

Indian Academy of Neurosciences

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held online on Sunday; October 26, 2025

The meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN) was held online on Zoom platform on Sunday; October 26, 2025. The meeting chaired by Dr. Vinay K. Khanna, President IAN and conducted by Dr Pankaj Seth, Secretary Headquarter was attended by following members,

1.	Dr Rajat Sandhir	Panjab University, Chandigarh
2.	Dr Anirban Basu	BRIC-NBRC, Manesar
3.	Dr Sourav Banerjee	BRIC-NBRC, Manesar
4.	Dr Akshay Anand	PGIMER, Chandigarh
5.	Dr Phalguni A. Alladi	NIMHANS, Bengaluru
6.	Dr Poonam Thakur	IISER, Thiruvananthapuram
7.	Dr Kavita Babu	IISc, Bengaluru
8.	Dr Jackson James	BRIC-RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram
9.	Dr Krishan Soni	PGIMER, Chandigarh
10.	Dr Aamir Nazir	CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow
11.	Dr Subhas C. Biswas	CSIR- IICB, Kolkata
12.	Dr Shashi Bala Singh	New Delhi
13.	Dr Subrata Sinha	New Delhi
14.	Dr Ashok K. Agrawal	Lucknow

Dr Subhash Pandey and Dr Gurudutt N. Pendyala could not attend the meeting.

Dr Vinay K. Khanna, the President IAN welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the meeting online. The meeting proceeded as per the agenda.

1. The members were informed that the minutes of the last EC meeting held online on July 26, 2025 were circulated after the approval of the President and no comments were received. The EC approved the minutes.
2. Dr. Jackson James, the organizing secretary thanked the members of the scientific program committee (SPC) for their involvement to help him to structure the scientific programme for the 43rd annual conference of IAN (IAN - 2025) to be hosted by BRIC-Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram. In his brief presentation, Dr Jackson informed the EC that the organizers have received enthusiastic response from the neuroscience community for attending the IAN-2025. Continuing his presentation, he informed that around 500 neuroscientists were expected to attend the IAN-2025. He was happy to share that the four-day event would feature pre-conference workshops, orations, plenary lectures, symposia, invited and short talks, panel discussions and Young Scientist Colloquia. He informed the EC that the speakers in scientific sessions were outstanding researchers from the country and outside and most of them had planned to attend the entire meeting. The EC was happy to note as it would provide opportunity for networking to young researchers throughout the conference. He was suggested to give reasonable time slot for poster sessions in the scientific programme and accommodate posters at a suitable place at

the venue to encourage the young researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and early-career researchers presenting their papers in poster sessions.

3. The EC suggested the Organizing Secretary to constitute panel of judges to evaluate papers to be presented for following awards –

- Tulsabai Somani Educational Trust Award
- D.M. Kar Prize
- S. S. Parmar Research Foundation (USA) Prize
- Suttee Nag Prize

The EC further suggested to avoid any conflict of interests and include a mix of mid and senior level neuroscientists from India and outside in the panel to evaluate the papers. He was suggested to inform the referees the criteria and provide with the score sheets in advance after seeking their consent. He was also asked to inform the names of the referees to the Secretary HQ and suggested to take his help in finalizing the list.

4. Dr Pankaj Seth, Secretary Headquarter, apprised the members that following nominations were received for IAN-BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and IAN-Orations,

BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award

1. Dr BN Gangadhar, Former Director, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
2. Dr Chanda Kulkarni, Consultant, Innovative Drug Development [iDD] Research Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru.

PN Tandon Oration

1. Dr. Suvarna Alladi, NIMHANS, Bengaluru

SS Parmar Oration

1. Dr Syed Z Rehman, AMU, Aligarh
2. Dr Ratna Sircar, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York

KT Shetty Memorial Oration

1. Dr Kamla Prasad Mishra, DIPAS-DRDO, New Delhi

He informed that these nominations were reviewed by the search Committee and its recommendations were shared with the EC earlier for approval. Based on this, following candidates were selected for IAN-BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award and IAN-Orations –

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IAN-PN Tandon Oration

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1. Dr Ratna Sircar, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York

IAN-KT Shetty Memorial Oration

1. Dr Kamla Prasad Mishra, DIPAS-DRDO, New Delhi

The EC accepted earlier approved recommendations.

5. The composition of Search Committee for selecting candidates for IAN-BK Bachhawat Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award, IAN-KT Shetty Memorial Oration, IAN-SS Parmar Oration and IAN-PN Tandon Oration for the year 2026 was discussed. The EC approved following names for the Search committee -

Search Committee for IAN-BK Bachhawat Memorial Life Time Achievement Award, IAN-KT Shetty Memorial Oration, IAN-SS Parmar Oration and IAN-PN Tandon Oration

Ex-officio members – President, Dean, General Secretary, Secretary HQ, Editor
Fellows – Dr Subrata Sinha, New Delhi; Dr. TR Raju, Bengaluru

6. The recommendations of the Academic committee for election of fellows for the year 2025 were placed before the EC. The members were informed that there were 8 nominations for consideration for the election of Fellows of IAN. He further mentioned that nominations are valid for three years from the year the nominees are first nominated. Out of 08 nominees, 02 nominees (Sl. no. i - ii) had the third chance. 03 nominees (Sl no. iii - v) had the second chance and the remaining 03 nominees (Sl. no. vi - viii) had their first chance.

Third Chance

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| i. Dr Usha Rajamma, IUCBR&SSH, Kottayam | LU-06 |
| ii. Dr Amal Chandra Mondal, JNU, New Delhi | LM-114 |

Second Chance

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| iii. Dr Mehdi Hayat Shahi, IBRC, AMU, Aligarh | LS-25 |
| iv. Dr KH Reeta, AIIMS, New Delhi | LR-61 |
| v. Dr Challa Suresh, ICMR-NIN, Hyderabad | LC-76 |

First Chance

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| vi. Dr Pallab Bhattacharya, NIPER, Ahmedabad | LB-104 |
| vii. Dr Sudip Paul, NIT, Raipur | LP-96 |
| viii. Dr Thomas Gregor Isaac, CBR, IISc, Bangalore | LI-06 |

The EC was informed that all nominations were reviewed by the Academic Committee which recommended that Dr Usha Rajama (Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital, Kottayam), Dr Mehdi H Shahi (Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh) and Dr Thomas Gregor Issac (Centre for Brain Research, IISc, Bangalore) be elected as Fellows of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. The recommendation of the Academic Committee for electing Fellows was approved unanimously by the EC. The EC was also informed that no nominations were received for Honorary Fellow this year.

7. The composition of Academic Committee for electing Fellows for the year 2026 was discussed. The EC approved following names for the Academic committee,

Academic Committee

Ex-officio members –President, Dean, General Secretary, Secretary HQ,
Fellows – Dr Ishan K. Patro, Gwalior, Dr Raghu Vemuganti, UoW, Wisconsin, USA, Dr Ashok K. Agarwal, Lucknow

8. Dr Pankaj Seth, informed the EC that following 03 papers were received for consideration for IAN-Jyotsnamoyee Raghunath Bhattacharya Prize for the year 2025,

i. *Oxyberberine revokes letrozole-induced polycystic ovarian syndrome and depression-like behavior in female Sprague-Dawley rats*

Eur J Pharmacol. 2025 Jun 15; 997:177613.

IF: 4.7

doi: 10.1016/j.ejphar.2025. 177613

Manoj Dandekar - Assistant Professor, Pharmacology and Toxicology, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad, 500037, Telangana.

ii. *Pathology-specific lipid alterations with triacylglycerol as a potential biomarker in Focal cortical dysplasia (FCD) and Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy with Hippocampal Sclerosis (MTLE-HS)*

Neuroscience (2025) 566: 72–86

IF: 2.8

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroscience.2024.12.038>

Nitin Yadav - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Center for Biomedical Research (ACBR), University of Delhi, Delhi

iii. *Structural and functional insights into the nuclear role of Parkinson's disease-associated α -synuclein as a histone chaperone*

Communications Biology (2025) 112654

IF: 5.2

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s42003-025-08138-0>

Sneha Jos - Department of Biophysics, National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India

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

1. Dr Sourav Banerjee, BRIC-NBRC, Manesar
2. Dr Akshay Anand, PGIMER, Chandigarh
3. Dr Poonam Thakur, IISER- Thiruvananthapuram
4. Dr Suresh L Mehta, Univ of Wisconsin, Madison, USA
5. Dr Dr. Gurudutt Pendyala, UNMC, Omaha, USA

He further informed that the paper of Sneha Jos, Department of Biophysics, National Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, (NIMHANS), Bangalore, India published in Communications Biology received highest scores from the Reviewers and was considered for the award. The EC approved the recommendation presented by the Secretary HQ.

9. Dr Pankaj Seth informed the EC that several requests from young researchers were received to provide travel fellowships for attending the IAN-2025 being organized by BRIC-RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram. The IAN may consider such requests and provide travel fellowships to few young researchers (04 IAN Travel Fellowships, 04 Lalita and Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship, 02 John Miller Travel Fellowship) as in yester years to help them to attend the IAN-2025. It was also discussed that two more IAN travel fellowships may be given from 2026 in view of increasing number of requests from young researchers.

Dr Seth further mentioned as the cost of travel tickets has enhanced, the amount of travel fellowships may be increased from INR 5000/- to INR 10,000/-. Additional expenditure of INR 40,000/- due to increase in the amount of 06 IAN Travel Fellowships may be met out of interest from IAN assets invested in the bank. He also informed that a request will be sent to the Nath Foundation to increase the amount of Lalita and Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship from INR 5,000/- to INR 10,000/-. If the Nath Foundation agrees, the amount of Lalita and Ravindra Nath Travel Fellowship will also be increased from INR 5,000/- to INR 10,000/-. The EC approved the proposal to increase the amount of travel fellowships to support deserving young researchers from 2026 onwards.

10. Dr Sourav Banerjee, Treasurer presented the statement of accounts duly audited by the Chartered Accountant. He informed the EC about the expenditure, savings, induction of new Life and Associate Members during the year. He further mentioned that payment of dues towards affiliation fee of IBRO has been settled up to the year 2026. Further, the affiliation fee of IAN with FAONS for the period will be settled once the invoice is received from FAONS.

While presenting the report, the Treasurer mentioned that the assets of IAN are invested in the nationalized banks and the financial state of IAN is good. The Treasurer report was approved by the EC with great appreciation for maintaining IAN in financially strong position and spending funds judiciously.

11. While presenting the Editor's report, Dr. Akshay Anand, Chief Editor, stated that the Annals of Neurosciences (AON) continues to serve as an effective platform for sharing the latest research and developments in neuroscience. He informed that the journal will maintain its focus on academic quality by publishing four well-curated issues, in line with the high standards set by prominent indexing agencies such as PubMed in 2025. He informed that 293 manuscripts have been submitted in 2025. After thorough peer-review process, 61 were rejected. Informing the financial aspects, Dr Akshay Anand informed that IAN received approximately INR 3,92,163/34 p as APC royalties from SAGE during 2024 - 2025. He was happy to share that the citations of the papers published in the AON have enhanced and it may complement to increase the IF in the coming time. Dr Anand acknowledged the significant contributions of the Editorial Board, especially Dr Krishna K. Sony in ensuring the timely publication of the journal. He also appealed the members to contribute research papers and reviews. The EC was happy and applauded the efforts of both Dr Anand and Dr Sony.

It was further discussed that a sub-committee be formed for deliberating on the issues of the future renewal of contract/agreement with the publisher. The sub-committee would negotiate to add a supplement issue to the contract, where the abstracts of the

IAN annual meetings may be published at no additional or at a discounted cost to IAN and better royalty percentage for the academy in future.

A committee with following members was approved by the EC –

Dr Vinay Kumar Khanna, Dr Subrata Sinha, Dr IK Patro, Dr Akshay Anand, Dr Krishna Sony, Dr Sourav Banerjee, Dr Pankaj Seth.

12. The Secretary HQ informed that the IAN-IBRO Global Neuroscience Advocacy activities were organized at AIIMS, New Delhi by Dr Suman Jain under the auspices of IAN-NCR Chapter in September 2025. He said that the programme was successful and had good participation. Further, the modalities to encourage IAN-IBRO global neuroscience advocacy activities through its chapters from the funding available under this head with IAN were discussed. It was decided that the plan of activities to be undertaken by the members may be submitted to the Secretary Headquarter in case any support is required from IAN. These proposals will be reviewed by the academic committee and a financial support up to INR 50,000/- may be provided by IAN once the proposals are approved. The funds will be released on submission of report and utilization certificate after completion of the program.
13. The observations and recommendations of the Chartered Accountant that earnings out of interest should be effectively utilized for promotion of neuroscience as IAN is a non-profit organization, were shared with the EC. The EC discussed that part of funds generated through interest income may be used to support the organizers of the annual meetings with a cap up to INR 3.00 lakhs depending on the availability of funds in each financial year (FY). It was also clarified that this support would be in addition to the funds already earmarked for orations, awards and travel fellowships etc. The Secretary HQ further mentioned that these efforts in the past have helped in promoting greater national and international participation in IAN meetings. The EC recommended the proposal, and that this support may be started from the year 2025 after seeking approval from the GB.
14. The EC approved the proposal to change the requirement of all the hardcopies for membership, various awards / orations and fellowships of IAN and switch over to online submissions like it is done for Lalita and Ravindra Nath International Travel Fellowships and JNS Travel Awards.
15. The EC was informed that the proposal to host XLIV Annual Conference of IAN in 2026 by BRIC-NBRC, Manesar was already approved. It was further informed that proposal to host the XLV annual conference in 2027 was received from Dr. Mehdi H Shahi, IBRC, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Dr Pallab Bhattacharya, NIPER, Ahmedabad. The EC recommended that decision on venues for 2027 be taken at a later date once more bids to host the meeting are received.
16. Based on the suggestions for the posts to be filled up, the Executive Committee for 2026 was proposed (Annexure – I). It was further suggested that proposed EC may be placed before the General Body for approval.

After the deliberations on the agenda points, the members decided to meet again on quarterly basis, with at least three meetings in each calendar year. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the members and President for their time and efforts to support the academy.

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