

**Full Name as registered in IAN:**

Dr. Sudhir Kothari

**Qualifications:**

MD (Medicine) – Gold Medalist, DM (Neurology), FIAN, FRCP (London)

**Current Affiliation(s):**

Head, Department of Neurology, Poona Hospital and Research Centre  
Managing Trustee, Forum for Indian Neurology Education (FINE)

**Areas of interest:**

Neurootology, Neuroophthalmology, Medical education, Vestibular disorders, Functional neurological syndromes

**Achievements:**

- Pioneer of Neurootology in India
- First to introduce VNG, Omniax, BRU, and smart balance platforms in Western India
- Set up one of the country's most advanced vertigo centers
- Recognized national and international speaker on dizziness and balance disorders
- Founder of neurologycourses.com and FINE; spearheaded 110+ webinars and multiple national academic initiatives

**Awards:**

- MBBS Best Outgoing Student
- Gold medals in Medicine, Pathology, Physiology, and Biochemistry
- Honored speaker at ENS (Prague), NSI, and Matera Otoneurology Symposiums
- Invited speaker for Arab Balance Society with over 1800 attendees

**Publications:**

- Author of several textbook chapters on vertigo and dizziness
- Co-editor, IAN Vertigo Guidelines (2019)
- Author of "Blind to the Mind" and forthcoming book on functional disorders
- Numerous lay press articles on stroke, epilepsy, and BPPV

**Member of IAN Since (Year):**

Not sure around 1987-88.

**Member of subsection since (Year):**

From inception

**Contributions to subsection:**

- Organizer and speaker for talks in major IAN and national vertigo/neuro-otology programs

- Co-editor of official IAN guidelines
- Mentor to neurology residents across India in neuro-otologic examination and diagnosis
- Created and sustained India's leading vertigo diagnostic and rehab center

**Why do you want to become Chair of subsection:**

To further strengthen Neurootology education and collaborative research in India, support young neurologists and ENT specialists in mastering practical vestibular diagnosis, and promote widespread awareness and dissemination of evidence-based vertigo care. I aim to foster a cohesive academic community that builds on existing momentum and addresses diagnostic challenges with structured clinical reasoning and modern tools.