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# Newsletter



Faculty at the First NSI Super Specialty CME, 1st & 2nd July 2016, Coorg

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# President's Message

Dear members, friends, colleagues and guests

This December 2016, we are coming to Chennai, the historical and capital city of state of Tamilnadu. This city is not only witness to inception of Neurological Society of India but having great impact on the growth of Neuro Science and its expansion. You name a thing in Neurological care, the roots become visible in Tamilnadu. It is very much proud moment for us to assemble in the city of Chennai erstwhile Madras.



This is also cultural capital of Southern India. It keeps nation's conscience wrapped in Tamil Heritage. And from December 15 to 18 2016 we all will be privileged to experience 4 days extravanga in this very city.

The Scientific programme is enriched with presence of Luminaries in the field of Neuro Sciences from India and abroad. We have distinguished orators, Guest speakers from across the globe from east to west, to far west. British Neurosurgical Society is our guest society this year. You all will have opportunity to this unique synthesis of Scientific programme all through the meeting. The high impact CME, Orations, Special lecture, Topic based morning symposia, Video seasons, Pre conference workshop and Simulation courses are the important highlights. Our flagship programme of Award papers in platform presentation and poster category is as usual on board. We are committed to provide wider platform for maximum members to be the part of rich and contemporary scientific deliberations.

Our Chairman Scientific Committee, Dr Deepu Banerjee's niche in Scientific Programme will be distinctly visible. The incisive and watchful Secretary Dr. V P Singh will lead the show. Above all the large hearted Dr. K Sridhar organizing secretary with his enthusiastic team is committed to raise the bar for coming NSICONS.

Please mark your calendar and make this meeting at Chennai a memorable mile stone in the journey of Neurological Society of India.

We invite you to this mega event, having high standard academic feast punctuated by exposition of local heritage and famous South Indian Gourmet.

There is every chance of extending your South sojourn by incorporating nearby several tourist places into your academic engagement. Don't miss the chance.

Welcome to Chennai.

**Dr. R C Mishra**

**President Neurological Society of India**

## **Congratulations**

**Dr Basant K Misra** has been elected as the **President of World Federation of Skull Base Societies (WFSBS)** for 4 years (2016-20) at the recently concluded WFSBS meeting in Osaka, Japan.

In recognition of his significant contributions to the growth and development of Telemedicine, The Tamilnadu Dr MGR Medical University has appointed **Dr K. Ganapathy** as **Emeritus professor** in the University

NSI congratulates both Dr. Ganapathy and Dr. Basant Misra for their achievements. May they continue to bring laurels to the society

## Secretary's Message

Friends,

You will recall that we had initiated a new program - the Super Specialty CME for the benefit of young neurosurgery members of the Society. I am happy to report that the 1st Super Specialty CME was held in Coorg on the 1st and 2nd of July in the field of Pediatric Neurosurgery. Dr Rick Boop from St Jude's Hospital in Memphis was the foreign guest faculty in addition to the Indian faculty. There were 75 delegates and the course was very well received and appreciated. We plan to continue this initiative every year with a different super specialty each time.



The Executive Committee held their midterm meeting in Nagpur this May and several decisions were taken. The minutes of the meeting are there in this newsletter for your perusal.

I am happy to inform you that Dr Basant Misra has brought further laurels to Indian neurosurgery. He has been chosen as the President of the World Federation of Skull Base Societies and our heartiest congratulations to him for this achievement.

Meanwhile Dr Sridhar and his team are working overtime to have a superlative conference in Chennai from 15th to 18th December. The Society of British Neurosurgeons (SBNS) is partnering us in Chennai in a friendship meeting. The theme of the conference is "Heritage to Modernity – An Inspiring Saga". There is a very promising academic and social program. Do register and join the fun and activity.

Lastly keep writing in with your suggestions and ideas to make the Society more vibrant and in tune with your aspirations and desires.

Regards.

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### **Obituary**

NSI mourns the sad demise of Dr. Nausher Wadia in March 2016 who was the President of NSI in the year 1965. We also lost Dr. Vivek Sachdeva from Agra and Dr B KNayak from Mumbai.

May their departed souls rest in peace.

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## Future NSICONs

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2016 – Chennai



2017 – Nagpur



2018 – Jaipur



# Minutes - NSI, Mid Term EC Meeting

## Minutes- Midterm EC Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur

### Meeting attended by:

Dr R C Mishra, Dr V P Singh, Dr Deepu Banerji, Dr V Rajshekhar, Dr Sanjay Behari, Dr Malla Bhaskar Rao, Dr Suresh Sankhla, Dr Daljit Singh, Dr S K Gupta, Dr K Sridhar & Dr Paritosh Pandey  
Central Office: Navneet Arora

**Absent:** Dr B S Sharma, Dr Sarat Chandra, Dr Manas Panigrahi, Dr Ashish Suri, Dr Bhawna Sharma, Dr Geeta Chacko

### Call meeting to order

The President Dr R C Mishra welcomed all the EC members to the meeting and requested Dr. V. P. Singh, Secretary NSI to conduct the proceedings.

### 1. Obituary:

The EC was informed of the sad demise of Dr. Nausher Wadia in March 2016 who was the President of NSI in the year 1965, Dr. Vivek Sachdeva from Agra and Dr B K Nayak from Mumbai. The council members stood in silence for one minute to express their respects to the departed souls. It was agreed that an obituary for Dr. Wadia will be published in the next edition of Neurology India.

### 2. Minutes of last EC meetings:

Dr. V. P. Singh informed that the minutes of the Pre Conference as well as the Post Conference EC meetings as well as the minutes of the General Body Meeting were circulated well in time. He invited comments or modifications from the EC Members. In the absence of any modifications the minutes were passed unanimously.

Proposed by: Paritosh Pandey and seconded by Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao.

### 3. Secretary's Report

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that there was a concerted effort to remove associate members whose membership had expired - after giving them due notice and requesting them to become full members. Subsequently 413 members have been removed from the NSI database. He further informed that this is an ongoing process and the NSI database will be further streamlined. Dr. Sanjay Behari also informed that those members whose journal was returned more than 2 times were being taken off the mailing list. Both these measures resulted in saving considerable expense on printing and posting Neurology India and the EC was appreciative of these efforts.

After the EC Meeting in December there were 15 new applications for full membership (14 neurosurgeons and one neurologist) and 18 associate members have converted their membership to full (17 neurosurgeons & one allied). In addition to these there were 67 applications for associate members - all from neurosurgeons. All these membership applications were approved by the EC. Now the total NSI membership is 2454 of whom 1861 are full members (1291 neurosurgeons, 492 neurologists and 78 allied) and 593 are associate members. He further informed that the addresses, emails and mobile numbers are being updated on a regular basis.

Dr. V. P. Singh then briefed the council regarding the NSI activities during this period. Firstly he informed the council about the 9<sup>th</sup> Instructional course & 3<sup>rd</sup> Foundation course conducted by Dr Vernon Velho at JJ

Hospital, Mumbai on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016. A total of 47 candidates attended the instructional course (all observers also adjusted) and 28 candidates attended the foundation course.

Among the international activities, there was reasonable participation by Indian neurosurgeons at the 6<sup>th</sup> South Asian Neurosurgical Congress on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in Dhaka. NSI was represented by Dr Chandrashekhar Deopujari and Secretary Dr V P Singh in the business meeting of SAANS. The next meeting of SAANS would be held in Pakistan in 2017 and the one after that would be held in India.

NSI was also invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> Saudi Association of Neurological Surgery meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 in Riyadh. NSI was represented by the President RC Mishra, Secretary VP Singh and Ashish Suri. Ashish Suri also took part in their preconference cadaveric workshops. There was good participation by the NSI delegation and bonds of friendship were built with the Saudi Society. Dr Ahmed Ammar was responsible for this interaction which is a component of the Pan Arab Society reciprocal friendship meeting.

NSI also participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves (CNS) on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 in Orlando. NSI was represented by the President RC Mishra and V Rajshekhar and a large Indian contingent of 26 members participated. Information about all these three activities was circulated to all members of NSI through email as well as on the NSI website.

He further informed that the details of the friendship meeting with SBNS have firmed up – they will be participating in the NSICON, Chennai this December and the reciprocal meeting would be in Preston in the spring of 2020. Five official representatives of SBNS would be hosted by NSI and vice versa arrangements would be there in Preston.

The South African Neurosurgical Society has invited two NSI office bearers to their meeting in Cape Town this July and two of their representatives would attend the Chennai meeting this year. This request has come from them so that we can plan out our friendship meeting with them in 2017 better. The President and Secretary would be going to Cape Town. The matter of including the representatives from the South African Society in the scientific program for NSICON was also discussed.

The matter of the reciprocal friendship meeting with the German Society was then discussed. Dr. S. K. Gupta informed that he knew some members from the German Society and would try to discuss the friendship meeting. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that NSI had already hosted them during NSICON 2012 and now it was their turn to host the NSI members. Dr. V. P. Singh will ask Dr. Sarat Chandra who was the organizing secretary during NSICON 2012 to pass on the contact details of the German delegation which has visited India.

For NSICON 2018 the suggestion to invite AANS as the guest society was considered and the EC authorized Dr. Deopujari to start the dialogue with them regarding the same.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed that the Treasurer Dr. Sarat Chandra was unable to attend the meeting and he has requested Dr. Deepu Banerji to present his report. This was objected to by the EC members who felt that the office bearers have to be present for the EC Meeting. The Secretary clarified that the meeting was initially scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May and was rescheduled to the 14<sup>th</sup> of May after Dr Sarat Chandra and Dr BS Sharma informed their inability to attend on 7<sup>th</sup> May because of some conference at AIIMS. The new date was fixed only after the Treasurer and the Immediate Past President confirmed their availability for the new date. Subsequently Dr Sarat Chandra informed the Secretary that he could not attend as he had to chair some DBT / DST meeting.

One of the council members alleged that Dr Sarat Chandra had gone for an epilepsy meeting in Hong Kong. The EC expressed strong displeasure at the actions of the Treasurer in not attending the EC meeting despite the meeting being rescheduled to suit his convenience. It was also resolved that once the dates for the EC Meeting are decided they should not be changed.

Dr. Deepu Banerji then presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Dr Sarat Chandra. The total assets of NSI are Rs 507.43 lacs of which Rs 234.31 lacs are in fixed deposits and Rs 273.12 lacs are in current account. The accounts for NSICON 2015 Hyderabad are complete and have been received by the Treasurer in Delhi and are being audited by the CA at Delhi. They have an income of Rs 455.48 lacs and an expenditure of Rs 239.92 lacs – thus generating a profit of Rs 215.56 lacs. The EC complimented Dr Manas Panigrahi for this stupendous profit and for getting the accounts completed well in time. The total cost of publishing and distributing Neurology India is Rs 31.21 lacs – of which Rs 6.98 lacs has been generated as royalty. The balance of Rs 24.23 lacs has been paid by the NSI.

Dr Deepu Banerji pointed out some inconsistencies in the accounts – the Rs 30.52 lacs supposedly in the Mumbai fixed deposit account have already matured and transferred to Delhi a long time ago – so possibly that amount has been counted twice. The Rs 128 lacs supposedly in the Mumbai current account is actually in a fixed deposit which has matured and is being transferred to Delhi. He also mentioned that 50% of the Rs 215.53 lacs surplus from NSICON 2015 has to be given to the hosting body. Dr. Banerji further informed that finally the service tax issues of NSICON 2014 have been settled and the final Balance Sheet submitted by Dr. V. Rajesh Babu. Dr Sarat Chandra was requested to look into these discrepancies and make the corrections if needed and resubmit the accounts.

The EC members suggested that Dr. Sarat should not keep Rs 88.02 lacs in the current account in Delhi and should invest the money in FD / GOI bonds /other investments after keeping a small amount for expenses. This is a substantial amount and the Society is losing a lot of money by not investing it appropriately. The finances of the society were discussed in detail. The matter of spending 85% of the income according to Section 80G was discussed and it was decided that the Treasurer should discuss the same with the CA and inform the EC how much money has to be spent by when to maintain our 80G status.

The matter of monitoring expenses of NSICONs on an ongoing basis was also discussed. Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that the statement of accounts are now being sent by the Organizing Secretary of NSICON to the Treasurer on a three monthly basis till September and from then onwards on a monthly basis till March next year by when the accounts should be finalized and submitted to the Treasurer.

## **5. Financial Issues discussed with CA**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed that to clarify various financial matters of the society Dr. Sarat Chandra proposed a meeting with the CA - which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2016. He informed the EC regarding the matters taken up. The IT returns for 2014-15 have not yet been filed and only after they are filed can the returns for 2015-16 be filed. Dr. Banerji informed that he has received the balance sheet for NSICON 2014 a couple of days back and the returns would be filed without delay now.

The second matter was regarding the filing of the service tax of the society to be done in April and October every year. The Delhi CA has not filed this return and as a consequence a penalty is due. Dr Sarat Chandra was requested to find out the financial penalty that NSI would need to bear and ensure that the CA carries out their necessary duties in future.

The third matter was regarding the filing of TDS return every quarter. The June 2015 & September 2015 return has supposedly been filed by the Mumbai CA. It is not clear why this was filed by the Mumbai CA and not by the Delhi CA – who has taken over all the accounts and responsibility from April 2015 onwards. The December 2015 return was filed by Delhi CA and March 2016 return is yet to be filed. Dr. Banerji informed that the change of Treasurer's name was not updated in the IT office and that is why the Mumbai CA had filed the TDS returns at Mumbai for June and September 2015. The EC suggested that the Treasurer's office should remember the various financial due dates and get the necessary procedures completed through the current CA.

The next matter was regarding the smooth transfer of all financial papers and passwords from Mumbai to Delhi. It was decided that all the financial documents should be transferred officially from Dr. Banerji to Dr. Sarat Chandra along with an inventory of documents handed over. It was suggested to have a permanent auditor for NSI so that there is continuity in the financial matters. This would be decided upon after reviewing the performance of the current CA after some time.

The fifth matter was regarding closure of all Mumbai accounts – which were to be closed after the last FD matured on 28 March 2016. Dr. Deepu Banerji requested for some more time and he agreed to close all Mumbai accounts by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2016. An EC resolution was passed to close the HDFC account immediately and the IOB account latest by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

The next matter was regarding the Hyderabad NSICON accounts. There are some service tax issues which are still not resolved fully. It was decided that the Delhi CA would calculate the correct service tax to be deposited and ask Dr. Manas to deposit the difference.

Dr. V. P. Singh further informed that there would be continuous monitoring of all accounts by the Delhi CA - all receipts, expenditure vouchers and bank statements of NSI would be sent on the 1st and 16th of each month to the CA for monitoring.

The next matter discussed was regarding the Agra HDFC Account which is still active. Dr. V. P. Singh proposed that this account may be used for all courses and educational activities where registration money is received and subsequently refunded. The Central Office is more aware of who has paid, attended the course and is eligible for a refund. It would be logistically easier for Central Office to manage this and avoid delays which are occurring at present. This central office would also send information about receipts, expenditure and bank statements of this account to the CA on the 1st and 16th of each month. The use of this Agra account for the educational activities was approved by the EC.

Dr. V. P. Singh informed that there were two options regarding the change of NSI offices clarified by the CA - one was change of registered address and the other was change of correspondence address. The change of registered address involves application to Maharashtra High Court and then to Delhi High court for permissions, and rewriting the constitution and byelaws to incorporate the new address. This would involve a major expenditure of over Rs 2 lacs and a time period of 1 to 2 years. The change of correspondence address is a much simpler process and can be done by the CA directly with an EC board resolution, a NOC and some documentation. The EC opted for the change in correspondence address as that would fulfill the purpose of getting the correspondence at one central place and requested Dr Sarat Chandra to process the same within a limited time frame. An appropriate resolution authorizing this was passed by the EC.

## **6. CME Convenor's Report**

Dr. Vinay Goyal presented his report on the CME to be held during the NSICON 2016 at Chennai and informed



that the CME program is almost ready. He then informed the problems faced by him in the Neurology CME which was attended by very few neurologists and hence finding faculty to come on their own expense was difficult. He wanted some funding for the Neurology faculty. The EC felt that one could not discriminate between neurology and neurosurgery faculty as both were equal members of the Society. The EC felt that more local neurologists as well as younger faculty could be involved in the scientific program. The EC members suggested that the program should be relevant for the Neurology Residents – so that more residents attend.

## **7. Board of Education Report**

Dr V. Rajshekhar, Chairman Board of Education presented his report on the Board of Education activities. He reported that NSI conducted the 9th Instructional and 3rd Foundation courses on 30, 31 January 2016 in JJ Hospital, Mumbai and Dr. Vernon Velho was the convener. Dr Rajshekhar commended the efforts of the organizing team. There were 10 external faculty. The course was well attended with 30 delegates for the Instructional course, 17 observers for the Instructional course and 28 delegates for the Foundation course. All the observers were given cases and participated fully as regular delegates. Dr. V. P. Singh proposed that the observers who were first time delegates should be reimbursed their registration money and travel expenditure by the Society and the council approved the same. The Foundation course had a significant “Hands-on” content lasting nearly 4 hours. This was appreciated by the candidates. Dr. Rajshekhar opined that there is a need to promote the foundation course as it is not as popular yet as the Instructional course.

The next course (10th Instructional and 4th Foundation) would be on 6 and 7 August in SMS Hospital, Jaipur and Dr. V D Sinha would be the convener. The matter of selecting outstation faculty as well the expenses involved in the program was discussed. The next education course after the Jaipur course would be held in Chennai in February 2017 and Dr. V. Sundar and Dr. V. G. Ramesh would be hosting the program. The council discussed that the subsequent course should be held in eastern India at Bhubaneswar, Patna or Ranchi.

The first Superspeciality CME on Pediatric Neurosurgery Course would be held in Coorg on 1<sup>st</sup> to 3rd July. The details would be shared later on in the meeting.

## **8. Editor's Report**

Dr. Sanjay Behari presented his report on the Journal and informed that now the journal comes out in the beginning of the two months period. He then presented the data regarding the number of articles submitted, acceptance rates and duration to publish the articles after receiving them. He informed that the acceptance rate for last year was 20% and this year has been 7% so far. Dr. Behari further informed that the impact factor for the journal at present is 1.232. A supplement on Vascular Neurosciences has been brought out and there would be another supplement next year on Epilepsy with Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao as Editor. The EC suggested that the highlights of a particular issue can be sent to all the members while sending the mass mail informing about the issue being online.

Dr Behari further informed the council regarding the proposed video library to be managed by Dr Ashish Suri, Dr Suresh Dugani, and Dr Sanjay Pandey. This video library would be linked to Youtube and would involve no extra expense to the society. This video library would encourage more advertisements and number of hits on the journal website. He further informed that efforts are being made to update the addresses and distribution of journal. The EC suggested that the extra or returned copies can be sent to the NSICON Secretary so that the same can be distributed during the conference.

The modality for deciding the Neurology India awards has already been decided in the last EC meeting. It was proposed that the Editor / Editorial Board would give 3 to 5 shortlisted articles to NSI for the period of July of the previous year to June of the current year by the end of September and the three Professors would then decide the

final awardees.

Dr. Behari then presented the financial status of the journal including the expense paid to the publishers and the royalties received. The cost of journal (including taxes) from January 2015 to February 2016 (ie seven issues plus one supplement) was Rs 37,74,091. After deducting royalty of Rs. 12,40,258/- from this principal amount – the balance payable by NSI is Rs. 25,33,833.

Dr Sanjay Behari then informed his future plans for the Journal. He would be reconstituting the Editorial Board this year. He also wishes to close the Neurology India Editor Account in Lucknow after getting it audited as there was no other expense by the editor other than the publisher. It was agreed that the bills would be vetted by the Editor and approved and then sent to the Treasurer for payment. There were also plans to have at least two web based group discussions this year. He also intends to publish two books linked to Neurology India. The work on the first is almost complete which would be a Handbook of Clinical Scenarios and would be published by Thieme Publishers. The second would be a Textbook of Clinical Examination. The EC discussed the matter of publication of books under the NSI banner and suggested that there should be a formal contract with the publishers and directed Dr. V. P Singh to co-ordinate with Dr. Deopujari for this. He also solicited everyone's cooperation to take the journal to greater heights.

## **9. Private Practitioners' Forum Report**

Dr. Suresh Sankhla presented his report on Private Practitioners' Forum held during NSICON 2015 at Hyderabad. The topic of the forum was Careers in Private Practice and elicited a very good response from the audience. He suggested several potential topics for the next year's meeting. The EC discussed and decided on the topic "Sponsorships and MCI Guidelines for Private Practice".

## **10. Young Neuroscientists Forum Report**

Dr. Paritosh Pandey presented his report on the Young Neuroscientists forum. He reported that there was a good participation and discussion in the forum. This year's topic for the Young Neuroscientists Forum meeting during NSICON would be "Pitfalls and expectations in neurosurgical training". He then outlined the proposed talks for the same. He also informed that the facebook and twitter account are very active with around 500 active NSI Members. There is now online education, discussion and mentoring continuing through these channels. The Subspecialty CME course, other courses and NSI activities are publicized on these platforms.

## **11. NSICON 2017, Nagpur**

Dr. Lokendra Singh welcomed all the EC members to Nagpur. He elaborated on the venue facilities for the conference and informed that the venue i.e. Hotel Centre Point has already been booked. He also informed that there are many more hotels of various categories, budget hotels, hostel and service apartment accommodations available very near to the venue. The registration for the conference will start during NSICON 2016 and the registration charges would not be increased from last year. The event manager for the conference is already finalized and negotiations are on for audio-visual arrangements. He further outlined the various places to visit in and around Nagpur. He proposed a very active program for spouses and children. The banquet on the second day would be held at a very nice venue 15 kms away and Dr. Lokendra Singh requested to conduct the GBM at that place. On the penultimate day he proposed a dinner where the members of NSI could display their talents and perform. The other senior members of the organizing committee also welcomed the EC to Nagpur.

## **12. Legal Cell Report**

Dr. Daljit Singh informed that the legal cell has been reconstituted and all the members have confirmed their participation except Dr. Vani Santosh. No member has utilised the services of the legal cell so far. Dr. R. C.

Mishra suggested that information about the services of the legal cell should be disseminated to all members actively. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that a mass mail regarding the same would be sent. It was also decided that some medicolegal educational material in the form of FAQs be put up on the NSI website and have a breakfast or luncheon symposium on these issues in the NSICONS.

### **13. Website Educational Content Report**

Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao presented his report on the Website Educational Content. He informed that the Presidential oration 2014, all the orations from NSICON 2015 and education course content from the NSI Education Course held at Mumbai have already been uploaded. He also informed that he had received approval from the Director, NIMHANS to provide academic content from NIMHANS. He also has plans to create a cyber museum and requested NSI members to submit digital images of academic value to the cyber museum.. An interactive case of the month has been initiated and first case has been uploaded on the NSI website. The EC gave suggestions for improvement of the educational content.

### **14. Permanent Central Office**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that the matter of permanent central office has already been discussed and it has been decided to go ahead and change the correspondence address to the Central Office address.

### **15. Life Time Achievement Awards**

The Secretary informed that no new nominations were received for Life Time Achievement Awards despite notices being sent to all members. He informed that there are now 4 pending nominations which were received last year - namely Dr. M B Pranesh, Dr. I Dinakar, Dr. K. Srinivasan and Dr. Sunil K. Pandya. The EC accepted all four nominations and proposed to give the life time achievement awards to them in Chennai.

### **16. Pre-Conference Workshop & CNS Simulation Workshop Report**

Dr. K Sridhar presented the report on the Pre-Conference workshops as well as the CNS simulation workshop as Dr. Ashish Suri was absent. The CNS simulation basic course is on but the advanced course is not yet finalised. The EC directed Dr. Rajshekhar to communicate with the CNS coordinator and find out regarding the further course of action – including payments to be made to the CNS if any. He informed that the workshops would be conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Government Multi-Specialty Hospital, Chennai with Dr. V. Sundar as the local co-ordinator. The fees for the basic course would be Rs. 5000 - which would be refundable for the residents and non refundable for consultants. The fee would be Rs 10000 for the advance course and would be non refundable. He informed the EC about the course modules and it was decided that each participant should spend more time doing only two or three modules rather than all.

There would be three other preconference workshops in Chennai - Live Surgery workshop, Neuro Critical Care workshop and Intraoperative monitoring workshop. In addition there maybe a Neuro Intervention workshop in which there would be a simulator and live demonstration of neuro intervention. The venue and conference organizers were informed and the registration fee would be Rs. 1750 for residents and Rs. 3000 for consultants. Dr Lalgam Sekhar and Dr Grotenhuis would be the faculty for the live operative workshop. The organizers were asked to fulfil all legal, MCI and indemnity requirements for the foreign faculty. The matter of air fare for one of the international faculty was discussed and a decision was taken that as per policy – NSI would not pay air fare to any faculty. A request has been received from Dr Ricky Trivedi for conducting a 3D Anatomy workshop – it was decided to give him a slot in the 3D video presentation session if feasible. However there would not be any financial or accommodation commitment from the organizers.

### **17. NSICON 2016 Orators/Scientific Program**

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed the EC regarding the two orators for NSICON 2016. The Jacob Chandy Orator would be Prof. Kenji Ohata and the topic of his oration would be "Advancement of skull base surgery". He has also accepted to present two more lectures. The Tandon Orator would be Prof Mitchel Berger and his topic would be "Awake brain mapping in glioma surgery: Advancing the methodology to enhance safety and extent of resection". He also will be presenting a lecture during the CME. The matter of having 3D projection was discussed and it was decided to have the same for the conference.

Dr. Deepu Banerji then informed the EC regarding the details of scientific program. His suggestion of having critical comments by a senior member on the award papers was not accepted. The proposed outline of the symposiums was presented. Suggestions to restructure the symposium were made so that not more than one speaker should be taken from one institution and speakers should be taken from different cities. The matter of sponsoring the symposium speakers was not accepted – except providing one night stay for non NSI members who are not neurologists or neurosurgeons.

## **18. NSICON 2016, Chennai**

Dr. K. Sridhar presented his report on the NSICON 2016. The conference would be at ITC Grand Chola on 15<sup>th</sup> to 18th December with the pre conference workshops on 14th December 2016. There would be four pre conference workshops. The total registrations at present are 180. The proposed chief guests are Mr Raghuram Rajan / M S Swaminathan. He then informed the council regarding the Public Awareness Program on "The Golden Hour"- which would be a live panel discussion telecast on national and local television channels. Regarding the Alumni meetings - Dr. V. P. Singh clarified that the conference organizers have to just provide space to conduct the meetings and the rest of the expenses would be taken care of by the alumni themselves. The alumni should inform the Organising Secretary by October end about their requirements.

## **19. NSICON 2018 Bids**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council regarding the three bids received in time from Jaipur, Udaipur & Ludhiana. The Jaipur bid was jointly by Neuro Welfare Society of Jaipur & Neurosciences Society of Jaipur and is signed by them. The Neuro Welfare Society is a registered society with a Pan number and is also registered with NSI. There is adequate infrastructure available. The proposed chairman would be Dr VD Sinha and the secretary would be Dr Hemant Bhartiya. The second bid was from Udaipur Neuro Society and is signed by them. The Udaipur Neuro Society has applied for registration & will apply for a Pan card after registration. The society is also registered with NSI. Regarding infrastructure, there is one hall of 800 capacity which can be divided into three halls of 250 each and another three halls of 50 – 75 capacity each. Another hotel nearby will be completed in 2018 with a hall capacity of 800. The proposed chairman would be Dr Tarun Gupta and the secretary would be Dr Ajit Singh. The third bid is by Ludhiana Neurosciences Society and is signed by them. Ludhiana Neurosciences Society is a registered society and has applied for a Pan number and is also registered with NSI. There is adequate infrastructure available. The chairman would be Dr Gagandeep Singh and the secretary would be Dr Ashwini Chaudhary. The bids were discussed in detail. It was decided by the EC that the Udaipur bid cannot be considered as the infra structure is not adequate. The EC deliberated on the remaining two bids and decided on Jaipur as the venue for NSICON 2018.

## **20. Coorg Update – 1<sup>st</sup> Super Specialty CME**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the council that the first Super Speciality CME would be held in Coorg from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> July on Pediatric Neurosurgery. The course coordinator would be Dr. Deopujari and it would be a Board of Education activity. The CME would cover spinal dysraphism, supratentorial tumors in children and infratentorial tumors in children. Dr Rick Boop would be the international faculty and there would be nine Indian neurosurgeons as faculty. In addition there would be a radiation oncologist and a pathologist. Eighty delegates



would be selected preferably less than 40 years of age. NSI would support the travel of all faculty and delegates, look after the stay of the faculty and also pay for the conduct of the CME in the hotel in Coorg. This would be done with the help of an educational grant from Intas Pharma. The first session would start by late afternoon on the 1<sup>st</sup>, there would be a full day session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and there might be a brief morning session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> if required. Dr. V. P. Singh further informed that mails and announcements have been sent to all NSI members and already about 30 applications have been received. He informed that a registration fee of Rs. 10,000 would be charged which would be refunded to those who attend the full meeting. The delegate accommodation may be sponsored by an NGO. The EC was of the view that we are not involved with any NGO and that the delegates would manage their accommodation on their own. He further informed that the course would be conducted every year with different super specialties and in different places.

## **21. NSI Travelling Fellowships / Training Fellowships**

One application for NSI International travelling fellowship was received from a member from Bangalore, circulated to all the committee members and approved for a fellowship grant of Rs. 50,000/-. Subsequently the applicant declined the fellowship as he was not travelling for personal reasons. There were two applicants for travelling fellowships in India who had attended a skills course at AIIMS, Delhi. The applicants had submitted air travel bills. The EC discussed and decided to permit reimbursement of air fare on actual expenditure basis subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/-. This would also be the norm for the future. These two applications were approved for a fellowship of Rs 10000 each.

Dr. Deepu Banerji said that training facilities for certain fields like epilepsy surgery, movement disorders and neuro intervention are not available in all centers and training fellowships should be started to train those interested in these specialties. These fellowships should be for a period of 6 months to one year and should be in high performance centers and hospitals. The council was of the view that this is a very good idea but we would need to identify the centers and prepare the course curriculum. It was decided to entrust the following to formulate the curriculum and guidelines: Dr. Malla Bhaskar Rao for NSI Epilepsy surgery fellowship, Dr. Daljit Singh for NSI Endo Vascular Fellowship and Dr. Paresh Doshi for NSI Movement Disorder Fellowship. Dr. Deepu Banerji and Dr. V. Rajshekhar would oversee the progress and receive the drafts from the above by the end of June and present a comprehensive plan at the annual EC meeting.

## **22. Criteria for instituting new awards and M L Suri Award**

Dr. R. C. Mishra presented his views on the awards. He felt that either the awards should not be named or the names should be there for a specific time and not indefinitely. Also the different halls during the NSICONs could be named after the patrons of the Society. The EC asked the President to discuss with the Immediate Past President and President Elect and propose the guidelines during the next EC Meeting.

## **23. Guidelines for meetings under the aegis of NSI**

The Secretary informed the council that he had received proposals from Dr. Daljit Singh and Dr. Keki Turel to conduct workshop / conference under the aegis of NSI. The EC discussed the matter as financial and legal issues are involved. At present there are no guidelines regarding holding a meeting under aegis of NSI – the EC authorized Dr. Daljit Singh to formulate guidelines for the same and present them in the next EC meeting. It was decided to allow Drs. Daljit Singh and Keki Turel to hold their workshop and conference under the aegis of NSI and use the NSI logo with no financial commitment from NSI.

Dr. R. C. Mishra informed the council that the international conference which Dr. Keki Turel will be holding is at the behest of WFNS. The matter of WFNS authorizing people to hold the conference without involving NSI (which is affiliated to WFNS and pays the member fees) was discussed. Dr. V. P. Singh informed about the

requests received from many international non academic bodies to co-partner in their conferences. It was decided to not allow the same.

## **24. Change of Dates for Annual Conferences**

Dr. V. P. Singh proposed to have the NSICONS in the month of February instead of December. He outlined the problems that arise from having the conference in December: the conference is too near Christmas and so creates problems for foreigners participation (friendship meetings with International Societies are happening every year), the weather in North India is extreme in December including chances of fog and flight disruptions, the NSICON follows several meetings of superspeciality Societies like the Neurotrauma Society, CVSI, ISSFN, Skull Base Society, IndSPNetc and lastly the MCh, DNB exams in most places are in December.

The advantages of having NSICON in February would be: foreign participation more convenient, good weather in all parts of the country, no conference fatigue – at least three months gap with the other Society meetings, easy to combine with other International meetings and hotels availability & charges are better as not peak holiday season.

The problem with having NSICON in February would be to miss one year's conference whenever we change from December to February. The solution for the same can be to do the changeover in 2019. NSI has already agreed to hold the AACNS meeting in 2019 along with an abbreviated NSI conference in Oct – Nov 2019. We can have a regular full meeting in February 2020 at a separate venue. So the President elected for 2019 would start his tenure in December 2018 and finish in February 2020 (instead of Oct – Nov 2019). His Presidential Oration would be in 2020 – other orations can be held both in 2019 and 2020 meetings. The matter was discussed by the EC and it was decided to keep the dates as they are at present.

## **25. Minutes of last EC meetings – Action Taken Report**

The first matter was related to the Head Injury Programs and the need to formulate a committee of interested members from all the zones of the country and do activities that can make a difference in the public. Dr. Sankhla informed that he had written to many people regarding the same but not made much headway. The EC suggested that he form a core committee with Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. C. Deopujari, Dr. A. K. Singh, Dr. S. K. Gupta and Dr. R. C. Mishra (who are already involved in such activities) and incorporate more members as they go along. This committee should form an action plan and present in the next EC.

The next matter was regarding the purchase of the SANS module which the CNS people had offered to NSI for USD 10000. Dr. R. C. Mishra has got a commitment from Alkem for an educational grant for Rs. 5 lacs – for an activity of which they would be the sole sponsor. The EC was of the view that the deficit of around Rs. 1.5 lac may be contributed by NSI if the CNS people do not bring down the price to Rs 5 lacs. The EC authorized Dr. R. C. Mishra to sign the contract with Alkem, negotiate with CNS and to formulate guidelines for access. It was suggested that there should be a token charge for accessing the SANS module.

Dr. R. C. Mishra has also arranged a sponsorship of Rs 50000 from Bristol Myers Squibb for printing of the NSI Constitution and Bye laws. The EC was of the view that there is no need to have physical copies of the constitution printed. They congratulated Dr. R. C. Mishra for his initiative to generate funds for the society and asked him to utilize this money for some other worthy NSI cause.

The next matter was regarding writing a formal letter to Dr. Sandip Chatterjee seeking his concrete suggestions for involving NSI members from the East Zone in the NSICON. The Secretary informed that he had personally discussed these issues with Dr Chatterjee and the President Elect would also take inputs from him regarding the

program.

Dr. V. G. Ramesh and Dr. Sarat Chandra were assigned to suggest the desired changes in the MCI curriculum to conform with the NSI requirements - which will be forwarded to MCI. No progress has been made so far and they will be requested to download the curriculum which is available on the MCI website and to suggest changes for the same.

The next action was regarding writing a letter to the DGHS with a copy to MCI about the government schemes for training general surgeons for 6 months and allowing them to do neurosurgical operations for head injury. Dr. V. P. Singh was informed by Dr. L. N. Gupta and Dr. Daljit Singh – who were members of the DGHS committee - that there is no action visible to implement the report and hence it was decided not to pursue the matter.

The next matter was regarding contribution to the International Society of Pathology. Dr. V. P. Singh has had discussions with Dr. Chitra Sarkar who felt that the new Indian Society of Neuropathology was still in its infancy and it would take at least 4 to 5 years for it to be recognized by the International Society. She requested NSI to keep paying the contribution to the International Society of Pathology till then. The EC accepted the same.

The next matter was regarding the proposal to add a new Byelaw.

Byelaw 25:

“In case of a legal dispute in the society, the case will be filed in the city where the Secretary of the society resides.”

Explanation: This would make it logistically easier for the Secretary (who legally represents the Society) to attend court and manage the dispute.

The EC was of the view that this clause would likely be binding upon its members and could be enforced. The EC resolved to pass the bye law and it would be put to the general body.

## **26. Letters for discussion**

A letter has been received from Dr. Sumit Sinha from AIIMS offering to have cadaveric courses jointly between NSI and CTRF. The faculty and course would be the prerogative of AIIMS and NSI would have no say in it. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that there are two cadaveric facilities running in the same department in AIIMS and a similar request from Dr Ashish Suri has been accepted by the EC earlier. The matter was discussed. The EC was of the view that the proposal is not acceptable in the current format.

The next letter was from V. G. Ramesh who had written a proposal on “How to make NSI more relevant”. The EC was appreciative of his views.

## **27. Any other matter**

Dr. Deepu Banerji brought up the issue of live surgery workshops. The matter was discussed and the EC felt that it is not wise to have live surgery workshops for various reasons. The same purpose could be served through unedited surgical videos or by transmission from the presenters own operation theatre. It was also resolved to not hold live workshops during NSICON after the Chennai Conference.

## **28. Congratulations**

Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC that Dr. Ashok Panagariya has become a member of the Central health council - the highest apex body of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Dr. M.V. Padma has received the Padma Shri Award. A congratulatory resolution was passed for both the members.

Dr. R. C. Mishra thanked all the EC members for a very fruitful discussion and closed the meeting.

# Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Few important changes were discussed by the EC for the betterment of the society. Several rounds of discussions within the EC has resulted in three resolutions which were ratified by the EC. The same are being put forward to the members for deliberation and electronic voting after four months.

## **Dr V P Singh proposed a change in the byelaws 12.6**

**Existing 12.6.** Up to Rs. 5 lakhs may be transferred to the Conference account by the Treasurer.

**Proposed 12.6** "Upto Rs. 10 lakhs may be transferred in the Conference account as seed money by the Treasurer."

**Justification:** With the increase in expenditure in conducting a conference an increase in the seed money is needed.

## **The EC proposed a change in the byelaws 19.1**

**Existing 19.1.** The symposium topic should be broad based. Offers should reach Secretary NSI by 30th November two years before the conference. The EC would decide on the symposium subjects.

**Proposed 19.1.** "The topic and speakers of the symposia in the conference would be decided by the President of the Society."

**Justification:** There are very few bids received from the members for conducting the symposia. As it is the President of the Society has no say in the Scientific Program of the conference he is presiding over. The President Elect makes the whole program. By this change both purposes would be covered.

## **Dr V P Singh also proposed another addition to the byelaws.**

**Bye law 25:** "In case of a legal dispute in the society, the case will be filed in the city where the Secretary of the society resides."

**Explanation:** This would make it logistically easier for the Secretary (who legally represents the Society) to attend court and manage the dispute.

# Important Notifications

## **NSI Elections 2015**

### **Nominations are invited for the post of President Elect**

Please send nominations to:

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by **30th September 2016** by post and by email both.

Please follow the datelines.

Last date for filing nominations : **30th September 2016**

Intimation to candidates : **10th October 2016**

Last date for withdrawal of candidature : **22nd October 2016**

The nomination forms are available on the website : [www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org)



# Important Notifications

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## **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 to the Webmaster 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.

## **Educational activities of the Society**

NSI Education Activity page is now functional. Members are requested to visit the Educational page of the society website [www.neurosocietyindia.org](http://www.neurosocietyindia.org) for academic activities online, updates and participate in the online academic activities.

### **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 also sent by email.

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