

**Minutes of Executive Committee held on 15th December 2007 during the
56th Annual conference of Neurological Society of India at
Committee Room Jaypee Palace, Agra**

The meeting was attended by Dr. V.S. Mehta, Dr. B.K. Misra, Dr. B.S. Sharma, Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi, Dr. Atul Goel, Dr. K. Ganapathy, Dr. C.U. Velmurugendran, Dr. K. Bhattacharya, Dr. C.E. Deopujari, Dr. V. Rajsekhar, Dr. Chitra Sarkar

Special Invitees were Dr. Sarala Das, Dr. S.R. Dharker, Dr. P.N. Tandon, Dr. A.K. Banerji, Dr. S.N. Bhagwati, Dr. V.K. Kak

Dr. V.S. Mehta, President Neurological Society of India chaired the meeting .

2007/Dec EC/01 The meeting was called to order by the President

All the members stood for two minutes in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Prof. Jacob Chandy, Dr. Anil Desai and Dr. P.K. Mohan. The secretary was requested to send an appropriately worded condolence message on behalf of NSI to the bereaved families.

2007/Dec EC/02 The minutes of previous mid-term executive meeting held in committee room, Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra on 26th May 2007 was published in July 2007 newsletter. Since no objections have been received, the minutes were adopted. Proposed by Dr. K. Bhattacharya and seconded by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi.

2007/Dec EC/03 **Action taken on the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th-27th May 2007.**

A meeting was arranged for NSI executive members with NBE officials to discuss the curriculum of DNB Neurosurgery on 13.12.07 at NBE office, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Dr. K. Ganapathy arranged Ramamurthi oration to be delivered by Sh. N. Ram. NSI did bid for AANS Congress 2011.

Dr. Atul Goel was informed to publish abstracts of platform presentations of Annual NSI Conference in a supplement issue of Neurology India. A supplement of Neurology India on fungal infection of CNS was published.

The NSI has 100% Income Tax exemption till 2009 and the members were requested for generous donation to the society.

The disclosure of conflict of interest was included by authors in Neurology India/presentation of papers in NSI meeting and an appeal was made in the newsletter and at conference venue to discourage the issue of taking favours from any medical company individually. A public lecture was organized on brain attack during NSI meeting in Agra.

Audited statement of Madurai NSI Conference was received.

2007/Dec EC/04 ***The Secretary's Report*** - (Annexure I) was presented by Dr. B.S. Sharma.

Few members pointed out that newsletter has not been received. Secretary stated that it has been dispatched to all the members in time. The report was adopted proposed by Dr. C.U. Velmurugendran and seconded by Dr. B.K. Misra.

2007/Dec EC/05 ***Training in Neurosciences*** -

The discussion held in the meeting held with National Board of Examination officials on 13th Dec. 2007 were informed (Annexure II).

There was a discussion on course requirement/ curriculum for DM/M.Ch. vis-à-vis DNB. The MCh. Curriculum has been discussed and is almost final. DM curriculum is not ready.

Dr. A.K. Banerji suggested that only objectives of training rather than focus on curriculum /

syllabus should be finalized. This entails framework of teaching and skill learning at end of every year of training. A copy of objectives of M.Ch/ DNB course may be sent to MCI. This will include suggestions made by Dr. V.G. Ramesh.

Prof. P.N. Tandon informed that 6 yr. M.Ch course has been approved in principle by MCI and file has been with the health ministry who should issue a letter shortly.

- 2007/Dec EC/06** **Oration** - Dr. V.S. Mehta suggested that "Orator" may be suggested by any life member of NSI in a proforma but the name will be finalized by already existing 3 member committee (current and past two presidents) The committee may include any other name which they think suitable. For 2008, Chandy Oration and Baldev Singh oration are to be finalized. One of the two orations should be given to people outside neurosciences.
- 2007/Dec EC/07** **Symposia** - for Pune 2008 NSI conference.
- Neurology** - Dr. C.U. Velmurugendran along with Dr. K. Srinivas will be the convenor - Topic to be decided by Dr. C.U. Velmurugendran.
- Neurosurgery** - Dr. B.K. Misra will be the convenor for symposium on "Complications in Neurosurgery their prevention and management".
- For 2008 the neurosurgery symposia will be named as 'Tandon symposium' to mark Prof. P. N. Tandon's 80th year.
- 2007/Dec EC/08** **2008 NSI Conference** - Dr. S. P. Gorthi, Organising Secretary agreed to keep the delegate registration fee the same as Agra NSI conference, and delete the fee for breakfast session. Early bird registration date is extended upto 31.3.2008.
- 2007/Dec EC/09** **2009 NSI Conference** - Bid for NSI 2009 from Chandigarh, Lucknow, Jaipur and Hyderabad were discussed and it was allotted to Lucknow with Dr. Raj Kumar as Organising Secretary for the conference.
- 2007/Dec EC/10** **Eligibility for EC Member** -
- A. Most members did not agree to the suggestion made by Dr. C. E. Deopujari that to become eligible to contest for the post of Organizing Secretary/ President elect the candidate should have served a term as EC member.
- B. Requirement of attendance of two out of last five conferences to contest for EC office bearer post was agreed by all the members. This will be put in GBM for constitutional amendment.
- 2007/Dec EC/11** **Honorary Life Membership** - The issue of life membership to Prof. Mark Hallett proposed by Dr. K. Bhattacharya was discussed and it was not agreed. The prerequisite for such an honour is that he should have contributed significantly in the development of Neurosciences in India.
- 2007/Dec EC/12** **Col. M. L. Suri Award** - Following discussion with his family Col. Suri award so far given for best paper in cost effective treatment in Neurology will now be given to best paper in Neurosciences and not Neurology.
- 2007/Dec EC/13** **Joint Conferences** - Dr. B.K. Misra informed that the German Neurosurgical Society could not organize a combined meeting with NSI, but NSI will hold combined meetings with British Neurosurgery Society and CNS who will encourage participation of young neurosurgeons by providing travel fellowships.
- 2007/Dec EC/14** **AANS Bid** - Dr. V.P. Singh's letter indicating reasons of losing bid for AANS were discussed. It was pointed out that privilege of voting for WFNS/AANS should be clearly defined and

unauthorized voting should not occur in future. Authorization of voting should be done by Secretary NSI in consultation with President, if for any reason the nominated member by EC is unable to attend.

2007/Dec EC/15 **WFNS Symposium** - Will be held on 10th -12th May 2008 under NSI banner, in Goa.

2007Dec EC/16 **Treasurer's Report** - (Annexure III)- was presented by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi.

36 new life members and 33 associate members were enrolled this year.

Treasurer presented (provisional) audited statement of the NSI. Audited account of Madurai Conference has been submitted to treasurer. Excess money of Rs. 2,32,000 was used to purchase 2 microscopes for the department which have been confirmed.

Rs. 3 lacs may be given to Dr. S. P. Gorthi, Organising Secretary Pune as an advance.

Report adopted Proposed by Dr. Atul Goel and seconded by Dr. V. Rajsekhar.

2007/Dec EC/17 **CME Convenor's report** - (Annexure IV) was presented by Dr. V. Rajskehar. EC authorized

CME convenor to get 1000 books printed next year to reduce the cost of book. It was decided that publisher may sell extra books in open market/libraries provided 20%(to be negotiated) royalty is paid to NSI. However, the copyright will stay with NSI.

Dr. A.K. Banerji suggested two hours of CME session everyday during conference but because of difficult logistics it was not agreed. CME morning (common) session will include 3 lectures on basic neurosciences. It was adopted proposed by Dr. Ravi Ramamurthi and seconded by Dr. Atul Goel.

2007/Dec EC/18 **Editor's Report** - (Annexure V) was read by Dr. Atul Goel. The impact factor of "Neurology India" has increased to .63.

Dr. Goel informed that 70% articles being published are from India.

Prof. P.N. Tandon suggested that Indian references should be cited by authors.

A letter written by Dr. Prabhakar regarding no response to an article sent by a very senior professor and member was read. Dr. Goel mentioned that he will write a letter to Dr. Prabhakar and clarify. It was adopted proposed by Dr. K. Bhattacharya and seconded by Dr. Chitra Sarkar.

2007/Dec EC/19 **Webmaster's Report** - (Annexure VI) was read by Dr. Rajsekhar. The NSI website has been updated. It was adopted proposed by Dr. B.S. Sharma and Dr. K. Ganapathy.

The next mid term EC meeting dates will be decided and communicated by Dr. B.K. Misra.

EC appreciated efforts, arrangements and excellent conduct of this conference and congratulated Dr. R.C. Mishra.

The meeting concluded with thanks to chair.