Minutes of 4th IAES EC MEETING held online on 31st May 2025

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Minutes of the 4th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES) - A section of the Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) - held online on Zoom platform on 31st May 2025 – 6 pm to 7.18 pm

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This fourth meeting of the EC members was conducted in response to an intimation circulated by the Honorary Secretary after consultation with the President, IAES on WhatsApp group on 12th May 2025. The agendas were invited and circulated to all members by the honorary secretary IAES.

Out of 19 members of the current EC, the following 14 members attended the meeting:

- 1. Dr Anjali Mishra (President IAES)
- 2. Dr Pooja Ramakant (Hon. Secretary IAES)
- 3. Dr Gaurav Agarwal (President-elect)
- 4. Dr Sabaretnam M (Vice President)
- 5. Dr Nikhil Singh (Treasurer)
- 6. Dr Suganaya Sekar (Joint Secretary)
- 7. Dr Siddartha Chakervorty (EC Member)
- 8. Dr Sunil MB Barua (EC Member)-
- 9. Dr Gitika Nanda (EC Member)
- 10. Dr Chandan Jha (EC Member)
- 11. Dr Vishvak Chanthar (EC Member)
- 12. Dr Sushobhan Pradhan (EC Member)
- 13. Dr Sanjay Kumar Yadav (Editor-in-Chief of Indian Journal of Endocrine Surgery & Research)
- 14. Dr P V Pradeep (Immediate Past President IAES)
- 15. Dr Himagirish Rao- Special Invitee, Organising Chairman, IAESCON 2025

Welcome address by IAES President Dr Anjali Mishra -

IAES Honorary Secretary Dr Pooja Ramakant started with Agendas which were planned before the notification of the meeting. There was no condolence. Treasurer's report regarding the bank account updated details were provided.

Agenda no 1: IAESCON 2025 Preparations.

Dr Himagirish Rao updated all about the registration details. Till now, 58 delegates have registered, they have got some funding confirmations, accommodation booked, and he said that his team will take care of local logistics for the international faculty.

Agenda No. 2 Surgeons Week Celebrations.

Dr Pooja updated all the EC Members about the various activities planned in collaboration with UPASI. On 6th June Radio Goonj Panel discussion recording along with quiz for public with lucky draw prizes, 10th June meeting with MBBS and Post Graduate students, 14th June Thyroid Public awareness and screening program and Blood donation camp. Release of compiled video of messages by Surgeons on 15th June on all social media platforms.

Dr Sanjay plans to release AI tool which will help connect mentors and mentees and interactions between IAES members.

Dr Dhritiman is participating in blood donation camp in his college which will be organised by West Bengal state chapter ASI.

Dr Anjali appreciated all these efforts.

Agenda no. 3: Update of Journal funds and indexing.

Dr Sanjay said that this year he will get the journal indexed to DOAJ and next year to SCOPUS. Dr Pooja said that after most IAES members paid for the journal, funds are sufficient in the IAES account. Dr Anjali said that she had talked to the Abbott team for long-term collaborations regarding funding. Dr Saba said that some companies may sponsor articles on the role of TKI in thyroid cancer management, to come up with Indian guidelines and requested members to write on TKI in the journal IJESR. Dr Vishwak also agreed and said we have published one such article in the past.

Agenda no. 4: Joint session with International Endocrine Surgical Societies in IAESCON 2025.

Dr Anjali Mishra said that now the trend in international conferences is that there is a slot for International societies, like in the Asian Association of Endocrine Surgery conference in Seoul there were slots for joint sessions with European, Japanese, and Turkey. Hence, we should also start such academic collaborations in IAESCON 2025. All EC members were requested to opine. Dr Dhritiman said it's a good initiative and it will promote mutual collaborations. Dr Sanjay and Dr Sunil Barua also supported the cause.

Agenda no. 5: Decision about the FDs which are maturing soon.

Dr Pooja said about the FDs which are about to mature in December 2025. Dr Nikhil Singh read the ASI rules and said that EC has the power to decide about financial matters, but must inform the GB. Dr Pooja said that GB will happen on 31st October 2025 and at that time we can inform all members. Dr Gaurav Agarwal said that it is better to discuss with the Bank staff which option will be better to either roll over the existing FDs or to get them credited to the IAES account and make new FDs. Dr Ritesh had mentioned in the IAES EC WhatsApp group option of tax bond but many EC Members did not support that, and all felt that FD is a safe option. Dr Anjali also felt the same. Dr Chandan showed concerns about the market fluctuations in the tax bonds and said FD is a safe option.

Agenda no. 6: Dr Sanjay- wants to start AI powered tool on 15th Jun 2025 on the occasion of Surgeons Day Celebrations, an initiative by ASI. All members supported the cause.

Agenda no. 7: Dr Siddhartha wants to lead Virtual MDTs.

Dr Siddhartha told in detail about the plan of virtual MDTs. Dr Anjali said it's a good idea and should be consistent. She preferred it to be a monthly activity and said that the data used must be anonymous. Dr Sanjay also said it is a nice idea and showed his concerns about any legal implications. Dr Gaurav Agarwal also said that he should be careful about the legal aspects and must take patients' consent to use their documents, images and other materials. He also said that timelines about case presentation and discussion must be well planned, and to keep 2-3 cases in one session and have a literature review also. Dr Anjali said to make a SOP and Dr Siddhartha agreed to do it. Dr Suganya asked whether it is for pre-op or postop discussion and Dr Siddhartha clarified. Dr Pradeep said it is a good suggestion and it is an academic exercise for our learning only.

Agenda no 8: Guidelines preparations update

Dr Anjali Mishra Mam, and Dr Sanjay updated all EC Members about the progress made so far. She talked about the PTC Guidelines and talked about the Delphi method, which will be used and shared with all the members. All Endocrine Surgeons who are at least 5 years post-MCH Endocrine Surgery will be included. She mentioned the various rounds and told that the documents will be shared in sometime to all. Dr Sanjay said that for microwave ablation as few surgeons only are doing it, so to include radiologists also to have a robust data set. Dr Gaurav agreed to this idea and told that we should not restrict to PTC intrathyroidal only. He also said that while making the guidelines, we should cover management policies from the viewpoint of minimum standard of care in limited resource areas and maximal care standards. Dr Anjali agreed to it and said that we will have representatives from all centres.

Any other agenda items with permission from the President were asked, and Dr Saba spoke about restarting the newsletter. Dr Pooja and Dr Anjali both agreed.

Dr Pooja summarised all the agendas discussed, and the meeting ended on a happy note.

Pooja Ramakant

(Hon. Secretary IAES)

Anjali Mishra

(President IAES)