



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

### **NEWSLETTER (Feb. 2019)**

Dear IACTA Members,

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>2019.

**Greetings from IACTA Office.**

It gives me immense pleasure to present the first newsletter of 2019 after highlighting the preparations of annual conference and the progress since last newsletter released on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The main contents of the newsletter are the response to advertisement for various post of Executive Committee for which applications were invited. The report of various committees have been received which have been attached along with this newsletter. These committees were constituted during mid-term meeting of EC and have sent their reports. The preparation of IACTA conference 2019 are at final stages, the preparations for IACTA conference for 2020 have already started.

### **Constitution of Executive Committee 2019-20:**

#### **A. Advertisement for the Executive Council posts:**

Applications were invited for the below given post of executive council of IACTA. The application which were received at IACTA office were screened for eligibility. All these applications will be presented before the EC meeting on 22.02.2019 and then to the General Body Meeting (GBM) on 23.02.2019. Following are the status of various posts (getting vacant in Feb. 2019) of Executive Committee for the term 2019-20:

- a. **Associate Vice- President, IACTA:** There are two applicants for one post of Associate Vice President (Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chand and Dr. Suresh Rao KG). There would be voting during the GBM to elect the Associate Vice President during the General Body Meeting (GBM) on 23.02.2019 starting at 05:30 PM at the conference venue (main hall).
- 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).
  - a. Central zone : Vacant positions two, applications qualified two, no voting.
  - b. South zone : Vacant position three, applications qualified three, no voting.
  - c. West zone : Vacant positions two, applications qualified two, no voting.
  - d. East zone : Vacant post one, applicants two (Dr. Saibal Roy Chaudhary and Dr. Shubendu Sarkar). There would be voting to elect the executive council member from east zone during the GBM on 23.02.2019 starting at 05:30 PM at the conference venue (main hall).

All life members should come with their photo ID card (Aadhar Card/driving license/electoral card/Passport or any other photo ID as specified by Govt. of India for the purpose of Identity) to cast their vote. Dr. Thomas Koshy has been appointed as the "Election Officer" and his decision regarding the entire election process would be final.

**B. Application for Travelling fellowships:**

Applications were invited for travelling fellowships. We have received one application for international travelling fellowship and no application received for national travelling fellowship. The same would be presented in the GBM after approval of EC.

**C. Janak Mehta Best Paper Award**

The papers received for "Janak Mehta Young Scientist Award Session" have been given to the Chief Editor, ACA along with other two Judges. The session would be held on 23.02.2019 at the main hall of the conference at Kolkata at 11:00 AM and the will be honored with "Janak Mehta Young Scientist Award" during the GBM on 23.02.2019.

**D. Application for 2021 annual conference of IACTA:**

Applications were invited from life members of IACTA who are willing to hold the 24<sup>th</sup> annual conference of IACTA. **The last date for this has been extended up to 20.02.2019.** We request IACTA members to submit their application to IACTA office (by email to [iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com)). All application will be discussed in EC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. and then during the GBM on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019.

**E. Application for Chief Editor, IACTA Echo Library [www.iactaecholibrary.co.in](http://www.iactaecholibrary.co.in):**

Applications were invited for the post of "Chief Editor IACTA Echo Library". The criteria are for the same are given on website but as per the decision of EC, the criteria were relaxed. We have received one application and after discussion in EC meeting on 22.02.2019, the decision will be presented to the GBM.

**Awards and Orations during IACTA conference 2019:**

**Lifetime achievement award for 2019:** To be awarded to **Dr. Alka Nitu Mandke**

Session: **Inauguration ceremony**

Venue and time: **Main conference hall, 22.02.2019; 06:00 PM onwards.**

**Brig. P. N. Bhat Oration:** To be delivered by **Dr. Mukul Chandra Kapoor**

Theme for the Oration: "**Perioperative Neurocognitive Disorders and Cardiac Surgery**"

Session: **Brig. P.N. Bhat Oration session**

Venue and time: **Main conference hall, 24.02.2019; 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM.**

**Dr. V.A Punnoose Oration:** To be delivered by **Prof. Dr. Ramachandran Gopinath**

Theme for the Oration: "**Data Mining**"

Session: **Dr. V A Punnoose Oration session**

Venue and time: **Main conference hall, 24.02.2019; 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM.**

**Major activities since last newsletter in Nov. 2018:**

**Endorsement of regional conferences by various regional branches of IACTA/individual institutes:**

IACTA endorsed the following conferenced conducted by individual institutes, after consultation with concerned regional branch and coordinator for regional branches (Dr. Harish Babu). As there were

requests coming from time to time from various conferences, we prepared certain guidelines for the response and procedure to be followed by IACTA and the applicants. The guidelines were circulated to all EC members for approval and the final draft is attached as annexure with this news letter. The same shall be presented to EC and GBM during the Kolkata conference. ([Annex: IACTA Conference Endorsement Guidelines](#))

Meanwhile, the following three conferences were endorsed by IACTA:

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

The reports of the conferences have been sent to IACTA office and shall be shared with all members during the GBM at Kolkata.

#### **Endorsement of various academic guidelines:**

During the last one year, 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.
- C. "Guidelines for performing a comprehensive transthoracic echocardiographic examination in adults: recommendations from the American Society of Echocardiography" prepared by American Society of Echocardiography
- D. "Guidelines for the Evaluation of Valvular Regurgitation After Percutaneous Valve Repair or Replacement" prepared by American Society of Echocardiography.

#### **Progress in the IACTA International Symposium:**

During IACTA conference at Hyderabad, an international symposium was conducted with representatives of neighboring countries. This was attended by representatives from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India. The decisions were taken to improve mutual co-operation in academic field and subsidize the delegate fee and life membership fee for foreign country equal to the native country by all members on a reciprocal basis. The report shall be presented during the GBM.

#### **Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA):**

All the protocols and procedures for conduct of various academic courses and examinations by Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia have been placed on the website [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in) and can be accessed and downloaded from there. Application are invited for the registration of FIACTA course and the interested candidates can be in touch with the Registrar, ICCA on his official email:

[iccaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:iccaregistrar@gmail.com)

The candidates who had passed the FIACTA & FTTEE examinations held in August 2018 will be awarded the certificates during the Inauguration Ceremony at the Annual Conference of IACTA at Kolkata. The toppers would be presented with IACTA-Kabeer and IACTA-Belani certificates and medals.

**IACTA website [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in) :**

Attempts are made to give a new look to the IACTA website; aiming that the website looks more informative and appears more as an academic body's website. Following are the changes done on the website. Phase-1 changes have been almost complete and are listed below.

#### Phase I:

A. **Life membership application made online:** It was 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. The test trial started In Dec. 2018 and have been working successfully. 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.

**Member profile creation:** Most of IACTA life member's profile has being created on website. Out of 1574 life members as on date; around 1300 members; whose details was available to us. Still around 250 members details are not available, and we are trying to retrieve it from different data lists we can get. We have entered certain fields in the member profile i.e. name, mobile number, email address, postal address (as per record provided to us and as much as we could update).

To enter your individual member profile, enter [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in) in your browser and then click to the "member login" at extreme top right of the screen. A new window will open and enter your login details.

**Login ID:** Your registered email with IACTA.

*(the profile of members whose email are not with IACTA office have not been created as email is must to create an online member profile)*

**Login password:** your IACTA number (all in capitals and no space in between)

*For example, for Mr. ABC; having email [abc@gmail.com](mailto:abc@gmail.com) and IACTA number CLA 1234, login ID would be [abc@gmail.com](mailto:abc@gmail.com) and login password would be CLA1234. If you have forgotten your IACTA number or password, enter your registered email as login ID and then click to "forgot password", the password would be emailed to your registered email ID. Once login, you can change the password of your choice.*

Members are requested to update their photograph and fill the other fields by themselves and click to "Update Profile". One of the most important field if your postal address because henceforth the print issue of our journal Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia will be sent to the postal address entered by the members themselves on their profile.

There is an issue that many members have changed their email or they don't remember their email. There may be many members who know their email but wish to change it to the new which they are using routinely. Here are certain solutions:

- a. **"I don't remember my registered email":** Please send us your complete name, IACTA number and email and address by email at [iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com) or write at "Contact us" button at [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in).
- b. **"I don't remember my IACTA number":** Please send us your complete name, registered email and postal address by email at [iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com) or write at "Contact us" button at [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in).

- c. **“I know my registered email but wish to change my email address”**: Login with your previous email and IACTA number as password and you can change your email. The new email will be your registered email. Please send us your new email address for our manual records as well.
- d. **“I wish to change my mobile number”**: Login in your membership account and you can change your mobile number there. Please send us your new mobile number for our manual records as well.
- e. **“I wish to change my postal address”**: Login in your membership account and you can change your mobile number there. Please send us your new mobile number for our manual records as well.
- f. **“I wish to update my picture in my account”**: Login in your membership account and you can upload/change your picture by click to “Update” there. Please send us your new mobile number for our manual records as well.

If anyone does not find his/her profile or has difficulty in login at [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in), please send us your membership details. Your query to us should be sent only to official email ID of i.e. [iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com) or you can send it by clicking at “contact us” button on the website. do not fine your profile or if

- B. **Payment gateway**: As decided earlier, [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in) is now attached with CC avenue payment gateway and all payments to IACTA can be done online through this. New life membership payments are done online and has been working as per schedule. Web designing and protocols have been incorporated for other payments e.g. fee related to FIACTA and FTEE registration and exams; print journal subscription etc. All this will be presented to GBM and shall continue further.
- C. **Website contents**: On [www.iacta.co.in](http://www.iacta.co.in), the information brochures and contact details of all IACTA endorsed conferences can be viewed and downloaded. A special section is given to regional bodies and their contact details. ICCA related issues are given in a separate box and all exam forms and application forms can be downloaded from there.
- D. **Print journal subscription**: As decided in Hyderabad GBM, a design has been developed for online payment of the print issue of the journal. This module will be displayed on website. However, for the smooth transition from hard copy to online version, both the methods will function during the transition phase. A decision on date of issue of print journal only on subscription of Rs. 500/- will be taken during the Kolkata GBM.

### **Recommendations of Committees made during Mid-term meeting:**

Mid-term meeting of Executive Committee was held on 29.07.2018 at Kolkata and as mentioned in the November newsletter, various committees were formed to look for various issues addressed to them. We are happy to inform that all the committees have submitted their reports which are attached here along with this newsletter. The purpose of sending the reports along with newsletter is to improve the understanding of the reports to all IACTA members and give them time to read them before these are presented during the GBM.:

- a. **IACTA FATE Committee**: This committee was constituted to look for incorporating FATE workshop and Golden FATE contest with IACTA conference. The committee report has been circulated to all EC members

for approval and presented here to all members of IACTA. The same shall be presented to EC and GBM during the Kolkata conference. ([Annex: IACTA FATE Committee Report\\_Newsletter](#))

- b. **IACTA PPS Committee:** This committee was constituted to look into the proposal of having professional insurance scheme for IACTA members. The committee report has been circulated to all EC members for approval and presented here to all members of IACTA. The same shall be presented to EC and GBM during the Kolkata conference. ([Annex: IACTA PPS Committee\\_Newsletter](#)).
- c. **IACTA research fund Committee:** This committee was constituted to look-into the proposal of creating research fund. The committee report has been circulated to all EC members for approval and presented here to all members of IACTA. The same shall be presented to EC and GBM during the Kolkata conference. ([Annex: IACTA Research Fund Committee\\_Newsletter](#)).
- d. **IACTA reform committee:** The reform committee was formed to look into various aspects of bylaws of IACTA, conduct of conferences, issues related to formation and duration of ICCA members and many other issues. The committee submitted its phase-1 report to mid-term EC meeting and after discussion, the was approved by EC Reform committee. This phase-1 report is attached along with this newsletter ([IACTA Reform Committee Report phase-1\\_Newsletter](#)). Few of the issues which were not covered in phase-1 report were discussed by the committee. The report on most of these issues have been submitted as phase-2 report which has been circulated to all EC members for approval and attached along with this newsletter for all members of IACTA. The same shall be presented to EC and GBM during the Kolkata conference ([IACTA Reform Committee Report phase-2\\_Newsletter](#)).

### Forthcoming conferences and events:

**IACTA national conference:** Preparation for 22<sup>nd</sup> national conference of IACTA scheduled from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2019 at Kolkata are at full swing. 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](mailto:doc_saibal@rediffmail.com)) and Dr. Rahul Guhabiswas (Organizing Secretary; email: [rahulguhabiswas@gmail.com](mailto:rahulguhabiswas@gmail.com)) are working day and night to make the event as an academic feast to all the faculty and delegates. Registration can be done at the website [www.iacta2019.com](http://www.iacta2019.com). For any information, please write to [iacta2019@gmail.com](mailto:iacta2019@gmail.com).

Other important links are:

Registration: <http://iacta2019.com/registration/>

Accommodation: <http://iacta2019.com/accommodation/>

Event manager; Mr. Gaurav Sinha; Email: [gaurav@cimglobal.in](mailto:gaurav@cimglobal.in)

All of us should register and participate actively to make this event a great success.

### **13<sup>th</sup> National and 4<sup>th</sup> international IACTA TEE workshop at Narayan Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru:**

IACTA TEE workshop is scheduled from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 at Narayana Hrudayalaya. The basic TEE workshop would be on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August followed by advanced TEE workshop from 30<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.19. For registration and further details, contact Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi at email: [internationaliactatee@gmail.com](mailto:internationaliactatee@gmail.com)

### **IACTA 3D TEE workshop at Ahmedabad:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual 3D workshop is scheduled in Nov./Dec. 2019 at U. N Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Center, Ahmedabad. The exact dates would be announced by organizing secretary. For registration and further details, contact Dr. Naman Shastri at email:

[3dteeiacta@gmail.com](mailto:3dteeiacta@gmail.com)

## **IACTA HELP DESK**

An "IACTA HELP DESK" has been created at the Kolkata conference where our office staff will be present all the time for assistance. Please mark your attendance in the conference attendance register kept at the conference.

**IACTA WhatsApp number: 8837724544**

For a quick response and to improve the communication, Whatsapp number has been created for IACTA secretariat. The voice calls/WhatsApp and only the messages can be sent on this WhatsApp number. Please avoid sending greetings messages on this and don't include this number in different groups. If you wish to include this number to any official group, please send a request to IACTA office for that first and add only after approval.

**Important to note:** Please send your suggestion to various issues mentioned above to our secretariat email ([iactasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:iactasecretariat@gmail.com)). Your request will be addressed by various committees members and reply will be sent to you as early as possible. This is just to save the GBM time during the Kolkata conference. All issues can be discussed during the GBM with the permission of the chairperson. Please come forward with constructive suggestions and positive opinions. Please sign the attendance register separately during each day of conference and during GBM as well. Please bring your Govt. Approved photo ID card for attendance as well as for voting during GBM which is must. Previously issues IACTA membership I-cards (which were later discontinued) are NOT mandatory for voting for attendance and voting.

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 Help Desk" counter.

### **Important weblinks:**

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**Annex.:**

- [IACTA Conference Endorsement Guidelines](#)
- [IACTA FATE Committee Report\\_Newsletter](#)
- [IACTA PPS Committee\\_Newsletter](#)
- [IACTA Research Fund Committee\\_Newsletter](#)
- [IACTA Reform Committee Report phase-1\\_Newsletter](#)
- [IACTA Reform Committee Report phase-2\\_Newsletter](#)
- [Agenda of IACTA annual GBM scheduled at 23.02.2019.](#)