

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack on Sunday; October 29, 2017

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held on October 29, 2017 in the meeting room at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Following members were present in the meeting, presided over by Dr Subrata Sinha, President of the Academy.

1. Dr Gurcharan Kaur, Amritsar
2. Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, New Delhi
3. Dr Mahendra K. Thakur, Varanasi
4. Dr (Ms). Manorama Patri, Cuttack
5. Dr Laxmi T. Rao, Bengaluru
6. Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, New Delhi
7. Dr Prahlad K. Seth, Lucknow
8. Dr T.K. Ghosh, Kolkata
9. Dr Akshay Anand, Chandigarh
10. Dr Dipak K. Sarkar, Rutgers, USA
11. Dr S Prasad, Varanasi – Special Invitee
12. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, Lucknow
13. Dr Pankaj Seth, Manesar

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

1. The Secretary HQ informed that the minutes of the last EC meeting held on October 18, 2016 at National Brain Research Centre, Manesar were circulated after the approval of the President. No comments were received. The EC approved the minutes.
2. The Secretary HQ informed the members that the concurrence of the EC members on the recommendation of the Search Committee that Professor BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2017 be conferred on Dr TR Raju (SVYASA University, Bangalore) and Dr AB Pant (CSIR-IITR, Lucknow) respectively was already obtained by circulation. The EC granted the approval of the same.

He further informed that nominations of following four members received for the election of Fellows of IAN were considered by the Academic Committee,

- i. Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (LJ-13)
- ii. Dr (Ms). Charanjit Kaur, National University of Singapore, Singapore (LK-1)
- iii. Dr BSS Rao, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru (LR-20)
- iv. Dr Rajnikant Mishra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (LM-81)

The Academic Committee recommended that Dr (Ms). Charanjit Kaur, National University of Singapore, Singapore and Dr BSS Rao, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru be elected Fellow of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The recommendations of the Academic Committee were approved by the EC.

The Secretary HQ apprised the EC that no nominations were received for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2018. The EC recommended that while Search Committee would find out suitable persons for these awards,

an advertisement inviting nominations for the two awards be brought out in journals like Annals of Neurosciences, Current Science and newsletter for the years 2018 and 2019.

3. The composition of Search Committee for selecting candidates for BK Bachhawat Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2018 and 2019 and Academic Committee for electing Fellows for the year 2018 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 (Ms) Devika Nag, Lucknow; Dr Raghu Vemuganti, USA.

Academic Committee

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Fellows – Dr M.K. Thakur, Varanasi; Dr. PK Seth, Lucknow; Dr. T.R. Raju, Bengaluru.

4. The EC was informed that following three papers were received for consideration for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2017,

- (i) **K. H. Reeta**; Department of Pharmacology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi - 110029, India
European Journal of Neuroscience 45, 987–997, 2017
- (ii) **Arpita Sharma**; School of Studies in Neuroscience, Jiwaji University, Gwalior - 474001
Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology 36, 577 – 592, 2016; DOI 10.1007/s10571-015-0238-y
- (iii) **Yasir Hasan Siddique**; Drosophila Transgenic Laboratory, Section of Genetics, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Life Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh 202002, Uttar Pradesh, India
Disease Models & Mechanisms 9, 63-68, 2016; doi:10.1242/dmm.022145

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

Dr Charanjit Kaur, Department of Anatomy, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore; **Dr Pankaj Seth**, Professor and Scientist VI, Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, National Brain Research Centre, NH-8, Nainwal Mode, Manesar and **Dr Rakesh Shukla** Ex. Chief Scientist & Head, Division of Pharmacology, CSIR – Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow. Based on the scores received from the Reviewers, average was calculated and paper published in Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology 36, 577 – 592, 2016 by Arpita Sharma was selected for the award. The recommendation of the Reviewers was approved by the EC.

The EC also approved the proposal to provide travel fellowships Lalita – Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship (5); IAN Travel Fellowship (5); John Miller Travel Award (2) and Lalita – Ravindra Nath International Travel Fellowship (2).

5. The EC approved following members in the panel to adjudge papers presented in the Award Session during the XXXV annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.

Following members were inducted in the panel to adjudge papers presented in oral session (Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award / D. M. Kar Prize)

Dr DK Sarkar, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, USA; Dr Bikash R Pattnaik, University of Wisconsin, USA; Dr KP Mohanakumar, IUCBR&SSH, Kottayam; Dr SK Trigun, BHU, Varanasi; Dr S Prasad, BHU, Varanasi

Following members were inducted in the panel to adjudge papers presented in the poster session,

Dr DK Sarkar, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, USA; Dr Udai Bhan Pandey, University of Pittsburgh, USA; Dr Anil Mantha, CUB, Bhatinda; Dr RV Omkumar, RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram; Dr Sourav Banerjee, NBRC, Manesar

6. The statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant was presented by the Secretary HQ in the absence of Dr A.K. Agrawal, the Treasurer of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. Issue of payment of dues towards affiliation fee of FAONS and IBRO was also discussed. The EC unanimously approved to pay off the dues to both FAONS and IBRO to continue affiliation of IAN. The EC was also informed about the induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. The members expressed satisfaction to note that the financial status of the Academy is good.
7. The Editor's report was presented by Dr Akshay Anand. He informed that all the four issues of the journal - Annals of Neurosciences for the year 2017 were brought out as per requirement of indexing agencies. He informed that the original website www.annalsofneurosciences.org of the journal is running efficiently and the submission of manuscript was changed to the new Karger website of the journal. He further said that the online content of the journal are available in pdf format on the Karger website. Dr Anand further informed the submission numbers of articles (original papers, reviews, case reports and mini-reviews) and the accepted/rejected rate of the articles from January – August 2017. He acknowledged the help of Editorial Board and staff in bringing out the issues in a professional manner on time. He further informed that Google search record for the journal had enhanced hits and associated with increased visibility on social networking. Presenting matrices of total citations / self citations, Dr Anand informed that the journal is being tracked through ESCI of Thompson Reuters. He said that it will take some time to have reasonably good impact factor. The EC appreciated the efforts of Dr Anand and suggested him to include more original papers and seek advice of EC members to take the journal to greater heights.
8. While discussing the venue to hold the next annual conference of IAN, the EC was informed that the proposal to hold the XXXVI annual conference of IAN in 2018 at BHU Varanasi was already approved by the GB in its meeting held on October 19, 2016 at National Brain Research Centre, Manesar. The members were further informed about two proposals received to hold the IAN conference in 2019 from Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr (Ms) Anita Jagota, UoH, Hyderabad. The members discussed both the proposals and recommended that the IAN conference in 2019 may be organized at AIIMS, New Delhi.
9. Based on the suggestions for the posts to be filled up, the Executive Committee for 2017 - 2018 was proposed as mentioned in Annexure – I. It was further suggested that proposed EC may be placed before the General Body for approval.

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

1. A brief report on activities undertaken as a part of IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy Programme at Lucknow was presented by the Secretary HQ. He informed that interactive meet and lectures

by leading neurologists and psychiatrists were organized with cross section of society on April 12, 2017 and May 24, 2017 at CSIR-IITR, Lucknow. He further informed that Science March and Interactive Meet was also organized on May 1, 2017 at the Regional Science City, Lucknow. The EC members appreciated the efforts. It was suggested such programs be regularly taken and Chapters may also organize such activities.

2. While appreciating the endeavors of the Organizing Secretary to charge registration fee at subsidized rates from the students, the EC suggested that waiver of registration fee on genuine reasons from students may be considered on availability of funds. It was further discussed that genuine young researchers may be encouraged to apply for travel awards for attending the IAN conferences and international conferences. The information for such awards is updated on the IAN website.
3. The EC approved that two prizes (INR 2,500/- each) may be given out of the interest from the corpus created for Suttee Nag Prize by Dr (Ms) Devika Nag in the memory of her late mother. It was further approved that the award may be started from IAN 2017 itself and two papers presented in the Poster Session may be selected for the award. The Secretary HQ was further requested to frame the guidelines for Suttee Nag Prize in consultation with the General Secretary and Treasurer and seek approval of Dr (Ms). Devika Nag, the donor.
4. The proposal to give away two Best Paper Award from Organizers was approved by the EC. It was suggested that two best papers presented in the Poster Session may be selected by the panel constituted to adjudge the papers.
5. The proposal to reorganize the NCR branch of IAN was discussed and the General Secretary was requested to initiate the academic activities at different centers / institutions.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Executive Committee - 2018

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