



**MINUTES OF NSI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 AT NIMHANS CONVENTION CENTRE, BANGALORE**

The meeting was attended by Dr. V. K. Jain, Dr. K. E. Turel, Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Dr. C. E. Deopujari, Dr. S. K. Prabhakar, Dr. Deepu Banerji, Dr. R. C. Mishra, Dr. Apoorva Pauranik, Dr. Sarla Das (Past President)  
Apologies: Dr. J M K Murthy

**2011/Dec/EC/01** The meeting was called to order by the President

**2011/Dec/EC/02 *Secretary's report*** and action taken on minutes of last executive committee meeting. No action required.

**2011/Dec/EC/02A *Amendments to the Constitution and Byelaws*** - Notices have been circulated for amendments to the Constitution and Byelaws in the June 2011 Newsletter and put up on the NSI website since June 2011.

Two letters were received with suggestions for changes.

Dr. V. G. Ramesh from Chennai wrote regarding regional representation in the EC and also abolition of discipline based representation in the EC.

Dr. B. Damany from Mumbai wrote regarding the quorum requirements for General Body meetings and also on other matters.

Both these letters were discussed in detail as documented below.

After incorporating some of the suggestions of Dr. Damany the Amendments to the Constitution and Byelaws were passed by the EC.

**2011/Dec/EC/03 *Treasurer's Report*** was presented by Dr. Deopujari.

1. The audited statement of accounts of the Society was presented.

2. Treasurer informed that he has received two audited statement of accounts from Dr. Bagaria for the Jaipur Conference one dated 31<sup>st</sup> July and another 11<sup>th</sup> July, both of which have been signed by the same auditors. However, there is a difference in the accounts in the two audited reports.

EC decided to send a letter to Dr. Bagaria asking him to clarify which of the two statements should be considered as the final one as the NSI auditor has sought this clarification before finalizing the NSI accounts.

Treasurer informed that Dr. Umesh T is a defaulter for more than five years as he has not paid his membership dues. The Executive Committee resolved to accept forfeiture of Rs. 855 due from Dr. Umesh T as membership fees.

**3. New Members** after last GB meeting (December 19, 2010 up to December 12, 2011):

New Members = 96 (19 Dec to 7 May , 2011) + 51 (May 8 to Dec 12, 2011) = 147

NSI Life Members - 55 + 34 = 89

Neurosurgeons = 49 + 26 = 75

Neurologists = 5 + 4 = 9

Allied = 1 + 4 = 5 (1 Pathologist, 2 Anesthesiologist, 2 Radiologist):

Fees Received (after 1 April 2011) = Rs 3,84,230

NSI Associate Members = 41 + 17 = 58

Membership Fees Received: 22,600+ 94,680 = Rs 1,17,280



#### 4. Major Expenditure

- a. Contribution given to CME book Rs 402486 + Rs 1,00,000 = Rs 5,02486 (Byword books).
- b. Contribution to Neurology India Rs 4,00, 000 + Rs 3, 00, 000 = Rs 7 Lacs
- c. Contribution to Neurocon 2011 Banaglore conf. Rs 3,00,000.
- d. Contribution to Neurocon 2012 Delhi conf. Rs 3,00,000.
- e. Subscription fees WFNS World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies - Membership fees for 968 NSI members  
968X USD 8 = USD 7744 + USD 35 bank charges = INR 3,51, 445
- f. Subscription fees to World Federation of Neuropathology = Rs 32, 553
- g. Money paid for orations (Jaipur Conference 2010):

Dr. P David Adelson	Rs 30850
Dr. Laligam Shekhar	Rs 30850
Total	Rs 61700

- h. Travelling Fellowship Paid to Residents and Young Neurosurgeons (after Jaipur conference):

Sr. No.	Name	Amount	Department
1	Dr N Saravanan	Rs 4000	Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3
2	Dr K Prabhuraman	Rs 4000	Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3
3	Dr M Manoranjitha	Rs 4000	Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3
4	Dr B Rohit	Rs 4000	Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3
5	Dr s. Jothikumar	Rs 4000	Department of Neurosurgery, Madras Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College, Chennai - 3
6	Dr Anshul A Bagdia	Rs 4000	Department of neurosurgery, PD Hinduja Natinal Hospital, Mahim, Mumbai -16
7	Dr Goutham Cugati	Rs 3858	Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai
8	Dr Gowtham Devareddy	Rs 3858	Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai
9	Dr Hari Nivas	Rs 3858	Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai
10	Dr Pradeep Kumar Jain N	Rs 3858	Dept. of Neurosurgery, ALNC, Taramani, Chennai
11	Dr Mohamed Abith Ali	Rs 4935	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Govt. Stanley Medical College, Chennai
12	Dr Rajkumar Gandhi	Rs 4935	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Govt. Stanley Medical College, Chennai
13	Dr K Sivakumar	Rs 5012	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai



14	Dr Prem Prakash	Rs 4062	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai
15	Dr S Balamurugan	Rs 4062	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai
16	Dr Rajkumar Gandhi	Rs 4676	Neurosurgery, Govt. Stanley Hospital, Chennai
17	Dr Rohitkumar Singh	Rs 6000	Neurosurgery, SGPGIMS, Lucknow
	Total	Rs 73114	

i. Nurses travelling fellowships :

1	Neuro-nurse	Mrs Pragati Desai	Rs 1500	Bombay Hospital, Mumbai
2	Neuro-nurse	Mrs Mansi Chodnekar	Rs 1500	Bombay Hospital, Mumbai
3	Neuro-nurse	Dr Angela Gnanadurai	Rs 7240	Principal, CSI Nursing College, Kerala
		Total	Rs 10240	

j. Awards at Jaipur Neurocon 2010:

1	Dr Savitr Sastri	Rs 5000
2	Dr Theresa Maria Ferreria	Rs 5000
3	Dr Mazda Keki Turel	Rs 5000
4	Dr Arva Zhagav A	Rs 5000
5	Dr Theresa Maria Ferreria	Rs 5000
6	Dr Ipe V George	Rs 5000
7	Dr Shayna Dattani	Rs 5000
	Total	Rs. 35000

k. Contribution to Nurses Conferences:

1	Jaipur - 2010	Society of Indian Neuroscience Nurses	Rs. 10000
2	Bangalore - 2011	Marie Clarie, Organizing Secretary, SINNCON 11	Rs. 10000

- l. Paid Salaries Rs 22,500 to Treasurer's secretary
- m. Paid to Executive Committee members for EC meeting = Rs 1,38,176 (Bangalore May 2011 & Delhi, Nov. 2011)
- n. Paid to Professional charges to chartered accountant: Mr O P Mishra, Mr Nishit Doshi and A J Shah = Rs 26,258
- o. Pending expenses for Byword Books Private Ltd = 4,26,473, Tax filing - Invoice waiting, Accountant fees - Invoice Waiting, Auditor fees - Invoice Waiting and NSI Election expenses to Dr Turel = approximate amt. Rs 41,000
- p. Book keeping and other matters related to finance



## 6. NSI Bank Accounts

- a. HDFC (opened mainly for payment gateway)

Current Balance: Rs 1,13,094

- b. IOB (BH extn Marine lines)

Current balance: 16,29,864

- c. Secretary A/C in Vellore,

- d. Neurology India A/C in Hyderabad,

- e. SBI, New Delhi

## 7. Investments

1. FD in HDFC account Rs 10,00,000 (Rs. Ten lakhs) - expires on 18/04/2013 (DOC 2/4/2011)
2. Deposit Investment in HDFC (Rs. 15 lakhs, reinvested as Rs 16,72,661)
3. RBI Bonds and remaining amount and FDs (C/o Mr O P Mishra, Delhi)  
Rs. 10,00,000 (Rs Ten lakhs), expires on 05/01/2012  
Rs.10,00,000 (Rs Ten lakhs), expires on 17/12/2013  
Rs. 5,00,000 (Rs. Five lakhs), expires on 04/09/2014
4. FDs in Indian Overseas Bank (IOB, Mumbai) from RBI Bonds.  
Rs. 50,00,000 (Rs. Fifty lakhs) expires on 10/11/2012 (DOC 28/2/2011)  
Rs. 10,00,000 (Rs. Ten lakhs) expires on 10/11/2012 (DOC 28/02/2011)

**Honorarium for Orators:** EC has decided to increase the honorarium for Orators from Rs. 30,000 to USD 1000 (equivalent INR) from the year 2012.

**Cash prizes for awards:** EC has decided to increase the cash prize for Award Winners from Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000 from the year 2012.

## Annual approval of accounts by EC

Since TDS certificates are only available by 31<sup>st</sup> July, after the mid term EC meeting, electronic approval of the accounts by the EC is necessary before the audited accounts can be submitted to the Income Tax authorities.

This was approved by the EC.

**2010/Dec/EC/04 Editor's Report** was sent by Dr. J.M.K. Murthy and presented by Dr. Rajshekhar in his absence.

## Performance

The journal performance indices have further improved for the year 2011. During this year as on 13-12.2011 the number of submissions was 1081. The number of days taken by the reviewers for the initial review was 12.50 days (range 0 - 47 days). Days taken from first submission to acceptance were 50.95 days (range 0 - 157 days) and the days taken from acceptance to publication were 69.46 days (range 8 - 152 days). Of the 1081 submissions, 192 (18%) articles have been accepted and another 68 (6%) article are under review, this includes articles with the reviewers and the articles under revision with the authors.



All the issues in this year were on the journal website well in time and the November - December issue will be on the journal website within another 10 days. In this year we have published 302 articles including the articles in the November - December issue. The details are given in the Appendix 1.

The impact factor has improved and is 0.834 for the year 2009, the year in which I have taken over as Editor. From the citations available for the articles published in the 2010 volume, it appears that we may improve the impact factor further and it may reach 1.

### **Change of Publishing Company**

Dr D K Sahu the present CEO of Medknow Publications informs that there will be change of management of Medknow Publications from January 2012 and it will be **Wolters Kluwer**, a leading global information provider (Appendix 2). There will be no changes in the terms and conditions under which we had MoU with Medknow. The advantages with this new set up will be as follows

- Wolters Kluwer is a leading global information provider. It publishes many medical and other science journals and also medical and science books. This makes the visibility of Neurology India much wide.
- The number of citations of the articles published in Neurology India will likely increase and thus the impact factor may also go up.

People from the new publishing house are likely to have a meeting with me. Once I have the full details, I will present the same to the EC.

### **Finances**

This year we could manage the finances well with minimal assistance from the Society, Rs. 400,000. We could generate Rs. 1,029,644 from the advertisements and subscriptions till the fifth issue of the journal. I am certain we will be in a position to pay the amount for the November - December 2011 issue without the assistance of the Society.

I thank the members of the Executive Committee for their unstinted support and the free hand given to me to develop the journal. I also thank the reviewers for their prompt reviews and sticking to the time schedules. The quality of the articles being submitted to the journal is steadily improving and I am sure the journal will have a bright future with good impact factor.

**2011/Dec/EC/05 CME Convener's Report** was presented by Dr. Deepu Banerji.

We would like to thank the EC for extending support to the CME. Apart from selling the books we need to make it a reference book.

EC accepted to have the CME Theme Subjects on the cover of the issue with the volume number in the inside cover. This was done to avoid libraries asking for all the volumes when the publisher tries to sell the CME books to libraries. Libraries do not like to buy individual volumes of books but would like to have the whole series. Since we do not have access to all the CME volumes, it is better to present each volume as an independent book rather than part of a series.

### **2011/Dec/EC/06 Webmaster's Report**

Dr. Rajshekhar presented the report. We were able to have the online submission and review this year. We were also able to send each presenter's date and time of presentation to their email address.



The e-voting module is ready but we have not tried it this time because of the email problems. If e-voting is going to be made mandatory then the e-voting module should be tried out in the next few months.

We need to discuss with the vendor regarding the creation of the payment gateway as there has been a delay on their part in getting this function started on our website..

**Sponsorship:** The EC decided to approve sponsorship for the NSI website. All sponsorship proposals will be screened by EC. The Secretary can look into this matter and present such proposals to EC in the midterm meeting of May/June every year. The final decision on the form of sponsorship and its content will be taken by EC. In principle, only company logo will be allowed without any other advertisement of their products. However, link to the company website may be provided.

Dr. Sarat Chandra, AIIMS will be taking charge as Webmaster. Dr. Rajshekhar informed that he is willing to cover for a year just to provide overlap and give guidance.

2011/Dec/EC/07 Education Cell Report

Dr. Deopujari, Convener presented the Education Cell Report.

**1. Educational Course:** He said the first program is going to be held in February at Mumbai. This program is going to be sponsored by Sun Pharma. Sun Pharma will donate the needed money to NSI and NSI Education Cell will coordinate the payments to the Faculty and attendees.

A total of 19 candidates have applied for the instructional course and this number is likely to increase. There will be two courses per year.

The Second course is going to be held in the month of August at Vellore.

The question bank for the first course will be a theory paper of 10 short notes.

For the first program there will be a six faculty from outside who will be giving two lectures each and 12 local faculty who will each give one lecture.

**2. Microsurgery program:** 10 candidates will be offered free training in the Ethicon microsurgery labs in Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai. The candidates will be selected from those attending the Educational Course. These courses will be held at regular intervals of once in two months or as needed depending on the interest of the candidates.

**3. Fellowship program:**

Centers of excellence in Neurosurgery, which are willing to accommodate fellows for a period of 2 weeks to 2 months, will be identified. The eligibility for the fellowship program will be within 5 years after M.Ch/DNB and the upper age limit will be 40 years.

**4. Liaison Committee for Education:** It was decided to form a Liaison Committee who should interact with MCI and National Board. The term will for a period of two years.

Neurology - Dr. A. Pauranik who may co-opt two other members. Proposed by Dr. Deepu Banerjee and Seconded by Dr. Deopujari.

Neurosurgery - Dr. V. S. Mehta, Dr. V. K. Jain, Dr. V. Rajshekhar. Proposed by Dr. Deopujari and Seconded by Dr. RC Mishra



### **2011/Dec/EC/08 Result of elections**

Dr. K E Turel, Returning Officer reported that 397 ballot papers were received and 77 were returned mentioning wrong address. There were 17 invalid ballot papers. 20 ballot papers were received in Mumbai on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and could not be included in the counting.

The following were declared elected

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. President (Elect)         | Dr. C E Deopujari   |
| 2. Treasurer                 | Dr. Deepu Banerjee  |
| 3. Secretary                 | Dr. R C Mishra  |
| 4. EC Members (Neurosurgery) | Dr. Sarat Chandra<br>Dr. Manas Panigrahi<br>Dr. V P Singh |
| 5. EC Members (Neurology)    | Dr. Muralidharan Nair<br>Dr. A. Pangariya                 |
| 6. Allied Neurosciences      | Dr. Vani Santhosh   |
- Dr. V P Singh was nominated as CME Convener (Neurosurgery) and  
Dr. Muralidharan Nair as Co-convener (Neurology).

### **2011/Dec/EC/09 2014 Conference bids**

There was only one bid from Coimbatore which came before the closing date. The Coimbatore Neuro Club has submitted the bid with Dr. V Rajesh Babu as the Organising Secretary. The bid is in order with letter from CNC President and Secretary. The EC accepted this bid subject to a meeting of the organizers with the President and Secretary.

### **2011/Dec/EC/10 WFNS (I) Trust audited accounts and report for the financial year 2010-11**

The audited accounts and reports as sent by Dr. A. K. Banerji are reproduced below.

#### **Brief resume of activities during the year -2011**

##### **A. Financial assistance to participants for inland conferences:**

All 15 Neurosurgeons who were full associate members of the Neurological Society of India who applied for financial assistance and fulfilled criteria for support were provided financial assistance, as shown in annexure -1.

##### **B. Organizing seminars/ workshops:**

One Neurosurgeon was given financial assistance, for organizing seminar/ workshop, as shown in annexure-II. WFNS (I) Trust has given a loan of Rs. 01 Lakh to Dr. Deepak Gupta, Organizer of Neuropedicon 2012, New Delhi.

##### **C. Overseas Training:**

Five Neurosurgeons were provided financial assistance for attending conference abroad, as shown in annexure- III





**D. Attending Overseas Conference:**

Twelve Neurosurgeons were provided financial assistance for attending conferences abroad, as shown in annexure -IV

**E. Financial assistance for advanced training in India to Neurosurgeons from abroad:**

Four Neurosurgeons from abroad were provided financial assistance for advanced training in India, as shown in annexure -V

**F. Further programmes:**

Some programmes for the coming year are in a preparatory stage. Apart from these, fresh proposals are welcome.

**G. Finances.**

Our yearly earning is approximately Rs 7.42 lacs from our investments which are spent on ongoing programmes. We propose to increase the quantum of grants in the future.

We have an investment now of Rs. 49.35 lacs in 8% taxable RBI Bonds. In addition a sum of Rs 37.53 lacs are in F.D.'s in scheduled banks i.e. PNB and Bank of Baroda. We have received 01 Lakh as donation from Professor R.C. Misra from Agra, and, Rs. 1 Lakh as donation from Dr. H. Bagaria, Organizing Secretary, who organized annual NSI conference at Jaipur. Our Audit report for financial year 2010-2011 has already been circulated.

H. The earlier problem, we had with the income tax authorities regarding out not taking prior permission for accumulating savings which was resolved at the level of the I.T. Tribunal in our favour has been revived, as the IT authorities have appealed in the Delhi High Court as I informed you last year. We are taking appropriate legal steps.

I thank you all for the co-operation extended to me and look forward to your continued support, advice and help in future.

Finally, I look forward to your valued suggestions and advice.

**Year 2011  
Annexure -1  
Financial Assistance for attending Inland Conferences/ Workshops**

Sr. No.	Name	Amount in Rupees	Financial Assistance for attending
1.	Dr. M.V. Vijaya Shekhar	8000	Micro-neurosurgical training, AIIMS, New Delhi
2.	Dr. M. Kodeeswaran	4500	Neuro update Jaipur
3.	Dr. Vidhaya Narasimahan	7500	Neurosurgery Skull Base Training Workshop, AIIMS, New Delhi
4.	Dr. Rakesh Gupta	4500	Ginde Oration and Workshop Bombay Hospital, Mumbai
5.	Dr. Arshad Ghani Siddique	5000	_____do_____





6.	Dr. Mozdak Turel	6000	Neurospine 2011, Bangalore
7.	Dr. Raj Kumar Gandhi	6000	Neurospine 2011, Bangalore
8.	Dr. Ashish Suri	9000	ISPN, 2011, Goa
9.	Dr. George C. Villanilam	8500	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Skull Base Surgery, Vellore
10.	Dr. Deepak Agrawal	6000	ISPN, 2011, Goa
11.	Dr. P. Sarat Chandra	9000	_____do_____
12.	Dr. Yashpal Singh Rathore	9000	_____do_____
13.	Dr. Avijit Sarkaria	9000	_____do_____
14.	Dr. Jayanand Sudhir	5000	ISCVS, New Delhi
15.	Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh	9000	ISPN, GOA
	<b>Total</b>	<b>106000</b>	

Year 2011

Annexure -II

Financial Assistance for Organizing Conferences/ Workshops

Sr. No.	Name of Conference, Seminars and Workshop	Amount paid in Rupees
1	AIIMS Neurosurgeons skills training workshop	25000
2	Neuropedicon, 2012, AIIMS (returnable loan)	100000

Year 2011

Annexure -III

Financial Assistance for Training Abroad

Sr. No.	Name	Name of Training and Country	Amount paid in Rupees
1.	Dr. Nupur Pruthi	Training in Skull Base Surgery	15000
2.	Dr. Sumit Sinha	Brazil	18000
3	Dr. Deepak Agrawal	Spine Fellowship, Switzerland	18000
4	Dr. Aliasgar V. Moiyadi	Training in Neuro-oncology, Italy	20000
5	Dr. Krishna Prasad M	Training in Skull Base Surgery, USA	15000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>86,000</b>



**Year 2011**  
**Annexure -IV**  
**Financial Assistance for attending Conferences Abroad**

Sr. No.	Name	Name of Conference and Country	Amount Paid in Rupees
1.	Dr. Arivazhagan NA	8 <sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Neurological Surgery, 2010, Kuala Lumpur	15000
2	Dr. Aniruddha T.J	_____do_____	15000
3	Dr. Savitr Sastri BV	_____do_____	15000
4	Dr. Aniruddha A Kulkarni	_____do_____	15000
5	Dr. KVL Narasinga Rao	_____do_____	10000
6	Dr. George C. Villanilam	_____do_____	15000
7	Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh	Global Spine Congress, 2011, Spain	7500
8	Dr. Aliasgar V. Moiyadi	International Symposium on Clinical and Basic on Gliomas, Spain	10000
9	Dr. P Sarat Chandra	ILAE, Rome, Italy	20000
10	Dr. Deepak Kumar Gupta	CNS Meeting, Washington, USA	20000
11	Dr. Hariprakash Chakravarthi	EANS Meet, Rome, Italy	15000
12	Dr. Krishna Prasad M	2011, CNS Annual Meeting, Washington, USA	10000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,67,500</b>

**Year 2011**  
**Annexure -V**  
**Financial Assistance to Non-Indian for training in India from Abroad**

Sr. No.	Name	Particular	Amount in Rupees
1.	Dr. K S R Pushpa kumara, Sri Lanka	4 <sup>th</sup> Neurosurgery Skills Training Workshop, AIIMS, New Delhi	11500
2	Dr. Stravinsky Parera, Sri Lanka	_____do_____	11500
3	Dr. Mostafa Taufiq Ahmed, Bangladesh	Fellowship Training, KEM Hospital and Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai	15000
4	Dr. Nilam Kumar Khadka, Nepal	Neurosurgery Skills Training Workshop, AIIMS, New Delhi	11500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>49,500</b>



### **2011/Dec/EC/11 Joint meeting with *German Society of Neurosurgery in Delhi, 2012***

We have informally invited the German Society of Neurosurgery to partner us in the 2012 Conference in Delhi. The final decision would be known in the coming weeks. This proposal is approved by the EC. The EC suggested that about 10 to 15 German Neurosurgeons be offered complimentary registration and accommodation and expect that this gesture is reciprocated by the German Society when NSI is invited to be a partner in their scientific meeting.

### **2011/Dec/EC/12 *Symposia for 2012 conference in Delhi***

The EC discussed the proposals for the symposia for the Annual Conference in December 2012 and decided on the following:

Neurosurgery - Craniovertebral Junction by Dr. P Sarat Chandra, AIIMS, Delhi

Neurology - Epilepsy border zones for a Neurologist and a Neurosurgeon by Dr. Manjari Tripathi

Critical appraisal of medical literature by Col. Shankar Prasad Gorthi is considered for Common Session (Morning) of the CME rather than a parallel symposium.

### **2011/Dec/EC/13 *Letter from Dr. R. C. Mishra - E-Voting from 2012***

Dr. R C Mishra presented his proposal to go for e-voting from 2012 onwards.

EC has in principle accepted his proposal and it informed that each and every member should have an email address which is available with the Society on its database.

It is also decided that all communications between the Society Officers and the members will be electronic from 2012 onwards. **Hence there will be no paper newsletter after the January 2012 Newsletter. A notice to this effect will be printed in the January Newsletter.**

### **2011/Dec/EC/13A *Letter from Dr. R. C. Mishra regarding E-Office and Audio recording of EC meetings***

Dr. R C Mishra presented his proposal to have audio recording of EC meetings and maintain an e-office for NSI on contract basis and outsourcing of secretarial staff. The EC suggested that bids be obtained from multiple vendors for the same.

This was accepted in principle and he was requested to send a mail regarding this to all EC members so that it can be decided on the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **2011/Dec/EC/14 *Letter from Dr. V. G. Ramesh - regarding Executive Committee Members categories and regional representation***

Dr. V. G. Ramesh, Chennai wants NSI to have regional representation in the Executive Committee. He would like to bring an amendment to the by-law so that EC will have one member representing each of the 5 Zones of India, namely, North Zone, Central Zone, East Zone, West Zone and South Zone.

The EC discussed this and felt that this was not a good idea as it will not lead to getting the best available candidates from contesting for the EC posts, irrespective of their place of residence anywhere in India.

If Dr. Ramesh felt strongly about it, he could send the same suggestion as an amendment to the Constitution and it can be taken up in the next General Body meeting.



**2011/Dec/EC/14A Letter from Dr. V. G. Ramesh - starting sub-speciality sections of NSI**

Dr. V G Ramesh presented his proposal to start sub-speciality sections, so that the separate subspeciality associations may be merged with the sub-speciality sections of NSI.

The EC discussed this proposal and felt that it will not be possible to merge sub-speciality societies with NSI without their cooperation. Even with their cooperation, this may not be possible as some of these sub-speciality societies (eg. Skull Base Society) have members from other disciplines such as ENT surgeons and they will not be eligible to become members of NSI.

**2011/Dec/EC/14B Letter from Dr. V. G. Ramesh - to prohibit NSI life members from becoming members of any parallel society**

The EC has taken note of the concern that was raised by Dr. V G Ramesh. However, it was felt that since there are already several sub-speciality societies which have membership from NSI members, it was difficult to prohibit NSI members from becoming members of other parallel societies that may come up in future.

**2011/Dec/EC/15 Presentation by Organising Secretary of 2013 Conference**

Dr. Suresh Sankhla, Organising Secretary, Neurocon 2013 Conference presented the features of the forth coming 2013 conference to be held at Mumbai. The venue will be the National Centre for Performing Arts at Nariman Point. He informed the EC that there are adequate number of hotels in the vicinity of the venue to accommodate members with different budgets.

The dates for the conference will be December 12<sup>th</sup> - 15, 2013. The registration fees for the conference will be same as Delhi 2012 conference.

**2011/Dec/EC/16 Letter from Dr. Suresh Sankhla - Dates for the EC Meeting in Mumbai**

Dr. Suresh Sankhar requested EC members to plan for Executive Committee meeting in Mumbai in April 2012 as they have their annual meeting of the Bombay Neurosciences Association for the same weekend.

This request was accepted by the Executive Committee and the date for the inspection will be April 21<sup>st</sup> 2012.

**2011/Dec/EC/16A Joint meeting of NSI with the "Pan-Arabic Society of Neurosurgery" in Mumbai 2013**

Dr. Suresh Sankhla informed the EC that there is a possibility of having a joint meeting of NSI with the Pan-Arabic Society of Neurosurgery in 2013 in Mumbai. He is touch with the office bearers of the Pan-Arabic Society in this matter and would keep the EC informed about the progress.

This request was accepted by the Executive Committee.

The issue of free accommodation and registration for the Pan Arabic Society members will be finalized in the EC meeting to be held in December 2012 at Delhi.

**2011/Dec/EC/17 Organising the 6<sup>th</sup> Biannual Meeting of World NeuroEndoscopy Association - letter from Dr. C. E. Deopujari**

Dr. C. E. Deopujari presented his proposal to organize the 6<sup>th</sup> Biannual meeting of the World NeuroEndoscopy Association to be held in Mumbai in 2013.



The EC has given permission to organize the meeting after the NSI Annual Conference.

**2011/Dec/EC/18 Letter from Dr. M K Tewari regarding archives of Neurology India**

Dr. Tewari informed the EC that in spite of several reminders from him the archives section of Neurology India on the Journal website has several missing pages especially for the year 2002.

The EC has taken note of this information and requested Dr. Murthy to work with the publishers to correct this deficiency as soon as possible.

**2011/Dec/EC/19 Letter from Dr. B J Damany regarding the proposed amendments to the constitution/byelaws of the NSI**

Dr. Damany made some suggestions to be incorporated in the Constitution and Byelaws especially pertaining to quorum for the General Body meeting as this was not constitutional. Most of his suggestions were already incorporated in the amended Constitution and Byelaws and some were changed as suggested by him. These will be presented to the General Body.

**2011/Dec/EC/20 Chairperson of the Oration and Award Papers - letter from Dr. S. K. Prabhakar**

Dr. Prabhakar suggested that Senior Members of the Society should be given priority to be Chairpersons for Orations and Award Papers. This was approved by EC and the following changes were accepted:

Award Papers	:	President Elect and Senior Member
Presidential Oration	:	President Elect and Past President
Orations	:	Senior Members

**2011/Dec/EC/21 Appreciation of the Bangalore Conference Organizers**

The EC places on record its gratitude to Dr. Sampath, Organizing Secretary for organizing an excellent meeting.

**2011/Dec/EC/22 Presentation by Dr. Shekhar Kurpad, CNS and AASAN**

Dr. Shekhar Kurpad, EC Member of CNS and EC Officer of AASAN (Secretary) made a presentation regarding the benefits of International Active Membership of CNS. He informed the EC that CNS has proposed some amendments in their Constitution and Byelaws which will allow International Active Members to be part of the Executive Committee of CNS. He sought the views of the EC regarding the interest of Indian neurosurgeons in such a membership. The EC informed him that some NSI members may be interested in International Active Membership although the high annual fees and mandatory attendance at a CNS annual meeting every 3 years will be a deterrent. Dr. Kurpad said that he will take the concerns of the EC to the next CNS EC meeting to be held at January in Chicago. Dr. Kurpad informed the EC that the annual membership fees for full time academic neurosurgeons in India may also be reduced.

The President brought the meeting to a close.