

Indian Academy of Neurosciences
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held online
on Wednesday; December, 15, 2021; 11:00 hrs (IST)

The members of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) were connected through google meet and the meeting was held on-line. The meeting chaired by Dr IK Patro, President, IAN was attended by following members,

1. Dr PK Seth, Lucknow
2. Dr P Seth, Manesar
3. Dr TR Raju, Bengaluru
4. Dr (Ms) Suman Jain, New Delhi
5. Dr Akshay Anand, Chandigarh
6. Dr AK Agrawal, Lucknow
7. Dr Meenakshi Bawari, Silchar
8. Dr KP Mishra, New Delhi
9. Dr Jayasri Das sarma, Kolkata
10. Dr Aurnab Ghose, Pune
11. Dr (Ms) Shashi Bala Singh
12. Dr Vinay Kumar Khanna
13. BSS Rao, Bengaluru

Special Invitees

14. Dr SC Biswas, Kolkata
15. Dr Anirban Ghosh, Kolkata

Dr IK Patro, President, IAN welcomed the members and thanked them for connecting on-line and the meeting proceeded as per the agenda,

1. The Secretary HQ informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Saturday; October 3, 2020 on-line were circulated among the members and no comments were received. The minutes were approved by the EC.
2. The Secretary HQ informed the EC that the concurrence of the EC members on the recommendation of the Search Committee that BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for 2022 be conferred on Dr UC Srivastava (Former Professor, University of Allahabad and Honorary Treasurer, The National Academy of Sciences, India, Prayagraj) and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2022 be conferred on Dr Suresh Mehta (University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA) was already obtained. The recommendations were approved by the EC. He further informed that nominations for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2023 will be invited and processed to select suitable candidates.

The Secretary HQ further informed that three nominations were received for consideration for election of Fellows of IAN. The names are as follows,

- i. Dr Jayasri Das Sarma, IISER-Kolkata, Kolkata (LS-215)
- ii. Dr Usha Panjwani, DIPAS, New Delhi, (LP – 20)
- iii. Dr SP Singh, BHU, Varanasi, (LS-187)

The nominations were reviewed by the Academic Committee. Further, the recommendations of the Academic Committee that all three candidates be elected Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences were approved by the EC.

The EC also approved that Dr Bruce Alberts (Department of Biophysics and Biochemistry, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), San Francisco, California, USA) be elected as Honorary Fellow.

3. The composition of Search Committee for selecting candidates for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration for 2023 and Academic Committee for electing Fellows for the year 2022 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

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

Fellows – Dr Raghu Vemuganti, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA; Dr Subrata Sinha, AIIMS, New Delhi

Academic Committee

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

Fellows – Dr Maheep Bhatnagar, Udaipur; Dr Gurcharan Kaur Amritsar; Dr AB Pant, Lucknow

4. The EC was informed that two papers as per following details were received for consideration for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2021,
 - (i). Organization of directed functional connectivity among nodes of ventral attention network reveals the common network mechanisms underlying saliency processing across distinct spatial and spatio-temporal scales; *NeuroImage* 231 (2021) 117869; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2021.117869>
Priyanka Ghosh, Cognitive Brain Dynamics Lab, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar – 122 052, India.
 - (ii). Maheshvara regulates JAK/STAT signaling by interacting and stabilizing hopscotch transcripts which leads to apoptosis in *Drosophila melanogaster*; *Cell Death & Disease* Volume 12, Article number: 363 (2021) <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41419-021-03649-0>

Bhawana Maurya et al., Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221 005, India

These papers were reviewed by the following committee in consultation with the Dean, IAN -

- (i). Dr Shashi Bala Singh, NIPER-Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- (ii). Dr Raghu Vemuganti, UoW, Madison, Wisconsin
- (iii). Dr Aditya Murthy, CNS, IISc, Bengaluru

He further informed that the paper of Bhawana Maurya, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi published in Cell Death & Disease received highest scores from the Reviewers and should be considered for the award. The EC unanimously approved the recommendation.

The Secretary HQ informed the members that in view of online meeting, the travel awards/fellowships – Lalita-Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship (4); IAN Travel Fellowship (4); John Miller Travel Award (2) have not been provided. He also apprised the members that there were no applications for Lalita – Ravindra Nath International Travel Fellowship (2) in view of pandemic. The EC suggested that the number of travel fellowships may be increased in the next annual conference and the money for these travel fellowships utilized appropriately for the purpose.

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

For Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award / D. M. Kar Prize

Dr (Ms). Shashi B. Singh (NIPER-Hyderabad, Hyderabad); Dr Mahendra K.Thakur (BHU, Varanasi); Dr (Ms). Gurcharan Kaur (GNDU, Amritsar); Dr Aurnab Shose, IISER, Pune; Dr Amit Kumar Mishra, IIT, Jodhpur

For awards in the Poster Session,

Dr S. Prasad (BHU, Varanasi); Dr Sunil Hota (DRDO, New Delhi); Dr Rajesh S.Yadav (HS Gour Central University, Sagar); Prachi Srivastava (Amity University, Lucknow); Arpita Konar, CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi); Dr Yogita Adlakha, THSTI, Faridabad

Dr Surendra K. Trigun (BHU, Varanasi); Dr. Shadab Mohmmad (Era Medical University, Lucknow); Dr Rajendra K Shukla (Medical College, Bahraich); Dr KP Mishra (DRDO, New Delhi); Dr Vijay Paramanik (IGNTU, Amarkantak); Dr K. Vijayalakshmi (NIMHANS, Bengaluru)

The EC also approved that two more prizes as Best Paper award from Organizers be increased to encourage the young researchers

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 Treasurer shared details of income and expenditure incurred during the period and informed about the induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. He further informed that

payment of dues towards affiliation fee to IBRO and FAONS would be cleared soon the invoice / information is received. The EC appreciated the efforts of the Treasurer to run the accounts of IAN smoothly.

7. The Editor's report was presented by Dr. Akshay Anand, the Chief Editor. He apprised the status of Annals of Neurosciences, the official journal of IAN. He informed the members that number of submissions to the journal have increased. He further apprised the members about the efforts taken by the publisher to increase the subscription and visibility of the journal and was happy to share that out of the agreement with the publisher, the royalty would be given to the IAN. He further shared the initiatives taken by him and other colleagues to invite established neuroscientists from the country and outside to contribute good papers and reviews. This would help to improve the overall quality of the journal and increase the readership. Dr Anand urged the EC members to submit their original articles to the journal to help in this endeavour.
8. The EC was informed about the proposal received from Dr (Ms) Rachna Mehta, Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of Neurophysiology and Neurosciences (AINN), Amity University, Noida to hold the IAN conference in 2022. The members discussed on the proposal and suggested that possibility to have the IAN conference at NEHU, Shillong or any other university in NE or south may be explored to have wider reach. In case of any problem to have suitable alternate, the proposal received from Amity University, Noida may be considered.
9. Based on the suggestions for the posts to be filled up, the Executive Committee for 2021 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 members were apprised about the academic activities undertaken under the auspices of IAN local chapters at Kolkata, Lucknow, Varanasi, Aligarh, Bengaluru and NCR. The EC appreciated the efforts of the local chapters and suggested to plan activities at a regular interval involving young neuroscientists and encourage them.

As discussed earlier, it was further suggested that besides academic activities, public / popular lectures may also be organized under the IAN – IBRO Global Advocacy programme by the local chapters. Plan of activities to be undertaken by the members may be submitted to the Secretary HQ in case any support is required from IAN. The proposals received will be reviewed by a committee and support grant upto INR 25,000/- will be released in the accounts of IAN local chapters.

The Secretary HQ thanked the the Convenors - Dr Jayasri Das Sarma (IISER-Kolkata, Kolkata), Dr Subhas C. Biswas (CSIR-IICB, Kolkata) and Dr Anirban Ghosh (Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata) for developing good scientific programme to have a successful IAN meeting. He also requested the convenors to extend the feelings and sentiments of the members to the concerned Directors/Vice Chancellor of the institute / University.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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