

received. It was decided that the webmaster would be requested to try out the efficacy of online voting through a mock survey.

2002/EC/05:Action taken on previous minutes:

- ❖ Neurosciences Film Review Subcommittee – Dr. S. Venkataraman pointed out that he had identified the lacunae in the film with reference to the Armed Forces. Armed Forces. A report from the other members of the committee is still awaited.
- ❖ Directory NSI members. The directory has been brought out and is being distributed. Besides the addresses of the members of the society this directory contains the recently modified Constitution and bye laws of the society. In addition there is a section describing the growth and development of the society. A list of past office bearers, list of places where the conferences were held in the last 52 Years, list of orators and details regarding the various awards and fellowships available and various application forms also available. I am thankful to Maj. Gen. S. Venkatraman for undertaking the difficult job of printing and distributing this directory. The electronic version of this directory will be available at <http://www.neurosocietyindia.com>.
- ❖ Reminder was sent to Dr. S. Prabhakar who had agreed to design and produce Certificates of Appreciation certification to outgoing office bearers based on the proposal from Dr. Mathew J. Chandy . Proposed by V.S. Mehta and seconded by M. sambasivan

2002/EC2/06: The Secretary's Report –(Annexure I) was Presented by Dr. K. Ganapathy. This was accepted. The EC placed on record its gratitude and appreciation to Dr. K. Ganapathy for his contribution and good work as Secretary from 1996 to 2002. Proposed by Dr. Arjun sehgal and seconded by Dr. V.K. Khosla.

2002/EC2/07: Treasurer's Report (Annexure II) There was considerable discussion regarding dues to the society from the organizing secretaries of annual conferences. Dr. S. Venkatraman was authorized by the EC to take necessary steps to ensure that the organizing committee of Neurocon 2000 submit audited accounts and pay the dues to the society. The EC placed on record its gratitude and appreciation to Dr. V. K. Khosla for his contribution and good work as treasure from 1993 to 2002. Proposed by Dr. Mehindiratta and seconded by V.V Radhakrishna.

2002/EC2/08: Webmaster's Report: (Annexure v) NSI Website: The website of the NSI continues to be hosted at <http://www.neurosocietyindia.com>

The EC agreed to the proposal of the webmaster to request Asianet to host the website instead Indigene the present hosts. The company sponsoring the website would also be requested to pay the amount directly to NSI. The webmaster was sanctioned Rs. 30,000 towards expenses. proposed by S. Venkatraman Seconded by Dr. V.K. Khosla.

- 2002/EC2/09:** The Editor's Report (Annexure III) was not presented due to the absence of the editor.
- 2002/EC/10:** CME Convenor's Report (Annexure IV) was presented by Dr. V.S. Mehta. Consequent to Dr. Mehta being elected as treasurer Dr. B.S. Sharma was nominated as CME Convenor/ Co Convenor Proposed by Dr. S. Venkatraman seconded by Dr. V . K. Khosla.
- 2002/EC2/11:** Conference Bids were presented for Bangalore by Dr. Shastri, for Delhi by Dr. Mehindiratta and for Indore by Dr. Khatpal. The 2004 conference was awarded to Indore by a majority vote. After detailed discussion regarding the necessity for having a mid term NSI conference/ CME programme / or no mid term meeting it was decided not to have a mid term meeting of any kind at all.
- 2002/EC2/12:** Prof. S.K. Shankar Neuropathologist from NIMHANS was chosen as the Ramamurthy orator and Dr. Raj Narayan Neurosurgeon Temple University USA as the Glnde orator.
- 2002/EC2/13:** Letter from Dr. V.S. Mehta regarding NSI representation in a new Accreditation System proposed. A decision was deferred till more details were obtained.
- 2002/EC2/14:** Symposium for 2003 conference. Dr. Bakshi's proposal " Stem Cells in Neurosciences" was accepted with the proviso that a nominee from the Brain research center New Delhi would also be a convenor.
- 2002/EC2/15:** Letter from Ausman Editor Surgical Neurology. It was decided that NSI will not have a separate "official international journal".
- 2002/EC2/16:** Letter from Dr. would be used to invite a speaker to talk on "Cost effective treatment in Neurosciences.

2002/EC2/17: Letter from Dr. Shastry that no decision regarding financial issues of annual conferences should be taken without the general body's consent was discussed. Dr. Venkataraman pointed out that these rules had published in the July newsletter and no objections had been received. The modified byelaws containing these rules had also been accepted by the GB.

2002/EC2/18: NSI office Delhi Cordinator: The EC authorizes Dr. Venkataraman, the secretary and the treasurer to decide on the modus operandi Rs. 15,000 is sanctioned for incidental expenses for the Delhi office.

2002/EC/19: The EC placed on record its appreciation to the local organizing committee for excellent arrangements made. The meeting concluded with thanks to the chair.

Congratulations

Dr. Aadil Chagla: Promoted as a professor in Neurosurgery at Deptt. Of Neurosurgery, KEM Hospital, Mumbai.

DR. A.V. Srinivasan: Awarded Doctor of Philosophy- ph. D by the Tamilnadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai.

Dr. R. S. Dharkar: Jiwaji University Gwalior Confers Honorary Doctor of Science (DSc).

Dr. B. Indira Devi : Promoted as Additional prof. at NIMHANS, Bangalore.

Secretary's Report

(Presented at EC Meeting Kochi: December,2002) Annexure I

Previous minutes – action taken

- ❖ Neurosciences Film Review Subcommittee Dr. Venkataraman and Dr. Tuel were requested to submit a report. Reminders were sent report is awaited.

- ❖ Directory NSI members. The directory has been brought out and is being distributed. Besides the addresses of the members of the society this directory contains the recently modified constitution and bye laws of the society. In addition there is a section describing the growth and development of the society. A list of office bearers, list of places where the conferences were held last 52 years list of orators and details regarding the various awards and fellowship and various application forms are also available. I am thankful to Maj. Gen. S. Venkatraman for undertaking the difficult job of printing and distributing this directory. The electronic version of this directory will be available at <http://www.neurosocietyindia.com>
- ❖ Proposal Dr. Mathew J. Chandy that Certificate of Appreciation be presented to outgoing office bearers was accepted. Dr. S. Prabhakar has designed and produced the certificate.
- ❖ The July and November issue of the newsletter was brought out in time. The Deptt. Of Posts in letter No. TCA/106-109/2002 dated 12th October has classified periodicals without price (distributed free members) as book packets and has stated that normal rates will be applicable. Concessional rates will be available only to periodicals priced at less than rupee one. The incoming secretary will have words price Rupee One (or as per the then rules) to avail of concessional rates. Since this information was available only at the time of posting the newsletter it was not possible to get the approval to make these corrections. The secretary may be authorized to make the necessary modification in the next to avail of postal concessions. The entire scientific programme was uploaded both on the conference website and the society website 4 weeks before the conference. It is reassuring to see that there is a steady increase in the use of online submission of abstracts.
- ❖ The secretary has closely coordinates with the organizing secretary of the annual conference and chairman of the scientific committee to ensure that the conference is was organized. Though correspondence from members has considerably increased this was attended to immediately.

Membership of the society

Total Neurosurgeon members of the Society	=	837
Total Neuro-physician members of the Society	=	491
Total Allied Neuroscience Members of the Society	=	89
Total Associate Members of the Society	=	796
Total Members of the Society	=	2213

- ❖ The website of society is now being used more frequently. It has been modified and become more informative. I am thankful to Dr. Dilip Panikar the Webmaster for his assistance.
 - ❖ Award & honours obtained by various members of the society and communicated to the Secretary have been published in the newsletters. Those that have not been included.
 - ❖ Dr. B.K. Mishra was elected as President of the Skull Base Society of India.
 - ❖ Dr. Keki Turel has been awarded honorary FRCS Edin.
 - ❖ Dr. C. Deopujari and Dr. Suresh Nair have been elected as Vice Presidents of the Asian congress of Neurosurgeons.
 - ❖ Dr. S. Venkatraman has been elected as President Elect of API
 - ❖ Dr. Mehindiratta re-elected as Secretary general and treasurer of the Asian Oceanian Epilepsy Association, Secretary IAN and Treasurer IES.
 - ❖ Prof. P.N. Tandon
1. Nominated India's Representative to International Bioethical committee (UNESCO).
 2. Govt. of India nominee: Member of the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Social Science Research for 3 Years.(April 2002).
 3. Members of India Delegation led by Hon'ble Minister for Science & Technology and HRD. Prof. Murali Mnohar Joshi to European Research 2002 cum workshop International Dimension of European Research Area. Brussels November 11-12-2002.
 4. Nominated to the Institute Body of Sree Chitra Tirumal Institute of Medical Science & Technology, Trivandrum.(For 5 Years).
 5. Indo –Brazil Join Meeting on Biotechnology Chair: Session Medical Biotechnology, Delhi 16th October,2002.
 6. Visiting Professor Indian Institute of Advanced Study-Shimla, June 3-11-2002.
 7. Delivered Vikram Sarabhai Memorial Lecture 2002 (Indian Council of Social Science Research), Perspective in Health Care: Role of Scientists, October 30,2002.
 8. Delivered the Fifth Dr. M.L. Bhatia Memorial Lecture :University Of Delhi: Information Processing in Human Brain. March, 2002.
 9. Delivered the Sixth Sir Ganga Ram Oration “ Future of Health Care: Challenges and Opportunities”.
 10. Invited to attend a workshop on Science and Technology Capacity Building globally. Asian Experience Beijing 4-5 April, 2002.
 11. Nominated Members of the committee appointed by the Hon'ble supreme court to assist the Medical Council of India.

I Would like to conclude on a personal note. Being the Secretary of the Society for 6 Years has been a tremendous experience. I have tried my best to justify the

confidence reposed in me by the members of the EC and the general body. There might have been occasions when there were shortcomings on my part. This was not done intentionally. I would like to thank all the members for the bouquets and brickbats. I will be failing in my duty if I do not particularly acknowledge the keen involvement in the society activities and support provided by my wife Vijayalakshmi due to which I have been able to function as secretary for the last 6 years. I wish the new team the very best in taking the society forwards.

K. Ganapathy
Hon. Secretary, NSI

Treasurer's Report

(presented at EC Meeting Kochi : December, 2002) Annexure II

Dear Colleagues,

I present to you the balance sheet of the NSI for the period 1-4-2002 to December 2002. This would be my last presentation as the treasurer of the NSI at an annual conference of the society though my last balance sheet would be presented during the mid-term EC meeting in May, 2003 at Chandigarh. I acknowledge with sincere thanks the support offered by each member of the EC in particular and the members of the NSI in general. With this support the coffers of the NSI have grown from mere 4.28 lacs in 1994 to 50.00 lacs in 2002—a remarkable achievement. The society now has enough finances to support almost all NSI Awards. There is no shortage of money for supporting the residents / Junior faculty for various academic purposes. The award amounts for various orations have also been handsomely raised. Time has come for us to put our minds together in order to work out methods for proper utilization of these funds.

I would like to end, saying that I really enjoyed my tenure as treasurer NSI and sincerely hope that I have been able to come upon your expectations. I may have appeared harsh on certain terms but I am sure I have been lenient on several matters – treating all members as

member of the "NSI family". My principle has been to safely guide the NSI to a healthy financial situation. with all your help, I think I have done it.

V.K. Khosla
Treasurer, NSI

Editor's Report

(Presented at EC Meeting Kochi:December,2002)Annexure III

Dear Friends,

Neurology India, the show windows of the progress of Neurological Sciences in India, has successfully completed 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee issue of our Journal to all those who had instrumental in making 'Neurology India' achieve height of excellence. Golden Jubilee of any event is an emotional moment, full of joy and fulfillment., and in case of Neurology India, this is not only for me, but also for earstwhile editors, contributions and above all the Neurological Society of India.

Neurology India', along with the Neurological society of India, has grow stronger with the passing of every year. It has show a steady and note-worthy progress in the quality of research published as well as the publication methodology. The full articles of the Journals are now available on internet in the 'pdf' format and the journal is indexed in MEDLINE and Index Medicus in addition to 8 other indexing avenues. The readership has expended beyond the boundaries of the country. The internet issue of the Journal has more than 700

hits per day, from all over the world. At this juncture, the sense of fulfillment is immense and desire to do better very strong.

The 4th issue i.e. December issue of Vol.50 of Neurology India is in the press and will be with you in the New year. During the 50th year of publication of Neurology India, editorials and “ view and review” depicting the present and future of progress of Neurology in India have been published. I am grateful to all those who spared precious hours to write these invited articles, some of which will have to be published in the vol. 51 by my successor. In the past 6 years, the number of pages of the journal have increased by 100% . There has been 50% increase in the number of articles submitted. The feathers in the cap of the journal have been multiplying. These has been definite trends of large number of articles being this back log can be taken care of in future. Going by the number of articles published in 2002, this number of 176 can be completed in one year.

Over the years, requests for publication have immensely increased making the task of editor difficult. The happiness of knowing that the journal is appreciated and sought after, is extreme. I look forward to seeing still better research published in the journal from young neuroscientists, bringing it at par with the western publications.

I am sure the new Editor will be able to multiply the growth rate achieved in the last years and continue the standards of regularity and academic contents, so that journal Neurology India, the soul of Neurological Society of India, does not get deindexed.

Thank you

S.Prabhkar
Editor, Neurology India

