



INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

NEWSLETTER (Nov. 2018)

Dear IACTA Members,

Nov. 30th 2018.

Greetings from IACTA Office.

It gives me immense pleasure to present the second newsletter of 2018 after the first sent in July, 2018.

The main contents of the news letter are the advertisement for various post of Executive Committee for which applications are invited. Apart from these, applications are invited for various fellowship programs, Janak Mehta award session and for 2021 annual conference of IACTA.

Since the publication of last news letter in July 2018, there has been a mid-term meeting of executive committee, ICCA board meeting and the activities have been at great pace regarding the decisions taken in these meetings and various subcommittees formed for important projects.

Notifications:

A. Advertisement for the Executive Council posts:

Applications are invited for the below given post of executive council of IACTA. Application properly filled by the applicants must reach IACTA office by 31st December 2018 at IACTA Office. The last date of withdrawal of nominations is 20th January 2019 for all above posts.

- a. **Associate Vice- President, IACTA:** Applications are invited for the post of "Associate Vice President" IACTA. The term for associate vice president is for one year (Feb. 2019 to Feb. 2020). The eligibility criteria are given on the website. The application form is attached as annex. A (the same can be downloaded from website as well). ([Annex. A and B](#))
- b. **IACTA Executive Council Members:** The term for EC member would be for two years. The eligibility criteria are given on the website. The application form is attached as annex. B (the same can be downloaded from website as well). ([Annex. C and D](#))
 - a. Central zone : Two
 - b. East zone : One
 - c. South zone : Three
 - d. West zone : Two

Duly filled application forms for posts of Associate vice president and Executive council member along with related documents must reach IACTA office by 31st December 2018. Application can be sent by email at iactasecretariat@gmail.com but hard copy of the application MUST reach to office by 31.12.2018. Eligibility criteria for above mentioned posts are given at IACTA website www.iacta.co.in.

B. Application for Travelling fellowships:

Applications are invited for travelling fellowships under following heads: Eligibility criteria mentioned fellowships are given at IACTA website. Application forms for above are attached along with this newsletter as annex. E. The same can be downloaded from IACTA website also.

(Annex. E)

1. Travelling fellowship: National (One)
2. Travelling fellowship: (One)

Application forms and related documents properly filled by the applicants must reach IACTA office by 31st December 2018. Application can be sent by email at iactasecretariat@gmail.com but hard copy of the application MUST reach to office by **31.12.2018**.

C. Janak Mehta Best Paper Award

Young scientists are encouraged for research and their research work is presented during Janak Mehta Award session. For 2019 annual conference at Kolkata, the Janak Mehta Award Session is scheduled on 23.02.2019. The guidelines for this award session are given on conference website. Original rePapers for this session are invited and the same can be sent to the organizing secretary of 2019 national conference at Kolkata as per the procedure given at the website direct link <http://iacta2019.com/janak-mehta-award/>

D. Application for 2021 annual conference of IACTA:

Applications are invited from life members of IACTA who are willing to hold the 23rd annual conference of IACTA. All received application will be discussed in EC meeting on 22nd Feb. and then the final decision from the accepted applications will be taken in GBM on 23rd Feb. by open bidding process. Please send the application by email to Secretary, IACTA on iactasecretariat@gmail.com and a hard copy MUST reach to secretary office by surface mail before 31st December 2018.

E. Application for Chief Editor, IACTA Echo Library www.iactaecholibrary.co.in:

Applications are invited for the post of "Chief Editor IACTA Echo Library". Though the criteria are for the same are given on website but as this is the initial phase of development of echo library, the EC has recommended to relax the criteria and the best suitable applicant will be selected. All applicants should send their application to secretary, IACTA and attach their academic work related to echocardiography. The applications should reach the IACTA office by 31.12.2018 and the EC will take the final decision on selection of the new Chief Editor. Till that time, present editor, Dr. Rajesh Arya has been asked to continue.

Meanwhile, the frequency of the weekly manuscript (published on Saturday) has been reduced from every week to every alternate week. The mid-week quiz is published as routine on every Tuesday. The Echo Library membership has increased more than 3500 worldwide. The hit count on website is more than 46000 showing steady growth. The proposal of dedicating four pages of ACA for manuscript published at echo library was agreed by the Chief editor ACA and was approved by EC.

Major activities since last newsletter in July'2018:

Endorsement of various regional conferences:

IACTA endorsed the following conferences conducted by individual institutes, after consultation with concerned regional branch and coordinator for regional branches Dr. Harish Babu:

- A. Refresher course at Sri Satya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Bangalore.
- B. 7th Perioperative TEE workshop at Medanta, the Medicity at Gurugram, Haryana.
- C. Advanced Perioperative TEE workshop at GKNMH, Coimbatore.

Endorsement of various guidelines:

Following guidelines have been endorsed by IACTA:

- A. "Indian Cardio-pulmonary Guidelines", issued under the aegis of Resuscitation Council and published in Nov. 2017 issue of Indian Journal of Anaesthesia.
- B. "Guidelines for Performing a Comprehensive Transesophageal Echocardiographic Examination in Children and All Patients with Congenital Heart Disease", prepared by American Society of Echocardiography.

Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA):

Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia had their meeting on 28.07.2018 at Kolkata where the progress of the issues related to ICCA were discussed headed by Dr. Deepak Tempe (Chancellor), Dr. Suresh Nair (Vice Chancellor), Dr. Thomas Koshy (Registrar) and other board members. All the revised protocols related to FIACTA and FTEE exams have been laid down and are available on IACTA website under the ICCA column. Guidelines for FIACTA center recognition, criteria for FIACTA and FTEE teachers and examiners and the protocol to be followed for them have been described and the related forms are available on website for download. Interested persons should apply and send the application forms with required documents to ICCA office (iccaregistrar@gmail.com) with a copy to IACTA office (iactasecretariat@gmail.com).

The issues related to ICCA can be addressed to ICCA office at Kochi (address given at the end) and through official email: iccaregistrar@gmail.com

IACTA Website www.iacta.co.in :

Attempts are made to give a new look to the IACTA website aiming that this looks more informative and appears as an academic body's website. The payment gateway has been taken with CC avenue and has been incorporated in the website for all online payments. It is planned that all forms and communication with IACTA can be done through website. Efforts are put to make the system more efficient, transparent and user friendly. In an attempt for this, we are starting phase I changes.

Phase I: Following steps are taken in first phase starting of upgradation of IACTA website:

- a. All present IACTA member's profile is being created on website and the login details for their profile will be sent to them by personalized email mentioning their user ID and password.
- b. Communication should be done through the profile login. Please update the required fields in your profile.
- c. It is planned that from 01.01.2019, the new membership can be applied through website and there would not be any need to send papers by surface mail. After filling the details in online membership form and attaching the desired documents, the new applicant can make the payment through website. Final approval of membership will be by IACTA office and the same will be informed to the applicant with all membership details through the autogenerated email system.

After this first phase of member login portal and new membership registration, all exam related activities i.e. application for various exams, fee payment, the communication from exam controllers and the result of the exam will be done through the website.

However, for the smooth transition from hard copy to e-communication, both the methods will function during the transition phase. Once the e-communication is smooth, gradually we shall shift to paperless office.

Mid-term meeting of Executive committee:

Mid-term meeting of Executive committee was held on 29.07.2018 at Kolkata and was presided over by President IACTA. Following issues were discussed and decision taken in the meeting:

- a) Awards and orations:
Lifetime achievement award for 2019: **Dr. Alka Mandke**
Dr. V.A Punnoose oration: **Dr. R. Gopinath**
Dr. P. N. Bhatt oration: **Dr. Mukul Kapoor**
- b) Inclusion of outgoing treasurer as EC members for one year (as the office of secretary/treasurer are changed every three years).
- c) EC was informed by previous secretary that the long-standing issue of our IT case regarding 12A and 80G has been decided and our council Mr. Rahul Khare has sent us the copy of judgement that the IT department has referred the issue and the verdict is in our favor.
- d) Payment gateway on IACTA website is active now.
- e) Chief Editor, Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia presented the progress of ACA since he took over. The financial issue related to mobile APP of ACA remains unresolved. The legal notice received by Chief Editor, ACA has been legally replied through an advocate.
- f) FATE workshop and Golden FATE contest: These have been conducted as pilot project in Pune and Hyderabad conferences. A "Golden Fate Committee" headed by Dr. Sandeep Mutha is formed to look into the future conduct of these events as a regular activity of IACTA. The report of the committee shall be presented to GBM (**FATE Committee**)
- g) Professional group insurance scheme: A proposal of having professional insurance scheme for IACTA members was presented. After discussion, a "Professional Insurance Committee" was formed headed by Dr. Vipul Sharma. The report of the committee will be presented to the GBM. (**Professional Insurance Scheme Committee**).
- h) IACTA research fund: A proposal of creating research fund was presented. The President constituted a "Research Fund Committee" headed by Dr Prabhat Tiwari. The committee's report will be presented to EC and then to subsequent GBM. (**Research Fund Committee**)
- i) Report on regional branches of IACTA was sent by the coordinator Dr. Harish Babu. One more regional branch has been formed i.e. Society of Cardiac Anaesthesia, Nagpur (SCAN) which has members from Vidarbha area of Maharashtra. Thus, IACTA has now total 14 regional/state/city branches.
- j) IACTA reform committee: Reform committee headed by Dr. P.K Neema presented the recommendations related to issues addressed to the committee. The detailed report will be presented to GBM at Kolkata. Certain important issues related to selection criteria and procedure for different posts of ICCA and conduct of conference are under consideration of reform committee. The recommendations as submitted will be discussed in EC meeting and finally presented to GBM.

Obituary: IACTA lost one of the seniors most cardiac anaesthesiologist and pioneer of cardiac anaesthesia, Dr. Paritosh Mazumdar. Dr. Mazumdar was one of the first few anaesthesiologists who took up the challenge of venturing into the field of Cardiac Anaesthesia and Critical Care in India. For his contribution in development of the "Chitra Valve", he was awarded the "International Scholar of the Highest Standards" by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation; USA in 1980. IACTA offers condolences and

prayers for him. IACTA will always remain indebted to the contributions to cardiac anaesthesia made by Dr. Paritosh Mazumdar.

Forthcoming conferences and events:

IACTA national conference: 22nd national conference of IACTA (22nd to 24th Feb. 2019 at Kolkata) is organized by West Bengal Association of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anaesthesiologists” and the organizing team is led by Dr. Emmanuel Rupert (Patron), Dr. Saibal Roychowdhury (Organizing Chairperson; email: doc_saibal@rediffmail.com) and Dr. Rahul Guhabiswas (Organizing Secretary; email: rahulguhabiswas@gmail.com). The website portal is active with all related social media pages. The details of the conference can be reached at www.iacta2019.com and the contact email is iacta2019@gmail.com. The issues related to scientific program can be addressed through email: scientificiactacon@gmail.com. Other important links are:

- i. Abstract submission: <http://iacta2019.com/call-for-abstract/> (last date 31.12.18)
- ii. Janak Mehta award paper: <http://iacta2019.com/janak-mehta-award/> (last date 31.12.18)
- iii. Accommodation: <http://iacta2019.com/accommodation/>
- iv. Registration: <http://iacta2019.com/registration/> (Early bird registration closes on 31.12.18)
- v. Event manager; Mr. Gaurav Sinha; Email: gaurav@cimglobal.in

All of us should register as early as possible and participate actively and make this event a great success.

IACTA 3D TEE workshop at Ahmedabad:

The 4th annual 3D workshop is scheduled on 22nd and 23rd Dec. 2018 at U. N Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Center, Ahmedabad. The main highlight of the workshop is 3D echocardiography and use of online as well as offline quantification software. For details, contact Dr. Naman Shastri at email dec222018unmicrc@gmail.com

14th National and 4th international IACTA TEE workshop at Narayan Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru:

IACTA TEE workshop is scheduled from 28th August to 1st September 2019 at Narayan Hrudayalaya. The basic TEE workshop would be on 28th and 29th August followed by advanced TEE workshop from 30th August to 1st Sept. 2019. The conference has been endorsed by ASE and EACTA. For registration and further details, contact Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi at email internationaliactatee@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting all IACTA members during the forthcoming IACTA annual conference at Kolkata. Please make your attendance at the register kept at the “IACTA Office” counter. Please come forward with suggestions and opinions during the GBM and sign the attendance register there as well.

Important weblinks:

IACTA: www.iacta.co.in;

IACTA treasurer: iactatreasurer@gmail.com

Annals of cardiac anaesthesia: www.aca.in ;

IACTA Echo Library: www.iactaecholibrary.co.in ;

IACTA conference 2019: www.iacta2019.com ;

IACTA secretary: iactasecretariat@gmail.com;

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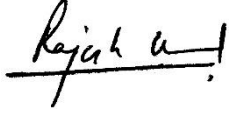
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Annex.:

Annex. A: Election Notification for the election for Associated Vice President.

Annex. B: Application form for post of Associate Vice President, IACTA.

Annex. C: Election Notification for post of Executive member, Executive council.

Annex. D: Application form for the post of Executive member, Executive Council.

Annex. E: Application form for travelling fellowship.