



## **INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS**

### **NEWSLETTER (Jan. 2021)**

Dear IACTA Members,

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Greetings from IACTA...

It gives us immense pleasure to present the first newsletter of 2021.

The main contents of the newsletter are related to IACTACON 2021, reform committee phase 3 recommendations and IACTA travelling fellowships.

### **Notifications:**

- A. IACTACON 2021:** The organizing committee of IACTACON 2021 scheduled at Madurai in Feb. 2021, requested that the scheduled meeting should be postponed. The reason being the COVID pandemic, travel restriction for national and international faculty and limitations of participation by industry. This issue was discussed in detail in IACTA Executive committee and finally decided that the request of the organizing committee is accepted and IACTACON 2021 is postponed to Feb. 2022. Following this reschedule, Jodhpur will host IACTACON 2023 and Nagpur will host IACTACON 2024.

IACTA EC decided that as we are not having annual conference (physical conference) in 2021, we should have a virtual annual conference in Feb./March 2021. It would be a 2/3 days program on a virtual platform. There would be no orations/award of lifetime achievement award during this virtual IACTACON 2021.

IACTA Executive committee and ICCA board would be conducting the conference on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. The detailed schedule and program format will be informed to all IACTA members very shortly by email and will be posted on IACTA website as well. The suggestions are invited from members on our official email for IACTACON-2021 i.e. [iactacon21@gmail.com](mailto:iactacon21@gmail.com). Please communicate on this email regarding

**B. Executive Council of IACTA and ICCA board:**

The appointment of new members of EC and ICCA is done during the annual conference (appointment of new EC and ICCA board members replacing the outgoing members). This issue was discussed in details. As this process involves manual voting during the GBM, which can not be done in virtual online conference and GBM for 2021. After long discussion, there was a decision that according to the IACTA bylaws and the prevailing pandemic, the existing members of EC and ICCA should continue for one more year i.e. up to next GBM in 2022 during annual conference in Feb. 2022.

**C. Application for Travelling fellowships:**

Applications are invited for IACTA travelling fellowships for the year 2020 and 2021 under following heads:

1. Travelling fellowship: National: two (one for yr. 2020 and one for yr. 2021)
2. Travelling fellowship: International: One (for the yr. 2021)

Eligibility criteria for IACTA travelling fellowships are given at IACTA website. Application forms along with guidelines for above can be downloaded from IACTA website.

Application forms and related documents properly filled by the applicants must reach IACTA office by **10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021**. Application can be sent by email at [iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com).

### **Major activities since last newsletter in October 2020:**

Since the publication of last newsletter in 30.09.2020, we had mid-term meeting of ICCA board on 07.11.2020 and Executive Committee on 20.12.2020. Due to COVID pandemic, both the meetings were conducted on virtual ZOOM platform. Major decisions taken during the meeting are:

#### **Mid-term meeting Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA):**

Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia had their meeting on 07.11.2020 where the issues related to ICCA were discussed. All the procedures and protocols related to ICCA have been posted on IACTA website (<http://www.iacta.co.in/icca-about.html>). Following the major decisions taken during this mid-term meeting:

**FTEE Exam 2020:** The FTEE exam for 2020 was cancelled as this required the candidates and examiners to travel to exam center during COVID. Another reason for cancellation of exam was non-availability of simulator at multiple exam centers. IACTA EC and ICCCA are working to find a solution for this and hopefully we shall conduct FTEE exam in 2021. Information regarding this will be put on IACTA website and all members of will be informed by newsletters.

**FIACTA Exam. 2020:** FIACTA exam was conducted in November instead of August by ICCA at multiple exam centers across the county. The result was posted on IACTA website. For FIACTA 2021, this will follow the routine process. Information regarding this will be posted on our website and newsletter to all members.

**FIACTA (Paediatric):** Fellowship in Paediatric cardiac anaesthesia course has been started by IACTA. Anyone interested to start the course or wish to enroll for this, all the information is available on IACTA website at "College (ICCA)" column. Interested candidate can get the relevant information by writing to ICCA registrar email: [iccaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:iccaregistrar@gmail.com)

#### **Mid-term meeting of Executive committee:**

Mid-term meeting of Executive committee was held on 22.09.2019 at Mumbai. Following major decision were taken in the meeting:

- a) **Awards and orations:** As the 2021 conference is a virtual conference, the orations would be delivered during IACTA national conference in 2022; scheduled at Madurai.  
Lifetime achievement award for 2021 (now 2022): **Dr. Anil Sant**  
Dr. V.A Punnoose oration 2021 (now 2022): **Dr. Deepak Tempe**  
Dr. P. N. Bhatt oration 2021 (now 2022): **Dr. A M Jagadeesh**
- b) **Print journal of ACA:** Earlier it was decided that the print issue of ACA would be given to the members who have deposited Rs.500/- annually to IACTA. Looking at the present pandemic, this decision has been kept on hold and members would receive the print journal as earlier. Though,

IACTA request all members to contribute Rs.500/- annually for the print issue so that we can shift gradually from free to paid subscription.

- c) **GBM Feb. 2020 at Goa:** Minutes of GBM of IACTA held on 08.02.2020 at Goa have been posted on IACTA website.
- d) **IT returns of IACTA:** IT returns of IACTA for the financial year 2019-20 were presented. After discussion, they have been filed through our CA. These would be presented to during the forthcoming virtual GBM. Any member wish to have a copy of the returns, can write to [iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com) and the same would be provided to the member.
- e) **“Janak Mehta Young Scientist Award Session”** has been cancelled during the virtual annual conference this year i.e. IACTACON-2021.

#### **IACTA endorsed conferences:**

- a. **IACTA TEE workshop, Bangalore:** This was a virtual conference from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The online conference was a great success with 2200 delegates attending on first day and the number increased to 8228 on last day. Organizing secretary, Dr. Murali has requested that the IACTA TEE workshop would be a webinar format in 2021.
- b. **TEE workshop, Medanta:** Dr. Manisha Mishra along with Dr. Dheeraj and Dr. Sahani conducted the TEE workshop as virtual meet. The three day event was very much appreciated and was attended by more than 2200 delegates along with national and international faculty.
- c. Apart from above, a number of online conferences were held by regional branches of IACTA on various topics. IACTA appreciates such academic events. The annual “President’s Award and trophy” for best regional branch will be announced during the virtual conference in Feb. 2021.

#### **IACTA Important weblinks:**

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