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# NSI Newsletter

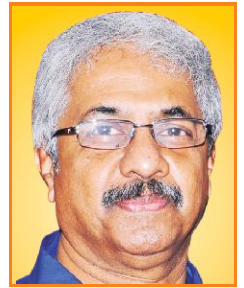
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## President's Message

Let me wish you all a great year ahead. This is my first message after taking over as president of this august society and thank you all again for reposing faith in me and I sincerely hope that I could live up to your expectations and carry on with the good work done by my predecessors.



First we all should congratulate Dr. Lokendra Singh and his team for the memorable Nagpur NSICON. We had a record attendance and a great scientific program with participation of South African colleagues as our guest society. Newly elected members of the executive committee have taken over and will constantly strive to improve the functioning of the society by getting your valuable inputs from time to time. The total membership of our society stands more than 2700. General neurosurgeons and neurologists may be the need of the hour in our country at present, but as our fold increases, we shouldn't lose sight of the vision to nurture a culture of subspecialisation and research, amidst our overbearing clinical responsibilities. In our efforts to train more neurospecialists to meet the rising demands of our country's population, let us uphold the highest standards of training and skill acquisition. The NSI's teaching and fellowship programs have done laudable work in this field, but we need to enhance them further. Our instructional course for the examination going students and the foundation course for the beginners have been well appreciated by all the trainees and we will continue to be held twice a year. Let us always be on the forefront in setting the highest training standards that would translate into state-of-the-art and affordable care. And this eventually, would benefit not just our own countrymen, but humanity at large. Each of us neurospecialists, be it basic neuroscientists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, neuropathologists, neuroradiologists, neuronurses, neurotechnicians or others working to unravel the enigma of the nervous system, need to pool in our collective wisdom and experience to reach unimaginable heights.

We also have the responsibility of making our voices heard before the leaders and health policy makers of our state. Neurosurgical advocacy involves speaking up for our rights and also perhaps for our patients' rights. In an era of increasing violence against medical practitioners and draconian laws, it is the duty of professional societies to stand up for their members' rights. Though we strive to offer the best treatments in our speciality, we as a professional society, also have a duty in primary prevention of these illnesses. We need to liaise with public health experts on epidemiological studies to measure the burden of neurological diseases in our country and create awareness among laymen on health promotion, surveillance and risk factor control. We need to strive harder to raise our professional standards and standing on a global platform, with more cutting edge surgical work and ground breaking research achievements. We need to help the fresh post graduates find suitable employment options and skill development training options, so that the best in the world's neurosurgical expertise is available at our doorstep.

The task before us is Herculean and we cannot afford to rest on our past laurels or let our guard down. So together, let us vow to strive continuously to raise our profession to the highest levels of expertise in training and practice with exemplary ethical and moral standards.

Best Wishes

**Dr. Suresh Nair**  
**President,**  
**Neurological Society of India**

## Hon. Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

At the outset, it is my proud privilege and duty to thank all the members of our Society for electing me as your Honorary Secretary. I am both humbled and honoured to accept this post. I will try my level best to live up to your expectations as well as the high standards set by my predecessors. As the old saying goes "we stand on the shoulders of giants", viz, our predecessors whose dedicated efforts have brought this Society to great heights that it has reached now.



My hearty congratulations to all the members of the newly elected Executive Committee. We are fortunate to have a very talented, experienced and dedicated executive committee. The office bearers and the other members of the executive committee will strive to adhere to the constitution and bye laws of the society. Every effort will be made to keep all decisions transparent and in the spirit of co-operation and consensus.

My sincere congratulations to the organizers of NSICON 2017 at Nagpur, Dr. Lokendra Singh, Dr. Shyam Babulkar and their team for the excellent conference. NSICON 2017 was both an intellectual and social feast. The Society of Neurosurgeons of South Africa was the friendship society for this meeting. The representatives of the South African society actively participated in the meeting and appreciated the quality of the scientific content and discussions.

The Organizing Committee of the NSICON 2018 at Jaipur with Dr. Hemant Bhartiya as the Organizing Secretary and Dr. V. D. Sinha as the Organizing Chairman will spare no efforts in making this meeting a memorable one. American Association of Neurological Surgeons will be the friendship society for this meeting. We are expecting a large delegation from AANS for NSICON 2018.

This year's First NSI Educational course was held on January 20th and 21st, 2018 at NIMHANS under the able guidance of the Educational committee Chairperson, Dr. Manas Panigrahi and the local coordinator of the course, Dr. Malla Baskar Rao. There were 35 participants for the Foundation course and 35 for the Instructional course with 8 observers. The next educational course will be held at Nizam's Institute, Hyderabad on July 28th and 29th 2018 and the local coordinator will be Dr. Suchanda Bhattacharjee.

Kindly feel free to communicate with any of the office bearers of the Society with your opinions and suggestions which are most welcome.

Best Wishes

**Dr. N. Muthu Kumar**

**Hon. Secretary**

**Neurological Society of India**

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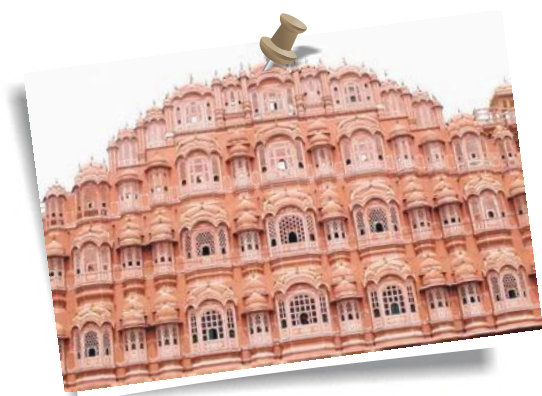
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## Future NSICONs



2018 – Jaipur



2019 – Mumbai

## Minutes - NSI Annual General Body Meeting

**1st December 2017 – 1900 PM onwards at  
Taori Hall II, Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur**

President Dr Deepu Banerji called the meeting to order and then adjourned it as the quorum was not complete. The meeting was again called to order after some time and he welcomed all the members present. He then asked Dr V P Singh to conduct the proceedings.

### **2017/GB/01 Obituary**

Dr V P Singh informed the General Body the names of the members who had passed away in the last year - Dr K V Mathai, Dr Kanchan Mukherjee, Dr Kashmir Singh, Dr Krishnamoorthy Srinivas and Dr Ruben Choudhary. The GB stood in silence for a minute to pay their respect to the departed souls.

### **2017/GB/02 Minutes of GBM Chennai, 16th December 2016**

Dr V P Singh informed that the minutes of the GB held on 16th December 2016 at Chennai have already been circulated in the NSI newsletter. The minutes were approved.

### **2017/GB/03 Secretary's Report**

Dr V P Singh presented the secretary report for the last year. He mentioned that 47 full members (NS-40, NP-5, Allied-2) and 164 (162NS/1NP/1NA) associate members (3 yr – 149, 6 yr – 15) were added in the year. There were also 69 members (all NS) who converted from associate membership to full members. As of now there are 2047 full members including 1469 Neurosurgeons, 497 Neurophysicians and 81 Neuro-allied members. The total number of associate members was 760, making a total member strength of 2807. Emails of 2209 members and mobile numbers of 1966 members are available. 111 associate members have completed 3 yrs and will be requested to convert to full membership else their membership would cease. The list of new members was also displayed.

**Academic meetings:** The Instructional and Foundation courses were held at Chennai under the leadership of Dr V Sundar in the last week of January 2017. In August Dr Manmohan Singh organized the Instructional and Foundation courses at AIIMS, New Delhi. Both courses were fully attended as always. The course was fully funded by Sun Pharma. The second superspecialty course was held in Gopalpur, Odhisa in July 2017 on Adult Neuro-Oncology. Intas Pharma gave a generous educational grant for this and there was no financial burden on NSI for this activity. In April 2018 a course on Frontiers in Neurosurgery would be held in Agra under the aegis of NSI.

**International activities:** A ten member NSI delegation led by the President visited Durban in August to attend the Society of Neurosurgeons of South Africa meeting. The reciprocal friendship meeting is here in Nagpur and seven of their members are joining us. At the WFNS meeting in Istanbul in September NSI participated in the deliberations of the EC through the President Elect Dr Suresh Nair and Secretary Dr VP Singh. The major decisions included changing the term of the WFNS EC to two years and to have the WFNS meeting every two years. The Indian delegation was the third largest delegation in the conference. In October the NSI partnered CNS in their meeting in Boston – this was the second friendship meeting with CNS for our society. Next year in Jaipur the AANS will be partnering us in a friendship meeting and Dr Anil Nanda and Dr C Deopujari would be coordinating the details. In 2019 we will have a joint meeting with AASNS in Mumbai under the leadership of Dr B K Misra from 28th November to 1st December 2019. Dr B S Sharma will be the organizing chairman and Dr R C Mishra will be the organizing secretary.

NSI books: In continuing with our efforts in this regard – a book on neuropathology has been brought out titled: Essentials of Diagnostic Surgical Neuropathology. The Editors are Chitra Sarkar, Vani Santosh and Geeta Chacko. The book is published by Thieme Publishers and was released during the Inaugural ceremony. Intas Pharma has fully sponsored the book and the book would be given complementary to all members of the NSI. If any member does not get the book he can write to the Secretary and Intas will provide the same.

Others: The NSI – CNS collaboration was due for renewal and this was done at the Boston meeting in October this year. The NSI website has been revamped and given a new look. The NSI App was also launched at this meeting. Neurology India continues to scale newer heights every year.

In the end the Secretary thanked all the members of NSI and the EC members for their full cooperation and support during the past three years.

Dr Atul Goel expressed that there should be a transparent method of selecting the faculty for the various NSI courses and CME. Dr V P Singh informed that there is no interference in selecting faculty for any course/CME by the EC or the Secretary. For the courses the faculty is decided by the Board of Education and the local organizer. For the CME the Board of Education nominates the course director who then selects the faculty in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Education.

Dr Suresh Nair and Dr Atul Goel expressed dissatisfaction that they were not invited to contribute to the NSI books. Dr B K Misra suggested inviting the general members to contribute by notification on the website or the newsletter. Dr Sanjay Behari said that selecting people to contribute to the book is based on merit and cannot be a free for all process. He also clarified that the book was conceptualized by him along with three others as an independent initiative and they decided later to offer the book and the royalty to NSI on a voluntary basis. Dr V P Singh suggested that anyone who wishes to write a book may do so and the EC could decide if it could be considered an NSI book. He clarified that NSI does not spend any money on these books and the authors have to arrange the finances to print the book.

Dr Atul Goel had objection to Dr Deopujari coordinating the NSI – AASNS meeting in Jaipur. He mentioned that the scientific chairman is incharge of the scientific program, so there is no need for anyone else. It was clarified that Dr Deopujari is only coordinating for logistic purposes – having initiated the friendship meeting and has no say in the scientific program. However Dr Goel insisted that Dr Deopujari should not be involved.

## **2017/GB/04 Treasurer's Report**

Dr Sarat P Chandra presented the Treasurers report for the last year. He informed that the corpus of the society is now over Rs 4 crores. In FDs we have over Rs 2.7 cr and rest is in bank accounts. The profit from the Chennai NSICON is around Rs 117 lakhs. He also presented the income and expenses of the society. He mentioned that as the society has 80G exemption we have to spent 85% of the income of that year. So mandatorily around Rs 95 lakhs have to be spent or put in a special purpose vehicle for the next 3 years to retain the 80G status. A special purpose vehicle has already been proposed for this purpose by the EC. Our CA is of the opinion that we need a GST registration at the site of the conference and audited accounts of the conference should be sent to the Treasurer. The General Body passed the report.

## **2017/GB/05 CME Convenor's Report**

Dr Muthukumar informed that this year's CME followed the same format as the previous two years and had six sessions. The first session dealt with Current Concepts in Neurosciences and the second session was focused on Endoscopic Neurosurgery - both cranial and spinal. The third and fourth sessions dealt

with Controversies in Spinal and Cranial Neurosurgery respectively. The controversies sessions involved audience interaction in the form of voting pads. The fifth session was devoted to Recent Advances and the last session of this year's CME dealt with operative nuances in the form of "How I do it" video sessions.

This year's Progress in Clinical Neurosciences, volume 32, has six sections and 24 chapters running to approximately 280 pages. The book was released by the President of NSI during the inauguration of the CME and has been distributed to the delegates.

At the end of their term both the CME conveners expressed gratitude to the GB for reposing faith in them and participating enthusiastically. He hoped that they had lived up to the high standards of the CME established by the predecessors and wished the incoming CME conveners the very best. He also thanked Thieme publishers for making the successive volumes of Progress in Clinical Neurosciences a great success.

## **2017/GB/06 Editor's Report**

Dr Sanjay Behari presented the Neurology India report. The impact factor of the journal has gone up to an all-time high of 1.758 which was highly appreciated by the GB. All issues have come out on time. Supplements on vascular neurosurgery and on epilepsy have been published and the next supplement will be on movement disorders. Video library has also started but needs to be popularized. He proposed to start a feature on normative data in future issues and to have webinars linked to the journal. Table of Contents of every new issue is emailed to all members and also updated on the NSI website. The website is experiencing a lot of visits and in 2017 there were over 50000 hits – which contributes to income. He informed that the journal expenses were around Rs 40 lakhs out of which over Rs 12 lakhs were generated by advertisements. He urged members to collect more advertisements to make the journal self sufficient. He requested to have two executive editors to increase the finances of the journal. The general body reassured Dr Behari of full financial support for the journal and suggested to have scientific editors or language editors to assist him and reduce his burden. The GB congratulated Dr Sanjay Behari and was very appreciative of the hard work put in by him.

## **2017/GB/07 Superspecialty CME Report**

Dr V P Singh presented the superspecialty CME report. He informed that the second superspecialty course was held in Gopalpur, Odisha in July 2017 on Adult Neuro-Oncology. Dr Sujit Prabhu was the foreign faculty along with nine Indian faculty. Course was well attended and appreciated by the delegates. The course was fully funded by Intas Pharma and there were no financial burden on the society.

## **2017/GB/08 Board of Education**

Dr V P Singh informed that the Board of Education was due for renewal this year. The term was initially for a period of two years but has been increased to 3 years so that it is concurrent with the term of the EC. The prescribed procedure for asking for nominations and selection have been followed and the following were selected: Chairman : Manas Panigrahi; Members : B K Baishya, Rajneesh Kachhara, Suresh Sankhla, Siddharth Ghosh, Ashish Suri; Advisors : R C Mishra, V G Ramesh. The GB deliberated and ratified the same. GB congratulated Dr Rajshekhar and all the Board members for the excellent work done.

## **2017/GB/09 Election Results**

President Elect and Returning Officer Dr Suresh Nair announced the election results. Out of 43

nominations received - three nominations were rejected as they were not complete. There were no nominations for the Neuro – allied member so one person had been nominated by the EC. The results are as follows:

President Elect : Atul Goel

Secretary : N Muthukumar

Treasurer : Daljit Singh

Council Members : Dilip Panikar, K Sridhar, Y R Yadav, A Kuruvilla, Achal Srivastava, Girish Menon, JKBC Partibhan, Lakshmi Narsimhan, Manjari Tripathi & Rakesh Jalali

## **2017/GB/10 Awards Results**

Dr Suresh Nair also announced the awards for this year.

Allied Neurosciences best paper Award : Bharat P Shinde

Epilepsy Award : Kalpana Kumari

Neuro Oncology Award : Kavneet Kaur

Neurosurgery best paper Award : Aditya Atal

NSI AASAN best paper Award : Gurpreet S Gandhok

Cost Effective management best paper Award : Arun S

Best Poster Awards - First Prize : Sachin Sambhaji

Second Best Poster : CSR Saikrishna

Dr V P Singh also announced the Neurology India Awards:

For best article in Neurosurgery : Babu et al

For best paper in Neurology : Aaron S et al

For best paper in Allied Neurosciences : Kumari K et al

Dr Suresh Nair mentioned that MCQ result will be announced during the 2nd EC meeting and all the awards will be given at the valedictory function.

## **2017/GB/11 NSICON 2017**

Dr Lokendra Singh informed that the NSICON 2017 registration had surpassed all expectations. There were 731 registered delegates, 15 spot registrations, 68 nurses and 43 accompanying person registrations making a total of 857 delegates. The General Body applauded and appreciated the efforts and hospitality of Dr Babhulkar, Dr Lokendra Singh and their team for the smooth conduct of the conference.

## **2017/GB/12 NSICON 2018**

Dr Hemant Bhartiya informed that the dates for NSICON 2018 Jaipur have been fixed from 13th to 16th December 2018 and the venue would be Birla Auditorium. They are expecting around 1500 delegates. Early bird registration with a 20% discount is being offered during this conference. Dr D Srinivas mentioned that the PG registration fees is on the higher side and it was decided to reduce it to 50% of the full delegate fee. Dr V P Singh mentioned that grants are available for the residents from the NSI but there are hardly any takers. Dr Hemant mentioned that the theme of the conference will be announced soon.



## **2017/GB/13 NSICON 2019**

The Secretary informed that the NSICON 2019 is a joint meeting with the AASNS meeting to be held in Mumbai. The NSICON program would be limited to one day and would have the award papers, Orations and if time permits the symposia. There would be no CME that year. The free papers would be part of the AASNS meeting.

## **2017/GB/14 Venue for NSICON 2020**

Dr V P Singh informed that there were 4 bids received from Bhubaneswar, Patna, Chandigarh and Ludhiana. All the bids were found in order. More clarifications were asked from the bidders and further decision will be taken during the IIInd EC.

## **2017/GB/15 EC decisions**

Dr V P Singh announced the EC decisions:

- The NSI is registered with Charity Commissioner in Mumbai and all changes of office bearers, financial reports and constitution amendments have to be filed every year. Although they have been submitted most years it has been found that the records in the Charity Commissioners Office have been updated only up to 1992. It was decided to have Ms Sujata, a reputed lawyer from Mumbai to file the information and update the records and Dr Deepu Banerji shall be the local liaison for the same. The necessary fee and expenses for the same were approved.
- There was only three applications for international fellowship which were approved. It was felt that the amount of INR 50,000/- was insufficient so it has been decided to raise the same to INR 1 lakh.
- The EC also decided to have the dinner before the CME day as President's Dinner. All the past presidents present in the meeting shall be invited for the dinner.
- Dr Sanjay Behari proposal that trainees should have the option to pay life membership fees in one stage and become associate members was accepted. On passing their MCh / DNB examination they would automatically become full members on submission of their degree.
- It was also decided to have two scientific editors to support Dr Sanjay Behari for the journal.
- It was also suggested by the EC to make the Editor post a nominated post and not an elected post. This will need a constitutional amendment and due process will need to be followed.

The GB deliberated over the decisions and approved the same.

## **2017/GB/16 Letters for discussion**

Dr V P Singh mentioned that there was a letter received which mentioned about increasing public awareness by observance of commemorative days like Head Injury Day, Brain Tumour Day, Epilepsy Day. There was another letter regarding suggestions to increase the membership drive for NSI. The GB discussed the same and asked the new EC to look into these matters.

## **2017/GB/17 Any Other matter**

Dr B K Misra suggested that since now we have electronic elections so the election should be continued till the CME day. The GB felt it would need a change in the constitution and hence did not agree on the same.

Dr Sanjay Behari proposed to reduce the term of the journal editor by one year – again this would need a constitutional amendment.

A young member raised an issue that after doing DNB course one year residency is required to apply for any lecturer post. The GB assured to look into the matter and represent it in appropriate forums.

As there were no other matter the meeting was adjourned.

## Minutes - NSI Annual Council Meeting

29th November 2017 – 09.00 AM onwards at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur  
Chaired by Dr Deepu Banerjee

### Meeting attended by:

Deepu Banerjee, Suresh Nair, R. C. Mishra, Bhawani S Sharma, V. P. Singh, P Sarat Chandra, Sanjay Behari, N Muthukumar, Daljit Singh, S. K. Gupta, Geeta Chacko, Paritosh Pandey, Suresh Sankhla, Malla Bhaskar Rao, Ashish Suri, Lokendra Singh, Hemant Bhartiya

### Special Invitees:

CE Deopujari, NSI CA - Mrs Shanta Devi, Keshav Mohan Jha

### Central Office:

Navneet Arora & Kiran Arora

Dr. Deepu Banerji welcomed all the members to the 2017 Annual EC Meeting and requested the Secretary Dr. V. P. Singh to conduct the meeting.

### 2017/AEC/01 Obituary

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC members of the sad demise of Dr. Kanchan Mukherjee, Dr. Kashmir Singh and Dr. K. Srinivas. The EC members paid tribute to the departed souls by standing in silence for one minute.

### 2017/AEC/02 Minutes of Midterm EC Meeting

The minutes of the midterm EC meeting held at Jaipur on 6th and 7th May 2017 have been circulated to all the members. The EC approved the Minutes of the EC meeting.

### 2017/AEC/03 Secretary's report - Dr. V. P. Singh

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC about the NSI membership status. After the midterm meeting we have gained 25 new life members (21 neurosurgeons + 3 neurologists + 1 neuroallied), 98 new associate members and 43 associate members converted to full members (all neurosurgeons). So from 2684 members in May including 1979 members and 705 associate members we have now become 2807 members including 2047 full members (1469 neurosurgeons, 497 neurologists and 81 neuroallied specialists) and 760 associate members. The NSI office has emails of 2209 members and mobile numbers of 1966 members. 111 associate members have completed 3 yrs and will be requested to convert to full membership – else their membership will cease.

Regarding the academic meetings he informed that the second Superspecialty CME was held in Gopalpur on Sea in July 2017 on Adult Neuro-Oncology. Dr Sujit Prabhu was the foreign faculty along with nine Indian faculty members. Dr Sandip Chatterjee was the Course Coordinator and he along with the Chairman of the Board selected the faculty for the CME. The course was well attended and much appreciated by the delegates. There was no expenditure by NSI as Intas Pharma had given a generous educational grant. He also informed that Intas Pharma has given a verbal commitment to support this CME for 5 years. In August, AIIMS New Delhi organized the Instructional and Foundation courses and they were fully attended as always. A request has been received from Dr. R. C. Mishra to conduct a course on Frontiers in Neurosurgery in April 2018 in Agra under the aegis of NSI. The council approved the same.

On the international front a ten member NSI delegation led by the President visited Durban in August to attend the Society of Neurosurgeons of South Africa meeting. The reciprocal friendship meeting is here in Nagpur and seven of their members are attending. There was a large Indian delegation (third largest) at the WFNS meeting in Istanbul in September. President Elect Dr Suresh Nair and Secretary Dr VP Singh represented NSI in the WFNS EC meetings. Some major policy changes were agreed upon including changing the term of the EC to 2 years and to have the WFNS meeting every two years. In October the NSI partnered CNS in their meeting in Boston which was the second friendship meeting with CNS for our society. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that the NSI – CNS collaboration was due for renewal and this was done at the Boston meeting in October. Next year in Jaipur the AANS will be partnering us in a friendship meeting and Dr Anil Nanda and Dr C E Deopujari would be coordinating the details regarding the collaboration. He also informed that a World Spine Summit is slated for January 2018 in Hong Kong and NSI is also participating in the same.

Dr. V. P. Singh further informed that in continuing with our efforts on bringing out NSI books relevant to India - a book on neuropathology titled Essentials of Diagnostic Surgical Neuropathology edited by Dr. Chitra Sarkar, Dr. Vani Santosh and Dr. Geeta Chacko has been brought out. The book is published by Thieme Publishers and would be released in the Inaugural ceremony of NSICON 2017. Intas Pharma has fully sponsored the book and the book would be given complementary to all neurosurgical members of the NSI. He also informed the EC regarding a book on NSI Past Presidents which was conceptualized and edited by Dr. K. Ganapathy. This book has now been published and is ready to be distributed to all NSI members. Dr. Deepu Banerji expressed that there are some minor factual errors which can be corrected in the ebook uploaded on the NSI Website. The expenses of this book have been borne by NSI. Some EC members informed that the last year's NSI book – Practical Neurosurgery to be distributed by Intas has not reached all the members. It was decided that a list of members who did not receive the book would be prepared and forwarded to Intas Pharma for rectification.

The NSI website has been revamped and given a new look and we are also launching the NSI app at this meeting. Dr. V. P. Singh then apprised the council that two local Societies of Guwahati and PGI Chandigarh have applied for registering with NSI. The EC accepted the same.

In the end he thanked all the EC members for their participation and full cooperation over the last three years during his tenure as the Secretary. The EC members were appreciative of the efforts of Dr. V. P. Singh and applauded him for the same.

## **2017/AEC/04 Treasurer's Report - Dr. Sarat Chandra**

Dr. Sarat Chandra, Treasurer NSI informed the EC regarding the financial status of the society. He informed that the surplus of the Chennai conference is around Rs 117.71 lakhs. But there were some issues which are being sorted out and then the amount would be transferred to the NSI account. Dr. Sarat Chandra further apprised the council regarding the society's expenses and incomes.

Mrs Shanta Devi, the NSI CA has also been invited for the EC meeting for any clarifications and the EC welcomed her. Mrs. Shanta Devi firstly presented the audited Balance Sheet till March 2016 to the council. The total assets of the Society as in November 2017 are Rs 395.62 lakhs of which Rs 270 lakhs are in fixed deposits. The CA informed that NSICON Coimbatore & Hyderabad accounts have now been closed and finalized. The ITR for year ending March 2016 has been filed. She informed that the ITR for the year 2016-17 has not yet being filed as the NSICON 2016 Chennai account is still to be audited. Once the accounts of NSICON 2016 Chennai are audited the ITR for year ending March 2017 would be filed latest by 31st March 2018. Dr. V. P. Singh also enquired if the TDS and Service Tax returns are up to date to

which the CA informed that both are up to date. She also confirmed that the correspondence address in the IT department has been changed to the Central Office address in Agra.

The EC enquired as to which receipts of the society are added to the corpus. Mrs. Shanta Devi informed that the entire membership fee goes into the corpus and any other donation which is given to the society with a specific declaration to fulfill the objectives of the society is also added to the corpus and is therefore not taxable. The interest accrued on the corpus is taxable and comes under the revenue of the society. Any sponsorships, the conference surplus received and any other incomes received are counted as receipts and are taxable. The unconditional educational grants received by the society come under the running receipts and not the corpus as they have to be spent in the same year. So at the end of March 31st we have a corpus of around Rs 2.25 lakhs as corpus and Rs 1.93 lakhs in the running account. Mrs. Shanta Devi further informed that the corpus amount can also be used by the society if needed.

The EC further enquired about the 80G status of the society. Mrs. Shanta Devi explained that any organization which is registered under Section 12A like NSI has to spend 85% of the revenue for a particular year towards fulfilling the objectives of the society. She informed that as of March 2016 we had a net surplus of around Rs 1.50 crores after receiving the surplus from the NSICON 2015 Hyderabad conference and we have to spend 85% of it to maintain our 80G status. Since we have not spent this amount we need to pass a resolution creating a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for an amount of Rs 95 lakhs for Neurosciences Conference to be spent in the next 3 years. A resolution to create this SPV was passed by the EC.

The EC then enquired regarding the status of GST. The CA informed that GST is state specific. As our registered office is in Mumbai she has obtained the GST registration for the state of Maharashtra. In addition another GST registration number has to be taken in the state where the conference is being held and the financial transactions are taking place. So next year the GST number will be obtained in Rajasthan as the conference is in Jaipur. The CA suggested that for every conference a local auditor can be appointed who will be responsible for the GST and Service Tax returns and once the account closes the local GST registration can be surrendered. The CA further explained that the registration fee of the conference is liable for GST and the membership fee of the society is exempted from GST. The central office is not dealing with any activity needing GST (except the conference activities) and hence the central society does not need to file GST returns. Dr. Deepu Banerji informed that many medical societies are charging GST on membership fees and asked the CA to check and update the EC regarding the same. Dr. Sanjay Behari enquired if donations to NSI by companies get any tax benefit. The CA informed that 50% of the donations given to the society are permissible as a tax exempted deduction. Dr. Behari further enquired that as the registration fee for the annual conferences is increasing every year will it be viable to sponsor some residents free of cost to attend the conference. The CA clarified that the same can be done. The EC requested the CA to advise as to what procedures the next organizing secretary of the annual conference has to follow to make the accounting procedures easier. The EC then thanked the CA Mrs. Shanta Devi for her time and efforts to make the EC understand the accounting procedures.

## **2017/AEC/05 CME Convenor's Report Dr. Muthukumar / Dr. Vinay Goyal**

Dr. Muthukumar informed that this year's CME follows the same format as the previous two years and has six sessions. He detailed the scientific program of the CME. He informed that this year's Progress in Clinical Neurosciences, volume 32, has six sections and 24 chapters running to approximately 280 pages & deals with various aspects of neurosciences. The volumes will be ready for release by the President during the CME inauguration.

The EC discussed ways by which the NSI published books can be searched and accessed by the professionals. Dr. Sanjay Behari was of the view that our books should be indexed so as to make them searchable. The EC decided to nominate Dr. Muthukumar along with Dr. Paritosh Pandey, Dr. Sanjay Behari and Dr. C. E. Deopujari to look into various possibilities and report back in the next EC meeting.

Dr. Muthukumar expressed the Convenors sincere thanks to the EC for reposing their faith in them and to the members of NSI for their continued attendance in large numbers and enthusiastic participation. He also expressed their gratitude to the Organizing secretaries of NSICONS 2015 to 2017 for their support in conducting the CME and the publishing team at Thieme for making the successive volumes of Progress in Clinical Neurosciences a great success. The EC was very appreciative of the efforts of both Dr. Muthukumar and Dr. Vinay Goyal and applauded them for the same.

## **2017/AEC/06 Editor's report - Dr. Sanjay Behari**

Dr. Sanjay Behari presented the Editor's report. All the issues were circulated on time within the first week of each quarter. A supplement on 'Epilepsy' has been published with Dr. Malla Bhaskara Rao as the editor. The online version has more than 20,000 hits till now. The next supplement would come in March 2018 on 'Movement disorders' and Dr. Sanjay Pandey would be the editor.

He further informed that Journal Impact Factor in the 2017 edition of Clarivate Analytics' Journal Citation Report (Thomson Reuters) is 1.758. This is the highest impact factor the journal has ever received in 65 years of its existence. He also informed that this is the only journal that has increased its number of articles by 15% and yet has increased its impact factor. Dr. Sanjay Behari further informed regarding the statistics of the journal regarding the submission of articles and acceptance rates of the same. He informed that the journal expenses were around Rs 40 lakhs out of which over Rs 12 lakhs were generated by advertisements. He also informed that there is no expense to the society from the editorial office. The EC applauded the same.

Dr. Sanjay Behari further informed the EC regarding the various new features included in the journal this year. In the 'Timeless reverberations section' the thoughts and philosophy crystallized from years of experience of revered and distinguished leaders in the field of neuroscience are presented. He has also introduced the 'From the treasure trove of Neurology India' wherein an archival article from Neurology India is published along with its analysis and its lasting impact in the present era. He informed that Dr. Sunil Pandya has contributed extensively to this section. The Presidential oration - the write-up of the Presidential oration of the erstwhile President of Neurological Society of India presented during the annual meeting is also being published. Dr. Sanjay Behari also proposes several new features including "Facing adversity...tomorrow is another day" - this discusses the difficulties and complications encountered in the clinical management of patients suffering from neurological disorders and "From my book shelf" - the reviews of important published books on neuroscience. Operative videos and webinars are also being linked to the Neurology India website with the help of Dr. Ashish Suri. He proposed to present the data of normal population in the Indian subcontinent in each issue from the January issue onwards. He also informed that from now onwards the first page of every original article, case reports and review articles would be a coloured page. A few lines summarizing the key message of each article has also been introduced. Now the NSI Copyright indication is present at bottom of every page and consent from patient has also been introduced and is the responsibility of the author. He informed that he planned to completely overhaul the journal website and instructions to the authors. He expressed that he planned to start web based group discussions in the coming year.

He informed the EC regarding the Neurology awards for neurosurgery, neurology and allied

neurosciences category. Dr. Sanjay Behari sought the permission of the EC to have three subeditors handling Neurology, Neurosurgery and Neuroallied articles who would work under the editor. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that the EC had already authorized him to do so in the last EC meeting. Dr. Behari informed that he would proceed in this direction. Dr. Sanjay Behari wanted to have two commercial editors (one from the north and the second from the south) to seek advertisements and generate revenue for the journal. The EC felt that they were not needed as the society is willing to meet the expenses of the journal. In the end he requested the EC to quote articles from Neurology India in other journals. The EC applauded the efforts of Dr. Behari and appreciated the wonderful work done by him.

## **2017/AEC/07 Board of Education Report and constitution of the new board**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC regarding the Board of Education activities for the year. The Superspecialty CME on Adult Neuro Oncology was conducted at Gopalpur on Sea in Odisha and 76 delegates participated in the same. The venue and topic of the next CME would be decided by the new Board of Education. He informed that the instructional and the foundation courses at AIIMS were a big success and much appreciated by the residents. The next course is to be conducted at NIMHANS on 20th and 21st of January 2018. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that the executive committee has decided that from next year onwards there would be three instructional and foundation courses per year instead of two.

The EC had decided earlier that the term of the Board of Education would be 3 years and its term would run concurrent with the term of the EC. Nominations were invited for the chairman and members of the board as per the guidelines and criteria laid down. Three nominations were received for the post of Chairman, Board of Education from Dr. R. C. Mishra, Dr. V. G. Ramesh and Dr. Manas Panigrahi. As per rules the Chairman should be from a teaching institute where either MCh or DNB Neurosurgery training is imparted and should have been an EC member. The applicants for the post of members of the board were Dr. A. K. Srivastava, Dr. Ashish Suri, Dr. B. K. Baishya, Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao, Dr. Rajesh Chhabra, Dr. Rajneesh Kachhara, Dr. S. Bhaskar, Dr. Shyam K. Babhulkar, Dr. Siddhartha Ghosh, Dr. Sumit Sinha and Dr. Suresh Sankhla. The board members should be associated with a teaching institute imparting either MCh or DNB Neurosurgery training. The selection of the board is done by a committee consisting of the President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. The committee has decided that Dr. Manas Panigrahi would be the next Chairman of the Board of Education as he was the only one fulfilling the criteria. The members of the board would be Dr. B. K. Baishya from East zone, Dr. Rajneesh Kachhara from the Central zone, Dr. Suresh Sankhla from the West zone, Dr. Siddhartha Ghosh from the South zone and Dr. Ashish Suri from the North zone. The names were put to the EC for ratification.

The EC requested Dr. V. P. Singh to clarify regarding the selection of the Chairman. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that Dr. V. G. Ramesh does not fulfill the criteria of being a member of the EC and Dr. R. C. Mishra is not associated with any teaching institution where neurosurgery training is imparted. Dr. Sarat Chandra suggested some changes in the selection criteria and wanted the Past President to be made the Chairman. The Secretary informed that this was not practical as it would mean a change of Chairman every year – so there would not be continuity of functioning of the Board. He also informed that the selection committee was following the criteria approved by the General Body. Any changes suggested by the EC can only be applied from the next selection after General Body ratification. The EC requested Dr. Sarat and Dr. Suresh Nair to suggest the changes in the criteria for the future. The EC finally resolved to have Dr. Manas Panigrahi as the Chairman, Board of Education and have Dr. R. C. Mishra and Dr. V. G. Ramesh as advisors to the Board. The rest of the Board members were approved.

## **2017/AEC/08 Young Neuroscientists forum report -Dr. Paritosh Pandey**

Dr Paritosh Pandey informed that this year's forum session during the NSICON would be on "Concerns of young neurosurgeons in initial years of practice" and the panel discussants would be himself, Dr Maneet Gill, Dr Dwarakanath Srinivas, Dr Mazda Turel and Dr Vipul Gupta. Apart from the session there are regular discussions on social media among the young neurosurgeons.

## **2017/AEC/09 NSI Mobile Application**

Dr Paritosh Pandey presented the new NSI app and showed the various menu options and the different activities in it. He informed that though the app may be downloaded by anyone, only members can visit the member's area or download the NSI Members directory. The EC members then gave various suggestions to update the app. Dr. Pandey informed that the cost of creation of the app was Rs 125000 and the running cost would be Rs. 25000 per year. The council approved the same.

## **2017/AEC/10 Private Practitioners forum report - Dr. Suresh Sankhla**

Dr. Suresh Sankhla informed the EC that the topic for this year's Private Practitioners Forum would be "Security Issues in Private Practice". He informed that a good program had been prepared this year and the speakers include senior neurosurgeons, a member from IMA, an orthopaedic surgeon who is also a lawyer and the DCP from Nagpur.

## **2017/AEC/11 Legal Cell Report - Dr. Daljit Singh**

Dr. Daljit Singh informed that the Legal has not received any complaints from the members this year.

## **2017/AEC/12 Website educational content report - Dr. M. Bhaskar Rao**

Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao informed that the whole programs of NSICON 2015 had been sent by Dr Manas Panigrahi and the orations have been uploaded in the education area of the NSI Website. It was discussed that the scientific content can only be put up on our website after taking consent. Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao informed that 3 lectures have also been put up on the NSI Website one by Dr Sunil Pandya, the second was the plenary presentation of Dr. R. C. Mishra at CNS Boston and the third was that of Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty during the CNS Boston 2017. The council was of the opinion that the lecture of Dr. Devi Shetty should be removed from the NSI website as he was not a part of NSI delegation and his lecture was not related to NSI. He further informed that the content of the next NSI Instructional and Foundation Course to be held at NIMHANS Bangalore would be put up on the Website.

## **2017/AEC/13 Preconference workshops report – Dr. Ashish Suri**

Dr. Ashish Suri informed that there were logistic problems in Nagpur and therefore neither the CNS Workshop nor any other workshop could materialize.

## **2017/AEC/14 Head Injury Public Program – Dr. Suresh Sankhla**

Dr Suresh Sankhla informed the council regarding the Head Injury Public Program conducted in Nagpur today. He informed that school students of 12-15 years age and the Traffic Police Commissioner, Nagpur participated along with many social workers. He then appraised the council about getting other groups involved to create awareness related to Head Injuries in our country. The council discussed that there should be a joint Neurotrauma Society and NSI Initiative for this purpose.

## **2017/AEC/15 CNS Delegation report - Dr. R. C. Mishra**

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed the council that a large NSI delegation attended the CNS NSI Friendship meeting in Boston. The scientific committee chair had included a number of NSI members in the

scientific program. An MOU between the CNS and NSI was signed between NSI President Dr. Deepu Banerji and CNS President Allan Scarrow in Boston on 10th October 2017.

Dr. Mishra informed that the CNS had been very generous in giving financial aid and he personally had also arranged some money for travel grants to faculty who are non-practicing and residents. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that several emails were sent by the NSI Office to all members inviting applications for travel grants. Despite adequate publicity on the websites and mass emails - very few applications were received. All those who were eligible were given substantial travel grants. Now there was a surplus which would be transferred to the NSI corpus. Dr. Deepu Banerji thanked Dr. R. C. Mishra for a successful meeting and for raising substantial funds. Dr. Deepu Banerji suggested that Dr. R. C. Mishra be nominated as the NSI Ambassador for CNS and the council approved the same. The SANS module was also discussed and Dr. Mishra informed that no decision has been taken by CNS so far.

### **2017/AEC/16 Collaborative visits by IAN and NSI Presidents**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed that every year the NSI President goes to the IAN annual meeting to deliver a lecture and his logistics are taken care of by them and reciprocally the IAN President comes to our annual meeting and NSI takes care of his registration and accommodation. He proposed that in future the air fare for travel should also be reimbursed by the inviting Society and this was discussed and approved.

### **2017/AEC/17 President's Proposals – Dr. Deepu Banerji**

Dr. Deepu Banerji's first proposal was regarding the appointment of a central auditor. At present the auditors change with a change of the office bearers and it takes almost a year for the new Treasurer and Auditor to understand the functioning and aims and objective of our society. Continuity can be achieved with the appointment of a central auditor who should be changed by the EC only if there is a problem. The council discussed the matter and it was decided that the new EC could decide regarding the same.

His second suggestion was regarding NSI appointing an Event Manager to conduct the annual conference for a period of 3 years. The event manager would be keen to promote the event and to increase delegate participation and membership enrolment. Also they can negotiate better rates from the hospitality industry. The Event Manager would do the auditing of the expenses of Annual Conference and submit it to the Central auditor. This is important because the central and state GST collection and submission is a cumbersome process and if not done accurately can create problems for the Officers of the society and risk the tax exemption status of the society. They could also help in raising funds from Industry and expenses. As the MCI and Govt rules are going to be strict, it will avoid any conflict of interest for any of the officers and NSI. The Event Manager would be answerable to NSI and EC and this would ease the functioning of the society. The members discussed the proposal in detail. The negative aspect is that there would be practically no role of the local host in organizing the conference as everything would be decided by the EC and the event manager. As it is they have absolutely no say in the scientific program. There would be no incentive for anyone to host the conference in their city. Also the event manager would raise the money on behalf of NSI – so the officers of the Society would still be liable. It was felt that this would work only if NSI decides to organize the conference themselves fully without involvement of any local body. In the end the EC was of the view that the current status should continue and the local organizing team should appoint the Event Manager in consultation with the EC.

The third proposal was regarding the number of EC members. He informed that NSI has 10 members of whom minimum 3 members are from Neurosurgery, 2 from Neurology and 1 from Neuro-allied. Dr. Banerji proposed that minimum 5 EC members should be from Neurosurgery and should represent 5 zones of our country as exists in the Education board. This would give more representation from every



region to NSI and bring forth local issues. The regional representation was not accepted by most members. The increase of neurosurgery members would need a constitutional amendment.

It was also clarified by the Secretary that as per constitution the NSI members can vote for any 10 contestants for the EC posts irrespective of their speciality. So during the election process the candidates should not be separated into different specialities – that would be done at the time of counting of votes.

The next proposal raised by Dr. Banerji was regarding the Education Foundation. He expressed that in view of expanding work and popularity of our education programs, we need to think of a Foundation which can work independently but under the umbrella of NSI. This will ease the handling of funds and increase the educational activities. The matter was discussed in detail by the EC and it was resolved to ask Dr. Deopujari to work out further details regarding the pros and cons for the same.

His next suggestion was regarding the formation of a President's League. He expressed that many of our past presidents are still active and can contribute to the Society and provide guidance. The EC was of the view that having another committee or group was not desirable. The past Presidents are anyway invited to attend the EC meeting where they can give guidance. They could also be invited to the dinner organized for the NSI EC after the EC meeting on the pre CME night which could be called the President's Dinner.

Dr. Banerji discussed regarding appointment of a lawyer to update NSI information with Charity Commissioner's office in Mumbai. He has identified an advocate Sujata Mhadgut and asked the EC's permission to engage her and pay her for her services. The EC approved the same.

Next he informed the EC that he was invited by Association of Health Care Providers, India for a round table discussion on "Sharing of Liability" with National Law School University, Bengaluru. He informed that it was a fruitful discussion and a white paper is being prepared by them. A group is being formed to discuss such issues and the EC authorized Dr. Banerji to represent NSI in the group.

Dr. Deepu Banerji further informed about a meeting with ISRO officials with the mandate of Govt. of India and the AHPI. There was a brain storming session with representatives of various professional bodies about how ISRO can collaborate to improve health care. He informed that he had put forth the idea of Telemedicine and also the idea of Geo-tagging the hospitals having Trauma Facilities throughout the country. An app can be prepared by ISRO which can be helpful in sending trauma patients to the nearest centre with trauma management services. He informed that ISRO had accepted the suggestion in principle.

## **2017/AEC/18 NSICON 2016, 2017, 2018 – Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. Lokendra Singh & Dr. Hemant Bhartiya**

Dr. V. P. Singh (on behalf of Dr Sridhar) informed that the accounts of NSICON 2016 have been finalised but are yet to be audited as a sum of Rs 25 lacs is to be received from a pharma company.

Dr. Lokendra Singh the Organizing Secretary of NSICON 2017 informed that the delegate registrations had exceeded their expectations and crossed 800. He informed that to encourage MD and MS students he had introduced a new registration category of Rs 3000 which would be purely academic and would not include food. He informed that there would be an Art and Culture Fest which has been introduced for the first time. He further informed that for the first time a mascot has been designed for the conference which would be given to all the delegates as a memento. Also two animation films of 8-12 seconds have been prepared. The EC was appreciative of his efforts and applauded the same.

Dr. Hemant Bhartiya welcomed everyone to Jaipur for NSICON 2018 from 13th to 16th of December 2018. He informed the council regarding the organizing committee and the registration fee structure. The

EC advised Dr. Hemant Bhartiya to display registration fee and GST consolidated as one fees. Dr. Bhartiya discussed regarding the possibility of having Jaipur Convention Centre as a venue for the conference instead of the previously selected Birla Exhibition and Convention Centre. The EC requested Dr. Bhartiya to consider all logistics and report to the next EC meeting after two days. The EC also authorized Dr. CE Deopujari from NSI and Dr. Anil Nanda from AANS to co-ordinate the friendship meeting with AANS.

## **2017/AEC/19 Bids for NSICON 2020**

Dr. V. P. Singh appraised the council that he has received 4 bids for NSICON 2020. The bids were from Bhubaneshwar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana and Patna and all the bids are supported by the respective local societies. The Bhubaneshwar bid is supported by a registered society with a PAN number and the society is registered with NSI and the proposed organizing secretary would be Dr. Pradipta Tripathy. The Chandigarh bid is from the PGI Neurological Society - a registered society with a PAN number. They have applied for registering with NSI and the proposed organizing secretary would be Dr. Sunil Gupta. The Ludhiana bid is by the Ludhiana Neurosciences Society - also a registered society with a PAN number. They have applied for registering with NSI and the proposed organizing secretary would be Dr. Ashwini Chaudhary. He further informed that they had applied last year also. The last bid was from Patna with Dr. Keshav Mohan Jha as the proposed organizing secretary. The local society is registered with a PAN number. Dr. Keshav Mohan Jha and Dr. Sunil Gupta then made brief presentations. The EC deliberated on this issue but decided to postpone the decision to the second EC meeting.

## **2017/AEC/20 Election Report – Dr. Suresh Nair**

Dr. Suresh Nair requested the EC members who are contesting the elections to leave the meeting before announcing the results. He informed that there were 3 applicants for the post of President Elect, 2 applicants for the post of Secretary, 3 applicants for the post of Treasurer, 35 applicants for EC members including 28 neurosurgeons and 7 neurologists. There were no applicants from neuro-allied specialities. He further informed that out of these 43 applications 3 applications were rejected as they were not in order and one contestant withdrew his nomination. The elections were conducted electronically and there were two independent observers. A total of 677 votes were cast. The results were as follows:

President Elect - Dr. Atul Goel

Secretary - Dr. N. Muthukumar

Treasurer - Dr. Daljit Singh

EC Members: Dr. Abraham Kuruvilla, Dr. Achal Srivastava, Dr. Dilip Panikar, Dr. Girish Menon, Dr. JKBC Parthiban, Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Dr. Manjari Tripathi and Dr. Y. R. Yadav. The EC nominated the name of Dr. Rakesh Jalali as EC member from allied neurosciences as no one had applied for this post.

## **2017/AEC/21 Letters for discussion**

The first letter for discussion was from Dr. Abraham Kuruvilla who wants to conduct "Super EMG International Workshop" at SCTIMST from 23rd to 25th March under the aegis of NSI. The EC approved the same and it was decided to send the guidelines for the same to Dr. Abraham Kuruvilla.

The next letter discussed was that of Dr. C. E. Deopujari who had written that an Indian multinational pharmaceutical company has offered to fund 2 of our members a grant of 5000 USD per year (for next 3 years) for research and/or to present a paper in international meetings. The selection criteria and process would be decided by NSI. The EC was of the view that the funds should be given to NSI and then distributed. The purpose is quite similar to the already existing international fellowship and therefore the two can be merged into one. It was also agreed to increase the existing international fellowship amount to

Rs. 1 lakh per person.

The next letter for discussion was also from Dr. Deopujari. The first request was regarding having articles in Progress of Clinical Neurosciences searchable in the literature. This has already been discussed before and not found workable. The second matter was regarding the Board of Education conducting regional courses on diagnostic radiology and basic operative techniques. This was left to the Board of Education to decide. His third request was regarding the NSI Foundation which has been discussed earlier today and he has been requested to give a detailed proposal.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad had sent a letter wanting the wives of NSI members to be involved in the Head Injury Program as a part of spouses program during NSICONS. The EC members were of the view that it would be difficult to implement this proposal.

The next letter for discussion was from eMediWrite Pvt. Ltd., a medical education company who wants NSI to help in preparing modules for stroke management. The EC members were of the view that NSI should not involve itself with any commercial activities.

Dr. Subodh Raju wanted NSI to form committees for sub specialties so that the same can be developed. The EC was of the view that this would not serve any purpose as almost all subspecialties are already included in our annual meeting.

Dr. Suresh Sankhla expressed desire for more public interactions regarding various neurological disorders. The EC was of the view that at the moment we were focusing on head injury and stroke. He also requested that physicians may be allowed to attend parts of our scientific programs wherein they can gain knowledge regarding various neurological aspects.

Dr. K. Sridhar wrote that NSI should observe commemorative days in Neurosciences like Head Injury Day, Brain Tumour Day, Epilepsy Day etc. The EC was of the view that these programs can be done at the local level after taking permission from Secretary, NSI.

Dr. Sanjay Behari expressed the view that a number of associate members do not convert to full membership of the society. He proposed that a student who joins the MCh or DNB course may be given the option of paying the membership fees of a full member in the beginning. Such students would automatically become full members on submission of their degree without any additional documentation. The EC discussed the proposal and felt that this can be incorporated. He also proposed a special session on "Neurology for Neurosurgeons" in the NSI where topics relevant to neurosurgeons are covered by eminent neurologists. This would increase cohesion between Neurologists and Neurosurgeons and increase the interest of the Neurologists in the activities of NSI. The EC felt that the Scientific Committee Chairman should consider it.

Dr Behari felt that the Neurology India editor's term is so long (6 years including 1 year as sub-editor and 5 years as editor) that there is waning of energy, initiative and ideas by the end of the term. This may have a profound effect on the standard of the journal. He opined that the editor's term should be reduced to 5 years, one year as subeditor and 4 years as editor. The EC opined that this can be changed only as a constitutional amendment. The EC members felt that a scientific editor can be employed to help the editor and authorized the editor for the same. The EC was also of the view that instead of electing the Editor, nominations should be invited and the Editor selected by the EC. Dr. R. C. Mishra agreed to move a constitutional amendment regarding the same.

## **2017/AEC/22 Congratulations**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC that Prof P Sarat Chandra, Prof Manjari Tripathi and team has published an

original article in New England Journal Of Medicine on “Surgery for Drug Resistant Epilepsy in Children” This is the first original article from India in NEJM with all Indian authors. The council congratulated the authors for the same.

## **2017/AEC/23 Any Other matters**

Dr. Sarat Chandra with the guidance of Prof Suresh Nair proposed a change in the constitution of Neurosurgery Board of Education. He proposed having three categories of posts in the board. The first would be the Director of the Board, who would be the immediate outgoing past president having tenure of one year, below him would be the Chairman Board of Education – one post who would be selected on the following criteria: any member who is the head of the institution / head of the unit / professor with at least 20 years of experience as a teacher in any MCh/DNB teaching institute and he should not have applied for any other post in the NSI EC. If more than one candidate applies weightage would be given to the current working status, whether in a teaching institute / teaching experience / past standing in the society / academic publications and research / international standing. The third category would be members. The council asked him to give a detailed proposal in the next mid term EC Meeting.

Dr. Suresh Nair informed that he had invited the President of WFNS, Prof Franco Servadei to deliver one of the orations in the next NSICON and he has accepted. For the second oration he has invited Dr Osama Al Mefti who has accepted but wants business class travel. The EC informed that the NSI can only give the honorarium of USD 2500 that has been passed by the General Body. Dr. Suresh Nair suggested that he would try to arrange the surplus amount on his own.

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed that the AACNS – NSI joint meeting is to be held at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai in the year 2019 with Dr. Basant Misra being the Congress President, Dr. B. S. Sharma being the Organizing Chairman and he himself would be the Organizing Secretary. He informed that all the NSI mandatory sessions bound by the constitution like the awards, orations etc would take place on a single day and the rest of the program would be a combined one. The dates of the conference would be 5th to 8th December 2019. He further informed that he is organizing Frontiers in Neurosurgery Conference in Agra from 6th to 8th of April 2018 under the aegis of NSI. This meeting would be a curtain raiser to the AACNS meeting.

## **2017/AEC/24 Closing Remarks**

In the end Dr. V. P. Singh put on record his gratitude to all the EC members who worked collectively for the betterment of the Society. The EC members were specifically appreciative of Dr. Sanjay Behari who has raised the bar of Neurology India. The EC were also appreciative of the efforts of the Central Office. Dr. V. P. Singh then distributed certificates of appreciation for the outgoing EC members. Dr. Deepu Banerji thanked all the members of the EC for a fruitful discussion and also for their cooperation throughout the year in his tenure as the president.

He then called the meeting to a close.

## Minutes - II NSI Executive Council Meeting

### Attended by:

Deepu Banerji, Suresh Nair, R C Mishra, V P Singh, Sarat P Chandra, Sanjay Behari, N Muthukumar, Malla Bhaskar Rao, Paritosh Pandey, Suresh Sankhla, Ashish Suri, Atul Goel, Y R Yadav, K Sridhar, Hemant Bhartiya,

### Special Invitee:

Dr Pradipta Tripathy

### Central Office:

Navneet Arora, Kiran Arora

Incoming President Dr Suresh Nair welcomed all the EC members to the meeting in absence of the President Dr Deepu Banerji who arrived a bit late as the scientific session was still going on. He welcomed the new office bearers and EC members and asked the Secretary Dr V P Singh to proceed.

### 2017/EC-2/01 Venue for 2020 annual meeting

There were 4 bidders for 2020 annual meeting: Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Patna and Bhubaneswar. No place was finalized in the first EC meeting. Dr Pradipta Tripathy was asked to make a brief presentation about the Bhubaneswar bid. The last NSICON was held in Bhubaneswar in 1982. He informed that the conference would be in Hotel Swosti Premium but could not give the exact sizes and number of halls available. Of the four bidders - Bhubaneswar and Patna were tentatively shortlisted. Various EC members expressed the view that the office bearers should visit the shortlisted venues before deciding. The new Secretary Dr Muthukumar along with Dr Sridhar or Dr Atul Goel would visit both places by the end of January 2018 and decide.

### 2017/EC-2/02 Change of Venue for 2018 Jaipur Annual Meeting

Dr Hemant Bhartiya informed that Jaipur Convention Center had contacted him and offered a good deal for the NSICON. This is a better venue but some distance from the city near the airport. He was asked to get more details so that the EC can take it further. The EC authorized Dr Suresh Nair and Dr R C Mishra to visit Jaipur and finalise the venue along with Dr Bhartiya.

### 2017/EC-2/03 Coordinator for AANS – NSI meet in Jaipur

Dr Atul Goel expressed a desire to withdraw his strong objection in the General Body to Dr C E Deopujari coordinating with AANS for the joint meeting in Jaipur. The EC resolved that Dr Deopujari would coordinate with the AANS for the meeting and the Scientific program would be made by the President Elect as decided earlier.

### 2017/EC-2/04 Feedback from the current meeting

Dr Deepu raised concern that the sessions did not end on time as chairpersons did not maintain discipline and the projection and sound which had to be switched off after the time was up did not happen. Dr R C Mishra suggested that more eposters should be accepted and number of presentations should be reduced. Dr Muthukumar felt that scientific sessions should finish by 5.30 pm on the day of the GB so that GB can be conducted on time.

Dr Suresh Nair informed that the MCQ award goes to Dr Ananth Abraham. Dr Paritosh Pandey informed that young members felt that the MCQ should be in the form of a quiz to make it more interesting. The next EC can take a decision on the same.

## **2017/EC-2/04 Royalty of the sales of NSI books**

Dr V P Singh informed that the royalty received from the sales of CME books is around Rs 3000/- and from Practical Neurosurgery royalty is about Rupees one lakh.

## **2017/EC-2/04 NSI Elections**

Dr Suresh Nair informed that on verifying - one of the elected candidate in the NSI Election Dr Abraham Kuruvilla had attended only one annual meeting of NSI in the past 5 years and hence is not eligible for the post of EC member. So the candidate with the next number of votes polled - Dr Sanjay Pandey was selected as the EC member.

## **2017/EC-2/04 Any other matters**

Dr Muthu Kumar expressed concern that only 5 members of the new council are present in the meeting.

Dr Muthu kumar announced the conveners and heads of various forums and cells

CME conveners	Dr Dilip Paniker and Dr Manjari Tripathi.
Medicolegal Forum	Dr Girish Menon
Young Neurosurgeons Forum	Dr Y R Yadav
Head Injury initiative	Dr K Sridhar
Private practitioners forum	Dr J K BC Partibhan
Women in Neurosurgery Forum	Dr Anita Jagetia

As there were no other matters, Dr Deepu Banerji thanked all the members for their participation and closed the meeting. Dr V P Singh also placed on record his thanks to all the members for his last EC meeting as the secretary of the society. All the members joined in for a group photograph.

## Bids for NSICON 2020

As per the decision of EC, bids are hereby re-invited to organize the Annual Conference of the Neurological Society of India for the year 2020 from across all members of NSI. The bid form is available on NSI website for download.

Please note that your bids should reach the secretariat by 15th May, 2018. Any bid reaching after the prescribed date shall not be considered.

Bids should be made on the proper form available on the website and should be sent preferably by email. Hard copies shall also be accepted.

Please go through the requirements for conducting NSICON that are available on the website, [www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org)

The completed forms may be sent to the Secretary at [drnmuthukumar@gmail.com](mailto:drnmuthukumar@gmail.com) with a copy to the Central Office, NSI at [centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com](mailto:centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com).

## News from WFNS (I) Trust

Applications for grants from WFNS (I) Trust are invited from neurosurgeon members and associate members of NSI, for attending inland conferences (except annual NSI conferences), overseas conferences, training in Indian or Centres abroad. Please access application form from NSI Website.

All applications for financial grants from WFNS (I) Trust for the subsequent quarter of the year should be received before 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December. All communications with the WFNS (I) Trust Secretary may please be done via email. Documents may be scanned and sent by email on [wfnstrust89@gmail.com](mailto:wfnstrust89@gmail.com).

## Forthcoming Conferences

### **Ginde Oration**

Dates: **March 23rd - 25th 2018**

Contact Person: **Dr. Anil Nanda**

Email: [gindeoration2017@gmail.com](mailto:gindeoration2017@gmail.com)

### **ISNOCON-2018 10th Annual Conference of The Indian Society Of Neuro-Oncology**

Date Pre-conference workshop: **April 05th 2018**

Dates Conference: **April 6th - 8th 2018**

Venue: **AIIMS, New Delhi**

Contact Person: **Prof Ashish Suri**

Website: [www.isno.in](http://www.isno.in)

### **Frontiers In Neurosurgery - A Curtain Raiser**

Dates: **April 6th - 8th 2018**

Venue: **Hotel Jaypee Palace and Convention Centre, Agra**

Contact Person: **Prof R C Mishra**

Email: [frontiersinneurosurgery2018@gmail.com](mailto:frontiersinneurosurgery2018@gmail.com)

### **UPUKNEUROCON 2018**

Dates: **April 13th - 15th 2018**

Venue: **The Riverview Retreat, Corbett Park, Ramnagar**

Contact Person: **Dr Sanjay Gupta**

Website: [www.upukneurocon2018.com](http://www.upukneurocon2018.com)

### **14th Endoskullbase Worksop of Bombay Hospital**

Dates: **June 15th - 17th 2018**

Venue: **Bombay Hospital**

Website: [www.endoskullbase.com](http://www.endoskullbase.com)

### **NEUROTRAUMA 2018**

Dates: **August 17th - 19th 2018**

Venue: **Indira Gandhi Prathisthan, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow**

Contact Person: **Dr Deepak K Singh**

Website: [www.neurotrauma2018.in](http://www.neurotrauma2018.in)

### **Neurovascon 2018**

Date Pre-conference workshop: **September 7th 2018**

Dates Conference: **September 8th - 9th 2018**

Venue: **Chennai**

Contact Person: **Dr Roopesh Kumar VR**

Email: [drroopeshkumar.vr@simshospitals.com](mailto:drroopeshkumar.vr@simshospitals.com)



## Important Announcements

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Nominations are invited for lifetime achievement awards. Awards would be presented during the Inaugural function of the Annual Conference to Life Members above the age of 75 years who have played a significant role in the development of Neurosciences in India and there shall be not more than 3 awards each year. Nominations should be sent in the prescribed format to the Secretary before 15th April 2018 which shall be considered and approved by Executive Committee during midterm EC meeting.

### **Activities of the NSI can be accessed on the Internet**

Rules of the Society and application forms can be downloaded from [www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org) Members are encouraged to visit the site. Members desirous of having items included in the website / newsletter may please contact the secretary, NSI at [centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com](mailto:centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com). Information should be sent by email

### **Website [www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org)**

NSI website is in the process of being revamped and made more functional & appealing. All members, institutions may forward their URL identity & emails immediately to [centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com](mailto:centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com) so that data may be updated.

### **Members Username & Password**

All members (Full/Life and Associate) are eligible to obtain their Username and Password to access their profile on the NSI website ([www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org)). Since this is the only Address Database used by all the Officials of the Society (Editor, Secretary, Treasurer, President Elect), it is in your interest to ensure that your address and email address are accurate. All members are requested to obtain the same by writing to the [centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com](mailto:centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com) details on how to access your personal profile will be mentioned in the letter sent along with the username and password. In case of any difficulty please contact the Central Office at the email address mentioned above. This is an appeal to all members to provide their email id so that the communications between the Society and the Members will be easy and paperless. You will also benefit by being sent Email Alerts about various activities of and news about the Society. Please cooperate by immediately applying for your username and password.

### **Officers of Regional Neuroclubs / Societies**

The Executive Committee of NSI requests all regional neuro clubs/societies to register with the NSI as being representative of neuroscientists of that region. This registration will become mandatory to be recognized as bona fide representative club/society of that region when bidding for the Annual Conference of NSI. If more than one regional club/society claims representative status then a list of members who are also NSI members with their NSI membership number and signatures will have to be appended with the registration form. Registration form is available on the NSI website ([www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org)) in the Download forms section.

### **Pincode Required**

This is an appeal to all members to update their full contact address with pincode as it is required for sending the Society journal Neurology India by post. To access your address on the web based database, please obtain Username and Password by writing to the Webmaster. Details are available on the NSI website:

### **Tariff for Advertisements in the Newsletter**

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