

A brief history of the Neurological Society of India.

M. Sambasivan, K. R Nair

This unique society came into existence in 1951 due to the wide vision of its founder members, Dr' Jacob Chandy' Dr' B' Ramamurthi' Dr. S. T 'Narasimhanand Dr. Baldev Singh. All disciplines associated With Neurological Sciences have come together in the Neurological Society of India.

Till Jan 1964 the Society held its annual meetings with the Association of Physicians of India. with its own subsections of cardiologists, pediatricians Chest Physicians etc. From Dec. 1964, NSI started to have independent annual meetings. Neurosurgical subsection was then got affiliated with the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and Neurology subsection to the World Federation of Neurology. Similarly EEG' EMG-and pathology subsections made their affiliation to the World bodies.

The Society is registered with the Charity Commissioner, Public Trusts Registration office, Greater Bombay region as No: F-1819 dt 25th Oct. 1969.

In the year 1969 NSI instituted Dr. Jacob Chandy oration and in 1974 Dr. Baldev Singh Oration'

In 1974 NSI decided to have a Continuing Medical Education (CME) to be held along with its annual conferences Dr S Kalyanaraman organised the first CME programme in 1977.

In 1997 the General Body approved the formation of Neuro-physiology/EEG subsection. In 1979 another subsection was formed as the Society of Indian Neuro-science Nurses (SINN) which was registered with the Registrar of Firms and Societies under Act 21 of 1960 as No:1550 of 1988.

The official journal Neurology India which was started very much earlier got registered at Madras under section 5 of the Press and Registration of Books Act.

The society formed a subsection of Neurophysiological Technologists in 1988.

It was a proud achievement for the society to have hosted the 9th International Congress of Neurological Surgery, 14th World Congress of Neurology and actively participated in the 18th International Epilepsy Congress at New Delhi in Oct 1989. The organisation and conduct of these congresses have been acclaimed worldwide and is a signal achievement of the society.

The society instituted the third oration named after Dr. R. G. Guinde in 1988.

Affiliation to the International bodies.

- (1) World Federation of Neurological Societies.
- (2) World Federation of Neurology.
- (3) International Federation of the Societies for Electroencephalography and Clinical Neurophysiology.

Officers of the Society and other committees.

1) Officers: a) President b). Vice-President c) Secretary d) Treasurer e) Editor, Neurology India.

- 2) Executive Committee: a) President b) Vice-President c) Secretary d) Treasurer e) Editor Neurology India f) Two immediate past Presidents g) Two neurosurgeons h) Two neurologists
- i) Two from other sub-specialities.

The Neurotraumatology Committee was constituted in December 1991 with M. Sambasivan as the Chairman. He has been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Neurotraumatology Committee of WFNS.

Pediatric Neurosurgery and Ethical committees started functioning with Dr. S. N. Bhagavathy and Dr. A. K. Banerjee as chairpersons respectively.

With the WFNS (I) trust and WFN (I) Trusts many academic programmes were held and supported under the aegis of the NSI.

In 1991 the Indian Academy of Neurology was formed by the neurologists

In 1992 December the Annual Conference of NSI was slated to be

held at Ranchi. Due to some problems this conference could not take place.

1994 Annual Conference was held at Bangalore with Dr. Sanathan Rath as the President.

1995 also was marked with many activities. The European Congress of Neurosurgery was held at Berlin. Official delegates Dr. Sambasivan and Dr. Rout and the President, Dr. B. Ramamurthi attended the meeting. The annual conference of 1995 in New Delhi was well attended.

1996 was again an evenful year with many workshops and seminars conducted at different centres. The annual conference was held at Calcutta with Dr. Sambasivan as the President.

Many workshops and teaching sessions were held in 1997. The Annual Conference was held at Jaipur with Dr. Sarala Das at the Presidential chair. [t was a superb meeting with excellent cultural component.

The NSI was active all through 1998. The annual conference will be held at Thiruvananthapuram with Dr. V. K. Kak as the President. Dr. K Rajasekharan Nair will take over the post of the President of NSI in December 1998.

Officer Bearers:

A) Presidents.

Dr. Jacob Chandy	1952
Dr. T. K. Ghosh	1953
Dr. R. G. Guinde	1954-1955
Dr. W. Grillmayr	1956
Dr. Menino de Souza	1957
Dr, B. Ramamurthi	1958
Dr. E. P. Barucha	1959
Dr. R. N. Chatterjee	1960
Dr. C. G. S.Iyyer	1961
Dr. Baldev Singh	1962
Dr. N. H. Wadia	1963
Dr. B. K. Anand	1964
Dr. N. S. Vahia	1965
Dr. D. K. Dastur	1966
Dr. Anil. D. Desai	1967
Dr. B. Dayananda Rao	1968
Dr. Sriramachari	1969
Dr. Ashoke K Bagchi	1970
Dr. Baldev Singh	1971

Dr. K.S. Mani	1972
Dr. B. K. Bachawat	1973
Dr. S. Balaparameswara Rao	1974
Dr. Gajendra Sinh	1975
Dr. Arjundas	1976
Dr. K. V. Mathai	1977
Dr. Vimla Virmani	1978
Dr. Mahendra Singh	1979
. Dr. K. Jagannathan	1980
Dr. D. R. Gulati	1981
Dr. S. Janaki	1982
Dr. Jacob Abraham	1983
Dr. M. Veeraraghava Reddy	1984
Dr. P. N. Tandon	1985
Dr. B. S. Singhal	1986
Dr. S. Kalyanaraman	1987
Dr. Shyamal Sen	1988
Dr. S. N. Bhagawati	1989-1990
Dr. A. K. Banerjee	1991
Dr. K. Srinivasan	1992-1993
Dr. Sanathan Rath	1994
Dr. Gouri Devi	1995
Dr. M. Sambasivan	1996
Dr. Sarala Das	1997
Dr. V. K. Kak	1998
Dr. K. Rajasekharan Nair	1999

Secretaries

Dr. B. Ramamurthi	1952-1955
Dr. Anil Desai	1956-1964
Dr. Gajendra Sinh	1965-1972
Dr. P. N. Tandon	1973-1977
Dr. A. K. Banerji	1978-1980
Dr.'S. N. Bhagawati	1981-1983
Dr. M. Sambasivan	1984-1990
Dr. V. K. Kak	1991
Dr. J. S. Chopra	1992-(acting)
Dr. Mathew Chandy	1993-1996
Dr. Ganapathy	1996-continuing

Editors of Neurology India

Dr. B. Ramamurthi	1952-1957
Dr. R. G. Guinde	1958-1964
Dr. Anil D. Desai	1965-1978
Dr. P. N. Tandon	1979-1982
Dr. Asoke K. Bagchi	1983-1984
Dr. S. Kalyanaraman	1985-1990
Dr. J. S. Chopra	1990-1996
Dr. S. Prabhakar	1997-continuing

Treasurers.

Dr. S. T. Narasimhan	1952-55
Dr. C. G. S. Iyer	1956
Dr. E. P. Barucha	1957-1972
Dr. A. K. Banerji	1973-1977
Dr. S. N. Bhagawati	1978-1980
Dr. B. S. Singhal	1981-1983
Dr. V. K. Kak	1984-1990
Dr. V. K. Khosla	1991- continuing

Though we have tried to avoid any mistakes, there may be some minor errors in the succession list of the Office bearers and the date and venue of the different NSI sessions. In the absence of any definite documentation of the Annals of NSI so far. this is the best which we could collect. If there are any omissions or mistakes, kindly let us know so that we can correct them in subsequent editions.

Annual Conferences of the Neurological Society of India

1st	Hyderabad	March 1952	26th Jaipur	Dec 1976
2nd	Pune	Feb 1953	27 th Pune	Dec 1977
3rd	Calcutta	Feb 1954	28 th Trivandrum	Dec 1978
4th	Nagapur	Feb 1955	29th Bangalore	Dec 1979
5th	Bornbay	Jan 1956	30 th Culcutta	Dec 1980
6th	Agra	Feb 1957	31 st Visakhapatanam	Dec 1981
7th	Trivandrum	Jan 1958	32 nd Cuttack	Dec 1982
8th	Jaipur	Jan 1959	33 rd Madurai	Dec 1983
9th	Delhi	Jan 1960	34 th Varanasi	Dec 1984
10th	Madras	Jan 1961	35 th Patna	Dec 1985
11th	Indore	Jan 1962	36 th New Delhi	Dec 1986
12th	Calcuta	Jan 1963	37 th Hyderabad	Dec 1987
13th	Patiala	Jan 1964	38 th Chandigarh	Dec 1988
14th	Bombay	Dec 1964	<i>(1989 The world congress WFNS and WFN etc.) at New Delhi</i>	
15th	Vellore	Dec 1965		
16th	Bangalore	Dec 1965		
17th	Delhi	Dec 1967	39 th Indore	Dec 1990
18th	Calcutta	Dec 1968	40 th Manipal	Dec 1991
19th	Hyderabad	Dec 1969	41 st Ranchi, (Meeting Cancelled)	
20th	Madras	Dec 1970	42 nd Madras	Dec 1991
21st	Bombay	Dec 1971	43 rd Bangalore	Dec 1994
22nd	Lucknow	Dec 1972	44 th New Delhi	Dec 1995
23rd	Ahammedabad	Dec 1973	45 th Calcutta	Dec 1996
24th	Vellore	Dec 1974	46 th Jaipur	Dec 1997
25th	Chandigarh	Dec 1975	47 th Tivendrum	Dec 1998