

**Indian Academy of Neurosciences**  
**Minutes of the General Body Meeting held at**  
**NIMHANS, Bengaluru on Wednesday; November 13, 2024**

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on Wednesday; November 13, 2024 at NIMHANS, Bengaluru. The meeting was presided over by Dr Vnay Kumar Khanna, President, IAN and the list of members present during the meeting is enclosed (Annexure – I).

At the outset, the President welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the meeting. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda,

1. The minutes of the last GB meeting held on Thursday; October 5, 2023 at Jiwaji University – Gwalior, circulated among the members, were confirmed.
2. Dr. Subhas C Biswas, General Secretary of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN), briefed members on different activities held under the auspices of local chapters during the year. He also apprised members about the ISN and IBRO sponsored schools organized at MLSU, Udaipur and BHU, Varanasi respectively. Commending the efforts of the organizers and host institutions for facilitating these events, Dr Biswas said that both the events have greatly benefited early-career researchers to learn key techniques and gain insight into the obstacles faced by the neuroscience community, particularly in niche research areas. Dr. Biswas emphasized the importance of maintaining ethical standards and mentoring young researchers to pursue studies aligned with national needs to address societal issues. He encouraged early-career neuroscientists to initiate strong collaborative research projects. In his brief report, Dr Biswas appreciated the Japanese Neuroscience Society (JNS) for extending continuous support to the young neuroscientists from India for attending their annual conferences. He further acknowledged IBRO, FAONS and other neuroscience societies for their continued support to advance neuroscience for the cause. He urged the members to update their profiles and contact details through the IAN website or by reaching out to the Secretary HQ.
3. Dr. Phalguni Anand Alladi, the organizing secretary, acknowledged the participation of several national and international neuroscientists at the annual conference (IAN 2024) held at NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Presenting a concise report, she informed the members that around 550 delegates attended the conference. She said that the four-day event featured pre-conference workshops, orations, plenary lectures, symposia, invited and short talks, along with two Young Scientist Colloquiums. Additionally, over 200 papers were presented in the poster sessions by students, postdoctoral fellows, and early-career researchers. She informed that the scientific sessions featured outstanding discussions and were attended enthusiastically by all participants and delegates. She profusely thanked the host institution NIMHANS, Bengaluru, funding agencies and other sponsors for their generous support to this scientific conference. She also acknowledged the unconditional help and support from her colleagues and members of the organizing committee for the success of IAN 2024. The GB commended the Organizing Secretary

and all her colleagues for their efforts to have a contemporary and stimulating scientific program.

4. Dr Pankaj Seth presented the statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant on behalf of Dr AK Agrawal and Dr Sourav Banerjee the outgoing and current Treasurer respectively of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The GB was informed about the expenditure, savings, induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. He further informed that payment of dues towards affiliation fee of IBRO has been settled up to the year 2023. Further, the affiliation fee of IAN with FAONS for the period 2020 – 2023 will be settled once the invoice is received from FAONS.

Informing the GB that being the non-profit organization, IAN should utilize the income from savings judiciously and effectively to promote neuroscience. He proposed that a portion of the academy's interest income may be allocated to support the organizers of the annual meetings, depending on the availability of funds. This support may cover local hospitality and, if needed, waive registration fees for speakers at international symposia. He informed that this support would be in addition to the funds already earmarked for orations, awards, and travel. It was felt that such measures would promote greater international participation in IAN meetings. The GB was happy on the proposal and recommended that the Treasurer, General Secretary, and Secretary HQ-IAN, in consultation with the President, should explore this possibility and develop a proposal. The proposal would be presented to the Executive Committee (EC) for a decision on extending financial support for future meetings. While appreciating the efforts of the Treasurer for maintaining the IAN accounts efficiently, the Treasurer report was approved by the GB. It was further informed that Dr Agrawal would hand hold the new Treasurer and will be available for any guidance if needed by Dr Banerjee. The GB appreciated the efforts of the Treasurer for keeping IAN in financially strong position.

5. While presenting the Editor's report, Dr. Akshay Anand, Chief Editor, stated that the Annals of Neurosciences (AON) continues to serve as an effective platform for sharing the latest research and developments in neuroscience. He informed that the journal will maintain its focus on academic quality by publishing four well-curated issues, in line with the high standards set by prominent indexing agencies such as PubMed in 2025. He informed the 151 manuscripts were submitted in 2024, all undergoing a thorough peer-review process, with 11 being rejected. Informing the financial aspects, Dr Anand informed that IAN received approximately INR 2.26 lakhs as APC royalties from SAGE during the last fiscal year. He was happy to share that AON has achieved an impact factor of 1.5. Dr. Anand acknowledged the significant contributions of the Editorial Board, especially Dr. Krishna K. Sony, in ensuring the timely publication of all 2024 issues, and mentioned that the October issue will be uploaded soon. The GB was happy and applauded the efforts of both Dr. Anand and Dr. Sony.
6. (i). The recommendations of the EC to confer BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award on Dr Shashi Bala Singh, Former DGLS, DRDO and Former Director, DIPAS, Delhi & NIPER, Hyderabad and PN Tandon Oration on Dr. Pratima Murthy, NIMHANS, Bengaluru were approved by the GB. The GB also approved that SS Parmar Oration and KT Shetty Memorial Oration be conferred on Dr Sandhya Kaushika, TIFR, Mumbai and Dr Samarjit Bhattacharyya, IISER, Mohali respectively.

- (ii). The GB approved the recommendation of the EC for electing Dr Aamir Nazir (CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow), Dr Mousumi Mutsuddi (BHU, Varanasi), Dr Sumana Chakravarty (CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad), Dr Jackson James (RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram), Dr Amul Sakharkar (SPU, Pune) and Dr Prachi Srivastava (Amity University, Lucknow) as Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.

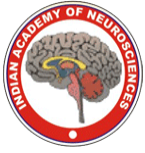
Further, the recommendation of the EC to elect Dr John Nurnberger, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Joyce & Iver Small Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry Professor Emeritus of Neurobiology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, USA as Honorary Fellow was approved by the GB. As Dr John Nurnberger was present in the meeting, the GB further approved the proposal that he may be felicitated on electing him the Fellow during the valedictory function.

- (iii) The GB was informed that out of six papers received for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize, the paper of Amrish Rai, Division of Neuroscience and Ageing Biology, CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow published in ACS Chem. Neuroscience received highest scores from the Reviewers and considered for the award. It was further informed that this paper shared equal contribution as first author with Akash K Singh, Transcription and Disease Laboratory, Molecular Biology, and Genetics Unit, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru and his consent for Amrish to compete for the award was received.
- (iv). The GB approved the proposal to increase the number of travel fellowships (04 IAN travel fellowships and 02 Lalita and Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship) to encourage participation of young researchers. It was further informed that the expenses towards IAN Travel Fellowship will be met by IAN. However, LRN Foundation will be requested to provide additional amount towards Lalita and Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship.
- (v). The recommendation to increase the award money from INR 2500/- to INR 5000/- for John Miller Travel Award was approved by the GB.
- (v). The GB was informed the recommendation to increase 06 more prizes as Best paper award from organizers in view of large number of papers in the poster session to encourage young researchers. These awards will be in addition to the already existing awards by IAN in the poster session.
- (vi). The revised format to be used for nomination for election of fellows and awardees was approved by the GB.
- (vii). The idea to enhance international visibility of IAN using social media platforms, formation of programme committees for annual meetings and organization of symposia from regional neuroscience societies was discussed at length and approved by the GB.

7. The proposal to form new local chapter of IAN at Dehradun submitted by Dr Bindu Dey, Swami Rama Himalyan University, Dehradun was approved by the GB. While the GB expressed satisfaction that lectures, symposia, and hands-on workshops had been successfully conducted under the auspices of IAN's local chapters, the GB emphasized the need to increase such activities specially holding more workshops to train young researchers.
8. The GB was informed about the initiatives and activities undertaken by IAN to have programs under the IAN-IBRO Global Neuroscience Advocacy. The members were urged to plan such events and encouraged to submit proposals in case any to the Secretary HQ. These proposals would be reviewed by a designated committee, and approved activities may receive funding up to INR 40,000/- from IAN. The money will be released on submission of reports after successful completion of the programs. The General Body responded positively and endorsed the idea with enthusiasm.
9. The GB was informed that earlier it was proposed that the XLIII Annual Conference of IAN in 2025 be held at RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram. Formal proposal with administrative approval from the institute has now been received from Dr Jackson James. The GB approved that the annual meeting of IAN in 2025 may be hosted by RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr Jackson James attended the meeting online and he was advised to have the IAN meeting as per approved format in consultation with the President, Secretary HQ and General secretary. The GB was further informed that proposals to host the XLIV annual conference in 2026 were received from Dr. Arpan Banerjee, NBRC-Manesar, and Dr. Bindu Dey SRHU, Jolly Grant-Dehradun. After discussion, the GB approved that NBRC, Manesar may host the annual meeting of IAN in 2026. The GB also recommended that SRHU, Jolly Grant-Dehradun may organize a satellite meeting either in 2025 or 2026.
10. The suggestions of EC to form the Executive Committee for 2025 was approved by the GB (Annexure – II).

The Secretary HQ expressed gratitude to the Organizing Secretary and her team for their dedicated efforts in successfully conducting the annual meeting. He also requested that the appreciation and sentiments of the members be conveyed to the NIMHANS Vice Chancellor. The General Body warmly and wholeheartedly commended the organizing committee for their outstanding work.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences  
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