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Dear IAN Members,

It is pleasing and very satisfying to note that a number of successful activities have taken place under the IAN banner in the preceding six months. Foremost among the successful activities was the World Congress of Neuro-rehabilitation held at Mumbai. A number of fascinating deliberations marked this meeting, which needless to add, was attended by over 2200 delegates from 58 Countries. A report by the Organising Chairman, Dr. Nirmal Surya features in this issue of the Newsletter. A completely novel concept, a conference exclusively by Women in Neurology was another notable highlight. The Conference, held at Udaipur was really well attended and this goes a long way to convey the message that the IAN in no way suffers from any gender discrimination. Finally, the 11th Annual Meeting of the Tropical Neurology Subsection was held at Lucknow. A report of this highly acclaimed meeting, which covered a range of tropical disorders also features in this edition of the Newsletter.

A very momentous occasion, the IAN Textbook of Neurology was finally made available. Dr. Arabinda Mukherjee, the Chief Editor and his entire team of Section Editors deserve kudos for this colossal effort. Efforts are on to make the book available to all members.

We look forward to future events, most of the 26th Annual Conference, IANCON 2018 at Raipur from September 27 to 30, 2018. Some of the highly thriving features of the earlier conferences will be carried forward in to this meeting: Neu-Ro-Gama, a talent competition for members, Running for Neurology are welcome add-ons to the scientific program. Without doubt, Dr. Sanjeev Thomas, President, IAN has crafted an excellent and cutting-edge scientific program. The Organizing Secretary, Dr. Sanjay Sharma and his team is working hard to make your stay in Raipur very comfortable, enjoyable and memorable. The Executive Committee in its mid-term meeting found all arrangements at the local venue and the host city to be in order and hence, there is little doubt the Conference will turn out to be a great event.

We look forward to meeting you all in person at Raipur in September.

Best Wishes

Gagandeep Singh
Secretary, IAN
IAN Elections 2018

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IAN Summer School 2018

Dear Students/Associate Members,

The Indian Academy of Neurology Summer School 2018 will be held on May 5-6, 2018 at Hyderabad. Those interested may kindly register for the same by filling the registration form available at IAN website (www.ianindia.org).

Contact persons:

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Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi (Email: sita_js@hotmail.com)

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ICTRIMS 2018

(17-14-15, 2018, Kochi)

Dear Friends, Greetings from Kochi & KAN, the Kerala Association of Neurologists.

We have been given the responsibility of hosting ICTRIMS-2018, the conference of the demyelination subsection of the Indian Academy of Neurologists (IAN). This is the 4th Conference of its kind and will be held at Kochi on July 14th and 15th 2018.

KAN is an organization you are all, by now, familiar with. We are a group of about 150 Neurologists across Kerala, and have been very active in the field of academics during the last decade. We have had the pleasure of hosting many of you for a number of national conferences, IANCon 2009, ECON 2012, ISACON 2014, and the most recent International one, KAM Monsoon Summit 2017. Each of these, you will acknowledge, has set a benchmark for its organizational and academic excellence. We promise to do even better this time.

We have a very focused and dynamic programme that is being put in place by our academic committee. It’s main goal is to update the neurology fraternity, specialists in MS and other autoimmune neurological disorders, and enhance their ability to deliver quality clinical care to patients.

Already, some of the most distinguished Neuroscientists in the field from all over the world, have accepted our invitation to be on the faculty. So you can certainly look forward to an academic feast. Besides, Kerala in the Monsoon is spectacularly beautiful, green and welcoming. So do block these dates in July 2018, to be with us. It would be our pleasure to host you for an unforgettable event.

Warm regards for the season and every good wish for the New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Suresh Kumar
Organising Secretary
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Bids For IANCON 2020

The form for Bids for IANCON 2020 are available at www.ianindia.org

The forms may be downloaded, completed and sent to Secretary, IAN by July 31, 2018.

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Award
Neurological Association of Trichupally

The Neurological Association of Trichupally has donated Rs. 20,00,000 towards instituting a prize for the Best Paper in Basic Neuroscience presented during the Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Neurology each year. Please visit the IAN website for further details.

Secretary, IAN
Dr. MC Maheshwari died on 14 January 2018 after a short illness. He was born in Saharanpur on 19 April 1939 and after meritorious school and premedical studies he entered KG Medical College, Lucknow for his MBBS in 1956. He qualified MD in 1963.

After about 5 years of residency in KG Medical College Hospital, Lucknow, he went over to the Temple University, Philadelphia where he worked in neurophysiology and clinical neurology. He later shifted to Birmingham, UK to continue his work in various fields of neurology.

"Mool must join us for a meal in the evening" thus said Prof Peter Jeavons, then Senior Consultant in Neurology in Dudley Road Hospital and Aston University in Birmingham. Mool was Dr Maheshwari. This happened in 1976 when I had called on Prof Jeavons who was designated the lead investigator for valproate by the Committee for the Safety of Medicines, UK. Not many people called him by his first name! That time was my first introduction to him in 1976 as we continued to meet each other.

He returned to India and worked as Head of Neurology in Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi from 1976 to 1979, when he joined AIIMS as Associate Professor of Neurology. He became full Professor and Head of Neurology in 1984. He contributed to the all-round development of the department on clinical side, academics as well as the subspecialties. Under his care the department flourished to one of all round excellence and repute, an apt tribute to his devotion and hard work.

I recall his interest in clinical research even when the local infrastructure did not permit. He was an ardent adherent to the concept of affordability in this land of teeming millions of poor. For him economic suitability often won over all other aspects. Phenobarbitone and valproate were on two ends of affordability and he wished to establish if the two could be co-administered in suitable cases to reduce the total cost of treatment. He established therapeutic drug monitoring to gain indicators for such use in India.

His keen interest in epilepsy led to his being designated Organising Secretary for the 18th International Epilepsy Congress, New Delhi held in 1989, the very first time such congress in India. Two or three years before the Congress and some years after, I got an opportunity to work closely with him in India and with ILAE and IBE outside.

The Congress turned out to be a landmark for us in India as its success was unquestionable. For our pains, the ILAE and IBE conferred both of us with International Ambassadors of Epilepsy Awards and appointing us on the organising committee for 19th IEC in Brazil. The financial gains from the 18th IEC were duly converted into the corpus of the IEA-18th IEC Trust in 1992.

This Trust continues its charitable work for the benefit of all working for epilepsy. Dr. Maheshwari worked as a Trustee from 1992 to 2008. He kept up his hard work for a separate body for medical aspects of epilepsy through local and international bodies. Thus, Indian Epilepsy Society came into existence in 1997 where he was a founder member and secretary remaining active for many years. He worked with energy in Asian Oceania Epilepsy Association as he organised its second regional conference in 2000 in New Delhi. This again was a success contributing to the cause of epilepsy and further enrichment of the corpus of the Trust.

He diligently worked to Abstract all papers published in the Journal of Neurology India in first 35 years as he brought out two volumes. He published over 250 papers in national and international journals. His keen interest in educating public resulted in publication of booklets on epilepsy, stroke and similar common conditions through National Book Trust. He was President of Neurology Society of India in 2001.

The Government of India recognised his contribution in the field of medical sciences and conferred on him the award of Padma Sri in 2001. After retirement from AIIMS in 2001, he pursued his interest in epilepsy and general neurology as a senior consultant in VIMHANS, New Delhi which he continued till a few months before death.

He is survived by his wife Mrs Shashi Maheshwari and daughter, Dr. Anupama and son Dr. Kaushik their respective spouses and three grandchildren.

We pray for peace to the departed soul.

Dr. Vinod Saxena
Gurgaon
Obituary

Dr. EP Bharucha, popularly known as EP, was one of the pioneers of neurology in India. He was blessed with exemplary attributes of simplicity of mind, high moral values, superb bedside manners and a great desire to help the sufferers of neurological ailments. He was a complete physician, having many achievements in the fields of clinical neurology, neurological research and neurological teaching.

Born on 28 December 1916, Dr. Eddie Bharucha had his early medical education at Mumbai (then Bombay), followed by further studies at London. He returned to Bombay and was appointed as a Honorary Physician in the Medicine Department at the King Edward Memorial Hospital and Seth G S Medical College. After serving for four years, he decided to pursue training and specialization in Neurology. He spent four years at the Hospital for Nervous Diseases and the Maida Vale Hospital in London, acquiring skills from reputed teachers. He topped up his training with a short trip to United States of America, coming in contact with Drs. Houston Merritt and Denny Brown at Boston. On his return in 1952, he was one of the first few specialists to establish an independent Department of Neurology at the KEM hospital. Over the following years, Dr. Bharucha incorporated electroencephalography, electromyography and neuropathology within the clinical discipline and many students and patients availed of the training programs and excellent facilities. He was instrumental in creating a department with national and international recognition.

Dr. EP Bharucha founded the Indian Epilepsy Association along with Drs. Noshir Wadia and Anil Desai. He also promoted the establishment of the Spastics Society of India. He had interests in Pediatric Neurology and visited the children’s orthopedic hospital where he worked for sufferers of poliomyelitis and other pediatric neurological diseases. He held many offices and important positions. He was the President of Neurological Society of India in 1961, the foremost national organization for neuroscientists of India at that time. He was member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences and Medical Council of India. The Armed Forces of India honored him with the title of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel. He was the President of the Organizing Committee of the World Congress of Neurology, which took place at New Delhi in 1989 and served as the Vice President of the World Federation of Neurology from 1969 to 73. He was on the editorial advisory board of the well know series, “Handbook of Clinical Neurology”, edited by P. Vinken & G. Bruyn.

His passing away is an irretrievable loss to Indian neurology. EP has been a guiding light for generations of neurologists who will miss him but will continue to work on the principles imparted by him.

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Bombay Hospital Institute of Neurology,
Mumbai, India.

Abstracts: IANCON 2018

The Online Abstract Management System for IANCON-2018, Raipur to be held on September 27-30, 2018 is now live. Please submit your abstract by visiting www.ianindia.org/abstract

Please note that only one submission as first author is allowed. The deadline for abstract submission is Saturday, June 30, 2018.

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Relax and Enjoy during IANCON 2018

September 27-30, 2018

- Running for Neurology
  (Contact: Dr. Sudhir Kothari
  Email: sudhirkothari@gmail.com)

- Neu Ro Ga Ma
  An Entertainment Programme by and for IAN Members
  (Contact: Dr. Vijay Sardana, Email: vsard@yahoo.com)
Dr. Ashok Panagariya, Jaipur has been conferred with Doctor of Science (DSc), by two Universities, the State Health University, Rajasthan and the International Amity University, Rajasthan.

Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram has been nominated Brand Ambassador of Nagpur City for Swatch Bharat Abhiyan by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation.

The 10th World congress for Neurorehabilitation 2018 (WCNR 2018), was held on 7th-10th February, 2018 at Renaissance Convention Center and Hotel, Mumbai, hosted by Indian Federation for Neurorehabilitation in association with World Federation for Neurorehabilitation and Neurorehab subsection of the Indian Academy of Neurology. This congress was endorsed by Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health & Family welfare, Government of India & supported by Indian Council of Medical Research and Ministry of Tourism, Maharashtra government and supported by 22 supporting organizations. The congress was attended by over 2200 delegates from 58 countries including Neurologists, Neuro-surgeons, Physiatrists, Physiotherapists, Occupational therapists, Speech therapists, Psychologists, Patients, caregivers and other Rehabilitation professionals at large.

The Scientific Program consisted of 15 “Meet the Professor” sessions, 6 Breakfast sessions, 18 WCNR symposiums, 6 Developing World Forum symposiums, 6 IFNR symposiums, 8 Sponsored symposiums, 4 plenary sessions, 120 oral presentations, 482 poster presentations, and 9 public forums.

The Inaugural Oration was given by Padma Bhushan Shri Prof. N. K. Ganguly on “Issues related with neurological disorders of old age and rehabilitation”. Plenary session of the conference were delivered by Dr. Leonardo Cohen from USA on topic “Janus Head – The enigmatic role of motor learning in Neuro-rehabilitation”, Prof Stanley Thomas Carmichael on “Molecular Neurorehabilitation - From Smart Mice to Smarter Human”, and by Professor Datin Muresanu on the subject of “Anticorrelated processes in Neurobiology”.

During the Presidential lecture “Neurorehabilitation — Challenges Ahead”, Professor Leonard Li made a strong case for promoting better neurological rehab care worldwide. The final closing lecture was delivered by Professor Alarcos Cieza on “WHO strategy on Rehabilitation”. “Public Forums” program was added first time in schedule of the WCNR, which provided a platform where the patients and caregivers could interact with each other as well as the national and international specialists in their respective field. 9 Public Forum concerning with different neurological diseases requiring neurorehabilitation were organized.

Dr. Nirmal Surya, Mumbai
Reports

Globally, tropical countries are suffering from additional burden of infections along with non-communicable diseases. Despite tremendous research advances in medical fields, huge economic burden is being borne due to these infectious disorders. Dissemination of knowledge about recent advances and spreading of awareness to society is the need of hour. Tropical Neurology conference is an excellent platform for discussing these issues and sharing expert opinions. This year, we were pleased to get an opportunity to organize TROPICON 2018 under the aegis of Indian Academy of Neurology and KGMU Neurology Trust. The conference was organized by Department of Neurology, King George’s Medical University with support of other neurologist of Lucknow. The venue of conference was Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Centre, a state of art structure in Lucknow. Under the able leadership of Dr R K Garg (organizing chairman), the job was easy for Dr Neeraj Kumar (organizing secretary) and other organizers (Dr Rajesh Verma, Dr H S Malhotra, Dr PK Sharma, Dr Ravi Uniyal, Dr Shweta Pandey and Dr Imran Rizvi).

TROPICON 2018 theme was decided to be “Neuroinfections in Tropics”. In health sector, tuberculosis elimination by 2025 is our countries priority. We also gave special focus on this issue. A half-day symposium on tuberculosis was conducted with help of many eminent doctors like Dr Shyamal Kumar Das, Dr Viral Kumar Paliwal, Dr Vivek Lal, Dr Amita Jain, Dr Anita Mahadevan, Dr Ravindra Kumar Garg, Dr Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Kameshwar Prasad and Dr BK Ojha. The discussions included epidemiology, pathology, pathogenesis, clinical presentation, investigations, treatment, complications and recent advances in management.

Inauguration ceremony was conducted before lunch. During inauguration, the conference was blessed with the blessings of Dr MLB Bha (Chief Guest, Honorable Vice Chancellor, KGMU), Dr Abbas Ali Mahdi (Guest of Honor, Vice Chancellor, ERA University), Dr Devika Nag (Guest of Honor, Eminent Neurologist, 1st Head of Department, Neurology, KGMU), Dr Chandrashekar Meshram (Special Guest, President, Tropical & Geographical Research Group, World Federation of Neurology), Dr Pratap Sanchetee (Special Guest, Chairman, Tropical subsection, IAN).

Post Lunch session focused on acute encephalitis, another grave medical issue in tropical region and Northern India too. Exemplary presentations were delivered on Japanese encephalitis, Dengue, Cerebral Malaria, movement disorder, headache and spinal infections. The Session was glorified by the presentations of Dr Parul Jain, Dr Anup Kumar Thacker, Dr Rajesh Verma, Dr Ravi Yadav, Dr Debashish Chowdhury, Dr Kamal Kumar Sawlani and Dr Imran Rizvi. The academic feast of first day concluded in late evening. Rejuvenating cultural program and Gala dinner followed the daylong brain storming session.

The Sunday morning started with a City tour at 6:00 am. The delegates visited Bada Imambara, Chotta Imambara and Clock Tower to have a look of traditional Lucknow, “The City of Nawabs”. The scientific session on 2nd day started with platform presentations. The first session included excellent lectures on Fungal infections, Leprosy, Neurocysticercosis and SSPE. The pillars of Neurology in India, Dr Lakshmi Narasimhan, Dr Satish V Khadilkar, Dr Gagandeep Singh, Dr Pratap Sanchetee and Dr Hardeep Singh Malhotra delivered these lectures. The last session was also mesmerizing with talks on HIV, Rabies and spinocerebellar degeneration by eminent speakers like Dr P Satishchandra, Dr Dinkar Kulshreshtha and Dr Achal Srivastava.

The valedictory function was held to award the winners of platform and poster presentations.

The conference registration reached more than 350 with more than 225 delegates attended the scientific sessions. The success of this conference is a collective result of contributions of eminent speakers, chairperson, organizing committee members, residents, staff, sponsors and media persons. Wide coverage in media, served the purpose of conference, leading to an increased awareness in society.

We wish great success to the next TROPICON.

Dr Neeraj Kumar
Organizing Secretary
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Neurology
King George’s Medical Univ., Lucknow

Dr Ravindra Kumar Garg
Organizing Chairman
Prof. and Head, Dept. of Neurology
King George’s Medical Univ.
Lucknow
Teaching Course in Cognitive Neurology (TCCN 2018)

The First Teaching Course in Cognitive Neurology 2018 was conducted under the aegis of Department of Neurology, NIMHANS and the Cognitive Neurology subsection of Indian Academy of Neurology. Four courses in different zones of India are planned to be conducted by Cognitive Neurology Subsection of IAN in association with academic institutions. The first course was held in NIMHANS Bangalore on March 4th 2018 and organisers were Dr. Atanu Biswas and Dr Amitabh Varma (Cognitive subsection of IAN), Prof. Suvarna Alladi, Prof. SR Chandra, Prof. Mathuranath PS and Dr Subasree R (NIMHANS).

Prof. P Satish Chandra, Former Director and Vice Chancellor of NIMHANS along with Dr Pramod Kumar Pal, HOD Neurology, NIMHANS inaugurated the course. The course was well attended by around 140 participants, neurology and psychiatry postgraduates and consultants from the south zone of India from different cities. The talks covered by renowned national faculty included several important topics such as clinical evaluation of dementia, neuropsychological assessment, delirium, novel biomarkers & imaging, common and unusual causes of dementia, psychiatric perspectives and caregiver management. The lectures were both didactic and interactive and well appreciated by participants. The participants were educated and sensitised regarding identification and treatment aspects of various dementia cases and problems encountered in daily practice. There was a positive feedback regarding the program and there was also an interesting quiz competition at the end of session and the prize winners were awarded with the book “Cognitive Assessment for Clinicians by John Hodges”. Eisai Pharma provided an unrestricted educational grant to conduct this course and there shall be three more such sessions in the following months at different cities of the country.

Dr. Suvarna Alladi
Women envisaged as the maiden, residential academic event where distinguished women neurologists would expound on women related neurological issues on 8-9th March 2018 (International Women’s Day), hosted in Udaipur (Rajasthan).

The inaugural was held at 8.00am on 8th March where deaf-dumb girls presented a dance and autistic ones jazze on the concept and theme of the event. There were 22 lectures of 30 minutes each by lady luminaries over two days on a broad spectrum of subjects, ranging from the general “Neurology for women - Challenges and opportunities” (Dr. Sangeeta Ravat) to the specialised “Myasthenia management in pregnancy” (Dr. A. Nalini). Video-clippings sent by the first Asian lady in neuroscience and the first Asian lady neurophysician-cum-neurosurgeon, (both were present in spirit, though frailties prevented their being present in person) were played. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. M. Gourie-Devi, who recounted her golden association with Motor Neuron Disease. An interactive and lively CPC was conducted by Dr. A. O. Saroja and Dr. Anita Mahadevan. Best Poster presentation prize was bagged by Dr. Akshata Huddar. 80 participants comprising residents, faculty, consultants, doyens and matriarchs of neurology graced the event.

Dr. Renu Khamesra, Organising Secretary

Dr. Sangeeta Ravat, IAN-EC Member, Mumbai delivering her lecture

Dr. M. Gouri Devi, New Delhi and Dr. Piroja Noshir Wadia, Mumbai

Group Photograph of Delegates

(Left to Right): Dr. Renu Khamesra (Organising Secretary), Dr. Samitha Panda (Zonal Chairperson, AIIMS Jodhpur), Dr. Piroja Noshir Wadia (Mumbai), Dr. M. Gourie Devi (New Delhi), Dr. Devika Nag (Lucknow), Dr. B. Vengamma (Tirupati), Dr. Sangeeta Ravat (IAN-EC Member), Dr. A. Nalini (Bangalore)
December 18, 1991 is the foundation day of Indian Academy of Neurology and to celebrate it appropriately, it was decided to start a new important event “National Brain Week” from 18 to 24 December in 2015. This activity was aimed at public awareness and education about neurological disorders throughout the country, to inform people about manifestations of various diseases, importance of early consultation with concerned doctors and means to prevent these diseases. Posters were designed, printed and distributed to all IAN members. This is a third consecutive year of this campaign. The theme for the year was “Healthy diet, healthy Brain”. Press note in English, Hindi and local languages was released on this occasion.

This is how different centers celebrated the event.

**Nagpur**

Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram Past President IAN and Convener, National Brain Week arranged the meeting of Neurologist, Neurosurgeons, Physicians, Neuroradiologists Psychiatrists and Media persons. During the week 12 activities were done with 21 newspaper publications. The campaign was carried under aegis of Indian Academy of Neurology in Collaboration with Nagpur Neuro Society, Orange city cultural foundation, Indian Psychiatry Society, Saptak, Indian Epilepsy Society, Dhanwate National College, Dr. Ambekar College Sports Academy and Nagpur Union of Working Journalists. Each day was dedicated to different themes like Brain Health, Headache, Stroke, Epilepsy, Dementia, Parkinsons Disease and Head Injury. National Brain Week poster was released at the hands of Dr. Siddharth Vinayak Kane, Vice Chancellor of Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University and renowned film director Dr. Jabbar Patel.

Public awareness activity was inaugurated by Dr. Siddharth Vinayak Kane. Dr. Nitin Chandak gave a talk on Parkinson’s Disease, Dr. Sanjay Ramteke on Headache, Dr. Ankur Jain on Epilepsy an Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram on Power of Brain for general public and college students. This was followed by question answer session.

Oscar award winning movie “My Left Foot” was screened for general public.

**Ahmedabad**

Dr. Sudhir Shah and his team celebrated the National Brain week in a grand way at Ahmedabad. They had arranged a state level two days conference for Neurologists and Physicians along with a public education program. During the occasion four senior Neurologists including Dr. B. S. Singhal and Dr. M V Padma were felicitated.

**Lucknow**

A CME with debate on Epilepsy was organized on 18th December. It was chaired by Prof. A K Thacker, Dr. Ruchika Tandon and Dr. Varun Mehrotra discussed the discontinuation of AEDs after seizure freedom. Dr. Abdul Qavi and Dr. Durg Vijay Singh discussed mono-therapy and rational poly-therapy in drug treatment.

On 20th December, an Interactive program with school children and teachers of St. Mary School, Para, Alambagh, Lucknow was organized by Dr. Atul Agarwal. Mr. S C Shukla, Director welcomed Dr. Agarwal who discussed various aspects of Epilepsy and Headache. Various questions in MCQ style were also presented to them. Students who answered correctly were given prizes.

The event was also celebrated in other centers but they were late in sending the report. Some members could not get enough time to organize the event this year. It was a great public health education initiative and was the best way to reach out to the masses and interact with them and therefore it would be continued in future with more enthusiasm.

Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram
Past President, IAN & Convener National Brain Week, IAN
Minutes of the Mid-term Executive Committee Meeting of the Indian Academy of Neurology was held on Saturday, January 13, 2018
Venue: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Science College, Raipur

Attendees:
Dr. Sanjeev V. Thomas, President
Dr. Satish V Khadilkar, President-Elect
Dr. Subhash Kaul, Past President
Dr. A V Srinivasan, Past President
Dr. Gagandeep Singh, Secretary
Dr. Nirmal Surya, Treasurer
Dr. Vinay Goyal, Editor, AIAN
Dr. R. Lakshmi Narasimhan, CME Convener
Dr. Debashish Chowdhury, Member
Dr. Roop Gursahani, Member
Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram, Member
Dr. Sangeeta Ravat, Member

EC/2018/01/01
Dr. Sanjeev Thomas, President, IAN welcome all Executive Committee members and introduced each to others.

EC/2018/01/02
Roll call was performed by Dr. Gagandeep Singh, Secretary. All Executive Committee members were present. No regrets were received.

EC/2018/01/03
The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held in Chennai on September 06, 2017 (published in the newsletter Vol. 27: Issue no. 3, December 2017; issue page 8-9) were approved. Proposed by Dr. Satish Khadilkar, seconded by Dr. A V Srinivasan.

EC/2018/01/04
i) Secretary’s report was presented by Dr. Gagandeep Singh (IAN Newsletter Vol. 28; Issue No. 01, April, 2018, Page No. __). Proposed by Dr. Nirmal Surya seconded by Dr. Sangeeta Ravat.

ii) Treasurer’s Report was presented by Dr. Nirmal Surya (IAN Newsletter Vol. 28; Issue No. 01, April, 2018, Page No. __). Proposed by Dr. A V Srinivasan and seconded by Dr. U Meenakshisundaram.

iii) Editor’s Report was presented by Dr. Vinay Goyal (IAN Newsletter Vol. 28; Issue No. 01, April, 2018, Page No. __). Proposed by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas and seconded by Dr. Debashish Chowdhury.

iv) CME Convener’s Report was presented by Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan (IAN Newsletter Vol. 28; Issue No. 01, April, 2018, Page No. __). Proposed by Dr. Roop Gursahani and seconded by Dr. Satish Khadilkar.

EC/2018/01/05
Action Taken Report was presented by Dr. Gagandeep Singh. The following 3 points were briefed to EC:

1. Neuro Learn: As per communication received from American Academy of Neurology, the online modules are in transitioning stage and will be available by the end of 1st quarter of 2018.

2. The proposal by Dr. M A Aleem on behalf of Neurological Association of Tiruchirappally to donate a corpus of Rs. 20,00,000/- (Twenty Lakhs) in order to sponsor an award for Best Paper presented in field of basic sciences during IANCON for a period of 10 years. Dr. Aleem will revert back with confirmation in late January.

3. IAN Directory: The IAN Secretariat Office is working on the IAN Directory and sending letters to all IAN Members to get their photographs and obtain updated details. The Directory should be ready by September, 2018 and will be released during IANCON-2018, Raipur.

The report was approved by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas and seconded by Dr. Vinay Goyal.

EC/2018/01/06
Report on IANCON-18 from September 27 to 30, 2018, Raipur, Chhattisgarh was presented by Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Organising Secretary, IANCON-18. All arrangements were found to be in order by Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee asked the Local Organising Committee to finalize lunch symposia within the next 2 months so that there is no overlap between speakers at the lunch symposia and the main Conference. Executive Committee requested the local organizing committee to look into the provision of lunch in the symposia hall during lunch symposia.

Instead of Public Awareness forum held after the valedictory function on the concluding day of IANCON, public health lectures may be held concurrently during the conference at hospitals/schools/colleges in the host city. Lectures will be delivered by eminent delegates attending the IANCON. Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram will coordinate this activity.

Dr. Subhash Kaul proposed that poster presentations should be in the E-poster format. It was agreed that both conventional poster and E-poster formats would be available to presentations during IANCON-2018.

Report was Proposed by Dr. Gagandeep Singh and seconded by Dr. A V Srinivasan.

EC/2018/01/07
The report on IAN Indemnity Insurance scheme was presented by Dr. Gagandeep Singh. The IAN EC appreciated the report and feels that scheme is going well. Proposed by Dr. Nirmal Surya and seconded by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas.

EC/2018/01/08
Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan informed to Executive Committee that the theme for CME during IANCON-2018 would be Myelin. Efforts are underway to find a set of speakers who have undertaken committed work in this area. Further, he informed that an online version of
Dr. Subhash Kaul proposed that a cap of US $1000 for invited speakers from Asia, US $1500 for those from Europe/Australia and US $2000 for those from Americas. Of course, local hospitality would be provided by the Local Organising Committee. Proposed by Dr. A V Srinivasan and seconded by Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan.

EC/2018/01/11
Dr. Subhash Kaul proposed that a cap on honorarium for overseas (non-members) invited speakers should be placed. This should cover their travel arrangements. It was agreed to put a cap of US $1000 for invited speakers from Asia, US $1500 for those from Europe/Australia and US $2000 for those from Americas. Of course, local hospitality would be provided by the Local Organising Committee. Proposed by Dr. A V Srinivasan and seconded by Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan.

EC/2018/01/12
Proposal from Dr. Gagandeep Singh regarding removal of the clause of 3 years service in Executive Committee as an elected member as a pre-requisite for the post of Editor IAN was discussed. The EC approved the proposal and recommended that it was not mandatory to have any Executive Committee experience for the post of Editor. Proposed by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas seconded by Dr. Satish Khadilkar.

The names were approved by the Executive Committee. Proposed by Dr. Satish Khadilkar and seconded by Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram.

The Executive Committee discussed a proposal laid by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas and Dr. Vinay Goyal to institute research grants to members on an annual basis. The grants would be available for deserving, small scale, short duration projects. It was agreed that the IAN can support upto 3-4 projects with a maximum budget of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Two Lakhs) each, on an annual basis. The Executive Committee requested Dr. Vinay Goyal to put up a draft of the previous of the grant, eligibility criteria, monitoring and other operational details.

Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram would be the IAN Delegate and will represent the IAN during the Council of Delegates meeting of the WFN in 2018 as the President, President-Elect or the Secretary are not attending the WFN Council of Delegates meeting.

A proposal from Dr. Sanjeev Thomas to form a subsection of “Critical Care Neurology” was approved. The members of the subsection are listed (IAN Newsletter Vol. 28; Issue No. 01, April, 2018, Page No. __). The subsection would conduct a Business meeting during IANCON-2018 and would need to elect the Chairperson and Convener. Proposed by Dr. Nirmal Surya seconded by Dr. Roop Gursahani. The President thanked all present for attending the mid-term meeting.

Gagandeep Singh
Secretary, IAN
I am both honoured and pleased to present to you the report of the Indian Academy of Neurology from October, 2017 to January, 2018.

1.0 Academic Meetings: The IAN held very successful academic meetings in the past six months, including the 25th IANCON, the Annual Conference of the IAN at Chennai, attended by 1883 delegates with 357 free papers including 72 Platform Presentations, 250 Posters and 35 E-Posters.

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences:

1.1 10th World Congress for Neuro-rehabilitation: The 10th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation will be held from February 07 to 10, 2018 at Mumbai by Dr. Nirmal Surja, President and Organising Secretary, WCNR.

1.2 TROPICON: The Annual Conference of Tropical Neurology will be held under the aegis of Tropical Neurology Subsection of IAN from March 31 to April 01, 2018 at KGMU, Lucknow. Dr. Neeraj Kumar is the Organising Secretary of TROPICON-2018.

1.3 Headache Master School: The International Headache Master School held in Australia.

1.4 ICTRIMS: The joint meeting by IAN subsection on CNS Autoimmune diseases and ICTRIMS will be held at Cochin in July 14-15th 2018. Dr. Suresh Kumar, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences will be the Organising Secretary.

2.0 Membership Status: The latest membership status is as follows:

Life Members: LM-1446
Associate Members: AM-1063 (Active Members: 289)

3.0 Session Proposals for IANCON 2018: We initiated a session proposal service wherein members can propose scientific sessions, topics and speakers online for IANCON 2018 in order to enhance their participation in various decision-making processes. In all, 51 session proposals were received.

4.0 Update on Professional Indemnity Insurance: The IAN Professional Indemnity Scheme is live and Insurance form is available on IAN Website.

Summary: In 2017, total 135 Members (including some of their spouses) has taken Indemnity Insurance Policy through IAN. We are in process to send them reminders through Emails and SMS to renew their policies.

Overall a good and positive response has been received from IAN Members in last one year.

5.0 IAN Website and Mobile App: As approved in GBM, Chennai, the IAN has launched the APP for its existing and new members to access the updated news of IAN timely. The website has also refurbished and domain has changed to www.ianindia.org.

6.0 Neuro-Learn: We have received mail from Geri Martin, Senior Director Business Development, American Academy of Neurology regarding the Neurolearn online courses. As per information received, they are in process of transitioning to a new learning management system platform and the same process will be complete by end of March, 2018.

7.0 IAN Directory: The work on IAN Directory has also been started. We are writing letters to our members to get their updated details with photograph and current address. We shall try to get ready with the complete address book of IAN Members before this year IANCON, Raipur.

Many thanks,
Looking forward to have an exciting 26th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology at Raipur

Gagandeep Singh
Secretary, IAN

Treasurer's Report

I am both honoured and pleased to present to you the report of the Indian Academy of Neurology for the period 01.04.2017 to 15.12.2017.

1.0 Funds with Banks:
The IAN at present holds two bank accounts in the period 01.04.2017 to 15.12.2017.

The work on IAN Directory has also been started. We are writing letters to our members to get their updated details with photograph and current address. We shall try to get ready with the complete address book of IAN Members before this year IANCON, Raipur.

5.0 Summary of sub-section membership fees received from 01.04.2017 to 15.12.2017:

Autoimmune disorder subsection : Rs. 2,000.00
Clinical Neurophysiology subsection : Rs. 14,500.00
Cognitive Neurology Subsection : Rs. 1,000.00
Headache subsection : Rs. 5,000.00
Interventional Neurology Subsection : Rs. 1,500.00
Neuro-Learn : Rs. 12,000.00
Neuroimmunology subsection : Rs. 1,000.00
Neurorehab Subsection : Rs. 1,500.00
Neuroophthalmology subsection : Rs. 3,000.00
Pediatric Neurology Subsection : Rs. 6,000.00
Tropical Neurology subsection : Rs. 6,000.00

6.0 Indian Summer School
An amount of Rs. 29,081.00 is received during the period towards Indian Summer School.

7.0 IUTSSTF Conference 2017
During the period, amount of Rs. 19,44,000.00 is received and amount of Rs. 11,75,575.00 is expended for the same. Net proceeds amount to Rs. 8,24,425.00

8.0 TROPICON 2017:
Amount of Rs. 2,04,24,263.50 has been received upto 15.12.2017 and amount of Rs. 1,28,88,808.02 has been expended for the
Facts about AIAN
- AIAN impact factor 2016 (Thomas reuters, 2017): 0.95
- 491 articles were submitted to AIAN in 2017
- Acceptance rate of 20%: 96 articles
  - 37 original article
  - 15 review articles
  - 12 case reports
  - 15 letter to editor
  - 3 images in neurology
  - 2 history of medicine
- Submission to decision time 2017

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Revision time by Authors 2017
- Days from first decision until Revision Arrives | 11.52 (0, 37)
- Days for Editor to take Decision | 2.49 (0, 15)
- Articles Re-Reviewed | 40 |
- Days for Re-Review by Reviewers | 4.20 (0, 9)
- Days to send revision decision by Editors | 2.49 (0, 15)
- Days from Revision Receipt to Revision Decision | 9.18 |

Report of accepted articles
- Days from first submission to acceptance | 62.38 (0, 164)
- Days from acceptance to Publication | 70.37 (7, 118)

Report of Reviewers
- Total Referees | 1611 |
- Numbers of reviewers used (article) | 591 (3)
- Numbers of reviewers responded (article) | 407 (1)
- Reviewers on Time | 247 (42%)
- Returned Late | 160 (27%)
- Never Returned | 436 (74%)

Articles from different countries
- o India | 325 |
- o Turkey | 43 |
- o China | 33 |
- o Iran | 13 |
- o USA | 8 |
- o Thiland | 8 |
- o Korea | 7 |

Vision for future
- o Residents column:
  - Residents training in neurology can write about their expiriances during training or observership at other institutes, change in practice over period of time, teaching /learning habits, etc
- o Short report from their thesis
- o Point of view articles / Review: Article by experienced author about controversial topics describing his point of view
- o 10 question quiz with prices ??

Dr. Vinay Goyal
Editor in chief, AIAN

CME Convener’s Report
This year the theme of the CME Proceedings of IANCON-2018 is chosen as “Myelin” and approved by the executive committee and the General Body of the Indian Academy of Neurology.

16 chapters are planned to be authored by seasoned senior authors who will be contributing for the publication and among which 8 topics of clinical relevance are to be presented on stage during the CME proceedings of IANCON 2018.

We would like to convey our sincere thanks to all speakers for their excellent presentations and all authors for their scientifically rich chapters in 2017. Prof. Dr. Sanjeev V Thomas, President-Elect, IAN 2017, and the Chairman of the CME Committee, provided us with all the required guidance and we are immensely grateful to him for this. Prof. Dr. A.V. Srinivasan, President IAN 2017 and Prof. Dr. Gagandeep Singh, Secretary IAN, were also consulted from time to time and both provided the best advice. Our sincere thanks to Prof. Dr. U. Meenakshi Sundaram, Organizing Secretary, IANCON 2017 for his kind help in all aspects.

The publication services were done by Wolters Kluwer (India) Private Limited and We thank Ms. Sangeetha Parthasarathy and her team for the excellent publication services and for their association with the Indian Academy of Neurology. 1500 copies were ordered and purchased. We sincerely thank Prof. Dr. Nirmal Surya Treasurer, IAN for his role in promptly paying the publishers with proper TDS and also thank Prof. Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram for contributing generously, buying all printed copies to the tune of 4.5 Lakh and distributing it to the delegates visited during IANCON 2017 at Chennai.

Our sincere thanks to Prof. Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Organising Secretary, IANCON 2018, for his kind help in all aspects and accepting to pay the publication charges of 1500 copies. This year, CME is under the able guidance of Prof. Dr. Satish V Khadilkar. President-Elect, IAN 2018 and Chairman of the CME committee. I am also ably guided by Prof. Dr. Sanjeev V Thomas, President IAN 2018 and Prof. Gagandeep Singh, Secretary IAN, time and again. Our sincere thanks to all the executive committee members of the Indian Academy of Neurology and the members of the local organizing committee of IANCON 2018, Raipur.

Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan Ranganathan
CME Editor, Reviews in Neurology 2018
Dear IAN Members,

The IAN Textbook of Neurology edited by Prof. Arabinda Mukherjee, Kolkata is now available. Those of you who would like to place an order online may do so by visiting the following link: [http://www.jaypeebrothers.com/MyShop.aspx?CatID=Medical%20Neurology](http://www.jaypeebrothers.com/MyShop.aspx?CatID=Medical%20Neurology).

Dr. Sanjeev Thomas
President, IAN
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