

## Minutes of GBM 2023

**Date:** 18.02.2023 (Saturday)

**Time:** 05:30 PM to 07:30 PM

**Venue:** Main Hall, IACTA 2023 conference venue, Jodhpur, (Rajasthan).

The meeting will be audio and video recorded.

**Chairperson:** President IACTA

**Conducted by:** Secretary IACTA

**Office bearers in dais:** Dr. Suresh Rao (President), Dr. Uday Gandhe (Senior Vice-president), Dr. Thomas Koshy (Associate Vice-president), Dr. Kanagarajan N. (Secretary), Dr. S Kumar (Treasurer), Dr. Rajesh Arya (Registrar, ICCA), Dr. Mukul Kapoor (Editor, ACA).

**Meeting clerks:** Mr. Manoj KM, Mr. Satinder Pal Singh.

**Special Invitee:** NIL

President asked the secretary to start the meeting.

Secretary confirmed that the agenda of the meeting has been circulated to all members by email.

The secretary requested the non-members to leave the hall.

1. Welcome address: President of IACTA

- Dr. Suresh Rao welcomed everybody and reminded the growth of the IACTA from 1997-2023 and requested the members to actively participate in the discussions.

2. Tribute to Dr. Vishwas Malik (22.09.1973 - 08.08.2022): The house observed a minute of silence in the memory of Dr. Vishwas Malik who died unexpectedly on Aug 22. And secretary requested Dr. Dheeraj Arora to say few words about Dr. Vishwas malik. Dr. Dheeraj fondly recollected some of his moments with him.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of previous GBM held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Madurai. Minutes of the last GBM held at 26/03/2022 was published on the website. Approval was proposed by Dr. Rajesh Chand and Seconded by Dr. Manjula Sarkar.

4. Secretary informed about the total no of new life members of IACTA joined since last GBM (From CLG 1833 – CLS 1950). Total of 116 national members and one international member had been added since the last GBM at Madurai, 2022. GBM approved their membership.

5. Election for the various post for the IACTA Executive committee.

- Election of Assoc. VP and Executive Council members (IACTA).
  - Dr. Suresh G Nair was elected unopposed for the for the post of Associate Vice-president
  - For South Zone EC member post (one) - Dr. Murali Krishna T was elected Unopposed.
  - For North Zone EC posts (Three)-Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Anand Kumar, and Dr. Virendra Kumar were elected Unopposed.

- For West Zone EC posts, there are two contestants for one post - Dr. Vaishali S Badge and Dr. Kamal Manoj. Dr. Vijay Shetty was the election officer, and it was informed to all the members that a Govt approved photo ID card is must for identity check.

#### 6. Selection for the vacant posts of ICCA

- **Appointment of different posts of ICCA:**
- **ICCA adviser (Two posts):** The house was informed about the decision of selection committee and EC to keep both ICCA adviser post vacant, as both the candidates were not fulfilling the eligibility criteria. And there was a suggestion to slightly modify the criteria and the president concluded the discussion by stating that the selection committee decision was accepted, and the vacant seats will be readvertised.
- Dean Academics (2023-2026) – One post. Secretary informed the house that Dr. Dheeraj Arora has been selected as Dean Academics by the selection committee.
- ICCA academic council members (2023-2025) – Five posts  
The committee selected four members. Dr. Rahul Guha Biswas, Dr. Kamlesh Taylor, Dr. Harish babu, and Dr. Sreedhar Joshi. And it was decided to readvertise for the remaining one post.
- The approval of selection of the Dean academics and the four academic council members were proposed by Dr. Prabhat Tewari and seconded by Dr. Rajesh Chand and house approved it.

7. Travelling fellowship (national and international): Secretary gave a report on the Status of the previously awarded travelling fellowships.

**Dr. Reena Chabra** was given national travelling fellowship for 2022

And she completed and submitted certificate of completion to the IACTA secretariat. The certificate of completion along with the trophy was awarded to her. In her absence, Dr. Rajesh Arya received the certificate and the trophy. **Dr. Anuja Kulkarni, Dr. Geegle Pruti and Dr. DV Bhargav** who have been give international fellowship, have not yet started their fellowship yet. After the discussion in EC meeting on 11/12/22, it was decided to extend the date Upto 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 23 for the completion of their fellowship, failing which the fellowship will be cancelled.

IACTA Travelling fellowship (National) for the year 2023 - National travelling fellowship. The application of **Dr. Abhishek S. Bhadage** Maharashtra, Amravati for national travelling fellowship for 2023 was accepted in the EC meeting on 5/2/23.

No applicant for international travelling fellowship and it will be readvertised. As per the suggestion by the last EC meeting, Age limit increased to 40 years from 35 and the approval for the national travelling fellowship to Dr. Abhishek was proposed by Dr. Rajesh Arya and Seconded by Dr. Priya Menon and house approved it.

#### 8. Best Regional branch award

Dr. Nagaraja PS, IACTA regional body coordinator explained the scoring system and how much each regional IACTA branches had scored. And IACTA Bengaluru (Forum of Cardiac Anesthesiologists – FCA) topped the chart with 91 marks and won the president's award for 'Best regional branch 2022-2023'. Dr. Murali Chakravarthy and Dr. Patil TA received the award from the president of the IACTA.

9. Secretary's report – Dr. Kanagarajan informed the house that members profiles are updated with details of last three years of attendance in national conference also. And he clarified that this will help in the verification process in the future. And he informed that our payment gateway is functioning well. He assured the house that all forms and applications will be updated soon.

10. IACTA endorsed TEE conferences – During the discussion it was suggested to have a separate bank account for the TEE workshop/conference. And the approval was proposed by Dr. Nedumaran and seconded by Dr. Nagaraja PS and it was also approved that if they are receiving the grant from the IACTA, then detailed report about the workshop including the financial details should be sent to the secretariat. If no grant received, then workshop details alone sufficient. The surplus money will be utilized for the next conference. Dr. Nedumaran and Dr. Prabhat Tewari suggested to have more IACTA endorsed conferences and Dr. Rajesh Chand suggested to use the money which is not being used as a grant in boosting other academic/research activities. And the secretary suggested the all the regional bodies to send a proposal for conducting the TEE workshop and IACTA will definitely encourage those activity. And it was suggested by Dr. Mukul Kapoor to allow such activities even if not an annual/regular one. . Dr. Rajesh Arya informed that this system is already in practice and interested organizes can send their project through the prescribed protocol.

11. IACTA byelaw committee – The members of the committee are – Chairman: Dr. Thomas Koshy, Member secretary – Dr. Kanagarajan Natarajan, and the Members – Dr. Sandeep Mutha, Dr. Neema PK, Dr. Harish babu and Dr. Rajesh Arya. And it was suggested to have Dr. Deepak Tempe and Dr. Mukul Kapoor as advisers for byelaw committee. The approval was proposed by Dr. Nilesh Juvekar and seconded by Dr. Dheeraj Arora and GBM approved it.

12. Progress on issue of IACTA membership by "IACTA Life Membership Committee"-New committee: Chairman – Dr. Suresh Nair, Member Secretary – Dr. Kanagarajan, Members – Dr. Anil Sant, Dr. Rajesh Arya, Dr. Nilesh Juvekar, Dr. Priyanka Goel. GBM reaffirmed that if anyone other than the IACTA members want to appear for the FTEE exam, then its mandatory to become a member of the IACTA or Indian Academy of Echocardiography.

13. IACTA best paper award committee. As per the suggestion by the Chief editor, this committee will select the best original paper for the year (4 issues if ACA) preferably from the Indian

authors. This committee will be formed by the ICCA and will be presented to the next IACTA EC meeting. This committee will form the guidelines as well as the type of awards also.

14. Orations and Award for 2024 IACTA conference. Secretary informed the house about the decision of committee for orations and Award for 2024. The committee selected Dr. Bhaskaran for Lifetime achievement award 2024, Dr. Neema PK for Brig. PN Bhatt oration IACTACON24 –and Dr. Mukul Kapoor for Dr. VA Punnoose oration IACTACON24. The approval was proposed by Dr. Priya Menon and seconded by Dr. Selvakumar P and house approved this.

15. Electronic/online voting system for IACTA. Committee has been formed and will present the report in the mid-term meeting about the possibility of online voting in near future. He mentioned some of the points raised in the last EC meeting such as cost involved for a small no of members and why we should allow members who are not attending the GBM to vote.

16. Venue for 2025 conference. We received Two applications: Kochi and Faridabad (Delhi NCR) – Faridabad (Delhi NCR) withdrawn officially. So he informed that IACTA Kochi branch was proposed to host the IACTACON 2025. The approval was proposed by Dr. Vaishali S Badge and seconded by Dr. Sandeep Mutha and house approved it.

#### 17. Treasurer's report

Dr. Kumar S, Treasurer presented the IT returns, financial reports, and other issues related to finances of IACTA as follows: a. The financial report of 2021-22: IT return for financial year 2021-22 (year ending 31.01.2022): The balance sheet, profit/loss account, liability/asset and the audited report were displayed and read out in details. The successful filling of IT return of financial yr. 21-22 were shown and explained by treasurer. Dr. Sandeep Mutha proposed, and Dr. Nedumaran K seconded, and house approved the IT returns of financial year 21-22. b. Statement of accounts from 01.04.2022 to 31.01.2023: The statement of accounts from 01.04.2022 to 31.01.2023 were presented to the house. All the income and expenditures were displayed and readout. All the FD's in SBI, Pune and HDFC bank were displayed on screen. Balance sheet, income/expenditure statement were shown on the screen. House approved this statement of accounts. He informed the house that the SBI account has been transferred to Madurai. He presented the income and expenditure details for the IACTA TEE conference since IACTA account was used for all the transactions. Also the income and expenditure for the FIACTA & FTEE was shown. He also informed the house that approval for form 12A received in March 22 and its valid for 5 years & change of office bearers submitted to IT department. Treasurer informed the house that the existing FDs in HDFC bank earning a lower interest than the current rate. He pointed out a calculation that if we redeem all the FDs now and rebook at current prevailing rate then we may gain a significant amount in future. And Dr. Sandeep mutha suggested since two of the FDs mature at Jan 2024, it will be better to redeem that time and rebook to minimise the loss. And it was decided to take the opinion from CA and his advice will be followed. Dr. Kumar informed the house about the liquidation of FD's and booking them again. Dr. Sandeep, Dr. Neema and Dr.

PSN Raju took part in discussion and gave their opinion. Finally, GBM authorized the Treasurer and secretary, in consultation with IACTA CA to take the final decision about the FD's. The approval for rebooking of FDs was proposed by Dr. Sandeep Mutha and seconded by Dr. Rajesh Chand.

#### 18. IACTACON22 – Report by Organizing secretary:

Dr. Kumar S gave a brief account of IACTACON22, held at Madurai 25-03.2022 to 27.03.2022. He presented the account details also. As per the byelaw the organising committee presented a cheque for Rs 18,118,78 to IACTA president. Everyone appreciated the conduct of IACTACON-2022 at Madurai and the efforts of the organizing team. Dr. Manjula Sarkar asked to give financial benefits to members by subsidized registration or some other financial benefits. President replied that her point was well taken. Dr. Tempe suggested to have a long term plan to have fixed asset like to have a office or some teaching hall/room or corpus and design things with a long term vision.

#### 19. ACA Chief editor's report

Dr. Mukul Kapoor briefed about the journal performance. He stated that from 2016, the citation index is gradually increasing and in 2021 it was 1.41 and we have not yet received the citation index for 2022. He raised his concern about the less contribution in terms of article from Indian authors. And he wanted better performance from the journal reviewers. He requested all the print subscribers to renew their subscription. Also he asked the members to get the institutional subscription for their institute. Dr. Rajesh Arya suggested to issue reviewer certificate and Dr. Mukul Kapoor assured it will be generated on the website itself. He also suggested to send a letter to all the institutes including the international institutes for journal subscription. Dr. Deepak Tempe suggested to reduce the time from the receipt of article to the first response to author as well as the interval after the acceptance to publication, which may be helpful in attracting authors for submission. One more suggestion came up during the discussion was non-performing reviewers should be removed from the board and GBM accepted. Dr. Thomas asked whether we plan to increase the number of issues per year. Dr. Mukul informed that right now, this is not planned presently as submissions are sufficient for present 4 issues a year. Dr. Murali Chakravarthy suggested to reduce case report publication. Dr. Neema also took part in discussion and affirmed that non-performing reviewers or editorial board members should be removed.

#### 20. IACTA ECHO Library (IEL): Chief editor's report

Dr. Kumar C started his report with thanking Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Deepak Tempe for their contribution and their support. He stated the average weekly users are around 500 and most of them are direct users who know our echo library. He informed that 152 manuscripts and 270 quiz have been published covering most topics. He informed that there are around 4000 registered

users for echo library. And he informed that IEL do the following additional activities like: Golden Fate Contest, Research in Cardiovascular Ultrasound and Echo Jeopardy (Quiz). And he informed the house that IACTA Echo Library website link is now in the home page of IACTS website. Dr. Rajesh Arya informed that The Brazilian Society of anaesthesiologists have the IEL link on their website. All appreciated the effort of Dr. Kumar and all editorial board members for smooth and successful run of IEL in its 7<sup>th</sup> year.

21. Indian College of Cardiac Anasthesia (ICCA): Registrar's report Dr. Rajesh Arya.

ICCA board recommends following names for honorary fellowships:

Honorary FIACTA: Dr. Rajesh Arya (92/100 points)

Honorary FTEE: Dr. Dheeraj Arora (90/100 points)

The point tally of both was displayed and explained to the EC. Entire EC approved these with a single voice (thus making it more and 2/3 majority as mandatory for approval). Dr. Thomas requested that the fellowship should be presented in a ceremonious manner during inauguration function of annual conference. All agreed and asked the secretary to form the protocol and the same should be followed at IACTACON 2024 at Nagpur

He informed that the FTEE exam conducted in the new format. For theory 34 candidates passed out of 44. Out of 34 passed in theory, 19 took the FTEE practical exam in August at NH and 12 passed. And 11 candidates took the exam in Dec, at Medanta and 8 passed, so total of 20 candidates passed FTEE 2022 exam. And Dr. Kartheek Hanumansetty will be awarded 'Belani' award for 2022. And it was decided to send the total theory and practical marks along with their results. He gave a details about FIACTA 2022: Exam was conducted in three Centres : Delhi, Mumbai & Chennai and 22 Candidates appeared and 16 candidates passed both. Kabeer Award" for FIACTA 2022 was awarded to Dr. Jitendra Homdas Ramteke. He announced the date for FIACTA/FTEE 2023: FIACTA 2023 will be on 9th and 10th Sep.2023, and FTEE theory 2023 will be on 28th May 2023. He had explained why we have to have standard format for all the certificates issued by IACTA and had shown the final approved certificates for GBM approval. Also, he had shown the EC approved newly designed medal issued by IACTA Regarding the **FIACTA academic programme**, which is going on regularly, he informed that all lectures will be available in our website to all members. He thanked the office clerks Manoj and Satinder for their hard work done by them for this.

**New fellowships:** ICCA proposed to start fellowship in "ECMO and advanced cardiac procedures" (assist devices and transplant)

**New FIACTA centres;** He informed the house that NH Hospital, Nellore. Aster Ramesh Hospital, Guntur had been recognised as FIACTA centres.

Dr. Dheeraj Arora, Dr. Harish babu & Dr. Madhur malik are recognized as FIACTA teachers. Dr. Kumar C had been recognised as FTEE examiner. This was approved by GBM. The GBM also approved that DA passed candidate can appear for FTEE exam and they can be FTEE examiner

also. Which was proposed by Dr. Vaishali and seconded by Dr. Talib Khan. He informed that ICCA is making efforts that our FIACTA and FTEE program are recognized by some statutory body.

22. Presentation of Janak Mehta Best Paper Award. President distributed the participation certificates (Six papers were presented). Dr. Ombusthan was awarded "The Janak Mehta young scientist award 2023".

23. Honorary FIACTA and Honorary FTEE: Secretary presented the recommendations of IACTA. He proposed name of Dr. Rajesh Arya for Honorary FIACTA and Dr. Dheeraj Arora for Honorary FTEE for the year 2023. The house approved this with single voice and secretary congratulated both for their achievement. Both Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Dheeraj Arora thanked IACTA for this honor.

24. Declaration of result for one EC post for which voting was done: Election officer - Dr. Vijay Shetty announced that Dr. Manoj Kamal was elected as an EC member and GBM approved it.

25. Issues raised with the permission of the Chair.

Dr. Nedumaran K suggested a following. a. Can we include cardiac ICU staff in conference?

b. Avoid having sigh-seeing or tour official during the conference timings.

c. We should define byelaws and protocols clearly.

d. Byelaw for the applying for the post should be there.

e. The election should be encouraged and should be fair.

f. There should be a cap for a person for 2 terms or three terms so that new faces come on different which will be discussed in the next EC meeting.

Dr. Vaishali complained about negative voting and the president assured that it will be taken care.

Dr. Dr. Srinivasulu Reddy made a suggestion to start an echo quiz during IACTACON as it done in Echo workshop. President thanked all the three and assured that these issues will be discussed in next EC meeting.

26. IACTACON 2024: Secretary asked the organizing team of IACTACON-2024 to present the schedule and program of IACTACON-2024. Dr. Vinay Kulkarni, the organizing secretary of IACTACON-2024 along with Chairman Dr. SK Deshpande and entire organizing team of IACTACON-2024 made a presentation displaying the venue, scientific program, hotel list, travel options and dates of the conference with audio-video presentation. Dr. Vinay made a request that the advance money which is given to the next organizing secretary which is usually Rs. 5 lacs may be increased to Rs. 10 lacs as most of the hotels are asking for advance booking charges. The treasurer informed that this request was discussed in EC and EC has recommended the same. The treasurer pointed that the advance money will be given after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and should be returned to IACTA before the IACTACON-2024. This way, both the loan and refund of loan would be in the same financial year. GBM approved the advance money for IACTACON-2024 to Rs. ten lacks on the terms as mentioned by treasurer. Treasurer informed that this increase from Rs. 5

lacs to 10 lac is not a fixed protocol but one time as requested by the organizing secretary of IACTACON-2024. In future, such requests may be decided as per the need of that time.

27. The incoming president Dr. Uday Gandhe honored the outgoing president Dr. Suresh Rao with the certificate and memento. And Dr. Suresh Rao honored Dr. Manoj Kamal, the organizing secretary of IACTACON23.

28. Installation of new Executive Committee office bearers for 2023-24

The secretary called upon all the new elected members to the stage for the formal induction into the cabinet for 2023-24.

As there was no further agenda of the meeting and no questions/quarries from the audience, President Dr. Suresh Rao thanked the members and closed the meeting till we meet next. All stood in respect and recited the National Anthem as it was played along with.



Dr. Kanagarajan N

Secretary

IACTA