

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on Sunday; October 28, 2018

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held in the meeting room at ILS, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Following members were present in the meeting, presided over by Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, President of the Academy.

1. Dr (Ms) Gurcharan Kaur, Amritsar
2. Dr TK Ghosh, Kolkata
3. Dr PK Seth, Lucknow
4. Dr AK Agrawal
5. Dr MK Thakur, Varanasi
6. Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, New Delhi
7. Dr (Ms) LT Rao, Bengaluru
8. Dr S Prasad, Varanasi
9. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, Lucknow
10. Dr Pankaj Seth, Manesar
11. Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, Hyderabad
12. Dr IK Patro, Cuttack – Special Invitee

Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh welcomed the members and thanked them for coming over to attend the meeting. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda,

1. The Secretary HQ informed that the minutes of the last EC meeting held on October 29, 2017 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack 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 be conferred on Dr IK Patro (Ravenshaw University, Cuttack) and Dr KP Mohanakumar (IUCBR, Kottayam) in 2018 and 2019 respectively was already obtained by circulation. The EC granted the approval of the same.

As no nominations for KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2018 and 2019 were received, the EC suggested that efforts should be made to identify suitable candidates by the Search Committee for the oration for both years. The members suggested to include the call for nomination in the newsletter and write to the EC members to forward nomination of suitable candidates both for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration.

The Secretary HQ 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 Rajnikant Mishra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (LM-81)
- iii. Dr DK Lahiri, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, USA (LL-08)
- iv. Dr Pankaj Seth, National Brain research Centre, Manesar (LS-94)

The recommendations of the Academic Committee that Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Dr DK Lahiri, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis,

USA and Dr Pankaj Seth, National Brain research Centre, Manesar be elected Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences were approved by the EC.

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 PK Seth, Lucknow; Dr Dipak K. Sarkar, USA

Academic Committee

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

Fellows – Dr S Sinha, New Delhi; Dr TR Raju, Bengaluru; Dr PK Seth, Lucknow

4. The EC was informed that following ten papers were received for consideration for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2018,
- (i) Meghraj Singh Baghel, Department of Zoology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Laboratory, Centre of Advanced Study, Banaras Hindu University
Varanasi – 221 005, India
Hippocampus (wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/hipo) 2017; 1–15
 - (ii) Rahul Kumar, Department of Anatomy, All India Institute of Medical Sciences
New Delhi – 110 029, India
European Society of Anaesthesiology, 35:1–11 (2018)
 - (iii) Reshma Bhagat, Department of Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience, Neurovirology Section, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana, India
Cell Death & Differentiation, doi.org/10.1038/s41418-018-0163-y
 - (iv) Sant Saran, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Department of Electrical Engineering, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India
Neurophotonics, 5 (2), 025009 (2018)
 - (v) Sunil Jamuna Tripathi, Department of Neurophysiology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029, India
Molecular Neurobiology, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12035-018-1057-1> (2018)
 - (vi) Tanaya Batabyal, Stress and Cognitive Electroimaging Laboratory, Department of Physiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi – 110 029, India
Neuroscience Letters, 685:1–6 (2018)
 - (vii) Marigowda Vrinda, Department of Neurophysiology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029, India
Epilepsia, 58: 1148–1158 (2017)

- (viii) Yasir Hasan Siddique, Drosophila Transgenic Laboratory, Section of Genetics, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Life Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University Aligarh – 202 002, Uttar Pradesh, India
Disease Models & Mechanisms, 9: 63-68 (2016)
- (ix) Shashank Kumar Maurya, Department of Zoology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Laboratory, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221 005, India
Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology, 38: 919–927 (2018)
- (x) Mousumi Mutsuddi, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221 005, India
Biochimica et Biophysica Acta 1862: 1732–1741 (2016)

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

- (i) Dr Kamlesh K. Gulia, Scientist F & In-charge, Division of Sleep Research, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram - 695012
- (ii) Dr Ramesh Sharma, Professor, Department of Biochemistry North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong - 793 022
- (iii) Dr Raghu Vemuganti, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Neurological Surgery, Madison - 53792, USA
- (iv) Dr Akshay Anand, Professor, Department of Neurology, Neuroscience Research Lab, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh – 160 012

He further informed that the paper of Ms Reshma Bhagat (National Brain Research Centre, Manesar, India) published in Cell Death & Differentiation has received highest scores from the Reviewers and should be considered for the award. The EC unanimously approved the recommendation.

The EC also approved the proposal to provide travel fellowships – Lalita-Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship (4); IAN Travel Fellowship (4); 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 XXXVI 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 HC Pant, NINDS, Bethesda, USA; Dr KP Mohanakumar, IUCBR&SSH, Kottayam; Dr PK Seth, Biotech Park, Lucknow; Dr (Ms) SB Singh NIPER, Hyderabad

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

Dr Isa Tadashi, Kyoto, Japan; Dr SL Mehta, Madison, USA; Dr Sanjay Pandey, San Diego, USA; Dr R Sharma, NEHU, Shillong; Dr Vijay Pramanik, Amarkankak; Dr AK Agrawal, Lucknow; Dr PC Rath, JNU, New Delhi; Dr S Chakraborti, Ambala; Dr TS Roy, AIIMS, New Delhi

6. The statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant was presented by Dr AK Agrawal, the Treasurer of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The EC was happy to note the financial status and the fact that the IAN is encouraging and supporting the young researchers by providing travel fellowships. The Treasurer further informed about the induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. He informed that payment of dues towards affiliation fee of FAONS has been settled while the payment of dues to IBRO will be settled soon after receiving the invoice. The EC expressed satisfaction to note that the financial status of the Academy is good and appreciated his efforts.
7. Dr. Akshay Anand could not attend the meeting as his train/flight got delayed. He had emailed information regarding the journal and Dr. Pankaj Seth was requested to present the update on the search for a new co-publisher as KARGER had expressed their inability to renew the contract beyond the two-year period due to internal restructuring in their organization. Dr. Seth informed the EC members that the core committee is in discussions with two major publishers including SPRINGER-Nature as they have a wide outreach to researchers around the world. The EC expressed their satisfaction on the progress and requested the core committee to finalize a co-publisher for the continuity and growth of the Academy's journal – Annals of Neurosciences. After detailed discussion it was decided that an association with SPRINGER-Nature or a co-publisher of similar stature, should be tried, for greater interest of the Academy and its members.
8. The EC was informed that the proposal to hold the XXXVII annual conference of IAN in 2019 at AIIMS, New Delhi and IAN 2020 at UoH, Hyderabad was already approved by the GB in its meeting held on October 30, 2017 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack.
9. Based on the suggestions for the posts to be filled up, the Executive Committee for 2019 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. The proposal to frame the guidelines for Sutte Nag Prize was discussed in the EC. The members approved that there should be two prizes in this award category for young researchers for the papers presented in the Poster Session. The EC further approved that this award category should also have the same guidelines as in case of SS Parmar Research Foundation (USA) Prize.
2. 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.
3. The proposal to organize activities as a part of IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy Programme was discussed. The EC felt that interactive meet and lectures by leading neurologists and psychiatrists should be organized at neuroscience centres and local branches of IAN with cross section of society. The financial support (up to INR 5,000/-) may be provided by IAN in case there is any requirement of funds. In such cases, proposals received from local branches will be reviewed by a small committee (President, Secretary HQ, General Secretary and IAN IBRO-FAONS Representative). Suitability of funding support will be informed to the concerned and the amount will be reimbursed to the concerned local branch by the Treasurer on receiving the receipts / expenditure statement.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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