

**Indian Academy of Neurosciences**  
**Minutes of the General Body Meeting held at**  
**Jiwaji University, Gwalior on Thursday; October 5, 2023**

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on **Thursday; October 5, 2023** in the auditorium at Jiwaji University, Gwalior. The meeting was presided over by Dr IK Patro, President, IAN and the list of members present during the meeting is enclosed (Annexure – I).

Dr IK Patro welcomed the members and the meeting proceeded as per the agenda.

1. The minutes of the last GB meeting held at NEHU, Shillong on Friday; December 9, 2022, circulated among the members, were confirmed.
2. Dr Pankaj Seth, the General Secretary, Indian Academy of Neurosciences presented the highlights of the achievements of the Academy during the year. Sharing the details of activities organized under the auspices of local branches, he apprised the GB that more new members have joined the academy during the year. He further informed that the Academy has strengthened its association with several international neuroscience societies including International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), Federation of Asia Oceanian Neuroscience Society (FAONS) and Japanese Neuroscience Society (JNS). He urged the early career neuroscientists to develop good collaborative projects and avail the opportunities for presenting their work in annual meeting of JNS. Dr Seth acknowledged the International Society for Neurochemistry (ISN) to support the ISN Wiley Blackwell Lecture delivered by Dr Timothy W. Bredy, UQ Centre for RNA in Neuroscience, Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland Building, St. Lucia, QLD 4072.
3. Report by the Organizing Secretary, Prof Ishan Patro presented the details of the meeting, which had three plenary lectures, 21 symposia, two young scientist colloquium and poster sessions, where a total of 151 posters were presented. He apprised the members that there were more than 300 registered delegates at the conference and the meeting was graced by several renowned neuroscientists from Japan, USA, Singapore etc. In short the IAN 2024 was a grand success by all standards.
4. Dr AK Agrawal, the Treasurer of Indian Academy of Neurosciences presented the statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant. The members were informed about the expenditure, savings, induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. While giving details about the affiliation fee paid, he informed that payment of dues to IBRO have been settled up to the year 2023. However, the affiliation fee of IAN with FAONS for the period 2020 – 2023 will be settled once the invoice is received from FAONS. The GB appreciated the efforts of the Treasurer for maintaining the IAN accounts efficiently and approved the report presented by the Treasurer.
5. Dr. Akshay Anand, Chief Editor presented the Editor's report. He said that the Journal, Annals of Neurosciences (AON), serves as a vital platform for the dissemination of cutting-edge research and advancements in the field of neuroscience. He informed the GB that like yester years, it is poised to maintain its commitment to academic excellence by bringing forth

four meticulously curated issues, meeting the stringent requirements of various esteemed indexing agencies, including PubMed. He further shared that the AON diligently uploads its journal issues on the SAGE website, ensuring timely accessibility to a global audience. He apprised the GB that a total of 124 manuscripts submitted in 2023 undergo a rigorous review process, with 53 manuscripts slated for publication, including supplementary issue. He further informed the GB that the submission process, currently managed by SAGE publishers, undergoes continuous coordination and evolution. He acknowledged that the collaborative efforts of National and International reviewers from the neuroscience fraternity to the success of the Journal. He also discussed the financial aspects, including APC Royalty and editorial staff payments and said that these are intricately handled, reflecting the demanding nature of continuous collaboration with publishers. The GB was happy to note that the online version of AON content for the year 2023 is seamlessly available on the website, maintained by dedicated professionals, and the submission process continues under the evolving coordination of SAGE. He acknowledging the pivotal role of its Editorial Board and Reviewers and his colleague Dr Krishna K. Sony. Dr Anand further mentioned that the utilization of social networking platforms amplified the visibility and impact of AON, with the Journal boasting a commendable Impact Factor of 1.5 in 2023. The relentless pursuit of excellence and continuous adaptation to evolving standards define the Annals of Neurosciences as a dynamic and indispensable resource in the field. He urged the members for their feedback and early career researchers for their suggestions to improve the quality of the journal. The GB appreciated the efforts of Dr Anand and all his colleagues involved in the process to run the journal meticulously with applause.

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  - (i). The GB approved the recommendation of the EC for electing Dr Krishanu Ray (NBRC, Manesar); Dr Sajikumar Sreedharan (NUS, Singapore); Dr Amit Mishra (IIT, Jodhpur); Dr (Ms). Bindu M. Kutty (NIMHANS, Bengaluru); Dr (Ms). Sheffali Gulati (AIIMS, New Delhi); Dr SP Arun (IISc, Bengaluru) as Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
  - (ii) The GB was informed that out of four papers received for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize, the paper of Urmilla John, School of Studies in Neuroscience, Jiwaji University, Gwalior published in Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy received highest scores from the Reviewers and considered for the award.
  - (iii) The GB was informed that in view of large number of papers in the poster session, the request from the organizers to increase the number of prizes as Best paper award from organizers (07) has been considered to encourage young researchers.
7. The GB was informed the recommendation of the EC to increase the amount of honorarium for BK Bachhawat Memorial LifeTime Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial oration be increased to INR 25,000/- by supplementing INR 15,000/- to the existing amount of INR 10,000/- each, using part of the interest earned from IAN savings. It may be revisited after 3 years. In the mean time, the possibility to generate funds may be explored by writing letters to the individuals who started the endowments to increase the corpus amounts as well. Thus, these awards can be self-sustained in the long run. The GB approved the proposal.
8. The GB was informed about the shifting of IAN HQ from CSIR-IITR, Lucknow to NBRC, Manesar. The members were informed that Dr Pankaj Seth has accepted the request to explore the possibility to run the IAN HQ from NBRC, Manesar. He informed that the initial soft consent from the Director, NBRC has already been obtained earlier and further formalities will be completed soon. The request of Dr AK Agrawal, the Treasurer of IAN

to identify an IAN Member at NBRC who may execute the responsibility as Treasurer was also discussed. As the process to shift the IAN HQ will take some time, Dr Agrawal was requested to continue as Treasurer, IAN till the papers are handed over to the new elected Treasurer of IAN. It was further informed that Dr AK Agrawal will hand over the charge to Dr Sourav Banerjee, the next treasurer, after getting the accounts audited for the year 2023 – 2024. The GB approved the proposal.

9. The GB was informed that the proposal to hold the XLII annual conference of IAN in 2024 received from NIMHANS, Bengaluru was considered earlier. The GB was informed that the administrative approval from NIMHANS, Bengaluru has also been received and thus annual meeting in 2024 may be held at NIMHANS, Bengaluru. The GB was further informed that proposal to hold the XLIII annual conference of IAN in 2025 has been received from Dr Jackson James, RCGB, Thiruvananthapuram. The GB advised Dr Jackson James to have the meeting of IAN as per approved format in consultation with President, Secretary HQ and General secretary at RCGB, Thiruvananthapuram in 2025.
10. The GB was happy to note that lectures, symposia and hands on workshop were organized under the auspices of local chapters of IAN. Further, the members were concerned to have more activities and specially workshops to train the young researchers.
11. The GB was informed that certain activities supported by IAN under IAN – IBRO Global Neuroscience Advocacy initiative were well received. It was further discussed that besides academic activities, public / popular lectures may also be organized under the IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy programme by the local chapters. Plan of activities to be undertaken by the members may be submitted to the Secretary HQ in case any support is required from IAN. The proposals received will be reviewed by a committee and support grant up to INR 25,000/- will be released in the accounts of IAN local chapters. The Secretary requested the members to hold programs under the auspices IAN – IBRO Global Neuroscience Advocacy along with other colleagues for the cause. The GB members enthusiastically approved the idea.
12. The suggestions of EC to form the Executive Committee for 2024 was approved by the GB (Annexure – II).

The Secretary HQ thanked the Organizing Secretary and his colleagues for their efforts for holding a successful neuroscience meet. He also requested him to extend the feelings and sentiments of the members to the Vice Chancellor of the University. The GB applauded the efforts of the organizing committee profusely.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



**XLI Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences  
Jiwaji University Gwalior**

**General Body Meeting**

**Thursday; October 5, 2023**

1.	Dr (Ms). Renu Wadhwa	AIST, Japan
2.	Dr Akshay Anand	PGIMER, Chandigarh
3.	Dr (Ms). Suman Jain	AIIMS, New Delhi
4.	Dr (Ms). Soumya Iyengar	NBRC, Manesar
5.	Dr (Ms). Sabita Mishra	MAMC, New Delhi
6.	Dr (Ms). Phalguni A. Alladi	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
7.	Dr Jaspreet Dhanjal	IIIT, Delhi
8.	Dr Amul Sakharkar	SPPU, Pune
9.	Dr Dadasaheb Kokare	RTMNU, Nagpur
10.	Dr Sunit K. Singh	ACBR, New Delhi
11.	Dr SP Arun	IISc, Bengaluru
12.	Dr TC Nag	AIIMS, New Delhi
13.	Dr Sudip Sen	AIIMS, New Delhi
14.	Dr TonyGeorge Jacob	AIIMS, New Delhi
15.	Dr Pankaj Kumar	IGIMS, Patna
16.	Dr Saroj Kaler Jhahria	AIIMS, New Delhi
17.	Neha Dhiman	Panjab University, Chandigarh
18.	Palkin Arora	INMAS, DRDO, New Delhi
19.	Dr Chinnakkaruppa A	IISc, Bengaluru
20.	Dr Nivethida T	IIT, Mumbai
21.	Dr Reddy Peera Kommaddi	IISc, Bengaluru
22.	Rekha KN	MAHE, Manipal
23.	Swathi M	MAHE, Manipal
24.	Venkidesh B S	MAHE, Manipal
25.	Dr Ashok K Datusalia	NIPER, Raebareli
26.	Dr Rajesh Kumar	AIIMS, Patna
27.	Dr Ashutosh Kumar	AIIMS, Patna
28.	Dr Achira Roy	JNCASR, Bengaluru
29.	Vishal Lolam	JNCASR, Bengaluru
30.	Dr Rajat Sandhir	Panjab University, Chandigarh
31.	Dr JN Sinha	NIPER, Mohali
32.	Dr Rajnikant Mishra	BHU, Varanasi
33.	Dr Akanksha Singh	AIIMS, New Delhi
34.	Nishad Keethedath	IUCBR&SSH, Kottayam, Kerala
35.	Swapna KK	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
36.	Neethumol OP	IUCBR&SSH, Kottayam, Kerala
37.	Jyoti Chaurasia	University of Lucknow, Lucknow
38.	Anjana J. Menon	Centre for Brain Research, Bengaluru
39.	Sandhya G	Centre for Brain Research, Bengaluru
40.	Harshita Ghanghariya	Jiwaji University, Gwalior
41.	Rashmi Singh	Jiwaji University, Gwalior
42.	Subhra Prakash Hui	University of Calcutta, Kolkata
43.	Dr Shahzad Aasim	KASRC Cluster University, Srinagar
44.	Ankita Sinha	IGIMS, Patna
45.	Samiya Zehra	CBMR, Lucknow
46.	Kashish Parnami	Amity University, Noida
47.	Dr Angana Saikia	Amity University, Noida
48.	Abir Mondal	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence
49.	Prince Upadhyay	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence
50.	Dr Amrita Bakshi	Ramjas College, New Delhi
51.	Dr Anamika	Ramjas College, New Delhi
52.	Vishal Vikram Singh	BHU, Varanasi
53.	Dr Shashank K. Maurya	University of Delhi, New Delhi

54.	Jaldhi	University of Delhi, New Delhi
55.	Shweta	University of Delhi, New Delhi
56.	Dr Manorama Patri	Central University, Himachal Pradesh
57.	Dr Meenakshi Bawari	Assam University, Silchar, Assam
58.	Dr Poonpun Das	Vyasanagar (Autonomous) College, Odisha
59.	Elora Barik	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha
60.	Swastic Sukanya	MS University of Baroda, Gujarat
61.	Arpita Soreng	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha
62.	Dr Jackson James	RGCB, Trivandrum
63.	Dr Sathya Puthanveetil	UF Scripps Biomedical Research, USA
64.	Dr Binukumar BK	CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi
65.	Dr Ramarao Golime	DRDE, Gwalior
66.	Vaishnavi Borade	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
67.	Amit Shiwal	RTMNU, Nagpur
68.	Sakshi S. Nalkande	RTMNU, Nagpur
69.	Pratik Dange	UDPS, Nagpur
70.	Dr Arun Sasidharan	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
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84.	Dr Pradeep Punnakkal	PGIMER Chandigarh
85.	Dr Shobi Veleri	ICMR-NIN, Hyderabad
86.	Vaibhav A. Sabale	RTMNU, Nagpur
87.	Dr AK Agrawal	CSIR- IITR, Lucknow
88.	Dr Vinay K. Khanna	CSIR- IITR, Lucknow
89.	Dr TR Raju	Sankara Academy of Vision, Bengaluru
90.	Dr Suhail Rasool	TrueBinding Inc, Foster City, CA, USA
91.	Dr Kaviraja Udupa	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
92.	Dr Subhas C. Biswas	CSIR-IICB, Kolkata
93.	Dr Muddanna S. Rao	Kuwait University, Kuwait
94.	Dr Arun Anirudhan	SCTIMST, Trivandrum
95.	Prekshi Garg	Amity University, Lucknow
96.	Dr (Ms). Prachi Srivastava	Amity University, Lucknow
97.	Dr Rajesh Singh Yadav	NFSU, Bhopal
98.	Apoorva BS	MAHE, Manipur
99.	Ankita Mukherjee	Guru Ghasidas (Central) University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh
100.	Dhanshree Borkar	NFSU, Bhopal
101.	Divya Gupta	Jiwaji University, Gwalior
102.	Dr (Ms). Nisha Patro	Jiwaji University, Gwalior



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