



Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists

Annual General Body Meeting-2020

Meeting chaired by: Dr. Poonam Malhotra (President IACTA)

Meeting conducted by: Dr. Thomas Koshy on behalf of Dr. Rajesh Arya, IACTA Secretary

Dignitaries present on dais: Sr. Vice President (Dr. P.K. Neema), Treasurer (Dr. Sandeep Mutha), Chief Editor, Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia (Dr. Prabhat Tewari).

Dr. Thomas Koshy took permission of the President to start the proceedings

Meeting clerk: Mr. Manoj and Mr. Satinder Pal Singh

Dr. Thomas started the agenda as follows:

1. Welcome address by President:

Dr. Poonam thanked all the seniors for their constant support and encouragement. She thanked all the seniors who had been helping her through her journey as executive member of IACTA. She stressed the need to improve working conditions for cardiac anaesthesiologists and also need to make more IACTA members.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of GBM 2019: Minutes of GBM held on 23.09.2020 were proposed for approval. Dr. Uday Gandhe proposed, Dr. Yatin Mehta seconded and house approved the minutes as posted on website.

3. Election of new executive committee members of IACTA:

The list of advertised posts, applications, qualified applications and final tally was displayed on screen. Dr. Saibal Roy Chaudhary was appointed as election officer.

The unopposed elected members were:

Associate Vice president: Dr. Uday Gandhe (one post and one applicant)

EC member North zone: Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Manoranjan Sahoo, Dr. Talib Khan (3 posts and three applicants)

For the west zone (one seat) and for the south zone (one seat) election was conducted as for both these zones two candidates had applied. the election was conducted by voting. With the permission of President, the voting process was started. Dr. Saibal Chaudhary explained the voting process to all the members present.

Applicants for the West zone: Dr. Vaishali Badge and Dr. Prasanna Salvi

Applicants for the South zone: Dr. Madhusoodana Bhovi and Dr. Balamurugan K.

4. Travelling fellowship:

International: One seat and one applicant: Dr. Suma Rao

National: No applicant. GB approved to readvertise the national fellowship seat and to be decided during mid-term executive council meeting for year 2020.

Dr. Shradha Antapan completed international fellowship for the year 2019, President IACTA presented her the certificate for successful completion.

5. Secretary report: The report prepared by Dr. Rajesh Arya was presented by Dr. Thomas Koshy.
 - a. Website: Details of new features which include a separate tab for regional branches has been added. The website has become a single point access to all information related to IACTA activities. The annual maintenance contract (AMC) with website developer “Three Brackets” has been signed; the AMC is Rs.45,000/- per year with an annual increase of 7% every year. This AMC is to be paid in two equal installments in April and October every year. Any new feature(s) which we desire to incorporate from time to time will be separately payable (not included in AMC).
 - b. Conferences permanently endorsed by IACTA:
 1. TEE workshop at Bangalore: IACTA supports TEE workshop at Bangalore every year and finance Rs three lakh every year. All the members thanked Dr. Muralidhar for successfully conducting TEE workshop every year. “IACTA Golden Fate” contest and FATE workshop is a new addition from 2019.
 2. TEE workshop at Medanta Delhi: EC decided to support the workshop with rupees one lac every year. All presented there approved this and applauded the efforts of Dr. Manisha Mishra.
 3. 3D TEE workshop at Ahmadabad: Self sustained workshop conducted by Dr. Naman Shastri.
 - c. Guidelines endorsement: American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) requested IACTA to endorse five guidelines during last one year and after the review process by ICCA, letter of endorsement was given to ASE.
 - d. Simulator for IACTA: An attempt is being made to make the simulator available to all IACTA conferences and it is hoped that a suitable arrangement will be made soon .
 - e. Appointment of ICCA board members: As the Board of Governors and academic council members are completing their tenure, a committee appointed by IACTA president has recommended new names to IACTA. Executive committee meeting held on 07.02.2020 has approved the selection. Following are the recommendations:
Board of Governors: Dr. Rajiv Juneja; Dr. Anil Karlekar; Dr. Hemant Waikar
Academic council members: Dr. Kanagrajan; Dr. Shrinivas G; Dr. Amarja Nagre; Dr. Neeti Makhija; Dr. Rahul Guha Biswas; Dr. Patil TA; Dr. Dheeraj Arora; Dr. Bhupesh Kumar.
The recommendations were approved by GBM.
 - f. IACTA new members: 125 new members have joined as life members. GBM approved their membership.
 - g. IACTA International Symposium: Following approval of the EC, the international symposium will be held every two years. As decided earlier, there would be a MoU signed between the cardiac anaesthesia / anaesthesia societies of participating countries to have membership

and registration and to participate in conference on reciprocal basis. GBM approved this signing of MoU for the benefit of IACTA.

6. IACTA conference 2021: There were two applications which fulfill the criteria.
 - i. Society of Cardiac Anaesthesia Nagpur
 - ii. IACTA Jodhpur

There was division of vote for IACTACON-2022. 61 members were in favor of Jodhpur and 52 were in favor of Nagpur. By majority voting, it was decided that 2022 conference will be held in Jodhpur with Dr. Manoj Kamal as organizing secretary. Dr. Yatin Mehta proposed for 2023 conference for Nagpur. All agreed that 2022 would be in Jodhpur and 2023 would be in Nagpur.

Dr. Vijay Shetty announced the winners and President distributed the prize to the winners for various competitive events during the conference.

7. Treasurer report:

- a. IACTA accounts from 01.04.2019 till 31.12.2019: Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ACA) SBI account of IACTA at Lucknow was lying dormant and has been closed. The FD's linked to that account has been liquidated and the total FD amount and SB amount has been transferred to IACTA account at SBI, Pune.
- b. An amount of Rs.11,000/- was payable to Dr. Poonam which she had deposited to open bank account. Treasurer proposed to return this amount to Dr Poonam; the GB members approved the same.
- c. There were few fixed assets of IACTA e.g. computer, photo copier machine which were lying unused and in non-working condition. Treasurer proposed to condemn these items and GBM approved this.
- d. A new laptop of Rs.73000/- has been purchased for Echo library; GBM approved the purchase
- e. Total assets in bank were displayed on screen. The total amount received from FD's at SBI Lucknow was transferred to SBI Pune bank account As per the suggestion of our CA and after due approval of EC, a new account has been opened at HDFC bank, Ludhiana and Rs 1.25 Cr. Has been deposited to this account as fixed deposit. The HDFC bank was chosen as it provides higher interest rates and greater facilities. Treasurer presented a resolution for authorizing the secretary and treasurer to operate the HDFC bank account. The resolution also authorizes them to make FD's, liquidate FD's, use credit/debit card linked to that account and take all necessary action to operate that account. GBM discussed and approved that all the resolutions be signed by secretary and treasurer and presented to bank and other places wherever they are required.
- f. THE ICCA account has also been closed and the amount transferred to SBI Pune account.
- g. The income and expenditure balance sheet was displayed which showed the accounts of ICCA, ACA, Echo library and other heads.
- h. The salary of staff is proposed to increase from 10,000/- to 12,000/- (Mr. Manoj and Mr. Satinder).
- i. WB IACTA (West Bengal) contributed Rs. 21,00,000/- as surplus from national conference. All present applauded the contribution and thanked entire WB IACTA team.

- j. The pending issue of last 5 years IT returns was presented year wise starting from 2015 in details. Major issue was 2017 where a tax liability of around 5.92 lac was imposed on IACTA by the income tax authorities. That amount has been paid by IACTA to IT department; our CA is working hard to reopen that years return and trying to get the money back. The IT refund of 2017-18 has been received. The status of all the previous years were displayed on screen

Dr. Rajiv Tiwari proposed and Dr. Selva Kumar seconded that the accounts presented by Dr. Sandeep Mutha to be passed by the GBM . All present agreed and passed unanimously with a single voice.

8. ACA report: Chief Editor Dr. Prabhat Tewari:

Dr. Prabhat informed that the accounts are now handled centrally by IACTA office. He also informed that after 31.03.2020, the print journal will be issued only to those members who pay an yearly subscription Rs.500/-. The payment can be made online on the IACTA website. He requested all the members to contribute more papers to the journal. An honorable member requested that the authors of the published paper should be given that particular issue free. Dr. Prabhat Tewari ensured that the author of a published paper will get a copy of the article with Journal cover.

9. ICCA registrar report: Dr. Thomas Koshy

The results of the FIACTA and FTEE were presented.

Dr. Poonam asked to put honorary FTEE and Honorary FIACTA names on website. Dr. Thomas agreed showed that this has been done already.

Eligibility criteria are framed and are available on IACTA website under ICCA column which are applicable from 2020 examination.

Paediatric fellowship program is at final stage of preparation and all the information/application forms would be placed on website as soon as ready

Guidelines has been prepared for honorary award of FIACTA and FTEE and would be presented to EC and GBM for approval.

One examiner has been included from IAE for FTEE 2019 examination onwards.

ICCA accounts were presented. ICCA is now making surplus income by way of fees over the expenditure; all the accounts are handled by IACTA office.

Post DA candidates are now allowed to take FIACTA examination over a window period of 5 years. The guidelines are available on the IACTA website.

New TEE reporting form is ready and available on the website for FTEE logbook and echo reporting.

Guidelines for revalidating the FTEE are in process of formation.

10. Echo Library report: The AMC is Rs.1,00,000/- with an annual increase of 7% from April 2020.

The new phase proposed is to post power-point presentation on website. The entire TEE workshop (Bangalore) video lectures are available on the website.

IACTA Echo library has been appreciated by other societies and they have provided a link on their website for membership of IACTA Echo Library.

11. Janak Mehta Young Scientist Award result:

Dr. Thomas Koshy requested Dr. Yatin Mehta to present the certificate of participation to all 6 participants. IACTA President presented "Janak Mehta Young Scientist Award" for the year 2020

to Dr. Vijitha Burra. There was a suggestion that when the award is presented, the title of the paper should be displayed on the screen during presentation.

12. Regional branch coordinator: Dr. Harish Babu:

Dr. Harish Babu presented academic details of all the 15 regional branches of IACTA. The West Bengal IACTA did maximum academic activities and President IACTA presented the trophy to the office bearers of West Bengal Association of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Anaesthesiologists.

13. IACTACON 2019 report: Dr. Rahul Guhabiswas:

Dr. Rahul Guhabiswas presented the detail of the report of 2019 conference at Kolkata. He informed in brief about the academic content and presentation during the conference. He presented a brief about the finances and informed contribution of Rs. 21 lakhs to the national body as per byelaws. All presented applauded the contribution made by IACTACON-2019 towards national body.

14. Reform committee phase 3 report: It mainly contained the eligibility criteria for various ICCA posts and conduct of conferences. As the report is yet to be finalized by executive committee and needs further discussions, it was not presented to GBM for approval.

15. Report of Research Fund Allocation committee: Chairman Anil Sant:

Total fund allocated in a year is Rs. 6 lakhs. The maximum fund allocated for a project is Rs. 2 lakhs. Unutilized fund, if any, from the previous year will be carried forward but the total fund allocation for a year shall not exceed Rs 10 lakhs. Dr. Prabhat informed that the guidelines regarding research fund allocation have already been passed by the GBM last year. The report was proposed as passed by Dr. Mukul Kapoor and seconded by Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi.

16. Open house question:

- a. Dr. Ashok Verma (West Bengal ACTA): Endorsement of conference by regional branches is little tough and request you to ease the rules and allow use of IACTA logo: Dr. Sandeep informed that the organizers need to inform the intention of conducting conference in advance. It was decided that the issue will be discussed in EC meeting. Inviting central IACTA and other office bearers would be discussed in the EC meeting.
- b. Dr. Talib Khan: IACTA should start fellowship in thoracic anaesthesia. Dr. Poonam informed that the issue of thoracic, and vascular anaesthesia fellowship was discussed in meeting. It was decided that the issue will be discussed further in next EC meeting.

17. IACTACON 2021 curtain raiser:

Dr. Silva and Dr. S. Kumar displayed a video regarding the venue, organizing committee, travel and accommodation facilities at Madurai.

18. EC Election result: Dr. Saibal Chaudhary informed that there were total 148 voters. After counting of votes, Dr. Prasanna was declared winner for the West zone, and for the South zone, Dr. Balamurugan was declared the winner. The results were approved by the GBM.

19. Presentation of certificate of honor to past office bearers of IACTA:

As a gesture of honor to past office bearers, all previous presidents and chief editors of ACA were presented a certificate of honor and the same as a trophy also.

20. Concluding speech by outgoing president Dr. Poonam Malhotra:

Dr. Poonam thanked everyone for smooth conduct of the GBM. She handed over the post of "President IACTA" to Dr. Neema.

Dr. Thomas Koshy invited newly elected executive committee members of IACTA EC 2020-21 to the dais for a photograph and requested newly President Dr. Praveen Kumar Neema to address the GBM and present his vision for IACTA.

Dr. Neema accepted the post as president of IACTA and assured his best efforts to keep high standards of IACTA with regard to CME, conferences, and academics. He assured transparency in the working of IACTA. He showed confidence in strong executive committee.

All stood in respect to the Nation Anthem.

The meeting was closed by the president till we meet next.