

## **Minutes of the Meeting held Department of Neurology, CSMMU, Lucknow on July 16, 2009**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Academy of Neurosciences was held on July 16, 2009 at the Department of Neurology, CSMMU, Lucknow to discuss some important issues. Following members were present at the meeting,

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| 1. | Dr. Rakesh Shukla | President                     |
| 2. | Dr. B.N. Dhawan   | Immediate Past President      |
| 3. | Dr. A.K. Agrawal  | Treasurer                     |
| 4. | Dr. P.K. Seth     | IBRO and FAONS Representative |
| 5. | Dr. Mahdi Hasan   | Special Invitee               |
| 6. | Dr. R.C. Srimal   | Special Invitee               |
| 7. | Dr. V.K. Khanna   | Secretary HQ                  |

As Dr. M.K. Thakur, General Secretary and Dr. I.K. Patro, Dean could not attend the meeting, the issues were discussed with them on telephone during the meeting.

The meeting started with formal welcome by Dr. Rakesh Shukla, President of the Academy and proceeded as per agenda.

1. Dr. Rakesh Shukla informed the members that the XXVII Annual Meeting of the Academy is scheduled on December 18 – 20, 2009 at NIMS University, Jaipur. Dr. Anurag Tomar is the dynamic Organizing Secretary and has sent a draft of final announcement of the conference that needs to be finalized. The suggestions of the EC members on the announcement received by the Secretary HQ were discussed. It was decided that the announcement of the meeting be finalized immediately by the General Secretary, Secretary HQ and President after incorporating details of the awards of the Academy.
2. The members felt that symposia on relevant basic and clinical topics of neuroscience be organized. The members suggested the President and the Secretary HQ to write to Dr. G.N. Pandey, USA; Dr. S.C. Pandey, USA; Dr V.L. Ravindranath,

India; Dr. Pankaj Seth, India; Dr. H.C. Pant, USA; Dr. H.S. Sharma, The Netherlands, Dr. BSS Rao, India and Dr. K.N. Sharma, Bangalore and request them to organize the symposia on pertinent topics and suggest names of the neuroscientists who could be invited. As the dates of the conference are approaching near, invitations to neuroscientists and experts be sent at the earliest by the Organizing Secretary. It was discussed that all the symposia should include speakers from India also to have proper representation. Dr. Rakesh Shukla agreed to organize a symposium on stroke and will forward the proposal along with the names of speakers to the Organizing Secretary in due course of time.

A separate session for the Young Scientist Award (Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award, Dr. D.M. Kar Prize - oral presentation) be arranged on the second day of the conference and with no concurrent parallel session.

The members discussed that a School Children-Neuroscientists interactive meet could also be organized during the conference. The Organizing Secretary may contact a local Fellow of NASI to write to The National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad to support the activity.

It was suggested that Dr. M.K. Thakur, the General Secretary of the Academy will be in continuous touch with Dr. Anurag Tomar, the Organizing Secretary of the conference to develop and crystallize a good scientific programme.

3. The members appreciated efforts of Dr. Akshay Anand, the Editor of the journal for bringing out the first issue of 2009. It was discussed that subsequent issues of the journal be brought out on time. The suggestions and comments received by the President and Secretary HQ from the EC members were also discussed.

- (i) The original name of the journal Annals of Neurosciences be retained as the journal has been

registered as ISSN-7531 and built up its identity over the years. The abbreviation ANS should be removed from the cover page also in subsequent issues.

- (ii)** The topic(s) should be related and relevant to neuroscience and the journal should not be a forum to criticize the policy of the Government / National Science Agencies to avoid controversies (eg. The article India's national biotechnology development strategy – a policy mired with controversies appeared in the column New Focus, on page 2 in the Annals of Neurosciences 16, 2009 is not at all related with neuroscience).
  - (iii)** The issue of the journal should be uploaded on the IAN website and sent to the foreign members by email.
  - (iv)** The Advisory Committee for the journal be constituted immediately by the Editor in consultation with the President, Secretary HQ and General Secretary. The Advisory Board should include the members of the Academy as far as possible.
4. The members were happy while Dr. P. K. Seth, IBRO and FAONS Representative of the Academy informed that Dr. Y. K. Gupta, Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, New Delhi has agreed to organize the meeting of FAONS alongwith the XXVIII annual conference of the IAN at New Delhi in 2010. As late November / early December is good season to have international scientists, Dr. Seth was entrusted with the responsibility to finalize the dates of the conference in consultation with Dr. Pavich Tongoach (Thailand), President of FAONS and Dr. Y.K. Gupta It was also discussed that the members of the Academy should work together to have a good scientific programme and for the successful conference and thus a National steering Committee be formed to catalyze the process. Dr. P.K. Seth was requested to formulate a committee that could look into the organization of the FAONS conference.

Any other matter

1. Dr. A.K. Agrawal, Treasurer informed that based on the discussions at the General Body Meeting at Cochin to institute an award in the memory of Dr. KTN Shetty, he has received money in US \$ (equivalent to Rs. 2,19, 000/-) from Dr. H. C. Pant, USA. He also informed that Dr. H.C. Pant, USA and Dr. BSS Rao, India wish that two awards out of the interest from the corpus be given as the Best Poster Awards. The proposal was discussed at length. As two poster prizes are given by the S.S. Parmar Research Foundation USA are of a much smaller value having prizes with different amount of money would not be appropriate. It was suggested that an oration in the memory of Dr. KTN Shetty be instituted. Dr. Shetty during his life supported, promoted and groomed youngsters to grow them as neuroscientists, an oration in his memory will be a befitting tribute to him. This should be delivered by a Neuroscientist less than 45 years of age. After having the consent from Dr. Pant, and Dr. Rao for instituting the oration, the proposal will be circulated to the Executive members for their approval and necessary action.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

July 14, 2009.

Dear Sir,

To discuss the general frame of the scientific programme for the XXVII Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences being held at NIMS University, Jaipur, a meeting has been scheduled in the office of Professor Rakesh Shukla, Department of Neurology, CSMMU, Lucknow on July 16, 2009 at 1200 noon. Certain other matters interlinked will also be discussed as per agenda. You are requested to attend the meeting.

Thanking you,

Vinay K. Khanna

# **Indian Academy of Neurosciences**

## **Meeting**

**Department of Neurology, CSMMU, Lucknow – 226 003**

**July 16, 2009, 1205 hrs.**

### **Agenda**

1. Finalization of the announcement of XXVII IAN meeting at NIMS University, Jaipur
2. Suggestions on the frame of scientific programme (Symposia, Lectures to be included)
3. Discussion on the contents in the subsequent issues of the journal
4. Finalization of the venue and discuss other modalities for the organization of FAONS meeting in 2010

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.