

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 31, 2015 at Panjab University, Chandigarh

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on October 31, 2015 in the meeting room at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Dr Subrata Sinha, President, IAN presided over the meeting and following members were present,

1. T. Laxmi Rao, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
2. P.K. Seth, Biotech Park, Lucknow
3. A. Anand, PGIMER, Chandigarh
4. T.K. Ghosh, Kolkata
5. S. Chakraborti, Kolkata
6. P.Seth, NBRC, Manesar
7. Rajat Sandhir, Panjab University, Chandigarh
8. T.S. Roy, AIIMS, New Delhi
9. Shashi Bala Singh, DIPAS, New Delhi
10. Subhash C. Pandey, USA
11. V. K. Khanna, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow

Dr Sinha welcomed the members and the meeting proceeded as per agenda.

1. The minutes of the last EC meeting held at NIMHANS, Bengaluru on October 31, 2014 and at AIIMS, New Delhi on May 9, 2015 were confirmed by the members unanimously.
2. Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, Dean of IAN and Chairman of the Academic Committee informed the members about the recommendation of the Search Committee for Professor BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration that Professor BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2015 be conferred on Dr Rakesh Shukla (KGMU, Lucknow) and Dr S Ganesh (IIT, Kanpur) respectively. The recommendation was considered and approved by the EC.

She further informed that nominations of following eight members received for the election of Fellows of IAN were considered,

- i. Dr (Ms). Sudha Mahajan Cowsik, JNU, New Delhi (LC-40)
- ii. Dr (Ms). Swapna Chaudhuri, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata (LC-24)
- iii. Dr SK Trigun, BHU, Varanasi (LT-13)
- iv. Dr MM Godbole, SGPGIMS, Lucknow (LG-84)

- v. Dr (Ms). Shubha Tole, TIFR, Mumbai (LT-08)
- vi. Dr TS Roy, AIIMS, New Delhi (LR-19)
- vii. Dr Sunil Kaul, AIST, Japan (LK-70)
- viii. Dr S Prasad, BHU, Varanasi (LP-55)

The Academic Committee assessed all these nominations and recommended that Dr Shubha Tole (TIFR, Mumbai); Dr TS Roy (AIIMS, New Delhi); Dr MM Godbole (SGPGIMS, Lucknow); Dr Sunil Kaul (AIST, Japan) and Dr SK Trigun (BHU, Varanasi) be elected Fellow of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The recommendation of the Academic Committee was approved by the EC.

Soon after this, she apprised the EC members that no nominations were received for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2016. While the Search Committee was requested to find out suitable persons for these awards, it was suggested that an advertisement inviting nominations for the two awards be brought out in IAN journal and newsletter.

3. The composition of Search Committee for selecting candidates for BK Bachhawat Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2016 and 2017 and Academic Committee for electing Fellows for the year 2016 was discussed. The EC approved following names for the Search committee and Academic committee -

Search Committee for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration (2016 and 2017)

Ex-officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Editor.

Fellows – Dr. PN Tandon, NBRC, Manesar; Dr. PK Seth, Biotech Park, Lucknow; Dr. TR Raju, NIMHANS, Bengaluru.

Academic Committee

(Ex-officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ,

Fellows – Dr. Shashi Wadhwa, New Delhi; Dr. PK Seth, Lucknow; Dr. Sasanka Chakraborty, Kolkata.

4. The EC was informed that following six papers were received for consideration for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2015,
 - i. Aditya Sunkaria, Biochemistry Division, Department of Biochemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh 160014, India
Mol Neurobiol. (2015); doi 10.1007/s12035-014-9064-3. Impact Factor – 5.286

- ii. Akriti Sahay, Department of Nutritional Medicine, Interactive Research School for Health Affairs, Bharati Vidyapeeth University, Pune – 411 043, India
Placenta (2015); doi: 10.1016/j.placenta.2015.06.006. Impact Factor – 2.710
- iii. Harpreet Kaur, Department of Biochemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh – 160 014, India
Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior (2014) 125: 55-64. Impact Factor – 2.781
- iv. Nisha Patro, School of Studies in Neuroscience, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, India
Frontiers in Cell. Neurosc (2015) doi: 10.3389/fncel.2015.00087. Impact Factor – 4.30
- v. Richa Pahuja, CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow 226001, India
ACS Nano (2015) 9, 4850 – 4871. Impact Factor – 12.881
- vi. Richa S. Rathod, Department of Nutritional Medicine, Interactive Research School for Health Affairs, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune, India
BioFactors (2015) DOI 10.1002/biof.1222. Impact Factor – 4.592

These papers were reviewed by the following committee constituted by the Dean, IAN -

Dr. Raghu Vemuganti, University of Wisconsin, USA; Dr. Nihar Ranjan Jana, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar; Dr (Ms). Raj D. Mehra, Former Professor, Department of Anatomy, AIIMS, New Delhi; Dr. B.N. Dhawan, Former Director, Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.

Based on the scores received from the Reviewers, average was calculated and paper published in ACS Nano 9, 4850 – 4871 (2015) by Ms Richa Pahuja was selected for the award. The recommendation of the Reviewers was approved by the EC.

Further, the EC also approved to provide travel fellowships [Lalita – Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship (5); IAN Travel Fellowship (1) and John Miller Travel Award (2)] to the applicants.

5. The following panel of judges was approved by the EC to adjudge papers presented in the Award Session for the year 2015 during the XXXIII annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences,

Dr Raghu Vemuganti, University of Wisconsin; Dr Avindra Nath, NINDS, USA; Dr (Ms) Shashi B. Singh, DIPAS, Delhi

The EC also suggested that distinguished delegates from India and abroad be invited to judge the best papers presented in Poster Session. Dr. Pankaj Seth, General Secretary and Dr Rajat Sandhir, Organizing Secretary were entrusted with the responsibility to select and coordinate with the judges to adjudge the papers.

6. The Editor's report was presented by Dr Akshay Anand He informed that all the four issues of the journal - Annals of Neurosciences were brought out as per requirement of indexing agencies including Medline and acknowledged the help of Editorial Board and staff in bringing out the issues on time.. The issues of the journal were also uploaded as open access article. Dr Anand informed that there was an increase in the submission of articles in the year 2015 and shared his efforts to solicit articles and popularize the journal by displaying it in various national and international conferences. He further told that the journals mailed to the members were mostly received due to regular update of the addresses of the members. He further apprised the members that Springers and Karger are interested to publish the journal and mentioned that discussions and negotiations are to be carried out to finalize the publisher. The members appreciated his efforts and suggested him to finalize the publisher in consultation with the committee (Dr Subrata Sinha; Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh; Dr PK Seth; Dr Pankaj Seth). He was also suggested to take help and advice of seasoned members who have experience in publishing.
7. The audited statement of accounts and Treasurer's report was presented by the Secretary HQ. The members were also informed about the induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. The EC expressed satisfaction and was happy to note that the financial status of the Academy is good.
8. Request of Dr. Mehdi H. Shai (IBRC AMU, Aligarh) to revive the local branch of IAN at Aligarh was discussed. The EC approved the revival of Aligarh Branch to foster the neuroscience activities.
9. Proposal for organizing the XXXIV annual conference of IAN in 2016 at National Brain Research Centre (NBRC), Manesar was discussed and approved by the EC. It was suggested that the conference may be organized in mid October to avoid overlap with other conferences and have maximum participation of neuroscientists from India and abroad. Dr Pankaj Seth said that confirmed dates would be informed at a late date after discussing with his colleagues at NBRC, Manesar.
10. Based on the nominations received for various posts, the Executive Committee for 2015 – 2016 was proposed as mentioned in Annexure – I. The tenure of another two years (2016 and 2017 in continuation) to the Editor was also

approved by the EC. It was further suggested that proposed EC be placed before the General Body for approval.

Any other matter

1. As Dr K Vijay Raghavan elected as Honorary Fellow of IAN could not attend the XXXIII IAN conference, it was suggested that he should be felicitated and presented the memento and scroll at a function under the auspices of IAN Delhi/NCR chapter. The proposal was approved by the EC.
2. In view of large number of papers in the poster session, it was proposed that 6 - 7 more awards (Best Paper Award from the Organizers) may be given to the deserving candidates. It was further proposed that referees who will judge the best papers for SS Parmar Research Foundation (USA) may be requested to select the best papers for these awards. The proposal was approved by the EC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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