

Indian Academy of Neurosciences
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
on Monday; November 18, 2019

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held in the Seminar Room, Department of Physiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. The meeting presided over by Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, President of the Academy was attended by following members,

1. Dr (Ms). Shashi B. Singh, Hyderabad
2. Dr Mahendra K. Thakur, Varanasi
3. Dr (Ms). Anita Jagota, Hyderabad
4. Dr (Ms). Suman Jain, New Delhi
5. Dr Akshay Anand, Chandigarh
6. Dr Tarasankar Roy,
7. Dr BSS Rao, Bengaluru
8. Dr Tushar K. Ghosh, Kolkata
9. Dr Pankaj Seth, Manesar
10. Dr Kamla Prasad,
11. Dr (Ms). Kamlesh K. Gulia, Kerala
12. Dr Ishan K. Patro, Odisha
13. Dr Prahlad K. Seth, Lucknow
14. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, Lucknow

Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh welcomed the members and thanked them for coming over to attend the meeting. She congratulated the organizers for choosing a relevant theme for the conference and developing an effective scientific programme. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda,

1. The Secretary HQ informed that the minutes of the last EC meeting held on October 28, 2018 at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi were circulated after seeking approval of the President. Since no comments were received on it, the minutes were approved by the EC.
2. The Secretary HQ informed that approval of EC with respect to the recommendation of the Search Committee that KT Shetty Memorial Oration for the year 2018 be conferred on Dr Aditya Murthy (CNS, Bengaluru) had already been obtained by circulation. As no nominations for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for 2020 and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2019 and 2020 were received, the members suggested that more nominations should be invited and screened by the Search Committee to select the suitable candidates.

The Secretary HQ further informed that nominations of following two members received for the election of Fellows of IAN were considered by the Academic Committee,

- i. Dr Rajnikant Mishra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (LM-81)
- ii. Dr Subodh K Jain, Sagar University, Sagar (LJ-46)

The recommendations of the Academic Committee that Dr Rajnikant Mishra (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) and Dr Subodh K Jain (Sagar University, Sagar) be elected Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences were considered by EC. After detailed discussion, the recommendations of the academic committee were approved by the EC.

3. The composition of Search Committee for selecting candidates for BK Bachhawat Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award 2020 and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2019 and 2020 and Academic Committee for electing Fellows for the year 2020 was discussed. The EC constituted following Search committee and Academic committee -

Search Committee for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award 2020 and KT Shetty Memorial Oration 2019, 2020

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

Fellows – Dr TR Raju, Bengaluru; Dr GN Pandey, UIC, Chicago, USA

Academic Committee

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

Fellows – Dr (Ms) Raj D Mehra, New Delhi; Dr IK Patro, Cuttack

4. The EC was informed that twelve papers as per following details were received for consideration for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2019,
 - (i) Indra Pal, Department of Anatomy, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi – 110 029; Hearing Research 377 (2019) 318-329.
 - (ii) Madhavi Joshi, Institute of Science, Nirma University, Ahmedabad – 382 481; Behavioural Brain Research 372 (2019) 112029
 - (iii) Mutahar Andrabi, Department of Neurobiochemistry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi – 110 029; Bipolar Disorders (MSS Accepted - BDI-2019-0036.R3)
 - (iv) Nisha Patro, School of Studies in Neuroscience, Jiwaji University, Gwalior – 474 011; Molecular Neurobiology <https://doi.10.1007/s12035-018-1065-1>
 - (v) Nishi Pegwal, Department of Neurophysiology, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029; Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13415-018-00661-4>
 - (vi) Niyati Acharya, Department of Pharmacognosy, Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University, Ahmedabad – 382 481; Biomedicine & Pharmacotherapy 108 (2018) 374–390
 - (vii) Parul Bali, Department of Biophysics, Panjab University, Chandigarh – 160 014; Molecular Neurobiology <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12035-019-01680-z>

- (viii) Shrstha Sinha, School of Studies in Neuroscience, Jiwaji University, Gwalior – 474 011; Brain Behavior and Immunity doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbi.2019.08.181>
- (ix) Siju G. Chacko, Department of Physiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi – 110 029; IEEE xplore 2019 (DOI: [10.1109/IWW-BCI.2019.8737258](https://doi.org/10.1109/IWW-BCI.2019.8737258))
- (x) Sudeshna Das, Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences, Timarpur, Delhi – 110 054; Brain Behavior and Immunity 2019,doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbi.2019.09.003>
- (xi) Sunaina Soni, Department of Physiology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi – 110 029; Behavioural Brain Research 371 (2019) 111964
- (xii) Syeda Zehra Haider, Department of Biophysics, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029; Neuroscience 406 (2019) 140–149

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 Shukla Prasad, Professor, Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221 005
- (iv) Dr TK Ghosh, Professor, Department of Physiology, University College of Science and Technology, University of Kolkata, Kolkata – 700 009
- (v) Dr PC Rath, Professor, School of Life Science, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi – 110 067
- (vi) Dr KP Mohanakumar, Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research and Superspeciality Hospital, MG University Campus at Thalappady Rubber Board, Kottayam

He further informed that the paper of Ms Sudeshna Das (Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences, Delhi) published in Brain Behavior and Immunity received highest scores. The EC appreciated the efforts of the Reviewers and approved the recommendation. It was further decided by the EC that papers published in conference proceedings should not be included for consideration from next time.

The EC also approved the proposal to provide travel fellowships – Lalita-Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship (4); 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 XXXVII annual meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences.

Panel of experts to adjudge papers presented in oral session (Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award / D. M. Kar Prize)

Dr SK Jha, JNU, New Delhi; Dr MK Thakur, BHU, Varanasi; Dr Ratna Sircar, City College of New York; New York; Dr (Ms) Shilpa Buch, Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. Dr (Ms) Shashi B. Singh, NIPER, Hyderabad

Panel to adjudge papers presented in the poster session for different awards,

Dr Anil Chauhan, UOI, USA; Dr Ravi S Akundi, SAU, New Delhi; Dr S Parvez, Hamdard University, New Delhi; Dr J Singh, Chandigarh; Dr (Ms) Anita Gopesh, University of Allahabad, Allahabad; Dr (Ms) P Srivastava, Amity University, Lucknow; Dr Ashutosh, NIPER, Hyderabad; Dr KP Mishra, DRDO, New Delhi; Dr (Ms) Sabita Mishra, MAMC, New Delhi; Dr S Prasad, BHU, Varanasi,

6. The statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant was presented by the Secretary HQ, IAN in the absence of Dr AK Agrawal, Treasurer who could not attend the meeting due to important personal work at the last moment. The EC was informed about the expenditure, savings, induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. The members approved payment of dues to IBRO and FAONS to continue affiliation of IAN with these academic bodies. The efforts of the Treasurer for maintaining IAN accounts efficiently were appreciated and the report presented was approved by the EC.
7. Dr Akshay Anand presented the Editor's report and informed about the new partnership of IAN with SAGE to continue the journal of the Academy – Annals of Neuroscience as the contract with KARGER terminated. Fine details about the editorials, original papers, reviews, commentaries and reports received for publication were informed to the members. Dr Anand also informed the details of online submissions during the year 2019 and rolled over articles from previous submissions considered for publication. He said that all the three issues of the journal - Annals of Neurosciences for the year 2019 will be brought out soon as per the requirement of indexing agencies including Pubmed. While acknowledging the help of Editorial Board and staff in bringing out the issues on time in a professional manner, he mentioned about the updates and posts on the prominent social networking websites to enhance the visibility of the journal and moreover to attract attention of neuroscience fraternity to submit papers. He further informed the members that the journal is being tracked for Impact Factor through ESCI of Thompson Reuters.

The EC appreciated the efforts of Dr Anand and suggested him to explore the possibility to raise funds through DBT / DST for continuation and sustenance of the journal. A committee with following members was approved to explore the possibility for the purpose,

Dr A Ananad, PGIMER, Chandigarh; Dr S Sinha, AIIMS New Delhi; Dr IK Patro, RU, Cuttack; Dr BSS Rao, NIMHANS, Bengaluru; Dr P Seth, NBRC, Manesar

8. The EC was informed that the proposal to hold the XXXVIII annual conference of IAN in 2020 at UoH, Hyderabad had already been approved by the GB in its meeting held on October 30, 2017 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack. Dr (Ms) Anita Jagota, the designated Organizing Secretary gave a brief presentation about the venue and discussed the format of the scientific programme. She informed that the dates October

5 – 7 are suitable to hold the IAN meeting in 2020. The EC appreciated her endeavours and suggested to seek help from Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh, the President, IAN who is also the Director at NIPER, Hyderabad. Dr (Ms) Jagota immediately agreed to the suggestions of the members to have a grand international meeting at Hyderabad.

The Secretary HQ also informed about a proposal received from Dr Mehdi Hayat Shahi to hold the IAN meeting at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh in 2021. The matter was discussed in details and it was suggested that proposals from other centres should also be invited and the decision on the venue for 2021 be taken later.

9. The Secretary HQ informed about the academic activities undertaken under the auspices of IAN local chapters at Kolkata, Lucknow, Varanasi, Aligarh and Bengaluru. The EC appreciated the efforts of the local chapters and suggested to plan more activities at a regular interval involving young neuroscientists. It was further discussed that activities under the IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy programme may be organized by the local chapters. A plan of activities to be undertaken may be submitted to the Secretary HQ by June 30, 2020. The proposals received from local chapters will be reviewed and those found suitable may be partially supported (up to INR 25,000/-) by IAN to meet the expenses.
10. 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.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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