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Message from the President

It is indeed my pleasure to address members of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists as the President of the Society. Greetings from Kochi! I hope all my colleagues enjoyed a wonderful theme-oriented conference at Kochi. This was the third time that we were holding the conference in Kochi.

When taking over as the President, one of my primary intents was to ensure adequate representation of women in our society. Women anaesthesiologists are now slowly gaining the majority status among all anaesthesiologists in the country, and we, as cardiac anaesthesiologists, should not lag behind. We have a significant number of lady cardiac anaesthesiologists who are doing extremely well and leading the team in many institutes. As a woman, wife and mother, they do much more work than a male cardiac anaesthesiologist who often are dedicated only to their work, whereas a lady has to do multitasking, keeping home and office in order. In pursuit of this, we have already sent an opinion poll among the ladies in the society and before the next conference, will come up with a definite plan for women representation. It is also my humble request that in the coming elections for the next year we should encourage our female colleagues to stand for the various posts that are available.

Another area that has not made progress over the years has been the modifications in the bye laws. Changes in the bye laws, which has been approved by the GBM has not been registered over the years. As many of us are aware, since 2015, we have not registered any new bye law changes. Many changes have been adapted over the years by the GBM. The new committee will look into these changes and make appropriate changes in the original bye laws before registration. This team is also well into its work.

We had discussed the proposal that was given for being a part of the International Association of Cardiac Anaesthesiologists (IACA) at the last GBM. Some members felt that this could be a drain on the resources of the Society without added benefit and the proposal was discarded. However, as the President of the Society, I feel that it is high time that we cardiac anaesthesiologist be seen seriously by the world and this is an opportunity for us. A few new proposals have also been given by the IACA and it is my sincere request that we look into this matter again. We shall discuss this once again at the next GBM.



This newsletter has highlighted the awardees for the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2026 and the speakers chosen for the reputed PN Bhat and VA Punnoose orations for the upcoming conference at Vishakhapatnam in February 2026. The minutes of the GBM are also being circulated. The International and National Travelling Fellowships are also up for grabs and as seniors we should encourage our juniors to spend time at other reputed National and International Institutes, gain experience and knowledge and implement these changes at our own practise.

The team at Vizhag is strongly moving towards identifying the center for the conference and the Scientific Committee is similarly involved with the preparations for the next conference. We are hoping to see another wonderful conference in 2026.

Here's hoping that all cardiac anaesthesiologists do good work and have a great time.

Dr. Suresh G. Nair
President, IACATA

Message from the Secretary

Dear IACTA Members,
Greetings from IACTA...

It is with great pleasure we are sharing the Newsletter of IACTA .
The main contents of the newsletter are :

- IACTA Executive Committee
- ICCA Board members
- Application for FIACTA Exit Examination 2025
- Applications/nominations for Orations and Lifetime Achievement Award 2027
- Bidding for IACTA National Conference – IACTACON 2029
- Application form for IACTA National and International Travelling fellowship.
- Application for Honorary FIACTA and FTEE
- Minutes of Annual GBM 2025 held at IACTACON 2025 Kochi
- ICCA- Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia Notifications
- IACTA TEE 2025 at NH Bengaluru
- IACTACON 2026, Visakhapatnam
- Web Links of IACTA

If there are any correction/suggestion by any IACTA Member regarding the GBM minutes or other contents of this newsletter, please send those suggestions by email to iactasecretariat@gmail.com by 20.06.2025.

Long Live IACTA!



Dr. S Kumar
Secretary, IACTA



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Notification

- The FTEE theory exam was conducted on 25th May 2025 across six centers in India (Gurgaon, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Trivandrum). A total of 90 candidates from across the country had registered for the exam, of whom 84 took the exam. The number of successful candidates in the theory exam was 53, giving a pass percentage of 63.1%. The first practical exam is scheduled to be held from 1st to 3rd August 2025 at Vydehi Advanced Simulation Academy (VASA), Bengaluru. The last date for application is 30th June 2025.
- The dates for the FIACTA exit exam is 20th and 21st September 2025. The application form is enclosed and candidates who are eligible to appear for the exam may fill the form and send it to the ICCA Registrar email by 21st July 2025. The venues for the exit exams will be announced subsequently.
- Honorary FTEE and FIACTA applications are invited and the detailed forms are enclosed for perusal and needful. The last date to apply for the Honorary FTEE and FIACTA is 31st August 2025.
- The ICCA will be starting cardiovascular ultrasound course for non-cardiac anesthesiologists and other allied specialties within a short time. The modalities of the course are being finalized and further updates will be announced soon.

Dr. Satyajeet Misra

Registrar, ICCA

FTEE 2025 Examination (August) Application Form

https://iacta.co.in/pdf/ftee/FTEE-Practical_August%20%202025_Application_form.pdf

FIACTA 2025 Examination - Application Form

https://iacta.co.in/pdf/fiacta/FIACTA-Exit-Exam_2025_Application-and-Eligibility-Form.pdf

Honorary FIACTA and Honorary FTEE

Applications are invited for honorary FIACTA and honorary FTEE award. Eligible applicants may send the application by email to the Secretary, IACTA, at iactasecretariat@gmail.com before 15th July 2025.

Honorary FIACTA – Application Form & Guidelines

https://iacta.co.in/pdf/notification/Honorary_FIACTA_Application_form.pdf

Honorary FTEE – Application Form & Guidelines

https://iacta.co.in/pdf/ftee/Honorary_FTEE_Application_form.pdf



Notification - Applications/nominations for Orations and Lifetime Achievement Award 2027:

Applications/nominations are invited for the Dr. VA Punnoose Oration, Brig. PN Bhatt Oration and Lifetime achievement award during 2026 annual conference. The applications/nominations forms should reach the IACTA office by 31.08.2025 by email to iactasecretariat@gmail.com.

Criteria / Guidelines for Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. VA Punnoose Oration & Brig. PN Bhatt Oration are given on IACTA website

<https://iacta.co.in/Application-form.html>

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Bidding for the annual conferences of IACTA: IACTACON 2029

Applications are invited from life members of IACTA who are willing to hold the 32nd Annual conferences of IACTA. Please send the application by email to the Secretary, IACTA, at iactasecretariat@gmail.com before 31st August 2025.

Applications should be sent on the letterhead of the concerned regional branch along with a copy of the registration certificate, a copy of the PAN card, and a PowerPoint presentation supporting your application.

All received applications will be discussed and finalized in GBM scheduled on 28th February 2026 at VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRAPRADESH

For further details of the application process and bye-laws, please write to the Secretary IACTA on iactasecretariat@gmail.com.

<https://iacta.co.in/pdf/application%20form/Bidding-for-National-Conferene.pdf>



Minutes of AGM 2025

<https://iacta.co.in/pdf/Minutes-of-Annual-General-Body-Meeting-2025-Kochi.pdf>

IACTA National / International Travel Fellowship

IACTA invites applications/nominations for travel fellowships from young anaesthesiologists. It carries an award of Rs 40,000/- for visiting a center of excellence in India and Rs 75,000/- for an overseas hospital/institute. The applicant can choose to visit a center within India (in a city other than the applicant's place of work) or overseas.

1. Total one Indian and one International travelling fellowship per year.
2. The center should perform at least 1,000 cardiac procedures annually or excel in performing a particular surgery/procedure/technique.
3. The duration of the fellowship is normally one month.
4. The travel grant is awarded every year to a suitable candidate.
5. The applicant should be a life member of IACTA and have a minimum of two years of experience in cardiac anesthesia.
6. If working in a department, he/she should obtain approval from the head of the department. The acceptance letter from the center of the visit should be attached.
7. The applicant's age should be less than 40 years on the last date of application.
8. Application in the prescribed format should reach the IACTA office before 31st August 2025.
9. The IACTA office will scrutinize applications and finally approve them by EC and GBM.
10. The name of the anaesthesiologist selected will be announced during the GBM at the national conference of IACTA in February.
11. After completion of the observership, the anesthesiologist should submit a brief report to the IACTA.

Guidelines & Application Form

<https://iacta.co.in/pdf/application%20form/Application-Travelling-Fellowship.pdf>



IACTA - TEE 2025 Bengaluru

10th INTERNATIONAL & 19th NATIONAL TRANSOESOPHAGEAL ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY (TEE)

WORKSHOP & CME

UNDER THE BANNER OF

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS (IACTA)

in collaboration with

Karnataka Chapter of IACTA (KIACTA),
Indian College of Anaesthesiologists (ICA),
Global Intensive Care Symposium (GICS), The Simulation Society (TSS),
Indian Association of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS),
International Society of Cardiovascular Ultrasound (ISCU),
Global Heartcare Foundation, USA, University of Minnesota (UOM), USA

20th TO 23rd AUGUST 2025

Organising - Chairman
Dr. Muralidhar K.

Organising - Co Chairman
Dr. Kumar Belani

Scientific Advisor
**Dr. B.K. Mahala /
Dr. Ranjith Karthikeyan**



TEE WORKSHOP :
20th & 21st August 2025

TEE CME :
22nd & 23rd August 2025

Highlights

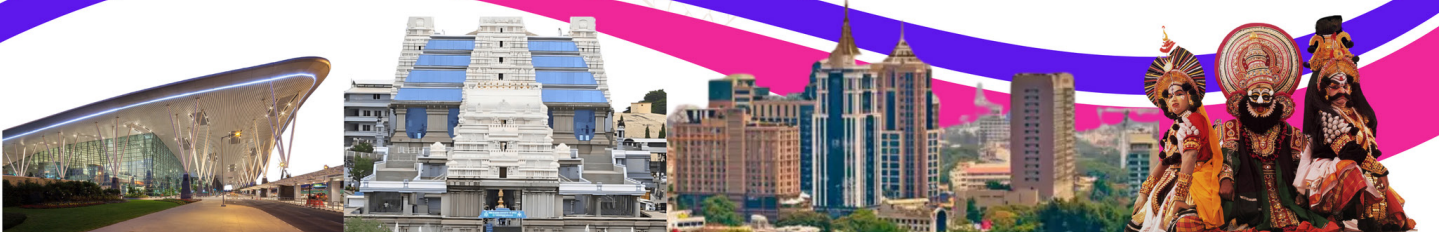
Abstracts for golden FATE contest
Scientific paper presentation will be accepted
KMC credit points available

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Harold Varmus Auditorium,

7th Floor, Mazumdar Shaw Medical Centre,
NH-Narayana Health City, Bengaluru





Registration Details

Registration	TEE Workshop (20st & 21st August 2025)			TEE CME (22nd & 23rd August 2025)			TEE Workshop + TEE CME (Both) (20th to 23rd August 2025)		
	Fellowship, DNB, DM/ M.Ch & etc (Cardiac Anaesthesia, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology)	Others	Oversea delegates US\$	Fellowship, DNB, DM/ M.Ch & etc (Cardiac Anaesthesia, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology)	Others	Oversea delegates US\$	Fellowship, DNB, DM/ M.Ch & etc (Cardiac Anaesthesia, Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology)	Others	Oversea delegates US\$
Until 31st May 2025	Rs: 3,540	Rs: 4,130	\$100	Rs: 5,900	Rs: 7080	\$100	Rs: 7080	Rs: 8260	\$100
Until 30th June 2025	Rs: 4,130	Rs: 4,720	\$150	Rs:6,490	Rs: 7,170	\$150	Rs: 7670	Rs: 8850	\$150
Until 10th August 2025	Rs: 4,720	Rs: 5,900	\$200	Rs: 7,080	Rs: 8,260	\$200	Rs: 8260	Rs:9440	\$200

Note: Registration fees is inclusive of 18% GST

- 1) Fees shown above can be paid through Google Pay/Phonepe/Paytm / NEFT/RTGS
- 2) Free share-based accommodation will be provided to trainees in cardiac anaesthesia (Fellow/DM/DrNB) for TEE CME (two nights) with recommendation from the HOD for first 25 registrations

The options available for stay in and around the conference venue (Narayana Health City)

1.

Sai Vishram Business Hotel : Mr. Vadivel ☎ +91 99722 88664

Hebbagodi, 144-C/1, Kirloskar Road, opp. MTR, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Bengaluru, Bommasandra, Karnataka 560099

2.

SRT Alpines : Mr. Nitin ☎ +91 97401 83707

Narayana Health City, Bommasandra, 4 & 5, Narayana Health City Rd, Electronic City, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560081

Payment Methods

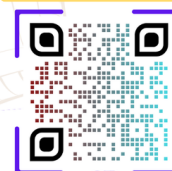
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OR

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Bank : Canara Bank
Branch : Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru (3021)
Country : India
IFSC Code : CNRB0003021
PAN No : AANAK1303J

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IACTA TEE CONTEST²⁰²⁵

WIN CASH PRIZE !



ABSTRACTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE INVITED

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|---|---|
| ✦ Golden FATE Contest | } LAST DATE TO SUBMIT
31.07.2025 (THURSDAY), 5.00 PM |
| ✦ Research in Cardiovascular Ultrasound (RCVU) | |
| ✦ Interesting image presentations | } LAST DATE TO SUBMIT
14.08.2025 (THURSDAY), 5.00PM |

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REQUIREMENT : IACTA MEMBERSHIP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. (AGE LIMIT: 40 YEARS)



SATURDAY
23, AUGUST, 2025



TIME
08:00 HRS



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29th National conference of Indian
association of cardiovascular thoracic anaesthesiologists

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ORGANIZED BY ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS
COMBINED (TELANGANA & ANDHRAPRADESH) CHAPTER OF IACTA

CONFERENCE DATES

FEB 27TH, 28TH & MARCH 1ST 2026

WORKSHOP DATE

FEB 26TH 2026

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Conference Registration Tariff

CATEGORY	21st to 23rd Feb 2025 On Kochi	Up to 31st July, 2025	1st Aug to 20th Dec, 2025	21st Dec to 20th Jan, 2025	21st Jan to 20th Feb, 2026	21st Feb 2026 onwards & Spot
IACTA life member (national)	₹ 15,500	₹ 16,500	₹ 18,500	₹ 19,500	₹ 20,500	₹ 22,500
IACTA life member (international)	250 USD	275 USD	375 USD	400 USD	400 USD	450 USD
SAARC Members	200 USD	225 USD	250 USD	275 USD	275 USD	300 USD
Non IACTA Members	₹ 17,500	₹ 18,500	₹ 19,500	₹ 20,500	₹ 21,500	₹ 24,500
PG/Fellowship students	₹ 9,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 11,000	₹ 11,000	₹ 11,000	₹ 12,000
Accompanying person	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000	₹ 10,000

Workshop Registration Tariff

CATEGORY	Seats	Up to 15th Feb 2026	15th to 25th Feb 2026
ECMO workshop	30	₹ 5000	₹ 6500
POCUS (HEART, LUNG) workshop	50	₹ 5000	₹ 6000
ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT workshop	40	₹ 8500	₹ 9500
CHESTWALL BLOCKS workshop	40	₹ 5000	₹ 6000
HEMODYNAMIC MONITORING workshop	40	₹ 4000	₹ 5000
Transesophageal Echo(TEE) workshop	30	₹ 4000	₹ 5000

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