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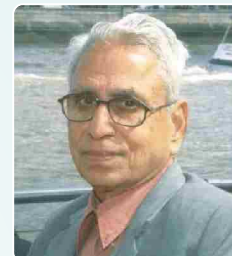
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Patron's Desk : Prof K. Subba Rao

The research area concerning the brain and its function was in its infancy up until 1970s in India. The beginning of the research in this important area has begun in 1960's primarily through the initiative taken by stalwarts like Prof. B. Ramamurthy, Desiraju, Manchanda, Sharma, Mehdihasan Tandon and others and a society was formed with the name Neuroscience Society of India (NSI) and Prof. Ramamurthy was made President. When this author returned to India from abroad and got a job in newly formed Hyderabad Central University, it was a natural step for me to join this Society in view of my earlier work in USA in the field of brain lipids and their function. Later on I was asked to take up the Secretaryship of the Society. Few yearly meetings were held at different parts of the country and during this period, another Society to serve neuroscience has taken birth-Indian Academy of Neurosciences and there were intense but cordial discussions that took place among the senior members for a possible merger of the two societies. Unfortunately, the discussions did not yield any tangible outcome and the existence of these two societies continued and the name of the Neuroscience Society of India (NSI) was changed to Society for Neurochemistry, India (SNCI). Another active group working in the area of neuroscience has emerged under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Sasanka Chakraborti (Haldia) and 2 more active groups are likely to emerge at Chennai and Trivendrum. While all the above events were happening, there was an intense attempt spearheaded by Prof. P. N. Tandon to start a national center exclusively for Neuroscience research under the patronage of DBT, Govt of India. People like me, PK Seth, Vijayalakshmi and others gave full support to him and the efforts were successful and NBRC has come into existence. It is expected that this center will be proactive to strengthen neuroscience research throughout the country more pointedly in the area of cognition and consciousness.



Prof K. Subba Rao

President's Desk : Prof. M. K. Thakur

I take this opportunity to express my earnest gratefulness to all members of the SNCI, particularly the executive committee, for electing me as the President. I deem it as a great honor and occasion to serve the Society. During the coming years, we have many plans to strengthen the activities of the Society. I sincerely hope that with the guidance, advice and cooperation from all the members, we would be able to fulfill these expectations. Like previous years, the SNCI workshop and conference on neurological and psychiatric disorders organized in Dec 2016 at the Centre of Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad was commendable. We congratulate all the members associated with the organization of this successful event. It is heartening to note that many new groups of neurochemists have joined the Society and they are forming local chapters. This will promote the activities of SNCI. The NEHU chapter meeting being held at Shillong will provide us an opportunity to review the progress and plan future activities of SNCI. It will be a great pleasure to organize the next annual meeting of SNCI in Sept 2017 at Varanasi, one of the oldest cities in the world and religious capital of India. The first announcement will be made soon. I invite all members to this meeting and appeal them to send us their valuable suggestions which will strengthen the Society.



Prof. M. K. Thakur

ABOUT SNCI

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Neurochemistry is one of the most rapidly advancing areas of sciences which is multi-disciplinary by nature. Neurochemistry attempts to draw the functioning of the most complex "device" the human brain! Emerging neuro scientists of modern world, including developing countries like India face a high level of challenge in teaching and understanding due to lack of proper training and updates. With this background the Society for Neurochemistry, India (SNCI) started way back in 1979, as University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad as its Headquarters.

Society for Neurochemistry (SNCI) is a registered scientific body in Hyderabad. SNCI promotes neurochemistry by organizing conferences and workshops at many different Universities / institutes across India. These workshops / schools are directed to train young students in basic techniques in neurochemistry / neuroscience. The society inducts neuroscientists as life members and relevant information is sent to them from time to time.

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Secretary's Desk : Prof. P. Prakash Babu

The Society for Neurochemistry, India, (SNCI) was formed way back in 1979, with University of Hyderabad (UoH) as its Headquarters. In early 1990s this society hosted Asian Pacific Society for Neurochemistry (APSN) meeting in Hyderabad, India. This society has been a constituent society in the APSN, until 2004 Hong Kong meeting wherein APSN decided to have direct members instead of recognizing the sister societies.

Society for Neurochemistry (SNCI) is a registered scientific body in Hyderabad, India which is constituted for promoting neurochemistry in India and attracts younger generation towards studying neurochemistry. SNCI is functioning from University of Hyderabad (UoH) as its headquarters, currently there are 400 life members. The society elects its executive body biannually, consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer. Apart from these, at least 6 executive members are elected from different parts of the country. The society encourages members to form local chapters at various places with a minimum of 10 life members. The local chapters can organize small **symposia and or workshops in their** respective places. The society helps partially to conduct these events. Currently, the society has 5 local chapters at Bengaluru, Chennai, Nagpur, Gwalior and Shillong (North-East).

SNCI organizes its annual meetings in different parts of the country. SNCI promotes neurochemistry by organizing conferences and workshops at different parts of India. These workshops / schools are directed to train young students in the basic techniques in neurochemistry / neuroscience. These workshops are planned for hands on training neurochemistry / neuroscience techniques. The society inducts neuroscientists as life members and relevant information is sent to them from time to time. At the same time, young students are advised to carry on research activity in their labs, the society advise and help them for problem solving even allow them to work in other labs where better facilities are available. During annual meetings, young students are encouraged with awards for the best poster and best oral presenters.



Prof. P. Prakash Babu

Jt. Secretary's Desk : Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap

I am proud that Society for Neurochemistry, India, (SNCI) is actively engaged in supporting & involving young budding scientists for the promotion of science and technology especially in neurosciences. It is high time that the basic research should be translated into applied research so that the end user is benefitted out of it. It is my pleasure and honor to be a part of an esteemed society, SNCI. My best wishes for the release of the first SNCI Newsletter, 2017.



Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap



Lighting the lamp performed by Prof. K. Subba Rao & others



Inauguration of SNCI conference at CCMB Hyderabad 2016



Dr. Arvind Kumar (Convener) giving opening address



Prof. P. Prakash Babu chairing the session

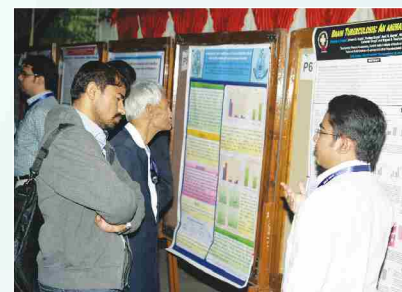


Dr. Anant Patel (Org. Secretary) delivering vote of thanks



Dr. Rajpal S. Kashyap delivering his talk

In recent years, Neurological and Psychiatric disorders have become a global burden on the society and consumes enormous amount of our economy. In India, we are witnessing alarming increase in suicides in young people in particular, due to stress and depression. Additionally, India which currently has more number of younger population compared to other countries, the burden of the age-associated disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other age related ones, is going to rise 2-3 fold by 2050. Therefore, there is an urgent need to develop remedies to tackle this alarming issue of mental illness and well-being. This necessitates the need for a comprehensive and coordinated response from the researchers and clinicians to augment the exploration of novel molecular targets for the precise management of neuropsychiatric disorders.



Dr. Aliabbas Husain during poster presentation



Prof. K. Subba Rao presenting token of love to Prof. M. K. Thakur

30th Annual Meeting of Society of Neurochemistry, India (SNCI) was organized a distinguished gathering of neuroscientists from across the country at CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad from 9th – 11th December 2016 on “Recent Trends in Neurological and Psychiatric Research”. The researchers deliberated most of the aspects of neuroscience research, from fundamental mechanisms to drug discovery, from understanding the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying mental disability to rehabilitation, and efficient drug delivery overcoming the challenge blood brain barrier gives. Scientists, professors, clinicians and young researchers presented their exciting discovery in Neuroscience area, using state of the art tools like optogenetics, advanced imaging systems, and brain simulating devices. These advanced tools have moved the Neuroscience research rapidly in recent years, which will soon help to develop potential diagnostics and therapeutics for the treatment of intractable mental disorders in the coming years. The major objective of the meeting was to bridge the gap between basic neuroscientists and clinicians, which has been missing. This would help to tackle the diverse debilitating Neurological and Psychiatric disorders in a better way. The conference was also followed by a workshop from 12th – 16th December, 2016 especially planned for the young researchers across the country.



Dr. Lokendra Singh introducing Dr. G.M. Taori Young Scientist Award



Dr. Avril Robertson during her talk



Dignitaries on the dias during Valedictory function

BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARDS



Prof. K. Subba Rao presenting best oral presentation award to Mr. Koushik K.

Mr. Koushik K.

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

Title: Age induced alterations in clock gene expression rhythms in the SCN of male Wistar rats : Curcumin intervention.



Ms. Arpita Karandikar accepting her award from the hands of Dr. K. Thangaraj

Ms. Arpita Karandikar

University of Madras, Chennai

Title: Neuroprotective activity of esculetin on 3-nitropropionic acid induced oxidative stress.

BEST POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS



Dr. Lokendra Singh presenting best poster presentation award to Ms. Arti Mishra

Ms. Arti Mishra

Central India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur

Title: Synthetic peptides are better than native antigens for development of ELISA assay for diagnosis of Tuberculosis.



Mr. Anriban Mukhopadhyay accepting his award from the hands of Dr. K. Thangaraj

Mr. Anriban Mukhopadhyay

University of Delhi, South Campus

Title: Functional characterization of SNPs in Dopamine- β -Hydroxylase gene with ramifications in structure-function.

Neelesh Babu T

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

Title : Daily chronomics of clock genes expression and specific immune markers in peripheral clock Liver : Middle age perturbations.



Dr. Lokendra Singh & Prof. Prakash Babu presenting Dr. G. M. Taori Young Scientist Award to Dr. Randeep Gogoi

DR. G. M. TAORI YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

Dr. Randeep Gogoi

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati

Title : FeTMPyP a peroxynitrite decomposition catalyst improved functional and behavioral deficits in chronic constriction injury induced neuropathic pain in rats.



SECRETARY
Prof. P. Prakash Babu

The 30th Annual meeting of SNCI was organized at CCMB, Hyderabad from 9th to 11th Dec. 2016. The following resolutions were taken in the Executive Committee (EC) on 9.12.2016. Prof. K. Subba Rao, Prof. M. K. Thakur, Prof. Prakash Babu, Prof. Anand K. Kondapi, Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap and Dr. Anant B. Patel attended the meeting.

Following SNCI Local Chapter co-ordinators were also invited : Dr. A. J. Vanisree, Madras University, Chennai, Dr. Amit Naik, CIIMS, Nagpur and Dr. Dinesh Bhatia, NEHU, Shillong.

1. Prof. Shail Sharma, President could not attend the meeting, hence Prof. Subba Rao was requested to chair the EC meeting as Patron. Prof. Subba Rao agreed and agenda was taken up.
2. The general body ratified following members as the Executive Committee.
3. The E.C nominated Prof. M. Rajeswari as the Vice President and Dr. Arvind Kumar as EC member
4. It was agreed to have Prof. Shail Sharma as immediate past President in EC.
5. Dr. G.M. Taori young scientist award has been instituted from this annual meeting.
6. The treasurer report could not be prepared as the bank statements were not available due to recent demonetization. Bank will issue SNCI accounts statement in January 2017. The auditor's report will be prepared and put up in the website for the members information and possible suggestions.
7. The EC endorsed increased life membership amount Rs. 2000 and student membership Rs. 1500.
8. The website was started in the University of Hyderabad (UoH) (<http://snci.uohyd.ac.in;>). The members suggested to update the web pages quite frequently and upload all members' details and announcements on future activities. It was suggested to have the names of past presidents in the website.
9. It was proposed to prepare a newsletter on SNCI activities. Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap, CIIMS, Nagpur volunteered to prepare and publish.
10. Members appreciated Dr. Vanisree, Dr. Geetha (Chennai) and Dr. Amit Naik (Nagpur) for organizing the local chapter's one day conferences.
11. Members felt the need to meet executive committee some time in a year other than annual meeting. Hence it was agreed to attend local chapter meeting in between the annual meeting.
12. Dr. Dinesh Bhatia from North East Hill University informed that they are organizing IBRO School in June 2017. During school, one day symposium of North East local chapter will be organized.
13. Prof. Subba Rao proposed to contact Dr. Krishna Ella, Pharma industrialist to raise corpus money. Prof. Shail Sharma agreed to mobilize an award in the name of Prof. Norenberg.
14. The members felt that in the annual meetings, organizing secretaries may donate unused money to the SNCI corpus fund.
15. The E.C condoled death of Prof. C. S. Paulose, CUSAT, Cochin. Members remembered his services to the SNCI in organizing many meetings at CUSAT, Cochin.
16. The members profusely thanked the Convener, Dr. Arvind Kumar and Organizing Secretary Dr. Anant B. Patel for organizing SNCI annual meeting successfully. The conference was followed by 5 days workshop.
17. The 31st Annual Meeting of Society of Neurochemistry, India (SNCI) will be held by Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, UP, India. Workshops will be from Sept., 15th to 20th 2017 followed by conference from Sept., 20th to 22nd 2017.

Society for Neurochemistry (SNCI) is constituted for promoting neurochemistry/neuroscience and to create interest among younger generation towards studying neurochemistry. The SNCI promotes neurochemistry by organizing conferences and workshops at different Universities, research institutes of India. These workshops / schools are directed to train interested young students in the basic techniques in neurochemistry / neuroscience.

To further encourage faculty and students of particular region / place, local chapters are proposed. These local chapters will organize one-day symposium based on specific theme to encourage and enrich knowledge of the students in the neurochemistry / neuroscience apart from the annual meetings being organized elsewhere.

Local Chapters of SNCI are as follows -

1. Jiwaji University, Gwalior
2. CUSAT, Cochin
3. IICB, Kolkata
4. CIIMS, Nagpur
5. University of Madras, Chennai
6. Nehu, Shillong



Gwalior



Cochin



Kolkata



Nagpur



Chennai



Shillong

SNCI (INDIA), the faculty of University of Madras Dr. A. J. Vanisree, who is the life member of SNCI, had initiated the local chapter of SNCI in Chennai on May 8th, 2015 at Department of Biochemistry, University of Madras, Guindy campus, Chennai. The earnest attempt was blessed and supported by our Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Dr RTHANDAVAN, UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS, who presided over the function and delivered an encouraging inaugural address about the initiative undertaken. The occasion was glorified by the inspiring talk delivered by Dr H. Devaraj, the then Vice-Chairman, UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION who stressed on the critical vision of research and development in our country. Dr Prakash Babu, Secretary of SNCI, University of Hyderabad had provided an insight about the SNCI and its achievements and congratulated the initiation of the regional chapter. Lectures by Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap and Dr. Anita Jagota, the distinguished members of SNCI, who excel in neurochemical research have adorned the academic event. The duties of the chapter were elaborated and a healthy discussion was conducted on future perspectives of the Chennai Chapter. In the year 2016, SNCI Chennai chapter had conducted two days' workshop on "Basic techniques relevant to Neurobiological Research". In the same year, SNCI Chennai chapter had also extended its activity by supporting the event of One-day National symposium on "Challenges of Autism Spectrum disorders- A platform for Autism Awareness" on 28th November 2016 in Bharathi women's college of arts and Science, an autonomous Institution, by yet another life member Dr. A. Geetha.



Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap accepting a token of love from the organiser



Prof. P. Prakash Babu lightening the lamp during inauguration of Chennai Chapter



Dr. A. J. Vanisree
*Organising Secretary
SNCI Chennai Chapter*



Prof. P. Prakash Babu addressing the audience.

The Department of Biomedical Engineering and Computer Centre, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong organized 29th Annual Meeting of Society for Neurochemistry, India: National Workshop and Conference on “Advances in Computational Neurochemistry and Neurobiology” from December 16th to 21st 2015. Prof. D. N. Tibarewala from Jadavpur University, Kolkata was the Chief Guest on 16th December in the workshop inaugural and Prof. K.P. Mohanakumar, Former Chief Scientist IICB, Kolkata was the Chief Guest on 19th December conference inaugural. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. B. K. Sharma, Honorable Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong in the presence of all the dignitaries on the dias and also enlightened us to share his valuable words in this area. It was an honour that Prof. Kumar Sambamurti, Medical University of South Carolina, USA joined this event. Many neuroscientists across India also participated and shared their valuable knowledge and recent advancements in this field. On behalf of Society for Neurochemistry, India, Prof. Prakash Babu Phanithi, Secretary, SNCI delivered the commendable speech in the conference inaugural.



Dignitaries during the valedictory function of SNCI Shillong Chapter 2015



Dignitaries during Inaugural Function



Dr. Dinesh Bhatia
Head, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, NEHU

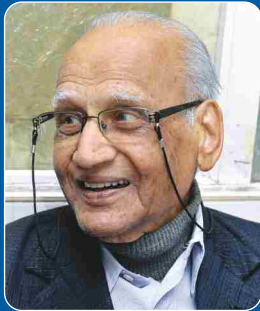


Dr. Sudip Paul
Organising Secretary, SNCI Shillong Chapter



Dignitaries, Guests and participants at Shillong

**Dr. G. M. TAORI
Young Scientist
AWARD**



Dr. G. M. Taori, a well known Neurophysician obtained his FRCP from Canada. Later he also worked in U.K in the Neurology Department. After his return to India, he joined Christian Medical College, Vellore where he was promoted as a professor of Neurology.

In 1973, he returned to Nagpur to take up family responsibilities. He had keen desire to teach and undertake research in various Neurological disorders both infectious and non-infectious. He established Central India Institute of Medical Sciences in Nagpur and had great inclination to establish a research laboratory to have close collaborations with clinicians and research scientists. The institute is now actively involved in research work related to infections and non-infections Neurological and other metabolic diseases to fulfill the dream of late Dr. G. M. Taori.

Dr. G. M. Taori Central India Institute of Medical Sciences, Research laboratory, Nagpur inaugurated "Society for Neurochemistry India (SNCI) Nagpur Chapter and One Day Conference on Zoonotic Diseases and Neuroinfections" on 6th August 2016 at NEERI Auditorium, Nagpur. The initiative for establishing a local chapter of SNCI was undertaken by Dr. H.F. Daginawala (Honorary Research Consultant, CIIMS) and Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap (Director, Research, CIIMS & Joint Secretary SNCI).

The conference was organized to discuss the issues on Zoonotic diseases, transmitted from animals to humans such as Brucellosis, Listeriosis, Scrub typhus, AES etc and on Neuroinfections like brain tuberculosis (TB), cerebral malaria etc. conference for creating awareness amongst all medical doctors, scientists and common man regarding various Zoonotic diseases. This initiative was taken under the joint project of ICMR-ICAR on Zoonotic diseases. The conference received an overwhelming response where more than 200 students and faculty members participated from in and around Nagpur. Eminent speakers that delivered the lectures on interesting topics included Dr. S.B. Barbudhe, Prof. Prakash Babu, Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap, Dr. Smita Mangalgi, Dr. Rahul Narang and Dr. Sandeep Choudhari. Around 17 new SNCI life and annual members were enrolled, making Nagpur Chapter having the largest number of SNCI members in a city after Hyderabad. Dr. Amit Nayak (Research Scientist, CIIMS) was elected as the Coordinator of SNCI Nagpur Chapter.



Lightening of lamp by Shri Vinodji Bajaj (Management CIIMS) during Inaugural Function at NEERI, Nagpur



Dr. Rajpal Singh Kashyap addressing the audience.



Guests and participants during SNCI, Nagpur Chapter.



Dr. Amit Nayak
Co-ordinator,
SNCI Nagpur Chapter



Ms. Anuja Kawle
Jt. Co-ordinator,
SNCI Nagpur Chapter



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Best wishes for the release of FIRST SNCI Newsletter 2017



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Director, CIIMS



Dr. H. F. Daginawala
Hon. Research Consultant, CIIMS

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DR. G.M. TAORI
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Central India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur was established in June 1984 and has completed 32 years of its existence. It has been recognized as a Research Institute by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India since its inception. The major aim was to undertake research activity in clinical and basic sciences related to human illness. For the same purpose, CIIMS established a Research laboratory in the year 2000, which is completing 17 years of its fruitful existence. Research Laboratory has 4 wings -

- a. Diagnostic wing,
- b. Academic wing,
- c. Diagnostic kit designing wing,
- d. Research and outsourcing wing.

Research Laboratory is currently working on tuberculosis meningitis, tuberculosis, Bacterial meningitis (Acinetobacter, Streptococcus, Staphylococcus, Enterobacteriaceae, Micrococcus, Hemophilus, Neisseria, Pseudomonas), Neuroviruses (HSV, EBV, JEV, VZV, CMV, WNV, CHPV), Chikungunya, Neurozoonotic Disorder, Dengue, Stroke and Thrombosis disorder. Research Laboratory has received grants from DBT, DST, ICMR, CSIR and through private institutions and companies. The laboratory has published 100 research papers in National and International Journals. The Institute has been granted two Indian patents for the development of diagnostic kits. CIIMS has constructed Animal House Facility in the premises of Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur. The laboratory also conducts hands on training workshops regularly in Immunological, Molecular and Animal Cell Cultural techniques for graduate and postgraduate students, researchers and teachers in life sciences and provides research services to research scholar in and around Nagpur. CIIMS has also developed a Tribal Health Research Centre at Melghat, Amravati, Maharashtra, India.

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Forthcoming Conference and Workshop of SNCI

31st Annual Meeting of Society for Neurochemistry, India (SNCI)

15th to 22nd September 2017

Venue : **Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP India**

- Workshop : **September, 15th - 20th, 2017**
- Conference : **September, 20th - 22nd, 2017**

For more details contact : **Organizing Secretary,**

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