



Secretary's Report

Executive Committee Meeting (December 06, 2020) & General Body Meeting (December 06, 2020) to be held virtually on ZOOM Platform

Dear President Sir, Past Presidents, President-Elect and GB Members,

I have great pleasure to address you the Secretary's Report for the period from October, 2019 to October, 2020 as Secretary of a very dynamic and rapidly growing professional body of neurologists in India.

- **IANCON-2019, Hyderabad:** The last year IANCON (2019) was held in Hyderabad and was a very successful conference, attended by 1600 delegates with 474 free papers including 84 Platform Presentations, 25 Award Papers and 365 Posters were presented.

1. National Brain Week: We all are aware that the Indian Academy of Neurology celebrates National Brain Week every year from December 18 to 24. In 2019, the theme was "Healthy Diet - Healthy Brain" and various campaigns were initiated by the members of the IAN. Specifically Dr. Butchi Raju Garuda organized a conference named 'Neurovision'. Dr. GT Subhas organised a Bike rally from Cochin to Bangalore on this occasion. Many other IAN Members published their suggestions/advice in the newspapers for general awareness about the brain problems. Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram was the Coordinator for the same. The complete report has been published in Newsletter of April, 2020.

2. IAN-IFNR Webinars: The Indian Federation of Neurorehabilitation (IFNR) in association with Neurorehab Subsection of IAN organized a Webinar series during the lockdown period amid the COVID Pandemic. There were total 30 webinar sessions of one hour each, with didactic lectures covering rehab interventions for different impairments and diseases from neurological aspects of Covid to stroke, parkinsons disease, TBI, peripheral Neuropathy, Neuromuscular disorder, etc.

3. PallCare Neurology, Kochi, Feb 2020: This program was jointly organised on February 22-23, 2020 at IMA House, Kochi by the Forum for Indian Neurology Education and the Kerala Association of Neurologists with local guidance from Dr Matthew Abraham. The faculty included Dr Benzi Kluger, Prof of Neurology and Palliative Care at Univ of Rochester NY, Dr Roop Gursahani, Neurologist at Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai and senior palliative care professionals from Kerala (Drs Sunitha Daniel, Aju Mathew, Shoba Nair, Anil Paleri, Ramkumar P, Smriti Rana, Rajasree KC and Chitra Venkateswaran). Amongst the attendees were six senior Professors in Neurology: Rajinder Dhamija (Lady Hardinge, Delhi), Percival Gilvaz (Thrissur), Thomas Iype (Trivandrum), Parampreet Kharbanda

(PGIMER, Chandigarh), Sureshkumar Radhakrishnan (Kochi) and Mamta Bhushan Singh (AIIMS, Delhi).

4. **CNP CON-2020:** The 4th Annual Conference of Clinical Neurology subsection of IAN was held virtually on August 14 to 16, 2020 at Zoom Platform. Dr. Satish Khadilkar was the Organising Chairperson and Dr. K A Mansukhani was Organising Secretary. There were 6 academics sessions in 3 days and got total 815 registrations (including 37 spot registrations).

5. **WFN-IAN Neuro-infection Series – I & II:** Tropical and Geographical Neurology Specialty Group of World Federation of Neurology in collaboration with Forum for Indian Neurology Education had organised Neuroinfection webinar series -I on every Saturday from 18th July to 5th September, 2020 and Series – II from 17th October, 2020. It was first of its kind educational activity by WFN specialty group. The event was formally Inaugurated by Prof. Raad Shakir, Immediate Past- President, WFN and Chair Specialty Groups, WFN in presence of WFN Secretary General Prof. Wolfgang Grisold. The series was dedicated to Prof. Jagjit Singh Chopra. In the last session tribute was paid to late Prof. Amilton Barreira who was secretary general of TGNSG. Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram, President of Tropical and Geographical Neurology Specialty Group of WFN was the course director, Dr. Gagandeep Singh and Dr. Rahul Kulkarni were moderators and Dr. Sudhir Kothari and Dr. Roop Gursahani were scientific advisors.

Series - I			
Webinar Date	Faculty Login	Attendee Login	Total
18_07_20	11	745	756
25_07_20	9	543	552
01_08_20	12	362	374
08_08_20	14	412	426
15_08_20	12	405	417
22_08_20	18	421	439
29_08_20	15	377	392
05_09_20	17	241	258

Series - II			
Webinar Date	Faculty Login	Attendee Login	Total
26_09_20	8	288	296
10_10_20	11	327	338
17_10_20	16	185	201
24_10_20	15	254	269
07_11_20	14	241	255
21_11_20	14	151	165
28_11_20	17	233	250
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6. **Pediatric Neurology – International Virtual Master Class, 2020:** This program was conducted on July 18 and 19, 2020. The invited faculty included many well known experts in the field including Prof. Ingrid Tein (Former President, ICNA) , Prof. Haluk Topaloglu (Turkey) , Prof. Yokitoshi Takahashi (Japan), Prof. Laksmi Nagarajan , Prof. Bindu Sankaran (Australia) , Prof. Rajesh Ramachandran Nair (Canada). They were supported by senior Indian faculty. Prof. Pramod Pal (President, IAN)

formally inaugurated the program. The program was a huge academic success with more than 400 participants from India as well as the neighbouring countries.

- 7. World Brain Day – 2020:** The theme “Move together to end Parkinson’s Disease” of this year’s World Brain Day was very relevant for patients of Parkinson’s disease, their caregivers, family physicians and general public and therefore there was lot of excitement about the event. World Brain Day was celebrated throughout India, on July 22, 2020. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the auditorium or field programs could not be organized, so the campaign was mainly through print and electronic media with virtual meetings in different cities of the country.
- 8. Run for the Brain Event:** Likewise from last 3 years, the IAN Runners Group organized an event named ‘Run for Brain’ on October 02, 2020 morning 06:00 AM to 08:00 AM. This was the virtual run/walk at doorstep and consists of 3KM, 5KM and 10KM. The numbers of IAN Members joined this event and top runners were awarded with medal and certificates.
- 9. Postponement of IAN Meetings:** Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the numbers of meetings of Indian Academy of Neurology has been postponed/canceled. The brief details of the same are as follows:
 - 9.1 Pediatric Neurology Workshop:** The IAN Paediatric Neurology Master Class was supposed to be held on April 04-05, 2020 at Chandigarh. However, the same has been postponed due to COVID-19 till the next dates. The revised dates will be announced on IAN Website.
 - 9.2 ICTRIMS-2020:** The ICTRIMS-2020 was scheduled to be organized by Dr. N R Ichaporia as Organising Chairperson and Dr. Shripad Pujari as Organising Secretary on June 13 & 14, 2020 at Pune. This meeting has been postponed to 1st quarter of 2021.
- 10. IANCON-2020:** The 28th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology was slated to be held in November, 2020 in Bengaluru. This could not be held because of pandemic and hence will be held at Bengaluru September - November, 2021. The 29th Annual conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology will be held jointly with Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology (AOCN) at New Delhi in the fall of 2022. The 30th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology would be held at Madurai in 2023. I thanked the entire organizing committee at Madurai and especially Dr. M. R. Manivannan, Organising Secretary, IANCON-2023 for the thoughtful gesture of agreeing to host the 2023 Annual Conference instead of 2022 in order to accommodate AOCN at New Delhi in 2022.
- 11. IAN-AINA Observership Stats:** We had received total 27 Applications for the IAN-AINA Observership for 2020. The screening committee approved four applications for 4-6 weeks Observership in USA.

The all four candidates have also been acknowledged by their respective training centers in USA.

The brief summary is as follows:

Sr. No.	Candidate	Training centre in USA
1.	Dr. Surendra Kumar	Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, RIMS Ranchi
2.	Dr. Ahamed Subir	Assistant Professor, MES Medical College, Kerala
3.	Dr. Divyani Garg	Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi
4.	Dr. Nikhil D. Kadam	Assistant Professor in Grant Medical College, Mumbai

12. IAN Membership: Our academy has made rapid growth in the past 6 years. Currently our membership stands as follows:

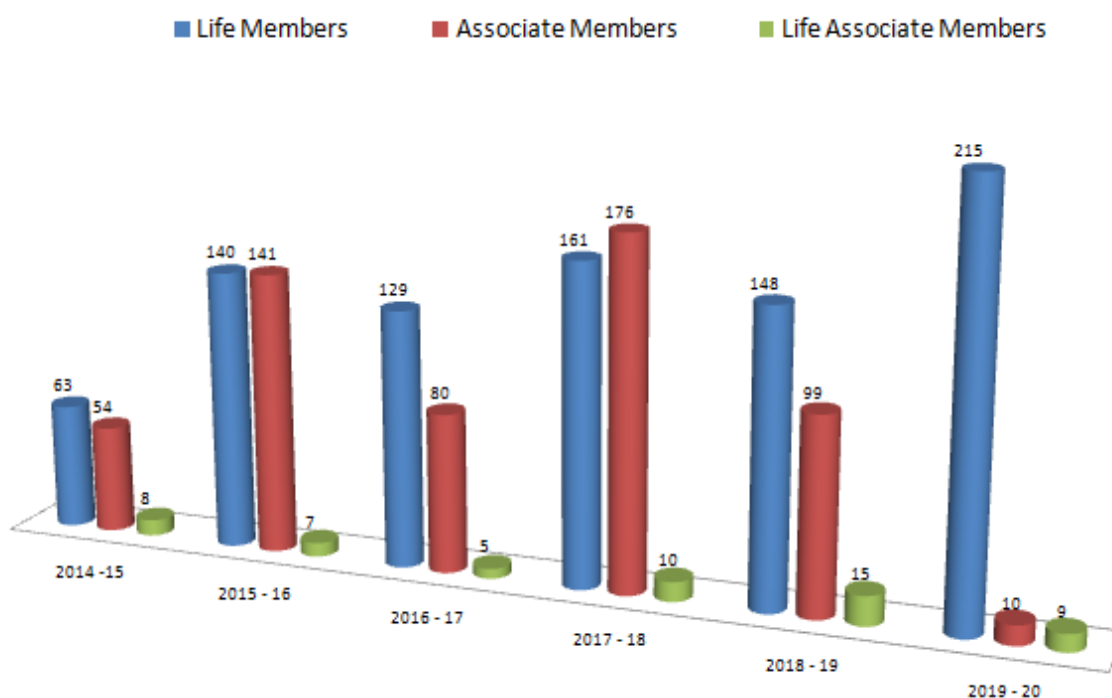
Life Member (LM) - 1900

Life Associate Member (LAM) - 230

AM (Associate Member) – 1344 [Active Members: 266; converted to LM: 28 (in last one year)]

Category	2014 -15	2015 - 16	2016 - 17	2017 - 18	2018 - 19	2019 - 20
Life Members	63	140	129	161	148	215
Associate Members	54	141	80	176	99	10
Life Associate Members	8	7	5	10	15	9
Total	125	261	214	347	262	234

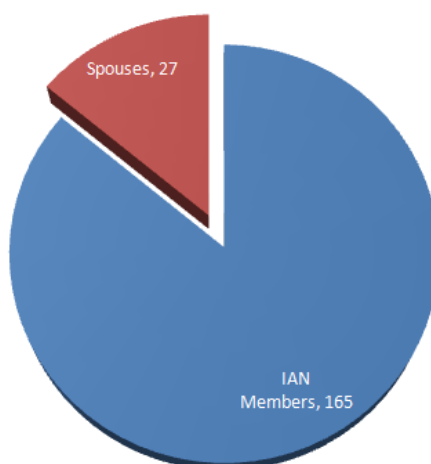
IAN Memberships Graph from 2014-2020



13. Indemnity Policy Scheme: From June, 2019 The New India Insurance Company is issuing indemnity policies on discounted rates for IAN Members.

Insurance Stats – 2019-2020

Year	IAN Members	Spouses
2019-20	165	27



14. Fellowships of IAN (FIAN) – 2020 This year we had received 10 fresh applications for IAN Fellowships. In addition, 08 applications of last year (from 2017-2019) have had to put in the list for consideration. Hence, total 18 applications forwarded to the screening committee of Fellowship applications, out of them 08 applications has been selected to facilitated during IANCON-2021, Hyderabad.

<i>Carryover of 2018</i>	08
<i>Fresh Applications</i>	10
No. of Applications – 2020	18
Approved for 2020	08

Note: The IAN has 103 Fellows till 2020 and as per IAN constitution, section 8.3, 'the maximum strength of fellows shall not increase at any time to more than 10% of the total life members'.

Many thanks,

Gagandeep Singh
Secretary, IAN