

Minutes of The Executive Committee Meeting
Held on 17th March, 2002 in Kolkata

A meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on 17.03.02 at CSIR Guest House, Kolkata

1. The meeting started with the kind words of welcome to the members by the President of the Academy Prof. (Ms.) Devika Nag.
2. The minutes of the EC held on 28.01.01 and General Body Meeting (GB) held on 29.01.01 at Lucknow were reviewed and accepted by the EC.
3. The General Secretary, Dr. Ishan Patro presented the Annual Report.
4. The General Secretary presented his concern about the contents of the News Letter, which gets restricted to the minutes of the meetings and information about the next meeting. After some discussion it was resolved that every time we should invite some senior member to prepare a note on a topic of common benefit to most members. In this process it was felt that Prof. Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath be requested to contribute a note on NBRC and its mandates.
5. The EC reviewed the activities at its local chapters at Lucknow, Aligarh, Bangalore and Gwalior. Dr. Patro was requested to formally start the Chapter, which was sanctioned as early as 1999. All the Chapters were found to be active. It was felt that active members at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Chennai be requested to initiate local chapters.
6. Dr. P.K. Seth informed the EC about the valuable contribution made by Prof. Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath in reviving the IAN-IBRO contacts. It was also brought to the notice that Dr. Seth has been successful in reviving the participation of IAN in the FAONS. All the members of the EC appreciated the efforts of Dr. Seth and Prof. Vijayalakshmi. The EC approved of payment of a nominal membership fee if need be for these activities.
7. It was resolved that the concurrence of GB be obtained in creating a special position of IAN Representative to IBRO and FAONS in the EC of the Academy.
8. The recommendation of the committee constituted for drawing guidelines for the B.K. Bachhawat Life Time Achievement Award in Neuroscience were discussed and accepted with minor additions as follows:**LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF INDIAN ACADEMY OF NEUROSCIENCES IN MEMORY OF PROF. B.K. BACHHAWAT**

Introduction:

Members of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences are creating an endowment to give an award in memory of the late Prof. B.K. Bachhawat, one of the stalwarts of Neuroscience in India and a former president of the Academy. The award will be called B.K. Bachhawat Life Time Achievement Award in Neuroscience to be given to an outstanding Neuroscientist, based on the research contributions.

Rules and Regulations:

- a) The Awardee must be a Fellow/ Honorary Member/ Life Member of the Indian Academy of Neurosciences.
- b) He/ She should have at least 10 years standing in the area of Neurosciences.
- c) The contributions in Neuroscience in India will be judged by: i. Research

- publications, ii. Awards, iii. Contributions to growth of Neuroscience in India.
- d) A Search Committee consisting of the following office bearers and fellows of the Indian Academy will be constituted by the Executive committee which will consider the nominations/ propose a panel of maximum 2 Neuroscientists, preferably in order of merit: i. President, ii. General secretary, iii. Dean, iv. Editor of the Journal, v. Two Fellows of the Academy. The Dean will be the Convenor of the Committee and will invite nominations. The members of this committee and Office bearers of the year of award shall not be eligible.
- e) The Executive Committee will approve the final name and award will be announced during the Inaugural function of the annual general meeting of the Academy.
- f) The awardee will give an oration on the topic of his choice preferably at the annual meeting or under the auspices of a local chapter. The awardee will also provide MSS of the oration for publication in the Annals of Neurosciences.
- g) The award will consist of a scroll and a plaque to be given at the time of the lecture. Free local hospitality will be extended and travel may be fully/partially supported, if necessary, subject to availability of funds.
9. For 2002 a Search Committee was constituted which will include Dr. P.K. Seth and Prof. K.C. Singhal as Fellows of the Academy in addition to the President, General Secretary, Dean and Editor of the Journal.
10. The existing guidelines for various IAN awards were reviewed and minor changes were suggested to be placed before the GB for approval. The changes suggested are as follows (The existing guidelines were published in the news letter of 2001.)
- a) For any of the awards the nominee must be a member of IAN.
- b) For Tulsa Bai Somani Educational Trust Award and D.M. Kar prize all other conditions remaining the same, the nominee has to submit the MSS of the paper in 3 copies to the General Secretary of the Academy at least 6 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting for peer reviewing. The abstract of the paper should also be sent to the Organizing Secretary of the relevant Annual Meeting/ Conference. The papers awarded shall be published in the official journal of the Academy Annals of Neurosciences.
- c) For Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Award, while all other conditions remain the same, only papers published during past 2 years with respect to the year of award shall be considered.
- d) For all awards, the nominations have to be sent to the General Secretary simultaneously. The rest of the procedure shall continue as were accepted at the GB of the Academy held on 7.12.99 at Gwalior.
11. The General Secretary was asked to take necessary steps in getting wide publicity of the Awards preferably by sending an advertisement in the Current Science and if possible through the web.
12. Professor Rakesh Shukla presented his report on the activities related to the official journal Annals of Neurosciences. Now we have an endowment of Rs.25,680. The members appreciated the generous donations extended by the

- members and it was proposed to request all other members of the Academy to join in this venture. It was also felt that the members be requested to submit quality papers for publication in the journal. It was also resolved that some papers may be obtained by invitation. Dr. Dhawan requested the Editors to make efforts to obtain an ISBN number for the journal and try to get the contents indexed.
13. The Dean could not attend the conference so the President was requested to draw juries for various awards.
 14. Similarly, it was also recommended that in April 2002 when Dr. Ravindranath, the Dean, is visiting Lucknow, the Committee for electing the Fellows for 2001 shall meet and work upon the nominations received and recommend the names of the new fellows. These names shall be announced subsequently through the News Letter of the Academy.
 15. The Committee appreciated the donation from Prof. Jhon Miller for meeting travel expenses of a young scientist to attend the Annual Conference of the Academy. It was resolved that the Organizing Secretary be empowered to select one or more (depending on the funds available) young scientists (students preferably) to be supported for their travel to attend the Annual Conference. This was forwarded for the GBs approval.
 16. The members felt that the Academy may develop a guideline for holding annual meetings and Annual Conferences, which shall be helpful to the Organizing Secretary. The General Secretary was asked to develop the same.
 17. The EC noted the achievements of Academy members with cheer and wished luck for all members for the future.
 18. Nominations received for various positions of Office Bearers of the Academy for 2002 were discussed and forwarded for the General Body.
 19. Two invitations were received for the meetings of 2002 from Amritsar and Udaipur. The various aspects of this were discussed and resolved that the sites be kept in the order Amritsar and Udaipur. This issue was forwarded to the GB for discussion.
 20. The Committee recorded the efforts made by Dr. K.P. Mohanakumar and his Institute in organizing this years meetings. He was congratulated and thanked for his interests and help.
 21. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.