

Indian Academy of Neurosciences
Minutes of the General Body Meeting held at
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
on Wednesday; November 20, 2019

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on November 20, 2019 at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, President, IAN and the list of members present during the meeting is enclosed (Annexure – I).

Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh welcomed the members and the meeting proceeded as per the agenda.

1. The minutes of the last GB meeting held on October 30, 2018 at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi were confirmed.
2. Dr Pankaj Seth, General Secretary, IAN informed the members about the linkages of Indian Academy of Neurosciences with IBRO, FAONS and other neuroscience societies including Japanese Neuroscience Society. He encouraged the young neuroscientists to avail the opportunities for attending the workshops and summer schools being sponsored by these international agencies in India and outside. In a brief report, he mentioned about the activities organized under the auspices of IAN local chapters during the year. He requested the members and specially the office bearers of local chapters to hold interactive sessions and lectures by leading neurologists and psychiatrists with cross section of society to apprise them about brain related disorders. He expressed gratitude to the membership for their support and requested them to update their profile and contact information by logging on to IAN website or by contacting the Secretary HQ.
3. Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, the Organizing Secretary presented a brief report of the XXXVII annual conference of IAN. She informed that there were 5 plenary lectures, 14 symposia, 6 invited talks, 6 oral sessions, 2 award sessions for young researchers and poster sessions during the three day conference organized with the theme – Neuron to Behavior. She further informed that the scientific programme of the three day conference also consisted of ISN sponsored symposium on Neurochemical and Molecular Mechanisms Regulating Pathogenesis of Neurodegenerative and Neuropsychiatric Disorders, IAN-FAONS Symposium and two memorial lectures. Further, 3 pre-conference workshops and interactive programme of school children with neuroscientists were also organized a day before the conference. She said that the deliberations in the scientific sessions were excellent and all sessions were well attended by the delegates. She acknowledged the financial support received from the science agencies and help from her colleagues from AIIMS, New Delhi and other places to organize the conference successfully. The GB applauded the efforts of the Organizing Secretary and her colleagues to develop an effective scientific programme.
4. As Dr AK Agrawal, Treasurer, IAN could not attend the meeting, the statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant was presented by the Secretary

HQ. The GB was informed about the expenditure, savings, induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. The payment of dues to IBRO and FAONS to continue affiliation of IAN with these academic bodies was approved by the GB unanimously. While the GB was happy to note that more neuroscientists from India and abroad have joined the IAN, Dr Subrata Sinha suggested to ascertain active number of Life Members of IAN. He said that exact count of active IAN members will help to negotiate payment of dues to IBRO / FAONS in next years incase the dues are settled for the amount / member. The efforts of the Treasurer for maintaining IAN accounts efficiently were appreciated and the report presented was approved by the GB.

5. Dr Akshay Anand while presenting the Editor's report informed about the new partnership of IAN with SAGE to continue the journal of the Academy – Annals of Neuroscience as the contract with KARGER terminated. Details about the editorials, original papers, reviews, commentaries and reports received for publication were informed to the GB. The Editor also informed the details of online submissions during the year 2019 and rolled over articles from previous submissions considered for publication. He said that all the three issues of the journal - Annals of Neurosciences for the year 2019 will be brought soon as per the requirement of indexing agencies including Pubmed. While acknowledging the help of Editorial Board and staff in bringing out the issues on time in a professional manner, he mentioned about the updates and posts on the prominent social networking websites which enhanced the visibility of the journal. He urged the neuroscience fraternity to submit papers to the journal. He further informed the members that the journal is being tracked for Impact Factor through ESCI of Thompson Reuters.
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 - (i). The GB approved the recommendation of the EC for electing Dr Rajnikant Mishra (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) and Dr Subodh K Jain (Sagar University, Sagar) as Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
 - (ii) The GB was informed that out of twelve papers received for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize, paper of Ms Sudeshna Das (Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences, Delhi) published in Brain Behavior and Immunity was selected for the award.
 - (iii) The GB was informed that two more awards will be given as Best Paper Award from Organizers as approved by the EC.
7. The GB was informed that the proposal to hold the XXXVIII annual conference of IAN in 2020 at UoH, Hyderabad was already approved in its earlier meeting held on October 30, 2017 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Dr (Ms) Anita Jagota, the designated Organizing Secretary informed that the dates October 5 – 7 are suitable to hold the IAN meeting in 2020. She further said that she would seek help from Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, the President, IAN who is also the Director at NIPER, Hyderabad to have a grand international meeting at Hyderabad. She requested the members to block the dates for attending the meeting.

Further, the Secretary HQ informed about the proposal received from Dr Mehdihayat Shahi to hold the IAN meeting at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh in 2021. The recommendation of the EC for inviting more proposals from other centres and taking decision on the venue for 2021 be taken later was approved by the GB.

8. The GB was happy to note about the activities undertaken under the auspices of IAN local chapters at Kolkata, Lucknow, Varanasi, Aligarh and Bengaluru. The proposal of EC to hold activities under the IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy programme was discussed and appreciated by the members. It was further informed that a plan of activities to be undertaken by local chapters may be submitted to the Secretary HQ by June 30, 2020 for partial support (up to INR 25,000/-) from IAN after review.
9. The suggestions of EC to form the Executive Committee for 2018 was approved by the GB (Annexure – II).

The Secretary HQ thanked the Organizing Secretary and her colleagues for their efforts for holding a successful neuroscience meet. He also requested her to extend the feelings and sentiments of the members to the Director of the Institute.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



XXXVII Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Neurosciences

General Body Meeting

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

1. Dr Ghanshyam N. Pandey, Chicago
2. Dr Prahlad K. Seth, Lucknow
3. Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, Hyderabad
4. Dr Subrata Sinha, New Delhi
5. Dr Vijay Paramanik,
6. Dr S Prasad, Varanasi
7. Dr TC Nag, New Delhi
8. Ms Pallabi Bhattacharyya, Kolkata
9. Dr (Ms). Hina Kausar, New Delhi
10. Mr Aurnab Ghose
11. Ms Parul Bali
12. Mr B Sasi Bhushana Reddy,
13. Ms Bidisha Bhaduri,
14. Dr (Ms). Niyati Acharya, Ahmedabad
15. Dr Amal C. Mondal,
16. Dr Tushar K. Ghosh, Kolkata
17. Dr Tarasankar Roy,
18. Dr Poonam Thakur,
19. Dr Rajat Sandhir, Chandigarh
20. Dr Sharmistha Dey,
21. Dr Prasun K. Roy,
22. Dr BSS Rao, Bengaluru
23. Dr (Ms). Laxmi T. Rao, Begaluru
24. Dr Kiranmai S. Rai
25. Dr Mehadi H. Shah, Aligarh
26. Dr Atin Kumar Mandal, Kolkata
27. Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur, Amritsar
28. Dr KP Mohanakumar, Kottayam
29. Dr (Ms). Usha Rajamma, Kottayam
30. Dr Goutam Chandra, Kottayam
31. Dr Rajesh A. Shenoi, Kottayam
32. Dr Jacob James, Trivandrum
33. Dr (Ms). Phalguni A. Alladi, Bengaluru
34. Dr SB Ray,
35. Shatampa Bhattacharya
36. Ms Tiyaasha Sarkar, Gwalior
37. Mr Vikas Pareek,
38. Balpreet Kaur,
39. Ramitha PA, Kottayam
40. Remya VR, Kottayam
41. Rinku Raj Mullasseril, Kottayam
42. Ms Harsha PJ, Kottayam
43. Chinthu VS, Kottayam
44. Dr (Ms). Madhavi Joshi, Ahmedabad
45. Dr (Ms). Ameer Nair, Ahmedabad
46. Dhriti Shah, Ahmedabad
47. Roana Liz George, Kottayam
48. Sakshi Sharma,
49. Khushboo Kanojia,
50. Ayushi Nagdev
51. Syed
52. Ms Aditi Naskar, Bengaluru
53. Ms Rashmi V. Savant, Bengaluru
54. Subhadeep Dutta Gupta, Bengaluru
55. Ms Ojal D'Cunha, Mumbai
56. Ms Avni Rao, Mumbai
57. Ms Heenal Panchal, Mumbai
58. Dr Sneha Gupta
59. Dr (Ms). Shashi B. Singh, Hyderabad
60. Dr (Ms). Suman Jain, New Delhi
61. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow

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