

Nominees for the post of IAN President Elect 2025

Dr. M.A. Aleem



Dr Kameshwar Prasad



Dr. Sudhir Kothari



Dr. M.A. Aleem is a distinguished neurologist with over four decades of experience in clinical practice, academics, and community service. He currently serves as Director, Department of Neurology, ABC Hospital, Trichy, and Professor of Neurology at Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Medical College. He completed his MBBS from Madras University (1981), MD in General Medicine (1984), and DM in Neurology from Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University (1999), with specialized training in epilepsy at University College London, Queen Square.

Dr. Aleem has held key leadership roles including Head of Neurology departments in major government medical colleges and has been instrumental in initiating DM Neurology programs. He is a Fellow of prestigious bodies such as the American Academy of Neurology, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow, and Indian Academy of Neurology.

With 46 publications and over 50 scientific presentations, his interests include epilepsy, stroke, movement disorders, and rural neurological care. He has received multiple awards including the A.B. Baker Teacher Recognition Award (2022) and AAN Voluntary Service Award (2024).

Beyond academics, he is actively involved in neurological awareness, social service, and advocacy, contributing significantly to rural healthcare and neuroethics at national and international levels.

Previous Posts:

EC Member of IAN 2022 to 2025

Dr Kameshwar Prasad has served patients and students coming to AIIMS, New Delhi for >40 years; from where he did MD, DM and superannuated as Head of Neurology. He established the first large cohort study of stroke and dementia integrating imaging and genomics. he first GWAS study of stroke was conducted under his leadership. For the benefit of poor patients, he used his expertise in Evidence-based Medicine to justify and promote methylprednisolone in GBS; azathioprine in MS; and lower cost tenecteplase in stroke. He chaired the stroke subsection of Indian Academy of Neurology; was convenor of the first National Guidelines for management of stroke (2010) endorsed by IAN; and chaired the first Ministry of Health Guidelines for the same topic (2019). He has >425 publications, > 24800 citations, and h-index 63. He has been the coordinator of many national and international studies. He has been a Cochrane reviewer since 1994, and has published six Cochrane reviews. He is a member of the International Editorial Advisory Board of BMJ ("British Medical Journal"). He has authored a book entitled, "Fundamentals of Evidence-Based Medicine" and edited "Bickerstaff's Neurological Exam in Clinic (7th edn.2013)" He has been awarded 'Padmashree' by the honourable President of India

Previous Posts:

Prof. and Head of Neurology, Chief of Neurosciences Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi; Director, RIMS, Ranchi; Convenor and Chairman, Stroke Subsection, IAN; Member, Executive Committee, Indian Academy of Neurology. Principal Director & Head, Department of Neurology, Fortis Hospital, Vasant Kunj. Dean (Research), Fortis Healthcare Research Foundation. Member, Global Quality & Safety Committee, World Stroke Organisation; Editor, Cochrane Stroke Review Group; Reviewer, Cochrane Epilepsy and Infectious Diseases Group; Member, Editorial Board, Practical Neurology; Program Co-Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Professions Education; Founding Secretary, International Society for Evidence-Based Healthcare; President, Society for Evidence-Based Health Care. Director, Clinical Epidemiology Unit, AIIMS, New Delhi.

I come to you today to ask for your blessings to serve the Indian Academy of Neurology as President-Elect. I come with a deep sense of responsibility and commitment to our community.

I have worked in clinical Neurology for the last 40 years. In 2004, we started the DNB Neurology teaching course at the Poona Hospital and Research Centre. My own academic interests have particularly focused on neurotology and vertigo, including my association with the Bárány Society and functional Neurological disorders. I have also been singularly fortunate to start the Forum for Indian Neurology Education (FINE) and conduct a number of teaching programs almost every year for practising neurologists from 2009.

I have been the President of the Neurology Society of Pune (NSP) and the Maharashtra association of Neurology.

I was the organizing secretary for a memorable IANCON in 2011, which the NSP organized in Pune. In 2016, I served the IAN as an Executive Council Member and helped contribute to multiple academic activities, consensus efforts, and educational initiatives. I was the founder Chairperson of the IAN Neurotology subsection, which is now a vibrant subsection. I organized the first Marathon for IAN members at the Chennai IANCON 2017, and am glad to say it is now an annual event.

These experiences have strengthened my belief that the IAN must continue to stand for academic excellence, inclusiveness, and collegiality, while remaining deeply relevant to both young and experienced neurologists. If entrusted with this responsibility, I would work to further strengthen the academic mission of the IAN, support meaningful and practical teaching initiatives, encourage subspecialty development, and foster a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration across our fraternity.

I offer myself in a spirit of service, with respect for the dignity and collective strength of Indian neurology.

I would be grateful for your support.

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