

## **Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on December 18, 2006 at Scientific Convention Centre, Lucknow**

The meeting of the General Body (GB) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences was held at the Scientific Convention Centre, Lucknow on December 18, 2006. The meeting was presided by Professor P.N. Tandon, President of the Academy. The list of members who attended the meeting is enclosed.

1. The minutes of the last GB held at NIMHANS, Bangalore on December 13, 2005 were confirmed.
2. Dr. Rakesh Shukla, Editor informed the GB that the journal of the Academy Annals of Neurosciences is being brought out at regular intervals. He requested members to motivate their students and colleagues to submit manuscripts for further issues. Dr. Shukla informed that most of the time the journals sent to the members are returned to the Editor's office because of change of address which leads wastage of funds on postage. Dr. Shukla requested for appropriate measures in the matter. He requested the members to inform the change of address, telephone, fax no. of the members known to them to the Secretary/ Treasurer. The GB complemented the Editor for his endeavours to improve the quality of publication.
3. Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Treasurer of the Academy presented the report and it was accepted by the GB.
4. The President informed the GB of the plan for holding symposia, workshops and scientific / popular lectures at different centers engaged in neuroscience activities and one or more such activities could be held at Bangalore, Gwalior, Kolkata, Lucknow, Manesar, New Delhi. The President also informed that Dr. G.N. Pandey (University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA), a senior member and Fellow of the Academy, has accepted to hold a symposium at USA under the auspices of Silver Jubilee of IAN at an appropriate time. He further informed that a programme will be chalked out and uploaded on the IAN website for wider participation of interested members.
5. The GB was informed that EC has recommended to revive the local branches of the Academy at Aligarh, Kolkata and Gwalior and Dr (Ms). Preeti G. Joshi would explore the formation of branch at Bangalore.
6. Proposal for constituting Travel Fellowship in the memory of Professor R. Nath who had been a Fellow and President of the Academy by his son Dr. Avindra Nath was discussed. The GB approved that a corpus of US \$ 5000 sent by Dr. Avindra Nath to constitute the award be established and 6-8 travel fellowships be given out of the interest on the corpus. The GB also approved that the travel award may be given from the Silver Jubilee Year Conference at Lucknow, for which an additional amount of US \$

200 has been sent by Dr. Avindra Nath. The GB was informed that guidelines for the award are being framed by the Treasurer and Dean.

7. The proposal for holding the next annual conference at Varanasi by Dr. M.K. Thakur was discussed at the GB. The members happily accepted and approved the proposal.
8. Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Organizing Secretary of the Silver Jubilee Year Conference of IAN at Lucknow presented the report of the conference and thanked the members of the organizing committee for their whole hearted support. He also thanked the participants from India and abroad for their active participation in this historical meeting. The house appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee for the success of the conference.
9. The proposal that the same EC be continued for one more year keeping in view of the Silver Jubilee Year activities of the Academy was discussed. The GB unanimously approved the proposal for continuation of EC for one more year.
10. The GB was informed the recommendations of the search committee selecting Dr. P.K. Seth for Professor B.K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and academic committee for the award of IAN Fellowship to Dr (Ms). Raj D. Mehra and Dr. B.G. Unni and its approval by the EC.
11. The issue of bringing out the status of neuroscience on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of the Academy was discussed. It was felt that the theme based commemorative volume be prepared and released during the next annual conference. It was suggested that Dr. P.K. Seth may be requested to coordinate for compiling the chapters alongwith other members. Also, the proposal of documenting the history of IAN on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee was discussed. The GB was very happy to note that Dr. Mahdi Hasan has agreed to take up this important task and approved the proposal with applause.
12. President of the Academy informed that the FAONS conference will be held at New Delhi in 2010. The GB was happy to note and approved that IAN being the affiliate body of FAONS could sponsor this event.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.