

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on
December 11 and 12, 2008 at CUSAT, Cochin**

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on December 11 and 12, 2008 at Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Cochin. Dr. B. N. Dhawan, President of the IAN presided over the meeting and following members were present,

Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Lucknow
Dr. Akshay Anand, Chandigarh
Dr. B. G. Unni, Jorhat
Dr. C. S. Paulose, Cochin
Dr. H. C. Pant, Bethesda
Dr. I. K. Patro, Gwalior
Dr. M. Hasan, Lucknow
Dr. M. K. Thakur, Varanasi
Dr (Ms). P. G. Joshi, Bangalore
Dr. P. N. Tandon, Manesar
Dr. Pankaj Seth, Manesar
Dr. V. K. Khanna, Lucknow
Dr. Yogesh Dwivedi, Chicago

Special Invitees

Dr. G. N. Pandey, Chicago
Dr. P. K. Seth, Lucknow
Dr. K. C. Singhal, Jaipur
Dr. E. Vijayan, Cochin

Before starting the business, a condolence was held for Dr. KTN Shetty one of the outstanding neuroscientists who rendered his services to the Academy as its General Secretary. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened.

Dr. Dhawan welcomed the members and thanked them for making it possible to attend the meeting. He specially thanked the special invitees. Discussions as per agenda followed.

1. The minutes of the last EC meeting held at Varanasi on November 22 and 23, 2007 were confirmed.
2. The recommendation of the Search Committee for the award of Professor B.K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for 2009 to Dr. R. C. Srimal was considered and approved by the EC. The EC suggested that oration by Dr. S. S. Parmar who could not come to Cochin due to medical problem may be scheduled during the next conference.

3. Dr. Mahdi Hasan, Dean of IAN and Chairman of the Academic Committee informed that after carefully examining the nominations of the committee has recommended Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Lucknow and Dr. P. Prakash Babu, Hyderabad for the election as Fellows of the Academy.
4. The EC approved the following Academic and Search Committees for 2008 – 2009.

Academic Committee (Ex officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Fellows – Dr. Mahdi Hasan, Lucknow, Dr (Ms). Shashi Wadhwa, New Delhi, Dr. R. C. Simal, Lucknow)

Search Committee for Professor B. K. Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award (Ex officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Editor, Fellows – Dr. P. N. Tandon, Manesar, Dr. Mahdi Hasan, Lucknow, Dr. G. Gopinath, Bangalore)

5. The EC approved the panel of judges (Dr. Ishan K. Patro, Gwalior; Dr. B. G. Unni, Jorhat and Dr. M. K. Thakur, Varanasi) proposed by the Academic Committee to evaluate the papers for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize.
6. The EC approved following panel of judges for evaluating the awards for poster and oral sessions,

Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award and Dr. D. M. Kar Prize

Dr. V. Raghu, USA; Dr. Dipak K. Sarkar, USA; Dr. M. K. Thakur, Varanasi; Dr (Ms). P.G. Joshi, Bangalore; Dr. Ishan K. Patro, Gwalior

S.S. Parmar Research Foundation (USA) Prize

Dr. B. G. Unni, Jorhat; Dr. M. Hasan, Lucknow; Dr. E. Vijayan, Cochin

7. Dr. Rakesh Shukla, Editor of Annals of Neurosciences could not attend the EC meeting due to an important commitment at Lucknow. In his absence, the Editor's report was presented by Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary (HQ). The EC appreciated sincere and untiring efforts of the Editor and the editorial team in bringing out all issues of the journal and congratulated for doing the job meticulously on time. To cut down the expenses on postage, the EC decided that that issues of the journal to overseas members be sent as soft copy. Those overseas members interested in getting the hard copy of the journal will have to bear the cost of postage.

8. Dr. A. K. Agrawal presented the Treasurer's report and the same was approved with applause by the EC.
9. The issue of forming new local branches of IAN was discussed. It was felt that new local branch of the Academy be created if appropriate proposal is received from any place in the country. The EC requested Dr. B.G. Unni to look the possibility for forming a local branch of North East region at Jorhat.
10. To update Rules and Byelaws, recommendations of the following committee were discussed.

Dr. P.N. Tandon
Dr. P.K. Seth
Dr. B. N. Dhawan
Dr. R.C. Srimal
Dr (Ms). V. Ravindranath
Dr. Mahdi Hasan

It was informed that these were circulated to the Life Members by email and included in the fourth issue of the Annals of Neuroscience (Volume 15, 2008). The EC congratulated the committee for doing the Herculean job smoothly. The issue of joining the Academy by a new Member was discussed at length and following amendment was recommended,

Members

Persons with following minimum qualifications may be enrolled as Members of the Academy:

- I. Ph.D. / M. Phil in life, pharmaceutical, physical and social sciences or humanities with 2 years research or teaching experience in a recognized institution in any area of neuroscience.
- II. MBBS, BVSc and AH or B. Sc. (Engg.), B. Tech., M. Tech.

Associate Members

The EC recommended that one more category in the membership as Associate Member be included which should be on annual basis for interested individuals with M. Sc. / M. Phil Degree in life, pharmaceutical, physical and social sciences or humanities. The Associate Members will not be able to take part in the election process.

11. Dr (Ms). V. Ravindranath, Convener for the FAONS Congress in 2010 in a letter addressed to the President expressed her inability to organize the FAONS as she will be moving from Manesar to

Bangalore. The EC decided that possibility to hold the conference either at Varanasi, Lucknow or New Delhi be explored. Dr. M. K. Thakur, the General Secretary was entrusted with the responsibility to finalize the venue quickly after consulting the EC.

12. After considering the invitations of Dr. U. C. Srivastava and Dr. Anurag Tomar for holding the next conference at Allahabad or Jaipur, the EC recommended holding the XXVII annual meeting at Jaipur.
13. Based on the nominations received for various posts, the new EC was proposed for the approval of the General Body (details enclosed as Annexure).

Any other matter

1. The EC recommended implementation of updated Rules and Byelaws and approved that existing Honorary Members be now onwards termed as Honorary Fellows.
2. The EC appreciated endeavors of Dr. P.K. Seth and Dr. B.N. Dhawan in bringing out the Status of Neuroscience in the country in the form of a book Neurosciences India 2008 and of Dr. Mahdi Hasan and Dr. R.C. Srimal for compiling the history of the IAN. The EC approved that the volume be released during the inaugural session of IAN at Cochin. The copy / CD of the book should be provided to the interested members on request.
3. The EC elected Dr. M. S. Kanungo, Varanasi and Dr. K. N. Sharma, Bangalore as Honorary Fellows.
4. The EC noted that several Fellows have not paid the dues after election. It was therefore decided that now onwards the fellowship will be effective only after receiving the fellowship fee. The Treasurer was requested to write to the defaulting Fellows elected earlier to pay their dues at the earliest.
5. The EC recommended that Membership fee be increased to Rs. 2,000/- from Rs. 1,000/- and this change be implemented from January 1, 2009. **The fee for Associate Members will be Rs. 200/- (Rupees Two hundred only) on annual basis.**
6. Proposal of Dr. H. C. Pant, USA and others to institute an award in the memory of Dr. KTN Shetty was discussed. The EC approved it in principle and requested Dr. H. C. Pant to discuss the modalities with his other colleagues, frame guidelines and forward these to Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, Secretary HQ for approval by the EC.

The EC thanked Dr. C. S. Paulose and his colleagues for hosting the annual meeting and the international symposium.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure I

Indian Academy of Neurosciences Executive Committee 2008-2009		Term in Years
President	Dr. R. Shukla, CSMMU, Lucknow	3
Vice Presidents	Dr. H.C. Pant, Bethesda, USA	1
	Dr. B. G. Unni, Jorhat	2
Dean	Dr. I.K. Patro, Gwalior	3
General Secretary	Dr. M.K. Thakur, Varanasi	2
Secretary HQ	Dr. V.K. Khanna, Lucknow	1
Secretary International Affairs	Dr. Yogesh Dwivedi, Chicago, USA	1
Treasurer	Dr. A. K. Agrawal, Lucknow	1
Editor	Dr. A. Anand, Chandigarh	3
Co-Editors	Dr. R.K. Garg, Lucknow	3
	Dr (Ms). N. C. Singh, Manesar	3
	Dr (Ms). N. Patro, Gwalior	3
Members	Dr. N.B. Joshi, Bangalore	1
	Dr. A. Jagota, Hyderabad	1
	Dr (Ms). K. D. Gill, Chandigarh	2
	Dr. K. P. Mohanakumar, Kolkata	2
	Dr. P. Seth, Manesar	3
	Dr. C. S. Paulose, Cochin	3
IBRO and FAONS Representative	Dr. P. K. Seth, Lucknow	3
Immediate Past President	Dr. B. N. Dhawan, Lucknow	
Immediate Past General Secretary	Dr (Ms). P.G. Joshi, Bangalore	