



Minutes

of the Executive Committee Mid-term Meeting of the Indian Academy of Neurology

Meeting Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020

Time: 04:00 – 06:00 PM

Attendees:

Dr. Pramod Pal, President
Dr. Sanjeev Thomas, Past President
Dr. Satish V Khadilkar, Past President
Dr. Gagandeep Singh, Secretary
Dr. Nirmal Surya, Treasurer
Dr. R. Lakshmi Narasimhan, CME Convener
Dr. Debashish Chowdhury, Member
Dr. Vinay Goyal, Editor, AIAN
Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram, Member
Dr. Sangeeta Ravat, Member

Regrets:


Dr. JMK Murthy, President-Elect
Dr. Roop Gursahani, Member

EC/2020/03/01	Dr. Pramod Pal, President, IAN welcomed all EC Members to proceed for the meeting.
EC/2020/03/02	Dr. Gagandeep Singh, Secretary, IAN informed that the regrets were received from Dr. Roop Gursahani and Dr. JMK Murthy.
EC/2020/03/03	Annual Conference schedule 2021-2023, including IANCON 2022, which was originally scheduled to be held at Madurai based on the IAN General Body Meeting decision during 27 th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology (IANCON-2019) at Hyderabad and the AOCN which was as originally planned to be held at New Delhi in the fall of 2022 were discussed. As no annual conference is to be held in 2020, the 28 th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology (IANCON) has been provisionally postponed to November 2021 and will be held at Bengaluru. The next annual conference, i.e., the 29 th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology (IANCON) was originally allotted to Madurai and the 30 th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology (IANCON) to New Delhi (which was to be combined with Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology (AOCN) 2022, allotted to New Delhi by the AOAN). However, the inability to hold the 28 th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology in 2020 means that all the subsequent Annual Conferences get deferred by one year. Hence,

	<p>one suggestion was to hold the 29th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology in 2022 at Madurai and separate from Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology (AOCN) 2020 at New Delhi. Dr. Vinay Goyal, however urged the EC, to consider the difficulties, especially financial hardships associated with the organization of two separate large scale meetings and consequently suggested that AOCN-2022 should be combined with the 29th Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology and both meetings should be held together at New Delhi during the fall of 2022. At this point, Dr. U Meenakshisundaram on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee at Madurai offered to forego the opportunity to hold IANCON at Madurai 2022 in favour of New Delhi. He read an email message from the Organizing Committee Secretary, Dr. Manivanan requesting that the IANCON allotted to Madurai be deferred to 2023 instead. The EC unanimously approved this change in Annual Conference schedule and thanked Dr. Manivannan and the entire organizing committee at Madurai for this thoughtful gesture and Dr. Meenakshisundaram for making this possible. It now stands that:</p> <p>a) The 28th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology is provisionally scheduled to be held in Bengaluru in November 2021.</p> <p>b) The 29th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology will be held jointly with the Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology (AOCN) at New Delhi in the fall of 2022.</p> <p>c) The 30th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Neurology would be held at Madurai in 2023.</p> <p>The Executive Committee unanimously approved the above schedule. Proposed by Dr. Nirmal Surya and seconded by Dr. Sangeeta Ravat.</p>
EC/2020/03/04	<p>The possibilities and practicalities of holding elections to various posts in the Executive Committee including the President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, CME Convenor and 4 Executive Committee members in view of the prevailing pandemic situation were discussed. The Executive Committee unanimously approved that the elections should be held in 2020. In view of this, The President-Elect and Electoral Officer is requested to start the election process at the earliest. It was proposed by Dr. Satish Khadilkar and seconded by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas.</p>
EC/2020/03/05	<p>Dr. Pramod Pal suggested that a virtual General Body Meeting could be held to approve the results of the election and transfer of office could take place at either a small physical meeting of the two ECs or if the prevailing situation did not permit, a virtual meeting just before the virtual GBM. This suggestion was approved unanimously by all EC Members present. Proposed by Dr. Laxmi Narasimhan and seconded by Dr. U Meenakshisundaram.</p>

EC/2020/03/06	The Presidential Oration 2020, to be delivered by Prof. Pramod Pal cannot be held in 2020 as the Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Neurology - 2020 has been postponed to 2021. It was suggested that the Presidential Oration 2020 will be held in the afternoon of the CME day of IANCON-2021 as a stand-alone session prior to the Conference Inauguration. The Presidential Oration 2021 would be held as usual on the morning of the first day of the IANCON - 2021. The proposal was approved unanimously by all EC members present. Proposed by Dr. Sangeeta Ravat and seconded by Dr. Vinay Goyal.
EC/2020/03/07	During the Inaugural Ceremony, the Fellows of the Indian Academy of Neurology (FIAN) recipients for the year 2019-2020 would be inducted by Dr. Pramod Pal, President, IAN 2019-2020 and the Fellows of the Indian Academy of Neurology recipients for the year 2020-21 would be inducted by Dr. JMK Murthy, President 2020-21. This proposal was unanimously approved by all EC members present. Proposed by Dr. Debashish Chowdhury and seconded by Dr. Gagandeep Singh.
EC/2020/03/08	The Executive Committee considered the possibility two short CMEs of 3 hours each during the 28 th Annual Conference 2021 at Bengaluru. This was necessitated as the authors/speakers for the CME-2020 had already been finalised and approached for their participation. Indeed, many had already begun writing their allotted chapters. The proposal was approved by all EC Members present. Proposed by Dr. Satish Khadilkar and seconded by Dr. Nirmal Surya.
EC/2020/03/09	The Secretary informed that Dr. Chandrashekhar Meshram's application for Member Trustee, World Federation of Neurology had been accepted. The Executive Committee members noted this to be a positive development and congratulated Dr. Meshram for the same.
EC/2020/03/10	All Subsection posts need to be reviewed by the respective subsections so that if elections are required for any of the subsection posts, these could be held simultaneously along with the IAN elections. This was approved by all. Proposed Dr. lakshmi narsimhan, Seconded – Dr. Nirmal Surya.
EC/2020/03/11	The problems with organization of the IAN Summer School 2020 in view of the prevailing pandemic were discussed. Dr. Sanjeev Thomas proposed that the IAN Summer School 2020 could be amalgamated with the IAN Summer School 2021. This would be held in 2021 and organized jointly by the Dr. Satish Khadilkar and Dr. Sanjeev Thomas. The proposal was approved by all present. Proposed – Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram, Seconded – Dr. Pramod Pal.
EC/2020/03/12	The Executive Committee was unanimous in thanking the three Past Presidents, Prof. SM Katrak, Prof. S. Prabhakar and Prof. Ambar Chakravarthy for their untiring efforts and 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. Their support to the IAN Executive Committee at this juncture was acknowledged by all EC members present. Proposed by Dr. Sanjeev Thomas and seconded

	by Dr. Pramod Pal.
EC/2020/03/13	The President, Dr. Pramod Pal thanked all present and closed the meeting


Gagandeep Singh,
Secretary, IAN