

# Newsletter

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# From the Secretary's pen......

Dear Friends.

For more than 60 years Neurological Society of India is leading organization for advancement of neurosciences in this part of the world. We have developed the curriculum for teaching and training for the courses but implementing in terms of uniformity and objectivity still lags behind. We will strive in this direction despite distinct unfathomable hurdles. Also we are committed to foster supportive and dynamic programmes for younger groups to facilitate skill development, provide leadership opportunities and muster art of advocacy.

This year NSICON 2013 is at Mumbai. All efforts are being made to see that relevant information percolates down to all the members. Early bird registration date is already over on 31st May. Very positive response for the meeting has raised the bar for us. "Enhancing Knowledge; Forging Friendship" is the theme of this meeting, justifiably so, because PAN Arabian Society is our guest society and AASAN and AINA are the other overseas groups giving colour to this meeting. Our abstract center is accepting abstracts from 1st of May 2013. It will be open till 31st July 2013. This enhanced time slot for submission is to allow very careful review and classification. I exhort you all to come out with best of your presentation and participation at Mumbai during 62nd NSICON from 12th to 15th December 2013.

Please be watchful about developments of society and related activities by logging onto the website regularly or at least once a week. Soon we are going to realize the dream of our predecessors of online polling. You need to play positive participating role for strengthening society.

Long live NSI. With best wishes

#### Prof R C Mishra

Hon Secretary, NSI

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# **Forthcoming Events**

Indo-American Epilepsy Symposium	16- 18August,	Bangalore	Dr. Malla Bhaskara Ra o	91 80 26995405, Fax: 91 80 26564830 <u>iaes2013@gmail.com</u> www.iaes2013.com
NEUROTRAUMA 2013	23 – 25 August	Guwahati, Assam	Dr.B.K. BAISHYA	+91-9435013881, bkbaishya@yahoo.com
WFNS 2013	8 – 13 September	Seoul	Dr Kyu Sung Lee	wwwwfns2013.org
NEUROVASCON 2013	21 – 22 September	Hyderabad	Dr.Manas Panigrahi	manaspanigrahi@live.com
SKULLBASE 2013	5-6 October	Chandigarh	Dr S K Gupta	drguptasunil@gmail.com
CNS 2013 Annual Meeting	19-23 October	SanFrancisco , California	Org Committee	http://www.cns.org
NEUROPEDICON 13	24- 27 October	Udaipur	Dr Tarun K Gupta	orgsec@neuropedicon2013.com www.neuropedicon2013.com
ISPS 2013- International Society of Pituitary Surgeons	6 - 8 December	Taj Exotica Goa	Dr Deepu Banerji	Www.isps.org.
Neuroendoscopy 13	8 - 11 December	TajMahal Hotel, Mumbai.	Dr. C E Deopujari / Dr. Ashish Suri	www.neuroendoscopy2013.com.
NSICON 2013	12-15 December	Mumbai	Dr Suresh Sankhla	sankhlasuresh@gmail.com

# **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' www.neurosocietyindia.org

#### Congratulations

- **Dr. V. Rajshekhar** was awarded the 'Swasth Bharat Samman award' for the year 2012 for his contributions in the field of Neurology. This award was instituted by Zee TV and LIC and was presented by the Hon'ble Union Health Minister Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad on 9 March 2013 in New Delhi.
- **Dr P Satishchandra** has been selected for the most prestigious ICMR award 'Basanti Devi Amir Chand Prize' for biomedical science the year 2010. Award ceremony will be held shortly. He has also been elected as 'Chair' for South East Asia (International Bureaufor epilepsy (IBE) Network for 2013-2017.
- **Dr B S Singhal** Director Neurology, Bombay Hospital, Institute of Medical Sciences, has been awarded the Twenty Seventh Rameshwardas Birla National Award for an outstanding practicing Clinician in modern Medicaine, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.
- **Beyond Neurosciences Dr Lokendra Singh** consultant neurosurgeon from Nagpur has been awarded prestigious literary award for his first published collection of Hindi poems and is about to come out with a fictional novel based on medical crime and compilation of satires.
- **Dr S S Kale, Dr Ashish Suri, Dr P Sarat Chandra** have been promoted as **Professor** in Department of Neurosurgery, CN Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi

#### **Elections 2013**

Nominations are invited for the post of

President Elect of Neurological Society of India. Editor, Neurology India

Please send nominations to the returning officer **Dr V Rajshekhar Professor of Neurosurgery President Elect, Neurological Society of India, Department of Neurological Sciences, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore 632004, Tel:0416 2282767** by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. by post and by email both.

Please follow the deadlines.

Last date for filing nominations : 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Intimation to candidates / withdrawal if any
Last date for withdrawal of candidature : 22 October 2013

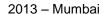
The nomination forms are available on the website: http://www.neurosocietyindia.org/Resources.aspx

# **Bids for hosting NSICON 2016**

Bids are invited for annual meeting of Neurological Society of India – NEUROCON 2016 from across all members of NSI. The bid forms are available on NSI website for downloads. Please note that the last date for sending the bids is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. *Please go through the requirements in the format available on the website and also ensure the requirements as per bye laws available on www.neurosocietyindia.org* 

# Future NEUROCONS







2014 - Coimbatore



2015 - Hyderabad

#### Website www.neurosocietyindia.org

NSI website is in the process of being regularly updated and made more functional and user friendly. The abstract submission process is also on and active till 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 only. All members, institutions may forward their updated addresses and emails immediately to the Hon. Secretary at secretary@neurosocietyindia.org so that data may be updated.

# Midterm EC Meeting Minutes - Neurological Society of India 4-5<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Pearl Room, Hotel Le Meridien, Coimbatore

# Meeting attended by:

Chandrashekhar Deopujari, V Rajshekhar, RC Mishra, Deepu Banerji, Keki E Turel, V K Jain, V P Singh, P Sarat Chandra, Manas Panigrahi, Ashok Panagariya, M D Nair, Suresh Sankhla, Vani Santosh, S Sampath, J M K Murthy

Invited Guest: V Rajesh Babu Central Office: Navneet Arora

The President welcomed the members present in the meeting and the meeting was called to order. He then handed over the proceedings to the Hon. Secretary.

# 2013/May/MTEC/01 - Minutes of last meetings (December 2012) - AEC, GB, IInd EC

The Secretary informed the council that the minutes of the last annual and post conference EC Meetings and GBM held at Hotel Leela Kempinski in Delhi NCR on 18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012 respectively had already been circulated in the newsletter. The council discussed and approved the same. The President & Secretary signed the minute book to confirm the minutes.

Proposed by Dr V K Jain and seconded by Dr Deepu Banerji.

# 2013/May/MTEC/02 - Secretary's Report

The secretary informed the house about the activities taken up during the December to April period. He expressed his gratitude to all the members and office bearers for their co-operation and sought direction of all the members to take the society to newer heights in terms of intra society management, its relationship with other societies in neurosciences at national and international level for academic pursuits and exchanges which was applicated by the members.

# 2013/May/MTEC/03 Congratulations

The secretary read the felicitations for the achievements by the members during this year:

**Dr P Sarat Chandra**, to successfully host NSICON 2012 at Delhi NCR. The members congratulated Dr. Sarat Chandra on his achievement for a very successful conference.

**Dr C E Deopujari**, for his splendid effort to carve out an innovative and contemporary scientific programme during NSICON 2012, having extended participation by allowing short presentations and making NSI an truly international academic society by starting AASAN award.

**Dr. V. Rajshekhar** was awarded the Swasth Bharat Samman award for the year 2012 for his contributions in the field of Neurology. This award was instituted by Zee TV and LIC and was presented by the Hon'ble Union Health Minister Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad on 9 March 2013 in New Delhi.

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RESOLVED to publish in the next newsletter of NSI

# 2013/May/MTEC/04 Feedback of the members attending NSICONs

The secretary informed the council that delegates who participated in NSICON 2012 were asked about their experience with NSI. They were requested to voluntarily share their experience with the society activities and what can be done by NSI to improve services to its members.

The response was gathered through a questionnaire based on the Knowledge and Friendliness of NSI staff, Response of email / sms / communications, Quality and services provided, Additional services they would like from NSI and Difficulties based on using online/website services. Only a few Members (28) voluntarily responded with majority expressing 'excellence'. The following suggestions were observed.

- 1. Old journals copies to be made available for members in print and in CDs both.
- 2. CDs of NSI conferences
- 3. Arranging more fellowships & travelling fellowships.
- 4. Helping members in genuine legal problems & Litigations.

Few healthy suggestions of NSICON 2012 were passed on to NSICON 2013 organizers for consideration. He proposed to make taking feedbacks a routine affair and would distribute feedback forms in all the registration kits at future NSICONs, with the responses collected through dropboxes available at NSI counter and other places of prominence in the conference area. He also suggested that a prize may be tagged for attracting best response / suggestions. The council unanimously approved his proposal.

## 2013/May/MTEC/05 Naming NSI Annual Conferences as NSICONs

Prof R C Mishra brought it to the notice of the council that mostly conferences on Neurosciences in India were abbreviated to NEUROCONs and led to confusion. It was proposed to name NSI annual conferences as NSICON and was approved by all EC members on e-communication in January 2013 and same was re-confirmed in the meeting. Dr Suresh Sankhla was advised to rename the conference as NSICON 2013.

# 2013/May/MTEC/06 Online Polling

He informed the council that as decided in the GBM in December 2012, the process of online test polling was started and as on date three technically successful polls have already been conducted but the members' response has been less than encouraging. The first poll yielded only 12 votes. The next one was also no better with 13 votes. Few feedbacks were received about ignorance regarding polling procedure. Although the procedure guideline was sent with the first poll as an attachment, it was again mailed to all members with the third poll also. The response has risen to 46 votes through website. It was proposed to send sms to members before the next poll so that they become aware and are inclined to polling. Dr Mishra requested all EC members to use their best offices and prevail upon their acquaintances and friends to participate in the polling for showing their share of responsibility.

#### 2013/May/MTEC/07 Data Updation

The secretary informed the members that activity of data updation was also initiated during this period. All the members (2012) were sent a postal communication requesting them to update their address and communication details. We had a very encouraging response. Many members responded and some have directly updated their details on the website. This activity is still in process. 43 returned / undelivered letters were received and they are still trickling. He proposed to update the addresses by individually calling the members and also reminding them by sending sms to update the data and hoped to sanitize this data by the end of July.

# 2013/May/MTEC/08 Theme of NSICON 2013

The EC had decided to give a theme to NSICONs in future. The responsibility of coining the theme rests with the scientific committee chairman for the year of NSICON. This year Dr V Rajshekhar, President Elect and Chairman of Scientific Committee 2013 proposed the theme for NSICON 2013 as "Enhancing Knowledge; Forging Friendship" which was unanimously accepted and the same was communicated to Dr Suresh Sankhla, Organizing Secretary NSICON 2013.

# 2013/May/MTEC/09 Central Office

The secretary informed the house that as per the decision of the last EC ratified by GBM, the Virtual Central Office has come to reality and the secretariat work is being managed by M/S Naman Inc. under Mr. Navneet Arora. Things were picked up immediately by their efficient team. Whatever work was assigned to them was immediately taken up and completed. He felt that it is still into transition phase and getting into the groove for day to day activities of NSI but certainly moving in the positive direction. He invited the opinion of other officers regarding the same. The council was appreciative and the final appraisal of year long activity will be placed in annual EC for the needful. The matter of Webcasting / podcast annual conference proceedings and CME Lectures was discussed.

# 2013/May/MTEC/10 Society Website Report

He also brought to the attention of the council that the website is also being taken up by the virtual central office. Updations are made immediately as provided to them. He invited the members to actively suggest improvements and amendments so that the website may be made more user-friendly. He informed that the old vendor M/s Chimera Technologies P Ltd Bangalore, is also in the loop and shall continue for any assistance as the central office had entered into an agreement with the old vendor for assistance if required.

The Secretary next informed the council that the domain space for NSI Website has now been renewed for next 5 years.

He informed that as proposed earlier electronically and accepted by the council the abstract submission process has been started from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 and shall close on 31<sup>st</sup> July. He proposed that the date should not be extended as we have already made it early and therefore abstracts should come in time. Member submitting the abstract also has to submit age and the year of passing / appearing MCh / DM / DNB for smoothing the consideration of award papers specially. The same changes have been made on the abstract page as per suggestions of Dr V Rajshekhar.

Prof R C Mishra informed the members that the online payment facility has been tested and is finalized in this financial year.

Further he informed that cloud computing has also been introduced for the officers President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The council approved the same and password can be immediately provided after the meeting.

#### 2013/May/MTEC/11 Policy to define the events to be included in NSI newsletter / circulation

The next matter for discussion was regarding the Policy to define the events to be included under NSI newsletter / circulation and the discretion was left to the secretary.

# 2013/May/MTEC/12 Proposed Amendments – Alteration in Tagline & logo issues

The secretary informed the council that the GBM on 20th December 2012 had approved to use the tag line "The oldest Society of Neurosurgeons, Neurologists and Allied Neuroscientists of India". This tagline had come as a result of amendment by Prof A K Banerji with important contribution by Prof N H Wadia. However Prof Wadia has suggested to replace 'oldest' word with 'Premier'.

Finally the tagline read as "The premier Society of Neurosurgeons, Neurologists and Allied Neuroscientists of India". This matter was already circulated amongst the council and it was approved unanimously.

The matter of NSI Logo was also discussed and it was resolved to engage a designer to redesign the logo and put forward to the General Body.

# 2013/May/MTEC/13 Enhancement of Seed Money from 3 lakhs to 5 lakhs

The Secretary brought to the notice of the council that the matter of seed money from the Society to the Organizing Secretary of the national conference is raised from 3 lakhs to 5 lakhs the decision of which was taken in the last year's Council Meeting. This is to be now included in the Bye Laws of the society.

# 2013/May/MTEC/14 Notifications (to be announced in next newsletter)

# 1. Elections 2013 – President Elect, Editor Neurology India

The Secretary requested for clarification regarding a clause in the nomination form which discusses the applicant's post in other societies.

It was resolved to include the clause — "NSI EC Members shall not hold any officers post: President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer or Editor of any national organization of neurology, neurosurgery and allied sciences which has conflict of interest with the activities of Neurological Society of India while serving the term with NSI and if an NSI EC member subsequently becomes an officer of any such above mentioned organization then he will be automatically relieved from his NSI EC responsibilities".

#### 2. NSI Lifetime Achievement Award

The Secretary informed the council about the nominations received for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Discussions regarding the same were made. It was resolved to decide the recipients of the award after the last date of nomination i.e. 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 3. Symposia Bids for NSICON 2015

The Secretary informed the council of the next notification which will be the symposia bids for NSICON 2015. The deadline for the same will be 30<sup>th</sup> November and this information shall be published in the next issue of newsletter.

# 2013/May/MTEC/15 World Neurosurgery Journal - The Official International Journal of NSI

The Secretary informed about the proposal from the World Neurosurgery Journal who had previously proposed to make it the official journal of NSI. This proposal was already rejected as already Neurology India is the official journal of NSI. A new proposal was received by them to make it the official international journal of NSI. Discussions regarding the same were made.

It was resolved to propose the name as International Journal of NSI. It was also resolved to check the matter with Wolter Kluwers who takes care of Neurology India.

# 2013/May/MTEC/16 Joint Meetings with Foreign Societies

The Secretary requested the opinions of the council members regarding relationships with other foreign societies for having meetings in the NSI Annual Conference. It was suggested by Dr Deopujari that liaison committees can be set up for the same which can include Present, Secretary and a past EC Member who is active in the international arena. The technicalities of making the liaison committees were then discussed. The suggestion put up by Dr Deopujari was accepted in principle. The name of the past member shall be informed to the EC. Also Dr P Sarat Chandra was advised to communicate with the German society DNGC in reciprocation for NSICON 2012.

# 2013/May/MTEC/17 Policy regarding Joint Meetings with SAARC

The Secretary requested about the involvement of SAARC members in the NSI Annual Meetings and making them members of NSI. Discussions were also made regarding special invitees from the SAARC Countries in the annual conference. It was discussed to popularize our meetings and add them in the mailing lists.

# 2013/May/MTEC/18 The Walter E Dandy Neurosurgical Society Indian Chapter

The secretary informed about the letter received informing about the starting of The Walter E Dandy Neurosurgical Society Indian Chapter. It was resolved to acknowledge the information.

# 2013/May/MTEC/19 WFNS Meeting at Seoul

The next matter on the agenda was the WFNS Meeting at Seoul in September. It was discussed that there should be two official delegates representing NSI attending the same. It was decided that the President and Past President will be the official delegates and the secretary will be the alternate delegate participating in the conference.

## 2013/May/MTEC/20 Report of Convener of Neurosurgical Training Curriculum Committee

The Secretary informed the council of the report submitted by Dr V G Ramesh on Neurosurgical Training Curriculum. Discussions on the same were made. Concerns were raised regarding the M Ch and DNB Curriculum. It was resolved to have a meeting with the MCI and National Board of DNB Officials and HODs from premium institutes from all over the country regarding the same. It was also resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Dr Ramesh and to inform him that further action on the same will be done. Prof B.S. Sharma was requested to convene this meeting at AIIMS with the mentioned people (around 20 - 25 people). Dr Sarat Chandra to help Dr Sharma in this endeavour. They were also requested to have a draft circulated (after modifying Dr Ramesh's draft) earlier so that meaningful discussions can take place and decisions finalized.

#### 2013/May/MTEC/21 Report on NSICON 2012

Dr Sarat Chandra gave a report on the finances of NSICON 2012. He submitted the audited reports of the finances of the conference. The council congratulated Dr Sarat Chandra on a great conference as well as the savings.

The accounts received from NSICON 2012 Delhi are under evaluation by our CA and may change as 3 lakh loan from NSI has not been accounted. Approximately 60 Lakh is the surplus generated and is subject to final auditing. As per by laws 50% will be retained by NSI. EC passed a resolution that in accordance to the organizing committee of DNA Delhi, the remaining 50% balance will be distributed to three accounts as per details listed below.

50% for Microneurosurgery workshop

33% for WFNS India Trust

17% for DNA

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# 2013/May/MTEC/22 Letters from Members

Letter from Dr Ashok Panagariya regarding integration of Neurology and Neurosurgery CME Programme to desirable extent was welcomed by all and he was entrusted to come out with a definitive proposal. Also the citing of domestic data and research to larger extent in teaching and training programme of neurosciences was reemphasized.

Letter from Dr Malla Bhaskar Rao regarding his meeting on Epilepsy at NIMHANS. THE EC decided to endorse the meeting.

Letter from Dr Manas Panigrahi. It was resolved to support his bid for the ACNS Course.

Letter from Abbott Proposal regarding use of their portal. It was resolved that the proposal has no merit for NSI.

The next proposal was from Thieme Publications. It was regarding publication of a handbook of Neurosurgery which they would like to put up for sale in India and rest of Asian countries which NSI can commission. There was also another proposal regarding a tropical Neurosurgery Book. It was resolved that both were good ideas and the concept can be discussed further.

# 2013/May/MTEC/23 Report of Education Committee

Dr C E Deopujari presented the Education Committee activities. He informed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> NSI Instructional Course was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at AIIMS, New Delhi. 28 students had attended the same. 7 local and 6 national faculties were present for the same.

The next course planned will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of August in PGI Chandigarh. The next courses will be in Kolkata by Dr Sandeep Chatterjee and by Dr Sanjay Behari in Lucknow respectively. It was discussed to take feedbacks from the students participating as to how they had fared in their exams so that analysis on the courses can be done.

The other activities of the Education committee were two workshops. There were 5 fellowships which were sanctioned this year out of which only two were able to avail them due to logistic reasons. One recipient had completed his fellowship in PGI Chandigarh and the other will be starting in Nizam's Hyderabad.

# 2013/May/MTEC/24 World Stroke Congress 2016

The next agenda was regarding proposal received to support the bid sent by Dr Pandian from Ludhiana in association with Dr Subhash Kaul and Dr Padma for World Stroke Congress in 2016. It was resolved to support them for the same.

# **2013/May/MTEC/25 NSICON 2013, Mumbai**

Dr Suresh Sankhla presented his report on the preparations for the conference in Mumbai. The council discussed the scientific programme for NSICON 2013. Dr Sankhla reported on the facilities available at the venue and accommodation options available nearby. He also reported on the Pre-conference workshops that are scheduled. He informed that there will be 5 workshops which are scheduled. He also informed about the preparations which were underway for the Public Awareness Programme. The Inauguration Programme was

also discussed. The matter of free evening was also discussed and it was decided that this year dinner will be provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the conference and from the next year onwards it can be made a free evening. Luncheon and Breakfast Symposiums were also discussed. The EC also highlighted that the Mumbai meeting's friendly society is only Pan-Arabian society.

The other 2 groups are only participating as splinter association groups and donot come under the policy of friendly society arrangements.

#### **Conference Matters:**

The Council discussed the procedures for abstract submission and selections. It has been decided that from this year onwards the full award paper presentations should be uploaded earliest by November 30<sup>th</sup> on the conference website. The same can also be done for other papers also. The quality of papers accepted was also discussed.

It was resolved that the acknowledgement information of paper submission will be accompanied by mandatory clause of registering for the conference before 31<sup>st</sup> August failing which the paper shall not be considered for evaluation. The same information will also be printed in the newsletter.

It was also discussed that the invited speakers who are NSI members shall have to register for the conference preferably by 31<sup>st</sup> October and submit their abstracts. The matter of one day registration for invited speakers from the society was also discussed and approved.

The matter of publishing the Presidential Oration in the Journal was discussed. The council resolved that it should be printed in Neurology India during the following year with editorial reviewing. It should be submitted within three months of presentation and it should be the first article of in the journal. A photograph of the President can also be added.

The Secretary informed about the problems created last year regarding the Best Poster Award. It was discussed that the member submitting the abstract also has to submit age and the year of passing / appearing MCh / DM / DNB for smoothing the consideration of award papers specially. This has been included on the website abstract page.

The next matter of discussion was naming the Inaugural Dinner as the Presidential Reception Dinner. The matter of a free evening was also discussed so that the different Social Group Meetings / Alumni Group meetings / Informal meetings can be arranged and there be no formal dinner by conference. It can be the third evening of the conference. The decision has been accepted in principle and the modus operandi has been left to the discretion of organizing secretary.

#### 2013/May/MTEC/26 Orations for NSICON 2013, Mumbai

The President Prof C E Deopujari informed the EC about previous orators for Dr B Ramamurthy Oration (once in 2 years) and Dr PN Tandon Oration (once in 3 years) which are due in 2013. He informed the EC that the PN Tandon Orator shall be Prof Chitra Sarkar and Dr B Ramamurthy Orator shall be Prof Nelson M. Oyesiku from the United States. The orators shall be formally invited by the secretary NSI.

# 2013/May/MTEC/27 NSICON 2014

Dr V Rajesh Babu presented his report on the preparations underway for NSICON 2014 to be held in Coimbatore. The council was updated about the facilities and the capacity of the venue and places of interest in and around the city. He gave a brief summary of the various tentative expenditure heads. The dates will be

12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2014. The registration fees for the conference were also discussed. Dr V Rajesh Babu was directed to keep NSI updated with the developments.

# 2013/May/MTEC/28 NSICON 2015, Hyderabad

Dr Manas Panigrahi spoke about the conference. He requested for finalizing the dates of the conference. It was discussed for  $12^{th} - 15^{th}$  of December 2015 and the same were finalized. Discussions were also made regarding Joint Meeting with some foreign society.

# 2013/May/MTEC/29 Proposal for changes in the Electoral Process

Discussions were made regarding having a two-tier election process. It was proposed to having the Executive council by elections and then having the Officers elected by the Executive Council within them. A lot of deliberation was made regarding the same. Dr JMK Murthy was of the opinion that the post of editor should be by the mode of nominations and a committee of senior past editors can select the best candidate.

Dr Mishra was of the view that the top executive office bearers should be from the General Body only. Another suggestion made was to change the bye laws to incorporate the clause to have the candidates to be an EC member for at least one term to become an officer. It was decided to let the committee formed for the same to make a report and then submit it to the EC before the next General Body meeting.

# 2013/May/MTEC/30 Voluntary Programs for Young Members

A proposal was made for a "sergeant at arms" kind of a volunteer program to help during our annual meetings and other NSI sponsored activities to reduce the burden on local hosts and allow more young people to participate more actively. It was discussed to give the information in the next newsletter and applications for the same can be received. They can be rewarded with free registration and free shared accommodation. It was also suggested to choose these sergeants from the host city which is organizing the conference or other NSI activities. These applicants should be below 40 years of age who are members / associate members of NSI. The young members will receive exposure to the workings of the conference and activities of NSI.

It was resolved that this can be accepted and the decisions can be taken by the organizing committee and the scientific committee chairman.

### 2013/May/MTEC/31 Treasurer's Report

Dr Deepu Banerjee presented the Treasurer's Report. He informed the council that as of now after the Delhi Annual Conference there are

He informed about the major expenses which were incurred this year.

#### \*Major Expenditure

1) Payment made for CME book Rs 6,25, 000 (byword books).

2) Subscription fees WFNS World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies – Membership fees for 1161 NSI members

(1161 X USD 8 = USD 9288 + bank charges ) = INR 5,07702 /-)

# 3) Money paid for orations (Delhi Conference 2012):

Prof. Y K Tu	Rs 54838 (USD 1000)	Oration	
Prof. Madjid Sami	Rs 54838 (USD 1000)	Oration	
Total	Rs 109676	Inclusive Bank charges	

# 4) Travelling Fellowship Paid To Residents And Young Neurosurgeons (After Delhi conference 2011):

S. No.	NAME	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DETAILS
1	Dr Akshay Patil	Rs 3900	Department Of Neurosurgery, SCTIMST Trivandrum, Kerala. India	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
2	Dr K Bhaskar Kendre	Rs 5000	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Bombay Hospital, Mumbai	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
3	Dr Amit Mukherjee	Rs 5000	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Bombay Hospital, Mumbai	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
4	Dr P Boopesh	Rs 3000	Dept. of Neurosurgery, Apollo Hospital, Chennai	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
5	Dr Gowtham Devareddy	Rs 4158	Department of Neurosurgery, Dr Achanta Lakshmipathi Neurosurgery and Voluntary Health Dentre, Chennai	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
6	Dr Pradeep Kumar Jain	Rs 4158	Department of Neurosurgery, Dr Achanta Lakshmipathi Neurosurgery and Voluntary Health Dentre, Chennai	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
	Total	Rs 25216/-		

# 5) Nurses travelling fellowships (After Delhi conference 2012):

1	Neuro-nurse	Mrs J Revathy	Rs. 4700	Salem	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
2	Neuro-nurse	Mrs Angela Gnanadurai	Rs. 5110	Karakonam	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
3	Neuro-nurse	Mrs S Nalini	Rs. 4700	Salem	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
4	Neuro-nurse	Martina Naomi	Rs 5000	Chennai	TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP
		Total	Rs 19510/-		

6) Payment sent to Chimera Technologies , Rs 51236/- for Website Development.

- 7) Payment sent to Asianet Satellite, Rs 15450/- for Space Hosting 2013 to 2018 (5 yrs).
- 8) Rs 30, 00, 000/- from Neurocon 2012, Delhi Conference account, Prof P Sarat Chandra Organizing Secretary.
- 9) BOOK KEEPING AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO FINANCE:

\*Bank A/C:

1) HDFC

2) IOB (BH extn Marine lines)

Current balance: Rs 41, 85, 616 /- (till 03/05/2013, including 30 Lakh from Delhi Conference)

3) Secretary A/C in Agra,

Current Balance: Rs 343562.50/- (till 03/5/2013)

4) Neurology India A/C in Hyderabad,

#### \*Investments

- 1. FD in HDFC Bank Rs 10, 00, 000/- (Rs Ten Lakhs) expires on 18/04/2013 (DOC:-2/4/2011)
- 2. Deposit Investment in HDFC (15 lacs, reinvested as Rs 16,94,753/- + Rs 20, 00000 /- Deposited this year Expires on 14/12/2014)
- 3. RBI Bonds and remaining amount and FD'S (C/o Mr O P Mishra, Delhi)

Rs,10,00,000/- (Rs Ten Lakhs), expires on 17/12/2013

Rs. 5,00,000/- (RS. Five Lakhs), expires on 04/09/2014

*Total =1500000/ in RBI bonds* 

4. FD's :- in Indian Overseas Bank (IOB, Mumbai )

Rs 50, 00, 000/- (Rs Fifty Lakh) expired on 10/11/2012 (DOC :- 28/2/2011). Extended for 2yrs of the maturity value of |Rs.6028434/ till 22.12 2014

Rs 10, 00, 000/- (Rs Ten Lakhs) expired on 10/11/2012 (DOC:- 28/02/2011) Maturity value Rs 1205688/ extended as fixed deposit for 2 yrs

Rs 25,00, 000/- (Rs Twenty Lakh expires on 28/08/2013 (DOC:- 28/08/2012).

# NSI Financial Support for International Fellowship/Symposium / Conference

Proposals to be submitted to Hon. Treasurer for scrutiny at least 4 months before proposed event. Committee to decide – President /President Elect/ Hon Secretary

[Maximum five per year. Committee will decide every quarter depending upon number of applicants] The first Financial Grant has been sanctioned to Dr A Arivazhagan from NIMHANS

#### Criteria & Documents to be submitted

- 1. Registration/ Confirmation documents for Fellowship/Symposium / Conference.
- 2. Details of expenses and breakup

- 3. Income Tax Return previous year.[Form 16]
- 4. Other sources of Financial Support [Copy of documents].
- 5. Details of all International fellowship / Symposium/Conferences attended in last 2 yrs.
- 6. Maximum Financial support Rs 50000/. Disbursement after return and submitting a brief of the program, its value in his current practice and learning experience.
- 7. Permission & endorsement from HOD /or President Regional Neurological Society.
- 8. Life Membership of NSI at least two year. [Will need to format an application Form]

The matter of passing the resolution for the surplus receipts to be given to the Delhi Neurological Society was also discussed.

Discussions were made to increase the corpus for the travel fellowship programmes. It was also discussed to form a committee by the President, President-elect and the Secretary which can receive proposals from members who are financially constrained to attend the same. A sum of Rs 50,000/- can be given to 3-5 members per year. Guidelines for applicants need to be set up which can be an age of at least 40 years who are NSI Members for at least 2 years. Information can be asked about the number of international conferences attended in the last 2 years. They will have to submit a brief write-up of the activities attended by them. This can be done on a bi-yearly or a three times a year affair. It was resolved to advertise about the same in the next newsletter.

Discussions were also made to increase the award money for paper presenters in national conference. It was also discussed to waive the registration fees for all the paper presenters who are presenting the award papers. It was resolved to advertise about the same in the next newsletter.

It was resolved to increase the award amount for award winners.

Three young NSI members with best papers in Neurology India can be awarded with some award amount. The Editorial Committee can decide on the recipients.

The council unanimously accepted the report.

# 2013/May/MTEC/32 Editor's Report

Dr J M K Murthy presented his report on the performance of the official journal of NSI – Neurology India

He briefed the EC that Neurology India review process indices for the year 2012 had been very encouraging. In the year 2012 the mean number of days taken from the day of initial submission to acceptance was 63.63 days (0 - 267 days) and from the day of acceptance to publication it was 42.36 days (range 10 - 161 days). The number of days until paper was under review was 20.06 days. All this was possible with the help of the dedicated reviewers of the journal.

In the year 2012, there were a total of 1088 submissions, of which 857 (78.8%) articles were either rejected or withdrawn (40 manuscripts, mostly by the editorial). Of the remaining 231 (21.2%) accepted article, 222

articles have been published, 7 articles have been allotted to May-June issue and 2 articles are still with authors for revision.

He brought to the notice of the members that in the year 2013, till on 4-4-13 there were 397 submissions. Of the 397 submissions, 289 (73%) articles were rejected based on the reviewers' assessment and 32 (8%) articles were accepted and 76 (19%) articles were review. The number of days from first submission to acceptance was 32.06 days (1-87 days) and the number of days from acceptance to publication was 27.68 (10-41 days).

Continuing his report he informed the EC about the financial status of the journal. In the financial year 2012 – 2013, 5 issues in the year 2012 and 1 issue in the year 2013 were published. The expenditure for printing the 5 issues published in the year 2012 was Rs.12,85,149.00 and the 10% royalty (advertisements) was Rs. 64,421.00 (Total Rs. 13, 49, 570). The total expenditure for this financial year was 14, 77, 395.00, of which we have paid Rs. 4,92,991.00 from the NSI contribution and Rs. 6,44, 210.00 from the revenue generated from the advertisements and subscriptions. We have to pay Rs. 3,40,194.00 to the publishers. The other expenditure was salary to Mr. E S S Kiran, Journal Assistant Rs. 48,000. The balance of amount in the Editor, Neurology India account as on 31.3.2013 was Rs. 1, 14,000.

The report was unanimously accepted.

# 2013/May/MTEC/33 CME Convener's Report

Dr V P Singh submitted the CME Convener's Report. He detailed about the CME Programme which will be at the Mumbai conference this year. The programme will start with a 10 minute inauguration with a talk by Dr N Wadia on the relevance of clincical examination. This will be followed by a talk by Dr Urvashi Shah, a Neuropsychologist on the topic: How to deliver the bad news. This will be followed by a talk by Dr Rezai from US on the newer indications on DBS. Dr Ratnawali will then have a talk. Post Tea there will be two concurrent sessions. He then informed about the programme in detail. The Lunch Symposium will be a case based presentation. Discussions on the same were made. Discussions were also made regarding NSI sponsoring the CME speakers with one day registration and accommodation. It was resolved that this was not feasible. He informed that the council about the Thieme Publication's proposal for publishing the CME Book. The council decided to let the decision be taken by the CME Convener.

It was proposed to keep the format of the CME similar to that held last year and to continue with a full day neurology CME as before.

The only change proposed was to change the lunch symposium to a case based presentation and make it more interactive with the audience.

The stress on selecting new speakers would be continued. It was decided to take advantage of other neurosurgical illuminaries who would be in Mumbai for the Endoscopy meeting and have some of them participate in the CME. One slot has been kept for Pan Arab Society member.

There was a suggestion to consider Thieme Publications for publishing the 'Progress in Neurosciences' as that would give wider exposure worldwide. The relative cost compared to the existing publisher would be explored.

He also informed the council about the details of CME scientific programme. The council was appreciative of the programme which has been nicely chalked out. The finer details are being worked out and will be circulated.

# 2013/May/MTEC/34 Preliminary report on the proposed programs for Young Neurosurgeons Forum by Dr Manas Panigrahi and Private Practicing Neuroscientists Forum by Dr VP Singh

The council discussed the proposed programs for the forums. Discussions regarding the topics to be included in the forum were done. The council advised Dr Manas Panigrahi to form a proper committee for the same and to come up with a proposal. Dr V P Singh elaborated on the work done and progress on Private Practicing Neuroscientists Forum.

# 2013/May/MTEC/35 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Dr V Rajashekhar informed the council about the proposal received by Congress of Neurological Surgeons to have a Webinar regarding CNS Tuberculosis with NSI. The decision was taken with having 4 topics

Dr RC Mishra raised the point that the travel arrangements for the council meetings can be taken by the Central Office who can make the bookings well in advance. The council endorsed the decision that this can be done in future.

Dr M D Nair raised the issue of Govt. proposing Generic Drugs. He asked for the council for their views.

Consolidating the meeting, the President Dr CE Deopujari acknowledged all the Council Members for their active participation, support and co-operation. The Council also thanked the warm hospitality and the arrangements made by Dr V Rajesh Babu who had taken time and measures to smoothen the meeting.

The meeting ended on a positive note.

#### Bid for Symposia at NEUROCON 2015 - Hyderabad

Bids are invited to organize Symposium at the Annual Conference of the Society to be held in Hyderabad in December 2015. Please note that your bids should reach the secretariat by **30th November 2013**. Any bid reaching after the prescribed date shall not be considered. Bids should be made on the proper forms available on the website and should reach preferably on email. Hard copies shall also be accepted.

# **Registration mandatory for Presenters**

From this year all full award paper presentations have to be uploaded by November 30<sup>th</sup> on the conference website. The same will also be done for other papers also. **All presenters have to mandatorily register for the conference before 31<sup>st</sup> August failing which the paper shall not be considered for evaluation**. Invited speakers who are NSI members will register for the conference preferably by 31<sup>st</sup> October and submit their abstracts.

# **Sergeant at Arms:** "Volunteers required"

Applications are invited from Associate Members and younger Life Members (below the age of 40 years) who would like to assist in conducting the Annual Conference of the Society in Mumbai and other NSI activities. The duties of the volunteers would be to ensure that the rooms are ready for the scientific sessions in respect to AV requirements, loading of presentations and other arrangements which will lead to the smooth conduct of the conference.

The volunteers will be provided free registration for the conference and shared accommodation if needed. A maximum of 10 such positions will be available. The selected candidates will be provided free registration and accommodation during the conference, and a conference certificate. Please send your application letter with a passport photograph and recommendations from head of Unit/Dept/ Institute (for medical students, interns, and residents doctors) along with membership number to the Secretary, NSI before 30 October 2013.

# **Travel Fellowship Programme**

Applications are invited from members who feel financially constrained to attend the annual conferences and other NSI meetings. A sum of Rs 50,000/- will be given to 3-5 members per year. Criteria for applicants –

- Age of at least 40 years and are NSI Members for at least 2 years
- Number of international conferences attended in the last 2 years.
- To submit a brief write-up of the activities attended by them.

Please contact the Secretary, NSI at <a href="mailto:secretary@neurosocietyindia.org">secretary@neurosocietyindia.org</a> for more details Information should only be sent by e- mail.

#### Activities of the NSI can be accessed on the Internet

Rules of the Society and application forms can be downloaded from http://www.neurosocietyindia.org Members are encouraged to visit the site.

Members desirous of having items included in the website / newsletter may please contact: The Secretary, NSI at <a href="mailto:secretary@neuroscoietyindia.org">secretary@neuroscoietyindia.org</a> Information should be sent by e mail.

# **NSI Office during the Annual Conference at Mumbai**

All delegates attending the Annual Conference at Mumbai are kindly requested to report to the NSI office as soon as possible after their registration process.

They are requested to re-verify their membership numbers and addresses so that the same can be updated in the records as well as in the Membership Directory.

The office shall remain open throughout the conference.

- Honorary Secretary

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The abstract centre is open from 1st May 2013 and will close on July 31st 2013.

The rules and regulations for award paper submissions are available in the NSI website.

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