



**Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Academy of Neurology held virtually on Sunday,  
December 06, 2020; Timing: 05:00 PM**

GB/2020/01/01	Dr. Pramod Pal, President, IAN Welcomed members present.
GB/2020/01/02	Minutes of the Extra-ordinary General Body Meeting and Annual General Body Meetings of the Indian Academy of Neurology held at Hyderabad on Friday, October 04, 2019 (published in the newsletter Vol. 29: Issue no. 3, December, 2019; issue page no. 24-25) were approved. Proposed by Dr. Sarosh Katrak and Seconded by Dr. Satish Khadilkar.
GB/2020/01/03	Action Taken Report was presented by Dr. Gagandeep Singh. The report was approved by the General Body Meeting. Proposed by Dr. Nirmal Surya and seconded by Dr. U Meenakshisundarm.
GB/2020/01/04	<p>Receipt of Annual Reports 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Gagandeep Singh presented the Secretary's report (published in IAN Newsletter, December 2020, Vol __, issue no. 3, page no. __). The report was approved by General Body. Proposed by Dr. MA Aleem and Seconded by Dr. Sudesh Prabhakar.</li> <li>• Dr. Nirmal Surya presented the Treasurer's Report (published in IAN Newsletter, December 2020, Vol __, issue no. 3, page no. __). The report was approved by General Body. Proposed by Dr. SM Katrak and Seconded by Dr. M Gourie Devi.</li> <li>• Dr. Vinay Goyal presented the Editor's Report (published in IAN Newsletter, December 2020, Vol __, issue no. 3, page no. __). The report was approved by General Body. Proposed by Dr. U Meenakshisundaram and Seconded by Dr. Roop Gursahani.</li> <li>• Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan presented the Convener's Report (published in IAN Newsletter, December 2020, Vol __, issue no. 3, page no. __). The report was approved by General Body. Proposed by Dr. Suresh K Bansal and Seconded by Dr. Sudhir Shah.</li> </ul>
GB/2020/01/05	Dr. Ravi Yadav, Organising Secretary, IANCON-2020/IANCON-2021 presented his report on developments regarding and preparations for the Conference. Three scenarios were presented: (1) Face-to-face conference in November 2021; (2) Hybrid Conference with some virtual component; and (3) Purely virtual conference. The logistics and financial implications of the three possibilities were presented and discussed. In event of financial loss to the Organizing Committee, support from the Indian Academy of Neurology was approved. Proposed by Dr. Partha Ray and seconded by Dr. Satish Khadilkar.

GB/2020/01/06	Dr. Gagandeep Singh presented a report regarding the preparations for bid to host World Congress of Neurology (WCN)-2025 in India and urged members to encourage friends and colleagues to support and promote. The report was proposed by Dr. Anand Alurkar and seconded by Dr. Ravi Yadav.
GB/2020/01/07	<p>EC Recommendations ratified by General Body:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposal from Dr. Anand Alurkar and the Interventional Neurology subsection of the Indian Academy of Neurology was discussed. The General Body approved with consensus that the Indian Academy of Neurology will be a party to the case in defending the Diplomate of National Board (DNB) to start FNB course in Neurointervention as pending in the Delhi High Court. Proposed by Dr. Sangeeta Ravat and seconded by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas.</li> <li>2. To meet with the current situation which restricts travel to conferences etc., the Executive Committee finalized a schedule for the monthly IAN webinars to be conducted by all IAN subsections. It was approved. Proposed by Dr. KP Vinayan and Dr. Chandrshekar Meshram.</li> <li>3. Dr. Chandrashekar Meshram organized webinar series 1 and 2 of Neuroinfections. The global response to the Webinar was overwhelming. Dr. Meshram was congratulated on this accomplishment.</li> <li>4. The next IAN Summer School would be held either face-to-face or virtually in 2021 and organized jointly by the Dr. Satish Khadilkar and Dr. Sanjeev Thomas. Proposed by Dr. B Vengamma and seconded by Dr. Lakshminarasimhan.</li> <li>5. The General Body appreciated and thanked the three Past Presidents, Prof. SM Katrak, Prof. S. Prabhakar and Prof. Ambar Chakravarthy for their advice in sorting out many of the complicated issues arising from the pandemic situation, lockdown and ensuing restrictions that had impacted the working of the IAN in a major way.</li> <li>6. The names of the following for award of Fellowship of the Indian Academy of Neurology for the year 2020 were approved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Suresh Bansal, Chandigarh</li> <li>2. Dr. P N Sylaja, Thiruvananthapuram</li> <li>3. Dr. Anup Thacker, Lucknow</li> <li>4. Dr. Jeyaraj Pandian, Ludhiana</li> <li>5. Dr. Rajesh Verma, Lucknow</li> <li>6. Dr. R P Mathur, Hyderabad</li> <li>7. Dr. Debashish Chowdhury, New Delhi</li> <li>8. Dr. Sanjay Pandey, New Delhi</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. The formation of an Arbitration Committee comprising 4 senior members and a senior</li> </ol>

	<p>lawyer to function for a period of three years was approved. Prof. C U Velmurugendran, Prof. Ashok Panagariya, Prof. Sudesh Prabhakar and Prof. Arabinda Mukherjee were proposed as members of the Arbitration Committee. The scope and remit of the Arbitration Committee will be clarified in due course of time. Proposed by Dr. Achal Kumar Srivastava and seconded by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas.</p> <p>8. The Paediatric Neurology Subsection of Indian Academy of Neurology put forward a proposal for a new Paediatric Neurology Journal. It was agreed that, to begin with a section of all issues or a single issue of the Annals of Indian Academy of Neurology would be devoted to Paediatric Neurology. Proposed by Dr. Suresh Kumar Bansal and seconded by Dr. Gautam Ganguly.</p> <p>9. An application from Dr. Sheffali Gulati to become a life member of the IAN (from existing LAM-078) was approved. Proposed by Dr. Kameshwar Prasad and seconded by Dr. Aastha Takkar.</p>
GB/2020/01/08	<p>Subsection activities:</p> <p>1. Two virtual subsection meetings will be held in 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical Care Neurology Subsection: January 25 &amp; 26, 2021. Dr. Rajinder Bansal will be the Organizing Secretary.</li> <li>• Tropical Neurology Subsection: March 28 &amp; 29, 2021. Dr. Rajinder Bansal will be the Organising Secretary.</li> </ul> <p>2. The General Body approved the formation of two new subsections of the IAN:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Telehealth:</b> Dr. Dheeraj Khurana as Chairperson and Dr. Biplab Das as Convener. Proposed by Dr. M Gourie Devi and Seconded by Dr. S M Katrak.</li> <li>2. <b>Neurology outreach Service:</b> Dr. P U Shah as Chairperson and Dr. Bindu Menon as Convener. Proposed by Dr. Subhash Kaul and seconded by Dr. Vinay Goyal.</li> </ol>
GB/2020/01/09	<p>Matters discussed arising from Correspondences:</p> <p>1. Proposals from Dr. Sarosh M. Katrak, Dr. Subhash Kaul, Dr. Mathew Alexander and Dr. R Pazhani in relation to various constitutional provisions were referred to the Constitutional Amendment Committee of the Indian Academy of Neurology which would be formed soon. These will be filed and passed on to the Committee as and when it is formed and functional. Proposed by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas and Seconded by Dr. M Gourie Devi.</p> <p>2. A proposal from <b>Dr. Subhash Kaul</b> and <b>Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi</b> to institute Best Paper Award in the name of Dr. Surath Mohandas in Autoimmune Disorders was approved. The award will be instituted from the next Annual Conference of the IAN. Proposed by Dr. Pramod Pal and seconded by Dr. U Meenakshisundaram.</p>
GB/2020/01/10	<b>Clarifications and Requests from Subsections</b>

**1. Autoimmune Disorders:**

- i. Associate Members of the Indian Academy of Neurology can attend any subsection meeting but become members of a subsection/s only after being converted to life members while LAM can choose to be members of a subsection/s of their choice. Proposed by Dr. K P Vinayan and seconded by Dr. Partha Ray
- ii. A proposal from the Autoimmune subsection for Neuroimmunology Observerships under the AINA-IAN Program will be passed on to AINA for consideration was approved. Proposed by Dr. Subhash Kaul and seconded by Dr. Kalyan Bhattacharyya.

**2. Neuroophthalmology:**

- i. A proposal from the subsection to conduct an International Neuroophthalmology Conference, which was initially planned for March 2021, has been postponed to March 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It was approved. Proposed by Dr. Sylaja and Dr. Kameshwar Prasad.
- ii. A proposal from the subsection regarding conduct of Neuroophthalmological Pearl of the month (for IAN Website) and suggestion to include a multiple-choice question along with the Pearl of the month under resident section was approved. It was also decided that selected learning cases will be subsequently included in prospective / upcoming neuro ophthalmology conferences. Proposed by Dr. JMK Murthy and seconded by Dr. Debashish Chowdhury.
- iii. A suggestion by Dr Sujit Kumar and Dr Arvind Sharma regarding the formation of consensus statements for management of neuroophthalmological diseases during COVID Pandemic was approved. Proposed by Dr. Bindu Menon and Dr. Vikram Huded.

**3.** Change in name of the Office bearers of **the Movement Disorders Subsection of IAN** was approved. Dr. Achal Srivastava selected as Chairperson and Dr. Ravi as Convener of the subsection. Proposed by Dr. Vinay Goyal and seconded by Dr. Sudhir Shah.

**4.** Change in name of the Office bearers of the **Interventional Neurology subsection of IAN** was approved. Dr. Vikram Huded selected as Chairperson and Dr. Mukesh Sharma as Convener of the subsection. Proposed by Dr. P Satishchandra and seconded by Dr. Kamlesh Chakravarthy.

GB/2020/01/11	<p>Prof. JMK Murthy, President-Elect and Chief Electoral Officer, IAN read the report of the Arbitration Committee regarding irregularities during Elections to the IAN EC in 2020. The Arbitration Committee upheld the election results. Subsequently, Prof. Murthy announced the results of the elections as follows:</p> <p><b>President-Elect, IAN (2020-21)</b></p> <p>Dr. Nirmal Surya, Mumbai</p> <p><b>Secretary, IAN (2020-23)</b></p> <p>Dr. U Meenakshisundaram, Chennai</p> <p><b>Treasurer, IAN (2020-23)</b></p> <p>Dr. R. Lakshminarasimhan, Chennai</p> <p><b>Editor, Annals of IAN (2020-23)</b></p> <p>Dr. Vinay Goyal, New Delhi</p> <p><b>CME Convener, IAN (2020-23)</b></p> <p>Dr. PN Sylaja, Thiruvanthapuram</p> <p><b>Executive Members (2020-23)</b></p> <p>Dr. Achal Kumar Srivastava, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Kameshwar Prasad, New Delhi</p> <p>Dr. Sita Jayalakshmi, Hyderabad</p> <p>Dr. Sumit Singh, Gurugram</p>
GB/2020/01/12	The current Executive Committee handed over charge to newly-Elected Executive Committee.
GB/2020/01/13	The Valedictory Function was concluded with the vote of thanks, and concluding remarks by Prof. Pramod Pal, Immediate Past-President, IAN and Prof. JMK Murthy, President, IAN (2020-21).
GB/2020/01/14	Prof. JMK Murthy, President, IAN declared the meeting closed.

Thanking you,



Gagandeep Singh  
Secretary, IAN