the CIMP meeting in consultation with Dr. P.K. Seth, Dr. B.N. Dhawan and Dr. M.K. Thakur.
4. Dr. M. K. Thakur, the General Secretary of IAN in his report informed the members about the year round activities of the Academy and its local branches. He said that there are over 800 Life Members in the fold of the IAN and appealed the young researchers to come forward, utilize resources and take up research in the challenging areas. He also requested the members to inform the changes in their addresses and emails, if any to Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary HQ and Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Treasurer of the Academy to update the Directory.
5. The report presented by Dr. A. K. Agrawal, the Treasurer of the IAN was approved by the GB.
6. The Editor's report was presented by Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary HQ in the absence of Dr. Akshay Anand. Dr. Khanna also mentioned about the efforts of the Editor and his team for getting the journal indexed that will further improve the quality and quantity of submissions. Appreciating the endeavours of the

Editor and his team to improve the quality of the journal, the GB suggested that more original research articles be included in each issue. While discussing that some of the members did not receive copy of the journal, Dr. Khanna suggested them to write to Dr. Akshay Anand with a copy to him to check their postal addresses and ensure that they receive copies of the journal in future.

7. Dr. (Ms). Shashi Bala Singh, the Organizing Secretary of the XXIX IAN Conference presented the report on the scientific sessions organized and number of papers presented in oral and poster sessions. In her brief report, Dr (Ms). Singh apprised that 12 symposia, 4 oral sessions, 2 award sessions, invited lectures and poster sessions were held. Besides, a panel discussion on Future of Neuroscience education in India and a children interactive meet was also organized during the three day conference. She informed that there was a lot of interest among the young researchers to participate in this conference. She was requested to prepare a consolidated report at the earliest for publication in Current Science and to sending to the agencies in consultation with the General Secretary and Secretary HQ. She thanked the science agencies and leaders for their support to organize this Neuroscience meet.
8. Consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Committee
 - i. The GB approved the election of Dr (Ms). Preeti G. Joshi and Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur as Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
 - ii. The GB also approved election of Dr. W. Selvamurthy, New Delhi and Dr. Sarah A. Dunlop, Australia as Honorary Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
 - iii. The recommendation of the EC awarding B.K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award to Professor (Ms). V.L. Ravindranath, Bangalore was also approved by the GB.
 - iv. The GB approved that the awardee for KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2012 and 2013 be selected in due course of time after reviewing the nominations received.
 - v. The proposal to include a new category - Associate Life Member for the interested M.Sc. students on payment of Rs. 2,000/- as in the case of Life Members, discussed at the EC, was approved by the GB. The GB also approved that 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 GB further approved that necessary amendments be made in Rules and Bye-laws.
 - vi. The issue to consider nationality and place of work for eligibility in the nominations for the awards of Indian Academy of Neurosciences was

discussed in detail. The GB 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. The GB also approved that necessary amendments be made in Rules and Bye-laws.

- vii. The idea to hold more training workshops and symposia in the area of neurosciences at different neuroscience centres in the country was discussed. The GB felt that such activities will be useful for young researchers and recommended that local branches of the IAN should gear up and organize such activities frequently taking help of experts, if required.
 - viii. The proposal to co-sponsor the ISN Special Neurochemistry Meeting in 2013 in India, discussed by Dr. K.P. Mohanakumar was approved by the GB. He was suggested to keep informed the developments to the President, Secretary HQ and General Secretary.
9. The recommendation of the EC to hold the next annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences at the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar received from Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur was approved by the General Body.
10. The GB considered the recommendation of the EC for constituting the new executive and approved the same (list enclosed as Annexure - II).

Any other matter

11. The proposal to create a fund through IAN out of savings from IAN-FAONS, approved by the EC at its meeting on September 3, 2011 at Lucknow was discussed. The GB approved that the interest on the deposit be used i) to support organization of a FAONS Symposium (up to Rs. 50,000/-) at future IAN meetings and ii) award two travel grants of Rs 15,000/- each to attend the FAONS meeting to young students/investigators.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**List of persons who attended the General Body Meeting
on October 31, 2011**

1. Dr (Ms). Chanda Kulkarni
2. Dr (Ms). Preeti Joshi
3. Dr. BSS Rao
4. Dr. Arindam Ghosh
5. Dr. Anindita Banerjee
6. Ms. Aditi Mehrotra
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16. Ms. Anupama Rani
17. Mr. Mahesh K. Kaushik
18. Mr. Suneel Kumar
19. Mr. Ajay Pal
20. Dr. S.K. Sharma
21. Dr (Ms). Anju Bansal
22. Dr. Raghu Jetti
23. Dr. Shyam S. Sharma
24. Dr. C. Sagar
25. Mr. Abhijith Shettar
26. Mr. Harsh Bhardwaj
27. Mr. Shahnawaz Alam
28. Mr. Pawan Kumar Yadav
29. Ms. Kalyani Jayant
30. Ms. Sanjana Mishra
31. Mr. Yogesh Kumar Dhuriya
32. Dr. Sunil Kumar Hota
33. Dr. M.C. Arunan
34. Dr. Bindu Kutty
35. Dr. Laxmi T Rao
36. Dr. Muddanna S. Rao
37. Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur
38. Dr. S.K. Trigun
39. Dr (Ms). Kalpana Hota
40. Dr (Ms). A.J. Vanisree

41. Dr (Ms). Asha Gopinathan
42. Ms. Monika Sadananda
43. Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota
44. Dr (Ms). Yasmin Khan
45. Dr (Ms). Emili Banerjee
46. Ms. T. Ambili Appukuttan
47. Ms. Debasmita Tripathy
48. Mr. Joy Chakraborty
49. Mr. Alpesh Kumar Sharma
50. Mr. Saroj Kumar Das
51. Mr. Rajesh S. Yadav
52. Dr. Pankaj Seth
53. Dr. K.P. Mohanakumar
54. Dr. P.K. Seth
55. Dr. M.K. Thakur
56. Dr. Ishan K. Patro
57. Dr. A.K. Agrawal
58. Dr (Ms). Shashi Bala Singh
59. Dr. Rakesh Shukla
60. Dr. Vinay K. Khanna