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President's Message

I am truly honored to serve you as president of our society for this year, and privileged to have the support of a talented newly elected office bearers and executive committee. I am sure that all of you will agree on the excellent scientific content, hospitality and organization of the NSICON 2017 in Nagpur. Dr Lokendra Singh and his whole team deserve our applause and gratitude for this monumental effort. We now look forward to another wonderful meeting in Jaipur in Dec 2018, where the theme is "Technique, Technology & Philosophy" and Dr Hemant Bharatiya and his team are working hard to make it one of the most memorable meetings. This year we are having joint friendly meeting with AANS and the highlight of the conference will be a Pre-Conference NSI-AANS Workshop on 12th December. The two orators for this year's conference are renowned Prof. Al Mefty from Harvard and WFNS President Prof. Servadei. The NSI strongly believes that international collaboration and global scientific exchange are critical for the growth of our specialty and continuous improvement of patient care and outcomes. We partner annually with various international societies on education and scientific exchange and are now further expanding those relationships to create new opportunities for collaboration and teamwork.



Education is the core mission and focus of the NSI. Upholding the highest standards for teaching, training and dialogue is crucial for the growth and advancement of our field. We must offer meetings that are the most educational, contemporary and interactive in the world. To accomplish these goals, we are committed to listening to your needs and understanding how your practice is changing. We will continue to introduce the new initiatives you want, and work to help them succeed. With your feedback, we will continue to produce the greatest value for you and your patients. We will always strive to improve the NSI, our member offerings, and our profession. Society held a very successful Instructional Course and Foundation Course in January, 2018 in NIMHANS, Bangalore, under the able guidance of Dr Bhaskar Rao. The society organized the third Superspeciality CME in Udaipur in July 2018 and this year the CME was on Neurotrauma. In order to facilitate communication among its members, the NSI has a complete list of e-mail addresses of all members. This list will be used by the leadership of the NSI to reach neuroscientists on key issues and disseminate information electronically. Please contact the NSI office if you have a new e-mail address or if it has changed recently. Meanwhile, Neurology India had an outstanding year, and with a record number of submissions thanks to the untiring efforts of our editor Sanjay Behari. In addition, citations continue to grow as well and Neurology India's 2018 Impact Factor was 2.166 and this represents the journal's highest Impact Factor since its inception. In 2018 and beyond, Neurology India will continue to focus on publishing the very latest, high-impact science in the specialty with focused topical reviews in the related clinical neurosciences and invited supplements from expert authors and guest editors. The finances of the NSI remain healthy, thanks in large part to the very successful and profitable meeting arrangements of Manas (NSICON 2015 Hyderabad), Sridhar (NSICON 2016 Chennai) and Lokendra Singh (NSICON 2017 Nagpur). Ongoing expenses will increase with administration and maintenance of our new Web site. I want to extend my sincere thanks to every NSI member for the opportunity to serve you and the NSI during this exciting time. I am tremendously optimistic about the future of our organization under the strong leadership of incoming president Atul Goel and the 2018-20 NSI Executive Committee. I also look forward to every opportunity I will have during the rest of my career to support the ongoing work of the NSI along with all of you, as an engaged and supportive member. We look forward to your suggestions to guide us regarding the future direction our Society should take. I wish you a very successful year. Thank you again for your continued support of the NSI and I look forward to seeing you in Jaipur at the 2018, December 12-16.

Dr. Suresh Nair

President, Neurological Society of India

Hon Secretary's Message

Dear Friends,

The first half of this calendar year was a very productive period for our Society. The first NSI Educational course for this year was held at Bengaluru in January under the able guidance of our Chairman of the Board of Education and the local organizers at NIMHANS, Bengaluru. This year's superspecialty course was held in Udaipur on July 6th and 7th and was attended by 70 delegates. The specialty chosen for this year was Neurotrauma. There was one International Faculty, Dr. Antonio Belli from Birmingham, U.K and there were 14 national faculties. The programme was conceptualized by the Convener of this year's superspecialty CME, Dr. Suresh Sankhla and the Chairman of the BOE, Dr. Manas Panigrahi. The programme started on the afternoon of 6th and concluded on 7th evening. The programme was structured in such a way that there was ample time for discussions. The participation and feedback from the delegates were overwhelmingly positive. The second NSI educational course for this year will be held in Hyderabad at NIMS on July 27th and 28th.



The preparations for the forthcoming NSICON 2018 are in full swing under the able guidance of the Organizing secretary of NSICON 2018 Dr. Hemant Bhartiya and his team. The scientific committee for this meet, headed by the President-Elect Dr. Atul Goel, is busy creating an exciting and informative scientific programme. The last date for submitting the abstracts for this year's NSICON is July 31st, 2018. I request the members to submit their abstracts well ahead of time so that there is ample time for the scientific committee to evaluate the abstracts. This year's NSICON is a friendship meeting with AANS and we are expecting a large delegation of stalwarts from AANS.

This year, the Society's flagship, Neurology India, has achieved the highest impact factor during the entire period of its existence and we are all proud of the same. We congratulate our Editor, Dr. Sanjay Behari and the Editorial Board, for their efforts in achieving this feat. On this joyous occasion, I request all our members to contribute articles to Neurology India and also cite our journal in their publications elsewhere which will further improve the impact factor of our journal.

In an effort to be more inclusive, our predecessors started several initiatives such as the Young Neurosurgeon's forum, Private Practitioners Forum, Women In Neurosciences Forum, Legal Cell, Head Injury Initiative. These fora will have separate sessions during the annual meeting and we would like the interested members to contact the conveners of these fora for participating in these fora.

The society's website will be revamped shortly. There will be a "members only section". On logging into this section, members can access "members-only benefits" like access to newsletters, minutes of the previous EC and GB meetings, details of fellowships, submission of abstracts for conferences etc. The purpose behind this move is to avoid non-members of being privy to details such as minutes of the EC & GB meetings etc. This initiative is especially important in view of the recent concerns of data privacy. For the same reason, the practice of providing our membership directory to third parties on payment of the necessary fee which was in practice all these years has been stopped forthwith. Henceforth, the membership directory will be available only to members. Members desirous of having the membership directory can contact the central office and get the same after payment of the necessary fees.

Other exciting changes that are in the offing are mentioned in this newsletter. Once again, I sincerely thank all the members for giving me this opportunity to serve the Society as its Secretary. Kindly feel free to contact me for any clarification.

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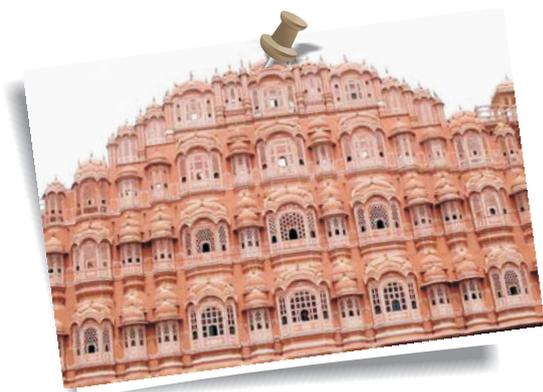
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Future NSICONs



2018 – Jaipur



2019 – Mumbai

Minutes of the Mid Term EC Meeting

Minutes of the Midterm EC Meeting June 15th 2018, Mumbai

Meeting attended by:

Suresh Nair, Atul Goel, Deepu Banerjee, RC Mishra, N Muthukumar, Daljit Singh, Sanjay Behari, Achal Kumar Srivastava, Dilip Panikar, Girish Menon, JKBC Parthiban, K Sridhar, Lakshmi Narasimhan, Manjari Tripathi, Rakesh Jalali, Sanjay Pandey, YR Yadav, VP Singh, P Sarat Chandra, Lokendra Singh, Hemant Bhartiya, Basant K Misra

Special Invitees:

Shanta Devi – CA

Sujata Mhadgut – Advocate for Charities Commissioner Issue

Central Office:

Navneet Arora

Dr Suresh Nair, President NSI, welcomed all the members to the first midterm meeting of the newly elected council. He expressed that there were a lot of important issues to be discussed in the meeting. He thanked Dr BK Misra for making the arrangements to hold the EC Meeting. He then handed over the proceedings to Dr Muthukumar, Hon. Secretary NSI.

Dr Muthukumar welcomed all the newly elected EC members to the meeting and informed that the agenda had already been circulated well ahead of time. However, he also informed that certain items were later added in the agenda and explained the need for the same. He further expressed that the EC members would be aware that our society is registered under the Charities Commissioner and the registration of the society was done in the year 1969. According to the rules and regulations of the Charities Commissioner, the proceedings of the General Body meetings, EC meetings, the change of office bearers etc. should be informed to the Charities Commissioner every year. Unfortunately this was done only from 1969 to 1992 and that too not regularly.

There was no evidence with the Charities Commissioner's office of the proceedings (GB/EC meetings, change of office bearers, IT returns etc) being submitted after 1992. Last year, it was found that the process was not done after the year 1992 which would lead to the risk of losing our registration with the Charities Commissioner if it is not updated immediately. Dr Deepu Banerji who was at that time based in Mumbai and was the President had started coordinating the proceedings for the same. Ms Sujata Mhadgut, Advocate, was commissioned to start the proceedings regarding the same. Dr Muthukumar informed that he along with Dr Suresh Nair, had a meeting with the advocate the evening before the mid-term EC meeting and she had consented to attend the EC meeting to apprise the EC regarding the matter. He then welcomed Ms Sujata to the meeting.

Ms Sujata informed the EC that our society is a registered body under the Societies Act. The managing committee of the Society is in the position of a trustee and as a trustee the managing body is under the control of the Charities Commissioner and registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, and the Charities Commissioner is the custodian of all the trusts. As the trustee of our society, the managing committee has certain obligations like informing the Charities Commissioner regarding the change of office bearers, submitting the accounts of the society, and the changes, if any, made to the constitution. However, it was found that there have been changes made to the constitution on several occasions and 26 years have passed wherein these were not informed to the Charities Commissioner.

She also informed that implementing these changes without informing the Charities Commissioner is basically wrong. The basic rule is to take approval from the Charities Commissioner before making any changes to the constitution. Although the society has a right to make amendments to the constitution, they can be implemented only after taking the approval of the Charities Commissioner. The solution now would be to amend the constitution

under which the society was registered with all the new amendments as a whole instead of separate amendments which were made through the years.

The reports of change of office bearers were also not filed with the Charities Commissioner after elections held each year. She suggested the following: 1. Filing of change reports since 1969 and thereby setting the records straight, 2. Filing of amended constitution. Under the Trust Act, the suggested amendments to the constitution have to be circulated to all the members and they should be invited to make suggestions regarding the same during the general body meeting and then approval from the general body needs to be taken and then the same has to be sent to the Charities Commissioner for approval. As the next general body meeting the Society would be held in December 2018, the amended constitution can be circulated to the members in the month of October and the approval of the general body can be taken when the society conducts the general body meeting in December. Till then, the other formalities like filing of the change reports and financial accounts of the society can be started. 3. Ms. Sujatha also informed that the annual audited accounts of the Society need to be filed not only with the Income Tax department but also with the Charities Commissioner every year and failure to do so amounted to a criminal offence. These omissions are major which can result in fines and de-registration of the Society but the same could be rectified by starting the process of correcting these errors now. 4. Ms. Sujatha also informed that the Society should pay 2% of its annual income to the Contribution Fund of the Charities Commissioner every year and this was not done so far since the registration of the Society with the Charities Commissioner in 1969, 5. Ms. Sujatha also informed the EC that it should pass a resolution to authorize three members to sign all the legal documents during the legal proceedings. She suggested having members from Mumbai itself so that it would be easier to take care of the formalities such as appearing before the Charities commissioner as and when required. The EC discussed the matter and decided that Dr. Atul Goel, President-Elect, who is from Mumbai can be the principal authorized person and two members from previous councils can be made the secondary signatories. The EC proposed the names of Dr. Deopujari, one of the Past Presidents and Dr. Suresh Sankhla, a member of the previous EC, as the secondary signatories, as both are based in Mumbai.

The EC discussed the matter. Dr. Sanjay Behari was of the opinion that Dr. K. Rajashekar Nair, Dr. K. Ganapathy, Dr. B. K. Misra and Dr. Deepu Banerji who were very active members throughout can be sought for help regarding the constitutional amendments during the yesteryears and the details of the previous office bearers. Dr. Muthukumar informed that Dr. V. Rajshekhar was kind enough to come forward and prepare the list of all the office bearers from the year 1990 onwards from the previous issues of Neurology India. However, he also informed the EC that the minutes of the EC and GB meetings from 1969 onwards should be submitted to the Charities Commissioner. The EC authorized Ms Sujata to start the legal proceedings in the office of the Charities commissioner.

The EC then proceeded with the original agenda.

1. Obituary

The Secretary informed the EC about the sad demise of three senior members, Prof. M. Sambasivan, Dr. E. P. Barucha and Dr. Sanjeev Bhatia. The EC stood in silence for a minute to pay homage to the departed souls.

2. Minutes of last EC meetings

Dr. Muthukumar informed that the minutes of the annual EC meeting, the general body meeting and the second annual EC meeting held at Nagpur during NSICON 2017 had already been circulated to all the members and also published in the April edition of the NSI Newsletter. He asked the EC's approval regarding passing of the same. The EC approved the minutes and they were passed unanimously being proposed by Dr. Deepu Banerji and seconded by Dr. K. Sridhar.

3. Secretary's Report

Dr. Muthukumar presented his report.

- a) Membership Status: He informed that after the last EC meeting 75 new associate members were enrolled out of which 65 were for the 3 year membership and 10 were for the 6 year membership. There were 51 new full member applications until May 2018 out of which 24 were direct applications and 27 were conversions from associate to full. As of May 2018, the total membership was 2798 out of which 2101 are full members and 697 are associate members. Among the full members, there are 1522 Neurosurgeons, 498 Neurologists and 81 Neuro Allied Specialists. The email ids of 2376 members are available out of which 1682 are full members and 694 are associate members. The mobile numbers of 2100 members are available out of which 1418 are full members and 682 are associate members.
- b) Educational Activities:
Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the educational activities of the previous 6 months. This year's first NSI Educational course was held on January 20th and 21st, 2018 at NIMHANS, Bangalore under the guidance of the Chairman of the Board of Education, Dr. Manas Panigrahi and the local coordinator of the course, Dr. Malla Bhaskara Rao. There were 35 participants for the Foundation course and 35 for the Instructional course with 8 observers. The next educational course will be held at Nizam's Institute, Hyderabad from July 28th and 29th, 2018 and the local coordinator will be Dr. Suchanda Bhattacharjee. He further informed that this year's superspeciality CME will be held in Udaipur, Rajasthan on July 6th and 7th, 2018. The course content is being decided by the Chairman of the NSI Board of Education, Dr. Manas Panigrahi and the course coordinator Dr. Suresh Sankhla. This year's specialty is Neurotrauma. There will be one international faculty and eight national faculty members. As of May 2018, around 40 members have registered for the course and the last date for application is June 15th and hence the number of applicants was likely to go up further.
- c) NSICON 2018:
He further apprised the EC regarding the preparations for the forthcoming NSICON 2018. He informed that the preparations were under full swing under the guidance of the organizing secretary of NSICON 2018, Dr. Hemant Bhartiya and his team. This year, the friendship society will be the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. The scientific committee chaired by Prof. Atul Goel is busy creating a wonderful scientific programme, the details of which will be shared by him later in this meeting. At least 10 official AANS delegates were expected to participate in the meeting. However, much more are expected to attend in their individual capacity.
Dr. Atul Goel opined that all the members who would be attending the NSICON from AANS should be given free registration and accommodation as they are coming on invitation. The EC members opined that if we invite more international delegates, then we also have to give them slots for lectures and then subsequently, there would be less time for our members. Dr. Atul Goel informed that he is designing the program such that everyone would be getting equal opportunities to present their papers. He explained his plans for the scientific program.
The members discussed the matter of free registration and accommodation for the AANS guests and decided that as requested by Dr. Atul Goel, 20 delegates from AANS have to be given registration and accommodation for the conference for 3 days. It was also decided that in the invitation sent to the foreign guests there should be separate mention that the free accommodation and registration is for a period of 3 days and other incidental expenses need to be paid by the guests themselves. Clear instructions should be given to the conference hotel that the incidental expenses should be paid by the foreign delegates and these will not be paid by the Society.
- d) Invitation for Emirates International Neurosurgical Conference 2018:
He further informed that NSI has also received invitation from the organizers of the 6th Emirates

International Neurosurgical Conference (EINC 2018) to be held between December 6th and 8th, 2018 at Dubai, UAE. The EC deliberated on this matter and decided not to participate in this meeting for reasons of logistics as this meeting falls very close to NSICON 2018.

e) Venue of NSICON 2020:

Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the venue selection for NSICON 2020. He informed that as per the decision of the 2nd EC meeting held in Nagpur regarding choice of the venue for NSICON 2020, a team comprising of the President Elect, Dr. Atul Goel, himself and Dr. K. Sridhar visited Bhubaneswar and Patna. The report of this team had already been circulated to all EC members and there was a near unanimous decision to go for fresh bidding. Hence, fresh bids were called for. He further informed that the bids will be discussed later in the meeting as a separate item on the agenda.

f) Traveling Fellowships:

He then informed the EC regarding the Travelling Fellowships granted in the first 6 months of the year. He informed that until last year, there were very few applicants for International Traveling Fellowships. However, as per the decision of the previous EC and GB held in Nagpur, once the fellowship amount was increased to Rupees One lakh, within the first five months of this calendar year there were five applications that fully satisfied the criteria. The members who were granted these fellowships were Dr. Jitin Bajaj, Dr. Rashim Kataria, Dr. Adesh Srivastava, Dr. Manjul Tripathi and Dr. Rajeev Sharma and the total amount sanctioned amounted to Rs. 4,27,000/-.

Dr. Muthukumar proposed the EC to increase the number of International fellowships from 5 to 10. The EC discussed the same and was of the opinion that the number of fellowships can be increased to 3 for every quarter. Dr. Muthukumar expressed that it would be difficult to have a timeline and therefore, it should be on the first-come-first-served basis. The EC finally decided to increase the number of international fellowships to 12 per calendar year. The Secretary also proposed to add a new clause to the existing criteria for International Fellowship that the applicant should have attended at least 2 of the previous 5 NSICONs apart from being a full member for a minimum period of 2 years, the last being a pre-existing clause. The EC agreed to this change. It was also decided to clearly lay down the eligibility criteria in the application form.

Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the travelling fellowships within the country. He informed that the total number of traveling fellowships for training within India until May 2018 were 5, each being granted for Rs. 15,000/-. He expressed that as per the constitution, there is apparently no cap on the number of fellowships to be granted for travel within the country. He proposed that this should also be capped and this decision should be taken by the EC. He also proposed to increase the fellowship amount for travel within the country from Rs. 15,000/- to Rs.25,000/- so as to take into account the cost inflation. The EC accepted the same and decided to cap the number of fellowships to 30 per calendar year. It was also decided by the EC to rename this fellowship as National Education Fellowship instead of Traveling fellowship.

g) NSI App:

Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the NSI App. He informed that as per the decision of the previous EC, Dr. Paritosh Pandey, a member of the previous EC, was entrusted with the job of creating an App for NSI. The beta version of the app was released during the first EC meeting in Nagpur. Subsequently, to ensure continuity in the process, Dr. Paritosh was asked to come up with the revised version and suggestions were given to him. This app is available for download from both Google Playstore as well as for the IOS platform from the App store. He hoped that the complete app would be available by the Jaipur Conference.

h) WFNS Membership:

Dr. Muthukumar further informed the EC regarding our membership with WFNS. He informed that the membership was renewed on May 7th, 2018 and that the society paid its dues to the WFNS – an amount of

US dollars 10,656 (Ten thousand six hundred and fifty six US dollars).

The matter of membership with the World Federation of Neuropathologists was also discussed. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that earlier it was discussed as the neuropathologists had formed a separate national society NSI need not pay the membership dues to the World Federation of Neuropathologists. However, a decision was taken to first communicate the same to the neuropathologists. Accordingly, Dr. V. P. Singh informed that he had communicated with Dr. Chitra Sarkar regarding the same and she had requested him that as their society was still in its infancy, they would like NSI to pay the dues to the World Federation of Neuropathologists. It was decided by the EC that NSI would pay for the same.

i) IMA:

Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the matter of NSI relations with IMA. He informed that on February 21st 2018, IMA conducted a meeting in Mumbai regarding the constitution of the National Medical Council and wanted one of our representatives to attend the meeting. In view of the short notice, it was not possible for the office bearers to attend the same and hence, Dr. Suresh Sankhla was authorized by the office bearers to attend the meeting as a representative of NSI. Dr. Suresh Sankhla attended the meeting. However, as per his report, no concrete decisions were taken regarding the NMC. On May 26th 2018, the IMA again called for another meeting in New Delhi to discuss the increasing episodes of violence against doctors and wanted two of our representatives to attend the meeting. Our Treasurer, Dr. Daljit Singh and Prof. Vinay Goyal, Prof. of Neurology, AIIMS, former EC member, were authorized to attend this meeting on behalf of NSI. Unfortunately Dr. Vinay Goyal could not attend but Dr. Daljit Singh had attended the meeting. Dr. Daljit informed the EC that apart from releasing a video relating to the issue of violence against doctors, no concrete decisions were taken in this meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Muthukumar informed the EC that in the last meeting held at Nagpur, the EC had invited Mrs. Shanta Devi, the Society's CA to clarify the EC members' doubts regarding various queries. He informed the EC members that the present office bearers had decided to invite the Society's CA to routinely attend the mid-term EC meeting and the first EC meeting during the annual conference so as to apprise the members about the financial affairs of the society. He also informed that she will be present only when the Treasurer's report is being presented and will leave thereafter and therefore, will not be privy to other proceedings of the EC meeting. He then invited Mrs. Shanta Devi to the meeting.

Dr. Daljit Singh presented the Treasurer's Report. He explained the details of the incomes and expenditures of the society.

a) First, he discussed the Nagpur finances. He informed that the audited accounts have to be submitted by the end of August. He requested Dr. Lokendra Singh to submit the accounts to the NSI accountants by 15th of August. Dr. Lokendra Singh informed that the conference had two accounts, one was the event manager's account in Hyderabad and the second at Nagpur. He informed that he would be closing the Hyderabad account and transferring the funds to the Nagpur account. Subsequently, the account will be audited and the balances transferred to the main NSI account at Delhi. Dr. K. Sridhar questioned the need for having another account other than the NSI account for the conference. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that this happened as a onetime exception as the Nagpur organizers were facing some difficulties regarding the GST issues and hence the EC had authorized Dr. Lokendra Singh to use the event manager's account for the purpose of GST filing. The GST was being introduced at that time and had to be paid in the state where the conference was being held. Dr. Hemant Bhartiya enquired from the CA regarding the details of the GST. The CA clarified that the GST of NSICON 2018 Jaipur should be paid through the NSICON 2018 account at Jaipur. She

further clarified that there should be a local chartered accountant in the city conducting the conferences who should be assigned the task of paying the GST which is done as a quarterly payment and should be coordinated with the NSI Chartered accountant. The EC also directed Dr. Hemant Bhartiya that up to June 2018, all the account statements along with the details of receipts and expenditure should be sent to the central auditors every three months and then the same should be sent every month thereafter with a copy to the Treasurer.

- b) The next matter brought forward by Dr. Daljit Singh was regarding the closure of the Agra Bank Account. Mrs Shanta Devi informed the EC that the Agra account should not be closed as the Agra address is the corresponding address of the Society. All the finances regarding the various educational courses throughout the year are managed by the Agra account. The EC concurred with the view of Mrs. Shanta Devi and agreed to retain the Agra account.
- c) The next matter was regarding the transfer of the funds from the Chennai NSICON account to the central account at Delhi. Mrs. Shanta Devi informed that the surplus of the Chennai conference was 90 lacs 51 thousand rupees. Dr. V. P. Singh informed that this money should first come to NSI account, subsequently the Chennai account should be closed and then the EC has to pass a resolution to disburse 50% of the same to local organizers. The auditor was of the view that Dr. Sridhar has to give 45 lacs 25 thousand to the local society and then transfer the balance to the Delhi account and then close the same. Dr. V. P. Singh informed the EC that previously there was an incident where there were two local bodies contesting for the 50% share and hence it is better to first transfer the entire surplus to the central account and then the EC can make a resolution as to which local body the 50% share has to be given. The EC agreed to the same and advised Dr. Sridhar to first transfer the entire surplus to the central account at Delhi and then the central body would disburse 50% of the same to the local society. Dr. Sridhar then informed the EC regarding a request made by Dr. A. K. Banerji regarding NSI donating to the WFNS Trust India. Dr. Sridhar was informed that NSI as such does not give any donations but he is welcome to do so with the 50% that would be transferred to the account of the organizers of the Chennai conference.
- d) Dr. Daljit Singh then requested that from now on the local neuro clubs/societies which receive the 50% of the surplus from the annual conference should give a receipt of the amount received and this was accepted by the EC.
- e) Dr. Daljit Singh enquired from the CA regarding the issue of spending 85% of the receipts collected by the society in a financial year. Dr. Shanta Devi explained that this is not an issue and that already the society is spending almost 85% of the receipts and it was only in the last 4 years that the receipts were more. She explained that she had created a conference fund with the surplus and would be able to deal with the same. She then explained to the EC members regarding the clause 12A of the income tax act, that 85% of the receipts of a particular year have to be spent in the activities fulfilling the objectives of the society.
- f) Dr. Daljit Singh requested the permission of the EC for hiring an assistant for the Treasurer's Office, the salary for whom would be around 10,000/-. He also submitted a request for buying a printer and computer for the same. The EC agreed to the same and resolved that a laptop/desktop, modem and a printer/scanner can be bought for the treasurer office.
- g) Dr. Daljit Singh then requested Mrs Shanta Devi to clarify regarding the assessment year 2015-16 wherein there was a notice of Rs. 57,58,320/- tax liability. Mrs Shanta Devi clarified it was for the year 2016-17 and that there was a mistake made by the CPC while entering the data and that she had then filed a rectification petition regarding the same and a revised tax return was then filed. The process of rectification has been initiated and a response was awaited from IT authorities . Mrs Shanta Devi also reiterated that the mistake was on the part of the CPC and not on the part of NSI.

The EC members thanked Mrs Shanta Devi for clarifying the members' doubts and then the Treasurer's

Report was then passed being proposed by Dr. Deepu Banerji and seconded by Dr.K. Sridhar. Mrs. Shantha Devi thanked the EC members and left the meeting.

5. CME Convener's Report

Dr. Dilip Panikar and Dr. Manjari Tripathi, the CME Conveners presented their report. Dr. Dilip Panikar informed that the CME for the year 2018 opens with a plenary session which has a wide range of invited lectures and includes talks by two neurologists and an endocrinologist. In keeping with the trend set at the 2017 NSICON at Nagpur, there will be no parallel session for neurology. The plenary session will be followed by a debate on giant aneurysms. The symposium would be on minimally invasive spine surgery with the talks covering a range of applications of the technique. There would be separate sessions on neuro-oncology, paediatric neurosurgery and neurotrauma. There would be two overseas speakers in the neurotrauma session, Dr. Franco Servadei from Italy speaking on spinal cord injuries and Dr. Mathew Kidangalil from UK speaking on neuro-rehabilitation. The CME ends with a how I do it video session and is expected to conclude at 5pm.

Dr. Atul Goel enquired whether an internationally acclaimed specialist on the topic of minimally invasive spine surgery can be included in the session. Dr. Dilip Panikar expressed that as per the NSI Bye Laws, there cannot be more than two international speakers for the CME. The EC members discussed the matter and Dr. Manjari Tripathi opined that the speaker can be included as a chairperson and be given a few minutes to put forward his experience. The EC approved the same. Dr. Manjari then enquired that previously there used to be two concurrent sessions of Neurosurgery and Neurology but now there is only a common session. Dr. Muthukumar informed that this was started in the year 2017 as there were problems in the previous years in getting speakers for the Neurology session and the decision to have a common session was taken at the behest of the previous CME convener for Neurology, Dr. Vinay Goyal. He also informed the EC that as the previous CME convener for Neurosurgery, he had objected to this change but was overruled by the previous EC. Dr. Manjari Tripathi was of the view that the local neurologists can be encouraged to attend the CME and therefore wanted to have a concurrent neurology session. The EC discussed the issue of having a concurrent session during CME for Neurology and accepted the same and Dr. Manjari was asked to plan for the concurrent session. Dr. Muthukumar advised that all the lectures from the CME sessions should be included as chapters in the CME book, Progress in Clinical Neurosciences and requested Dr. Manjari to ensure that all the Neurology speakers give their manuscripts well in time to be included in the CME book.

6. Editor's Report

Dr. Sanjay Behari presented the Editor's report. He presented the data for the period of January – June 2018 and informed that all the issues were on time. There were 3 regular issues and one supplement on movement disorders edited by Dr. Sanjay Pandey. He also informed the EC that the March-April issue represents the highest online web access since the inception of the journal 66 years ago. It was accessed 130,261 times in a two month cycle. The EC members applauded the same. Dr. Behari informed the EC that one of the reasons for the same was the introduction of videos to the journal. He also informed the EC regarding the Impact Factor® as reported in the 2016 Journal Citation Reports® (Thomson Reuters, 2017): 1.758. This is the highest ever impact factor of the journal in 66 years. He also informed that there is no financial burden from the editor's office to NSI. He then informed the EC regarding the various new features of the journal.

The EC discussed the matter of citing the Neurology India articles by the members in their research papers. Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan expressed that as per the MCI rules now the residents have to compulsorily publish at least one article in a PubMed indexed journal and hence the residents should be encouraged to publish their articles in the Neurology India.

Dr. Sanjay Behari then explained regarding the finances of the journal. The EC members felt that the advertisement rates for the journal should be increased as the current rates are very low. Dr. Behari also informed that efforts are being made to streamline the member's directory and emails are sent before sending the copies to all members.

Dr. Sanjay Behari proposed to make Dr. Indira Nachiketa Tiwari, wife of a Professor at IIT Kanpur, with a Master Degree from Delhi University in Biochemistry, as Executive Editor with a salary of Rs. 20,000 per month to be given to her from January 2019 by NSI. She, along with the editor, will maintain continuity of the protocols of the journals. The EC accepted the same.

Dr. Sanjay Behari also proposed to change the name of Neurology India to Neurology Neurosurgery India to emphasize that the journal covers all the specialties of Neuro sciences. The EC was of the view that it would be difficult to change the name of the journal as this would lead to problems in the journal indexation; instead a tagline can be added to the name to emphasize the point. The EC members then passed the Editor's Report unanimously.

7. Life time achievement awards

Dr. Muthukumar informed the EC that there were 6 nominations for the life time achievement awards. He further informed that as per the NSI Bye Laws, the awards should be limited to 5. He informed that the nominations were for Dr. Manoj Virani from Mumbai who was nominated by Dr. Ketan Desai and Dr. Suresh Sankhla, Dr. S. V. Jothiramlingam nominated by Dr. Ganesan and Dr. V. Rajesh Babu, Dr. SarasaBharati nominated by Dr. Arjun Das and Dr. V. G. Ramesh, Dr. P. Sree Kumar nominated by Dr. Mohan Lal and Dr. Gilvaz, Dr. (Col.) P. K. Sethi, who self-proposed his name and Dr. V. S. Dave nominated by Dr. A. K. Singh and Dr. D. K. Chhabra. The EC accepted the nominations of Dr. Manoj Virani, Dr. S. V. Jothiramlingam, Dr. SarasaBhatari, Dr. P. Sree Kumar and Dr. V. S. Dave for the Life Time Achievement Awards to be presented during NSICON 2018.

8. Bids for NSICON 2020

Dr. Muthukumar informed the EC regarding the bids received for NSICON 2020. He informed that the secretariat received bids from Kolkata, Lucknow and Cochin. He presented the details to the EC members. He informed that the first bid, from Cochin was in order and fulfilling all the criteria for the same. He further informed that the bid had come from Kairali Neurosciences Society which was registered with NSI with the name Kerala Neurosciences Society in the late 1970s for which no records were available with NSI. However, the Secretary of their Society at that time had mentioned in the minutes of the meeting of their society that their society was registered with NSI. When the Kerala Neurosciences Society applied for the society's registration it was rejected as it included the name of a state and hence the society was renamed as Kairali Neurosciences Society. The proposed organizing secretary would be Dr. Sudhish Karunakaran who had proposed 2 venues for the conference.

He further informed that the second bid was from Kolkata by Association of Neuroscientists of Eastern India. The bid was signed and proposed by Org. Secretary, Dr. Sandip Chatterjee. The Association of Neuroscientists of Eastern India is a registered society with a PAN number but the society is not registered with NSI. The proposed venue would be Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata. According to the bid, the proposed venue has adequate facilities.

Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the details of the third bid which was from Lucknow. He informed that the bid was by Neurosurgery Foundation & Development Trust, KGMU Lucknow and was signed by President, Secretary and the proposed Org. Secretary. The society is not registered with NSI. The Neurosurgery Foundation & Development Trust is registered society with a PAN number. The proposed Org Secretary would be Dr. Chhitij Srivastava and the proposed venue would be Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Centre, Lucknow. According to the bid, the proposed venue has adequate facilities.

The EC discussed the proposed venues in detail. Dr. Muthukumar informed that the last annual conference being

held at Cochin in 2002, Kolkata in 1996 and in Lucknow in 2009. The EC members voted to short list Kolkata as the first choice and Cochin as the second option. The EC also decided that Dr. Atul Goel , Dr. R. C. Mishra and Dr.K. Sridhar would visit the Kolkata venue within the next two months and give their report to the EC members latest by August end.

9. Pre Conference Workshop during NSICON 2018, Jaipur

Dr. Muthukumar informed the EC that according to the NSI Bye-laws the day before the CME, the EC should hold the annual EC meeting. However, Dr. Atul Goel, the scientific chairman of this year's NSICON wanted to hold a pre-conference meeting on that day and in that case the EC meeting should be held one day before the preconference workshop. The EC felt that a tradition that had continued for 66 years should not be changed and therefore the EC decided to advice Dr. Atul Goel to start the Pre-Conference Meeting at 8:30AM on the day prior to the CME so that the EC members would attend the inauguration function for the same and then the EC meeting would start at 10:00 am and then end at 5:00 pm. The Head Injury Program would then start at 5:00 pm.

10. NSI Website

Dr. Muthukumar expressed that the NSI Website needed a total revamping. He informed the EC that he had received a lot of calls in the last few months from many event management companies regarding the location where the NSICON 2020 would be held. When asked how they got the information, they responded by stating that all the information was available on the NSI newsletters in the website. Therefore, Dr.Muthukumar was of the strong opinion that the society related information should be available in a separate Members-only section of the website. He proposed the creation of a members' only area wherein upon logging-in, the members can access the society details like the newsletters and the minutes of the previous meetings and other important information like fellowships. This was accepted by the EC.

He requested a webmaster for the same and proposed the name of Dr. Girish Menon . Dr. R. C. Mishra informed that the post of Webmaster was stopped in the year 2012 after the tenure of Dr. V. Rajshekhar ended as a webmaster.

Dr. Muthukumar also stated that many corrections have to be made in the website specifically in the fellowships area wherein many fellowships are not active anymore resulting in members getting misleading information about non-existent fellowships.

Dr. Muthukumar also informed the EC that after the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica issue, privacy of members data had become a matter of significant concern and hence it was decided to stop issuing the NSI Membership details to the industry which was previously given for an amount of Rs. 10,000/-. Henceforth, the members' database will be available only to NSI members. They have to first write to the NSI Office for obtaining the same. The EC passed a resolution to stop giving the members directory for commercial purposes. Dr. Sanjay Behari proposed that as soon as a member logs into the members area, there should be a flag popping-up wherein the member undertakes to approve that the information taken from the website would not be used for commercial purposes. It was also discussed to take the permission from members if they would like to give their contact details or not.

Dr. Muthukumar informed the EC that the constitution available in the NSI web site at present is four years old signed by the then office bearers, Dr. Rajshekhar, Dr. R. C. Mishra and Dr. Deepu Banerji and subsequently there have been several amendments to the constitution passed by the general body. The updated new constitution should be signed by the current office bearers and put up on the website.

Dr.Muthukumar also brought to the notice of the EC the existence of a Whatsapp group "NSI" which was started by Dr. Sridhar prior to the Chennai NSICON in 2016. The Secretary noted that any Whatsapp group can have only

250 members and therefore having a separate Whatsapp group for NSI means it is not representative of all the members of this Society with a membership close to 3000. Moreover, he also pointed out that most of the postings in this "NSI" Whatsapp group were not related to NSI activities, academic or administrative. He suggested that in view of the above; NSI should not officially recognize this Whatsapp group and suggested deleting the name of NSI in this Whatsapp group. The EC unanimously agreed to the same and Dr.Sridhar, being one of the admins of the group, was asked to change the name of the group which he did immediately. The EC unanimously agreed that NSI will not have an official Whatsapp group and any posting in any group with the tag "NSI" will have no legal binding on the Society.

11. New Proposals by the Secretary to be considered by the EC

The first proposal by Dr. Muthukumar was to have a **monthly webinar**. He mentioned that at present the NSI Website is purely administrative without any academic content. He proposed to have **monthly webinars** through the website. A committee can be formed to choose the topics and the faculty for the same. He suggested having the committee members from outside the EC. The practicalities for the same were then discussed and it was decided to start the same as a monthly webinar lasting for two hours.

The second proposal by Dr. Muthukumar was to have a monthly publication of topic-based review articles with the title of the publication being **Current Practice in Neurosurgery**. This would be in a PDF format and can be published through NSI website like newsletters. The EC members opined that the name of the publication should be **Current Practice in Neurosciences** and the same should be available on Neurology India web site. Dr. Sanjay Behari expressed that as NSI has the copyright to Neurology India, the same can be put on Neurology India as well as NSI Website. Dr. Muthukumar mentioned that he would revert to the EC regarding the Monthly Webinar and the creation of Current Practice in Neurosciences.

12. Legal Cell Report

Dr. Girish Menon, the convener for the Legal Cell presented his report. He informed the EC that the Legal cell has been very active for the last 6 months with several legal requests being made.

- a) He informed that the first case was from the Max Hospital, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi (December 2017) wherein subsequent to the death of a premature new born baby and the consequent public outcry, the Delhi government had ordered temporary closure of the hospital without any formal investigation. One of our life members working as a consultant neurosurgeon at Max Hospital was affected by this sudden decision of the Delhi Government. The legal cell of NSI conveyed our deep anguish against this hasty decision of the Delhi Government and sent a letter expressing our solidarity to the Delhi Medical Association in their fight for justice. The members opined that such issues should be taken up only after a formal request for assistance is submitted by the affected member(s).
- b) The second case pertained to one of our members who requested NSI's help in a case filed against him in the National Consumer Court, Delhi. The petitioner claimed that she had suffered permanent deficits following a brain surgery and had sued the neurosurgeon for two crores. The legal cell constituted a team which included Prof. Suresh Nair, Prof. Atul Goel, Prof. N. Muthukumar., Prof. Daljit Singh, Prof. V. S. Mehta and Dr. Girish Menon. On verification of the relevant documents and scan images, the committee unanimously felt that there was no act of negligence and all the necessary treatment was done according to the existing standard of care. An affidavit signed by the convener of the legal cell and a detailed letter defending our member signed by the entire team was sent to the concerned member. The same has been filed in the court and is due for hearing in August 2018.
- c) A verbal request was made by another member following an unfavorable court verdict against him. The

case involved development of Steven-Johnson syndrome following administration of carbamazepine prescribed by our member. The court had initially dismissed the case only to proclaim a guilty verdict later. Obvious irregularities seem to have happened in the proceedings and the member has appealed to the court for clarifications. The legal cell has assured him of all possible help if he needs. Dr. Menon informed the EC that he was yet to receive a formal request from him.

- d) The EC members were of the unanimous opinion that requests for legal assistance should be provided, 1. only to NSI members, 2. only on specific request from the affected member and, 3. no case should be taken up *suo moto*.
- e) Dr. Girish Menon then discussed the SOPs (Standard Operating Protocols) for the Legal Cell. The EC discussed the formation of the GOC (Group of Consultants) of the Legal cell, especially, zonal representation. The EC agreed to permit Dr. Girish Menon to make any changes to the GOC of the Legal cell as he may deem fit.
- f) Dr. Girish Menon then raised the proposal of professional indemnity for the members. The EC directed Dr. Girish Menon to come up with a proposal for the same in the next EC meeting.

13. Private practitioners' forum report

Dr. JKBC Parthiban presented the report of the Private Practitioners' Forum. He expressed that he had tried to visit many places and interact with the local private practitioners. He expressed that many members were unaware that of the existence of a Private Practitioner's Forum. He informed that during these meetings many questions were raised about the commitment of NSI on this matter and many felt that NSI is at present concentrating on academic activities only. He emphasized that we should first analyze what exactly the private practitioners expect from the National Body. He suggested that NSI should provide guidelines to the practicing environment (eg: private hospitals should have basic set ups for a neurosurgical procedure to be undertaken viz: Microscope and ICU) failing which private practicing neurosurgeons should not undertake risky operations and instead refer or transfer to a NSI recognized centre. Many members were of the view that the facilities and infrastructure available in different places in the country are different and hence it would be practically difficult to come up with uniform practice guidelines for private practitioners. Dr. Parthiban proposed formulating a questionnaire for assessing the needs of the private practitioners and elaborated on the same.

14. Young Neuroscientists forum report

Dr. Y. R. Yadav, the convener for the Young Neuroscientists Forum presented his report. From his interactions with young neurosurgeons he felt the following were necessary: First, he expressed that instead of more conferences, there should be more hands-on-workshops to improve surgical training. He further expressed that many young neurosurgeons were of the view that posting of neurosurgery residents should be provided in Neurology and Neuroradiology for 2 months each. The residents should perform certain numbers of spinal and cranial cases under supervision of consultants during residency. He emphasized that there should be changes in residency programs with the inclusion of newer sub specialties & uniform standard in final MCh/DM examinations. He further expressed that NSI can organize more short duration fellowship programs in various sub-specialties (such as functional neurosurgery, skull base, spine, Neuroendoscopy, epilepsy surgery etc.) at different places in India. The EC members were of the view that the society cannot control the institutions, whether private or public. Dr. V. P. Singh expressed that NSI has already made a document regarding the basic attributes of MCh/DNB residency training and had submitted the same to MCI. The EC members were also of the view that the training of most of the sub specialities cannot be completed in short periods of time. Dr. V. P. Singh enquired from Dr. Yadav regarding the program for the Young Neurosciences Forum during the NSICON 2018 at Jaipur. Dr. Dilip Panikar expressed that during the meeting of the young neurosurgeons forum at NSICON last year, most of the young neurosurgeons

complained that as the front seats are mostly taken up by the senior members in plenary sessions, they do not get a chance to interact with the faculty and ask questions. He was of the view that some front seats during the pre-conference meeting at NSICON 2018 can be given to them so that they can better interact with the international faculty. The EC members suggested that the chairpersons of various scientific sessions should be instructed to actively encourage younger members to participate in the discussions.

15. Head Injury Initiative

Dr. K. Sridhar presented his report on Head Injury Initiative. He reported on the activities started after the NSICON 2017. He informed the EC that he had requested that 20th March be designated as the Head Injury Awareness Day of the NSI. This was done and a mail and SMS were sent out to all members requesting them to play a part in the Awareness campaign. Reports were received from all over the country, from Srinagar to Coimbatore, from Bhubaneswar to Mumbai. Many have sent photographs of the events held which he hoped could be uploaded on the NSI website. The EC gave its approval to have a page dedicated to the Head Injury Initiative on the NSI Website. Dr. Sridhar then informed that he had also started a slogan campaign wherein he had requested for slogans on Head Injury Awareness which got a tremendous response. He hoped to use these slogans in future awareness events.

He then briefed the EC regarding the plans for the future. He expressed that each year, there is an event held at the city of the NSICON. This event is organized by the local organizing committee in liaison with the EC member in-charge of the Head Injury initiative. He felt that there needs to be a concentrated and coordinated effort in this regard and that this event during the NSICON should be the culmination of the year's events and programs. Towards this objective, there should be an established process of dialogue between the organizing secretary NSICON and the EC member in-charge of the head injury initiative. He further informed that there have been attempts at a coordinated effort at Head Injury Awareness between the NSI and the NTSI. There was a special meeting organized by Dr Suresh Sankhla during the previous NSICON. Unfortunately, no firm decisions could be taken. Dr. Sridhar proposed to invite them for a business meeting so that coordinated work can be done in the subject while still maintaining individuality. He suggested creation of a task force for this purpose. The matter of the guidelines developed by the NTSI to be adopted by NSI was also discussed. The EC then authorized Dr. K. Sridhar to take the dialogue forward with NTSI and then report back to the EC.

Dr. Sridhar further put forth a proposal to have a jingle / anthem created with a visual for HI Awareness. Mr. S. P. Balasubramaniam, renowned singer and musician, had in principle agreed for the same but there was a need to discuss the details and the financial implications. Dr. Sridhar wanted the proposed jingle to be used during all NSI related meetings. It will also be popularized by the singer Mr. S. P. Balasubramaniam and other celebrities at their functions etc. as there will be a captive audience in these functions. The financial implications for this will be to the tune of approximately 15 to 20 lakhs. The EC decided that the proposal can be taken up and the processes and talks for the same started. The EC also discussed regarding getting sponsorships for the expenses involved.

Dr. Sridhar then informed the EC regarding the Awareness Campaigns that he wished to start. He expressed that the target groups for the same would be high school students, college students, social groups, police, transport drivers, etc. He also expressed that we can influence society by asking the PM to speak on this subject during his "Mann Ki Baat". Dr. Sridhar also expressed to take the help of the central minister, Shri. Nitin Gadkari, who is associated with Make Roads Safe campaign, to see if he will espouse the NSI's campaign as well. He also proposed to partner with social groups and NGOs and publication of comics and reading material for schools/colleges so as to take the message to the next generation. This can be done in regional languages and distributed under the aegis of the NSI with local partners. He further proposed to first have a task force set up with members and non-medical persons who are interested in the project and then do a pilot project starting in Chennai. Thereafter, the same can be done nation-wide.

16. Women in Neurosciences Forum

Dr. Muthukumar informed that Dr. Anita Jagetia is the convener for the Women in Neurosciences Forum. As she is not an EC member, Dr. Muthukumar read out the report sent by her:

In summary, Dr. Anita had three suggestions:

1. To increase the age limit for women for various fellowships in view of the peculiar domestic and social constraints faced by women.
2. She had also suggested that having a separate women's committee would further encourage discrimination and therefore, wanted the Young Neurosurgeon's Forum to take more active part in the welfare of women neuroscientists.
3. She had also suggested that one post in the EC should be reserved for women. She had mentioned that in the preceding elections to the EC, Dr. Suchanda Bhattacharji who contested for the EC post, could not get elected because of the disproportionate number of men versus women in the society.
4. She also addressed the issue raised by Dr. Yoko Kato of Japan who had written a letter to the President asking for the formation of a separate Women in Neurosurgery in India (WINI). Dr. Kato had also named the various office bearers of WINI and wanted the NSI to provide financial support to them. Dr. Anita suggested that this was not a practical solution.

The EC discussed the issues raised by Dr. Anita Jagetia and came to the following conclusions: 1. The age limit for women for applying for fellowships can be relaxed subject to approval by the GB, 2. The EC was not in favor of completely dismantling the Women in Neurosciences Forum which it felt should continue in the present form, 3. The EC was strongly opposed to any form of reservations within the EC including that for women and 4. The EC felt that if some members wanted to form a separate Women in Neurosciences Society, they can do so and NSI should have no objections to the formation of this society.

17. NSICON 2018 Orators / Scientific Program

Dr. Suresh Nair informed the EC members regarding the orators for NSICON 2018. In the absence of Dr. Atul Goel who had to leave, Dr. Suresh Nair also apprised the EC regarding the scientific program for the conference. Dr. Suresh Nair informed that on 12th December, there would be a pre-conference meeting with the AANS faculty. On the 13th, there would be the CME. The conference would be starting on 14th December 2018 and the Jacob Chandy Oration on the 14th of December would be delivered by Prof Ossama Al-Mefty and the Ginde Oration on the 15th of December would be delivered by the WFNS President Prof Franco Servadei. He further informed that as per the norms, there would be three symposia conducted by the President. This year the symposia would be on Advances in Epilepsy Surgery coordinated by Dr. Mathew Abraham, Vestibular Schwannoma coordinated by Dr. Basant Misra, and the third on Head injury coordinated by Brig. H. S. Bhatoe. There would be four special lectures, two on the 14th, the first by Dr. Fredrick Boop from AANS and the second by Prof Franco Servadei. The special lectures on 15th would be by IAN President and the fourth special lecture was yet to be decided. He also discussed on the post lunch symposium on 14th of December was yet to be finalized.

Dr. Nair informed the EC that the institute with which Dr. Al Mefty is associated does not permit accepting honorariums and hence he had asked for air fare and the same is being provided to him. NSI is bearing the expenses to the tune of 2500 US dollars which is the honorarium given to the Orators by NSI and the rest of the expenses have been taken care of by sponsorship by Dr. Basant Misra.

18. NSI Elections 2018 – Posts, Procedures & Notifications

In the absence of Dr. Atul Goel, Dr. Suresh Nair informed the EC regarding the details of the NSI Elections for the year 2018. He informed that this year the elections would be for the post of President Elect. He informed the EC regarding the various due dates for elections. He informed that the last date for receiving nominations would be 30th of September and the last date for withdrawal of nomination would be 22nd of October. The voting would be

starting on 10th of November and end on 11th December 2018.

19. Report on NSICON 2017, Nagpur

Dr. Lokendra Singh, organizing secretary for NSICON 2016 presented his report. He informed the EC that the surplus incomes over expenses were to the tune of 1 crore 27 lakhs. He detailed that there were 857 delegates in the conference. He detailed the various expenses and receipts. He expressed that it was a first time that the conference mascot and the art and culture fest was introduced in a conference.

The EC members appreciated the efforts of Dr. Lokendra Singh.

20. NSICON 2018, Hemant Bhartiya

Dr. Hemant Bhartiya updated the EC regarding the arrangements being made for the NSICON 2018. He informed that after Dr. Suresh Nair and Dr. R. C. Mishra visited Jaipur in February, the venue of the conference was changed from Birla Auditorium to Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre. He detailed the EC regarding the venue. He also informed that the website has been updated and active. He also informed that the registrations were in full swing. He also detailed the EC regarding the finances of the conference.

21. NSICON 2019, Mumbai

Dr. Basant Misra presented his report on the NSICON 2019. He informed that the flyers for the conference have been made and he is distributing the same in the international conferences. He further informed that the dates for the conference have been finalized and the venue hotel has been booked. The venue would be Hotel Renaissance, Mumbai. He expressed that three of the continents would be participating in the conference with NSI and AASNS partnering the conference and EANS and AANS being the friendship societies participating. He further informed the EC regarding the way the conference was to be organized. He informed that the first day of the conference would be a totally NSI scientific program wherein the presidential oration, award papers and other orations would be held and after that, the program would be a joint program with the AASNS. He further informed the EC regarding the registration rates that are being proposed.

22. NSI nominations for the WFNS (I) Trust

Dr. Muthukumar then informed the EC that he had received a letter from Dr. A. K. Banerjee that the term of the present nominees for the WFNS (I) Trust from NSI is coming to an end and so, he requested for new nominations to be made. He informed the EC that the present nominees are Dr. K. Sridhar, Dr. R. C. Mishra and Dr. Deepu Banerji. The EC discussed the matter and decided that Dr. N. Muthukumar, Dr. Daljit Singh and Dr. Girish Menon would be the representatives of NSI in the WFNS(I) Trust.

23. Letters for Discussion

Dr. N. Muthukumar then informed the EC regarding the letters that have come for discussion during the EC meeting.

He informed that the first letter was from Dr. A. K. Banerjee. He informed that he had presented some suggestions for conduct of the annual conferences. Dr. A. K. Banerji had proposed the following:

- a) The daily meetings should be limited from 7:30 AM-5:30 PM except the last day when it should be from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. There should be no tea/coffee break with and a lunch break of 30 minutes. Coffee/Tea should be available in the alley throughout the conference. There should be strict enforcement of timing electronically. After the allotted time is over, the projection and microphone should cease including that of chairpersons. It is disrespectful to the audience to continue speaking beyond the allotted time.
- b) Concurrent sessions in other halls should continue when award papers and special lectures are scheduled. In plenary session, there should be only orations and major symposia.

- c) There are already rules and regulations about the number of papers a delegate is allowed to present. There should be strict enforcement and Secretary should ensure compliance.
- d) The returning officer for election of NSI is presently the Vice President. It used to be the Secretary before we changed the constitution. The problem with any Vice President is that he has tenure of one year only, and further he is less aware of rules and regulations of NSI which is quite natural. And further, he is out of constant touch with the Secretariat office. Dr. Banerji proposed the change that the Secretary NSI should be the returning officer for NSI elections. This point may be taken as a proposal for amendment to the constitution. No returning officer can change the transparent nature of the election as it is on line and tamper proof. Even if the Secretary is contesting for post of Vice President, he cannot tamper with the result.
- e) It was sad that the alumni meetings of CMC Vellore almost four decades old and AIIMS, New Delhi two decades old, could not be held for the first time. Dr. Banerji had suggested that this meeting be held at 5:00 PM on the penultimate day at the site of the conference for which local organizers would make arrangements.
- f) Except orations, no giving of mementoes on the stage should be permitted during the conference. All the other persons could be given mementoes during the inauguration function.

The EC discussed the letter. The members were of the view; 1, that it is not possible to have concurrent sessions during the special lectures and award papers; 2, the rule of allowing only two papers per presenter (one platform and one poster) should be strictly followed and the same member should not be included in more than two places anywhere in the scientific program and the Chairperson of the Scientific Committee should ensure the same; 3, that the norms of the President-Elect being the Election Officer should continue as it is not feasible to have the Secretary perform the duties of the election officer; 4, as the number of abstracts that are being submitted are increasing every year, it would be very difficult to finish the program by 5:30 PM on all days; 5, that the alumni associations should directly contact the organizing secretary of NSICON and make arrangements for the alumni meetings well in advance and the Society cannot take up this responsibility, and; 6, that from the forthcoming conference mementoes will be given only to the orators and no one else.

The next letter for discussion was from Dr. Dibbala Rao wherein he had expressed his thanks for publishing Prof. B. Ramamurthi's original article, his photograph and bibliography in the Neurology India journal. He had expressed that on the occasion of Prof. B. Ramamurthi's 96th birthday he would like to contribute as a token of his gratitude some amount towards the Neurology India journal and or towards Prof. B. Ramamurthi's oration. He had asked for the procedure to be followed for the same. The EC members were of the view that his contribution can be accepted.

The next letter for discussion was from Dr. Hemant Bhartiya regarding the CGHS, ECHS, Railways, Govt. charges (packages) for Neurosurgery procedures. He expressed that these charges were too low as compared to knee arthroplasty & cardiac surgeries. He further expressed that the society needs to write to the authorities about the complexities of Neurosurgery. He wanted the charges to be revised. The EC discussed the matter. The EC was of the view that it is a very difficult task and it requires a separate task force which should create a fresh list of procedures and their costs with justifications for the same. After such a list is created, a letter can be drafted and sent to the concerned authorities for necessary action.

The next letter for discussion was from Dr. Keki Turel wherein he proposed to hold the 2nd International Conference on Complications in Neurosurgery on 25-27th January 2019 under the aegis of NSI. The EC were of the view that as Dr. Keki Turel had not yet paid the sponsorship amount for the first conference i.e. an amount of Rs 50,000/- and hence he should be asked to pay his dues before giving him the permission to hold the second

conference under the aegis of NSI.

The next letter was from Dr. Suresh Sankhla wherein he had presented his report after attending the IMA meeting held at Mumbai on behalf of NSI.

The next letter was from Dr. Hariharan wherein he had recommended the EC members to watch a movie on ketogenic diet for pediatric epilepsy patients. The EC members expressed that all of them had seen the movie and appreciated the same.

The next letter was from Dr. Yoko Kato. She had written regarding the Women in Neurosurgery in India. She had named the office bearers of the Women in Neurosurgery in India (WINI) and wanted NSI to financially support the same. The EC members were of the view that there can be no reservations for anyone in the EC. The Women's forum has already been formed in NSI and they hold their meeting already during the NSICON with the full support of NSI.

The next letter was from IMA seeking funds for the Action Fund. The EC members were of the view that it was not possible for our society to give funds to IMA.

The next letter was from Dr. Deepu Banerji. He expressed that the residents should be encouraged by directly making them life members and they can be converted to full members upon completion of MCh/DNB. The members were of the view that the same can be put up as a constitution amendment by Dr. Deepu Banerji to be submitted to the general body.

Dr. Deepu Banerji further informed that many of the EC members would be aware about Narendra Ganeshalingam of Neurosurgery List Serve and about his work in promoting Neurosurgery through the E-portal. Dr. Deepu informed that Dr. Ganeshalingam has also started a one week Neurosurgery resident training program in Amsterdam in April which was very extensive and well appreciated. Dr. Ganeshalingam wanted an official endorsement from NSI to support the next course in USA which is being planned by Robert Harhburg from Penn State University. Dr. Deepu asked the suggestions from EC for the same. EC decided that the same can be advertised in the upcoming events on the NSI Website in the list of upcoming meetings but NSI cannot endorse this programme.

Dr. Suresh Nair expressed that there was a very exhaustive and fruitful discussion and thanked all the members for the same. He then closed the meeting.

Congratulations

Dr K Ganapathy has been appointed to the editorial board of Telemedicine and eHealth (<https://home.liebertpub.com/publications/telemedicine-and-e-health/54/editorial-board>), the official journal of the "American Telemedicine Association" and the "International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth". This is a leading telemedicine journal with the highest impact index.

Dr M A Aleem, Neurologist from Trichy has been selected as the Emeritus Professor of the Tamilnadu Dr. M. G. R. Medical University, Chennai

Election Notification

Dear Member,

Greetings from NSI

Please find below the Election Notification for the year 2018. This year the nominations are invited only for the post of President Elect.

Please send nominations to the returning officer:

Dr. Atul Goel,

Returning Officer and President Elect,
Neurological Society of India,

Address:

Department of Neurosurgery,
Seth G. S. Medical College and K.E.M Hospital,
Acharya Donde Marg, Parel
Mumbai – 400012 Maharashtra
Email: atulgoel62@hotmail.com
Mobile: 9819264198

Please send your nominations by 30th September 2018, by post and by email both.

Please follow the deadlines:

Last date for filing nominations : 30th September 2018

Intimation to candidates / withdrawal if any : 10th October 2018

Last date for withdrawal of candidature : 22 October 2018

The nomination forms are available on the website : www.neurosocietyindia.org

The constitution reads the following terms in reference to Elections:

9. ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

9.1. Eligibility

1. Only Life members can contest for any post.
 2. For the post of Secretary, Treasurer & Editor a contestant should have been a Life Member of the Society for a continuous period of 5 years.
 3. For the post of President elect a contestant should have been a Life member for a continuous period of 20 years.
 4. A member to be eligible for election as an EC member should have attended at least 2 of the last 5 annual conferences of the Society. (This clause will be effective from the elections to be held in 2014).
- 9.2. No member of E.C. can take charge of office of any post of the Society without completing the term of existing post.
- 9.3. No member is eligible to contest for more than one post in the same election.
- 9.4. The President elect shall automatically become President in the following year. There shall be no election for the post of President.
- 9.5. In the event of resignation, demise or insanity of an officer of the Society, the E.C. is empowered to nominate one of its existing members to the post vacated till the following election.
- 9.6. Elections shall be held by postal ballot and/or electronic ballot prior to the annual conference.
- 9.7. The Executive Committee shall have the right to change the logistics of the election process in the face of exigencies or introduce byelaws for other modes of voting like electronic voting as and when required.

Please revert for any queries.

With Warm Regards

Dr. Atul Goel,

**Returning Officer and President Elect,
Neurological Society of India**

Forthcoming Conferences

The Second Course Of Sano Sengupta Academy For Aneurysm Surgery

Dates: **August 15th - 19th 2018**

Venue: **Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata**

Contact Person: **Mr. Joyeeta Basu**

Email: info@neurokolkata.org

NEUROTRAUMA 2018

Dates: **August 17th - 19th 2018**

Venue: **Indira Gandhi Prathisthan, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow**

Contact Person: **Dr Deepak K Singh**

Website: www.neurotrauma2018.in

NEUROVASCON 2018

Dates: **September 7th - Pre-conference workshop**

Dates: **September 8th-9th - Conference**

Venue: **Chennai**

Contact Person: **Dr. Roopesh Kumar**

Email: drroopeshkumar.vr@simshospitals.com

NEUROCON 2018- 1st Annual Mastercourse in Neurosurgery (Live surgical demonstrations)

Keyhole And Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery

Dates **September 14th-16th**

Venue **Paras Hospital Gurugram**

Contact Person **Prof Sumit Sinha**

Email sumitneuro@gmail.com

18th Neuroendoscopy Fellowship Programme

Dates **September 19th-23rd**

Venue **NSCB Govt. Medical College Jabalpur, MP**

Contact Person **Dr Vijay Parihar**

Email drvijayparihar@gmail.com

SPINE 2018

Dates **28th - 30th September**

Venue **Hotel Le Meridian Nagpur**

Contact Person **Dr. Sameer Paltiwari**

2nd National Conference On Craniovertebral Junction Disorders

Dates **13th - 14th October**

Venue **NRI Medical college, Chinakakani, Guntur, AP**

Contact Person **Dr. M. Nageswara Rao**

Email nrinsu2018@gmail.com

CEMIBSS Course & Cadaveric Workshop

Dates **20th - 21st October**

Venue **LT-1 & Neurosurgery Skills lab, Gamma Knife Center, PGIMER, Chandigarh**

Contact Person **Dr. Dhandapani SS**

Website www.cemibss.com

Challenges And Complexities Of Decompressive Craniectomy In TBI

Dates **26th - 28th October**

Venue **AIIMS Neurotrauma Conference, New Delhi**

Website www.indspncon2019.com

Pre-Conference AIIMS Annual Spine Live Operative Workshop

Dates **13th - 14th November**

Venue **Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka, New Delhi**

Contact person **Dr. Sachin Borkar/ Prof. S S Kale**

Website www.apcss2018.com

12th Annual Meeting Of Asia Pacific Cervical Spine Society

Dates **15th - 17th November**

Venue **Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka, New Delhi**

Contact person **Dr. Sachin Borkar/ Prof. S S Kale**

Website www.apcss2018.com

67th Annual Conference Of Neurological Society Of India

Dates **13th - 16th December 2018**

Venue **Jaipur, Rajasthan**

Website www.nsicon2018.com

Contact Person **Dr. Hemant Bhartiya**

30th Annual Conference Of Indian Society For Pediatric Neurosurgery (INDSPNCON 2019)

Dates **15th - 17th February 2019**

Venue **AIIMS Neurotrauma Conference, New Delhi**

Website www.indspn2019.org

MDSICON 2019

Dates **22th - 24th February 2019**

Venue **The Ashok, New Delhi**

Website www.mdsicon2019.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.

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 sent by email on wfnsitrust89@gmail.com.

Important Announcements

Bids for hosting the Annual meeting of Neurological society of India 2021

Bids are invited for annual meeting of Neurological Society of India – NSICON 2021 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 30th November 2018. Please go through the requirements in the forms available and also ensure the requirements as per bye laws.

Activities of the NSI can be accessed on the Internet

Rules of the Society and application forms can be downloaded from 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 centraloffice.nsi@gmail.com. Information should be sent by email

Website 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 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). 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 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 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) in the Download forms section.

Pincode Required

This is an appeal to all members to update their full contact address with pincode as it is required for sending the Society journal Neurology India by post. To access your address on the web based database, please obtain Username and Password by writing to the Webmaster. Details are available on the NSI website:

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