

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India on Wednesday; December 7, 2022

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held in the conference / meeting room at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Following members were present in the meeting, presided over by Dr IK Patro, President of the Academy.

1. Dr SL Mehta, UoW, Madison
2. Dr IK Patro, Gwalior
3. Dr TR Raju, Bengaluru
4. Dr AK Agrawal, Lucknow
5. Dr Jayasri Das Sarma, Kolkata
6. Dr Meenakshi Bawari, Silchar
7. Dr Phalguni Anand Alladi, Bengaluru
8. Dr Sudip Paul, Shillong
9. Dr Akshay Anand, Chandigarh
10. Dr Vinay K. Khanna, Lucknow.

Dr IK Patro 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 meetings were circulated after the approval of the President and no comments were received. The EC approved the minutes.
2. The EC was informed that nominations of two members (Dr UK Mishra and Dr SB Deshpande) were received for consideration for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award for the year 2023. There was no nominations received for KT Shetty Memorial Oration. The EC suggested that nominations may be invited again both for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and KT Shetty Memorial Oration and also for other two orations being instituted / started from this year. It was further suggested that nominations of both Dr UK Mishra and Dr SB Deshpande be included alongwith fresh nominations for consideration. The EC suggested to include the call for nomination in the newsletter and write to the EC members to forward nomination of suitable candidates for BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award, KT Shetty Memorial Oration and other two orations started from the year 2022.

The EC was further informed that nominations of following nine members received for the election of Fellows of IAN were considered by the Academic Committee,

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| i | Dr Amul Sakharkar
Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India | LS-284 |
| ii | Dr Anirban Basu
NBRC, Manesar, Gurugram, India | LB-24 |
| iii. | Dr Jitendra Narain Singh
NIPER, Punjab, India | LS-79 |
| iv. | Dr Mousumi Mutsuddi
BHU, Varanasi, India | LM-121 |

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| v. | Dr Phalguni Anand Alladi
NIMHANS, Bengaluru, India | LA-21 |
| vi. | Dr Shubha Srivastava
Kashi Naresh Government PG College, Bhadohi, India | LS-201 |
| vii. | Dr Subhas Chandra Biswas
CSIR-IICB, Kolkata, India | LB-56 |
| viii. | Dr Sumana Chakravarty
CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, India | LC-69 |
| ix. | Dr Tapas Chandra Nag
AIIMS, New Delhi, India | LN-08 |

The recommendations of the Academic Committee that Dr Anirban Basu (NBRC, Manesar), Dr Phalguni Anand Alladi (NIMHANS, Bengaluru), Dr Subhas Chandra Biswas (CSIR-IICB, Kolkata) and Dr Tapas Chandra Nag (AIIMS, New Delhi) be elected Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences were approved by the EC. There was no proposal for electing Honorary Fellow.

3. The composition of Search Committee for selecting candidates for BK Bachhawat Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award, KT Shetty Memorial Oration, SS Parmar Oration and PN Tandon Oration for 2023 and Academic Committee for electing Fellows for the year 2023 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 Subrata Sinha, New Delhi; Dr Sunil Kaul, Tsukuba, Japan

Academic Committee

Ex-officio members – Dean, President, General Secretary, Secretary HQ,
Fellows – Dr BG Unni, Guwahati; Dr Gurcharan Kaur, Amritsar; Dr C Nath, Lucknow

4. The EC was informed that following two papers were received for consideration for Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2022,
 - i. **Aditi Naskar** (Department of Clinical Psychopharmacology & Neurotoxicology National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru – 560 029, India)

Fibrinogen and complement factor H are promising CSF protein biomarkers for Parkinson's disease with cognitive impairment - A proteomics-ELISA-based study
ACS Chem. Neurosci. 2022, 13, 1030-1045
<https://doi.org/10.1021/acscchemneuro.2c00019>
 - ii. **Fareeha Saadi** (Department of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research-Kolkata, Mohanpur, India)

CD40L protects against mouse hepatitis virus-induced neuroinflammatory demyelination; PLoS Pathog 17(12): e1010059,1-28
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1010059>

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

- i. Dr Shashi B. Singh, NIPER-Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- ii. Dr Mahendra K. Thakur, BHU, Varanasi
- ii. Dr Suman Jain, AIIMS, New Delhi

He further informed that the paper of Ms Aditi Naskar (Department of Clinical Psychopharmacology & Neurotoxicology National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru – 560 029, India) published in ACS Chem. Neurosci. 2022, 13, 1030-1045_ <https://doi.org/10.1021/acscchemneuro.2c00019> has received highest scores from the Reviewers and should be considered for the award. The EC unanimously approved the recommendation.

As the last annual meetings of IAN were held online, travel fellowships were not utilized. The EC approved the proposal to provide travel fellowships – Lalita-Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship (12); IAN Travel Fellowship (12); John Miller Travel Award (2) and Lalita – Ravindra Nath International Travel Fellowship (2) to the deserving candidates.

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

**Papers to be presented in the oral session
(Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award / D. M. Kar Prize)**

Dr Tuck Wah Soong, Singapore; Dr Sharmili Vidyadaran, Malaysia; Dr IK Patro, Gwalior; Dr A Anand, Chandigarh; Dr R Sandhir, Chandigarh; Dr DK Khatri, Hyderabad

**Papers to be presented in the poster session
(SS Parmar Research Foundation USA Prize, Suttee Nag Prize, SfN Bangalore Chapter Award, Best Paper award from Organizers)**

Dr SL Mehta, UoW, Madison; Dr S Vidyadaran, Malaysia; Dr P Thakur, Thiruvananthapuram; Dr G Kaur, Amritsar; Dr U Panjwani, Delhi; Dr M Bawari, Silchar; Dr James P Clement, Bengaluru; Dr Avanish Mishra, Guwahati, Dr Ravi Manjithaya, Bengaluru

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 informed about the expenditure, savings, induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. The Treasurer further informed that payment of dues towards affiliation fee of IBRO has been settled and that of FAONS for the period 2020 – 2022 will be settled soon after receiving the invoice. The efforts of the Treasurer for maintaining IAN accounts efficiently were appreciated and the report presented was approved by the EC.
7. The Editor's report was presented by Dr. Akshay Anand, the Chief Editor of the official journal of IAN - Annals of Neurosciences. He presented the summarized information on the number of submissions to the journal and acceptance and rejections of the manuscripts. The members were happy to note that the number of submissions for publication have increased. He further apprised the EC about the efforts taken by the publisher

to increase the subscription and visibility of the journal. He also informed the status on the release of impact factor and appealed the EC members to submit their original articles to the journal to help in this endeavour. Dr Anand was happy to share with the EC that the royalty has been released by the publisher to the IAN. The members appreciated his endeavours to sustain the journal well.

8. The EC was informed that the proposal to hold the XLI annual conference of IAN in 2023 has been received from Jiwaji University, Gwalior and NIMHANS, Bengaluru. As the administrative approval from NIMHANS, Bengaluru was not received by that time, it was decided that the XLI annual conference may be held at Gwalior and the XLII annual meeting at Bengaluru. It was suggested that administrative approval from NIMHANS, Bengaluru be obtained in the mean time.
9. The EC was informed about the activities organized under the auspices of local chapters. The members were happy to note that IAN supported the NEUROEUNOIA organized by Gargi College (University of Delhi). The Secretary HQ further informed that IAN participated in the World Mental Health Day Festival 2022 held at IMRT Business College, Lucknow on October 01, 2022. The members were happy to take a note of it. The secretary HQ further requested the members to hold programs under the auspices IAN – IBRO Global Neuroscience Advocacy alongwith other colleagues for the cause.
10. Based on the suggestions for the posts to be filled up, the Executive Committee for 2023 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 SS Parmar Oration and PN Tandon Oration was discussed in the EC. The members approved the guidelines and recommended that the Search Committee in place may consider the nominations for these orations. It was further recommended that call for nominations may be invited for the year 2023.
2. The proposal to give away five Best Paper Award from Organizers was approved by the EC. It was suggested that five best papers presented in the Poster Session may be selected by the panel constituted to adjudge the papers.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Executive Committee 2023

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