

Minutes of the GBM held on Feb 18th , 2017, Pune

The President IACTA, Dr. Mukul Kapoor, called the meeting to order at the hall B of JW Marriott, Pune. Seated on the dais were the President, Senior Vice President, Associate Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chief Editor of IACTA.

Previous GBM (Chennai 2016) minutes

Secretary presented the highlights the previous GBM minutes which was posted in the website. The minutes were passed by the members.

Nomination for Executive Council Posts and Associate Vice President

Secretary presented the details of the vacancies of the office bearers to be filled up. For the associate vice president post there was only one applicant: Dr. Poonam Malhotra.

Further he projected the details of applicants for the Executive Council posts. There were 8 posts (East zone-1, Central zone-2, West zone-1 and South zone-4) and 8 applicants (East zone-1, Central-3, West-3 and South-1). Out of 8, only 4 met the eligibility criteria. They were Dr. Saibal Roy from East zone, Dr. Harish Babu & Dr. Shreedhar Joshi from Central zone, Dr. Kamalesh Tailor and Dr. Deepak Borde from West zone. Since there was only one vacancy in west zone, and no one qualified from south zone, it was decided to accommodate one qualified applicant from west to south zone. Whenever the vacancy occurs after the tenure of any one of these from west zone, the post will be transferred back to south zone. With regards to the unfilled 3 posts, though some members asked the president to nominate, he explained that nomination not possible because the eligibility criteria could not be verified during GBM.

Previous Executive Committee Meetings

Secretary further projected the important decisions taken in the previous 3 EC meetings and their time schedules for actions. Almost all were implemented.

Stand-alone 2 nd EC meeting of 2016-17	October 2016
Stop Annual membership of IACTA	Next GB Feb, 2017
No separate membership for ICCA	Immediate
Award committee for assessment of Regional branches: Coordinator (Dr. Rajesh Arya), Assoc VP and Secretary	Immediate

Audited financial statements of regional branches to be submitted to Coordinator and IACTA treasurer	31 st December every year
Impact factor for ACA	2016
Number of pages per issue of ACA to 150	2016
Rejection rate of ACA to 50%	2016
FIACTA examination as per the new plan	Aug 2016
Life Time Achievement Award	Brig SD Palnitkar for 2017
Brig. P.N. Bhatt Oration	Dr Rajiv Juneja for 2017

FIACTA examinations on 2 nd Saturday & Sunday of August every year	2017
FIACTA registration fee of Rs 2000 for direct DM/PDCC students	2017
FTEE examination fee increased to Rs 10,000	2017
Publishing the marks and certificates of fellowship examinations in the website for login and download	After successful run of echo library
Increased national TEE workshop subscription from 2 to 3 lakhs	2017
National TEE workshop account to be renamed as IACTA account / New account in the name of IACTA/ Workshop sponsors to remit the conference contributions to IACTA account, which will be transferred immediately to the National TEE workshop account	2017
Other options of investments apart from fixed deposits	2017
Rs 18 lakhs income to ACA by way of royalty and donation to cover the expenditure Rs 17lakhs over last two years	February 2017
H index of ACA at 24	February 2017
Best branch award	2017 annual conference
VA Punnoose Oration to Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi	2017 Pune conference
Advertise posts of Chief Editor ACA, Assoc VP IACTA, 8 posts Executive council on the website with the application format	2016

3rd clause (should have held an executive post in any capacity of IACTA except the post of president) to be deleted for the selection of Chief Editor, ACA	GBM, Feb 2017
Invite applications for 2019 conference in the website	January 2017

The chief editor opined that the H index as 18

IACTA and ICCA offices

Secretary informed the house that both IACTA office and ICCA office were running from the same office for the past two years efficiently.

IACTA Website

Website was updated with new forms: TEE training centre application form, FIACTA centre accreditation form and also IACTA Echo library. Further, all the details of Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (office bearers, guidelines) were posted in the website along with schedules, centres of examinations, list of candidates and instructions regarding FIACTA and FTEE examination. The results were also published in the website.

Travelling Fellowships

Though two overseas travelling fellowships were granted (Dr. Anasua Banerjee and Dr Chintan Sheth), only Dr. Chintan Sheth only went abroad (Pittsburgh). After coming back he did the first heart transplant in Gujarat. This was applauded by the GBM.

Certificates Templates

Certificate & medals templates for Orations, Janak Mehta Award and Life Time Achievement Award were projected. So also that of Best Regional Branch. These were approved by the GBM and will be used in future too.

2019 Conference

The GBM approved the bid of Kolkata for 2019 conference. There were no other competitors for the same.

IACTA Membership

State wise and country wise distribution of IACTA life members were projected. The total number was 1418.

Regional Branches

Dr. Rajesh Arya presented in detail the activities of the regional branches and the scoring system as presented and approved by GBM in 2016 at Chennai. . The best regional branch award was presented to Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists (ACTA) Mumbai. Dr. Uday Gandhi and Dr. Sachin Patil collected the certificate and memento from President IACTA.

Echo Library

Dr. Rajesh Arya presented a detailed account of Echo library (academic contents, finances, browsing data etc). The library started on 30th October, 2016. The four months experience had been good with publication of manuscript on every Sunday regularly and sending emails to all IACTA members and other approved. Dr. Rajesh gave all credit to editorial board and the Chairman of Editorial board; Dr. Deepak Tempe as the main architect of this project. He appreciated Dr. Tempe's commitment to this project despite his busy schedule. Dr. Rajesh Arya thanked Dr. Tempe for accepting the position of Chairman, Editorial board. The other members of the editorial board are President IACTA, Chancellor ICCA and the Dean Echo ICCA. There were around 3000 hits in the last 3 months. Videos had IACTA logo in it and were downloadable. In the next 8 -12 months, plan would be to get pubmed/ other relevant online learning indexation. Efforts were also on for getting advertisements. He presented the finance of Echo Library. He pointed that the work done was within the estimated planned money. He thanked the website company for completing the work in time, with sincerity and commitment. Also he informed that many features he could manage free of cost which were not part of original contract.

He presented the opinion of the EC that the post of Chief Editor, IACTA Echo Library should be created in Executive Council of IACTA. GBM approved the same.

Many senior members present in GBM requested the IACTA office to create some easy funds which the Editor Echo Library should be able to use in case of need. This may be in form of buying some software or some stationary or appointing manpower of some computer operator to help him. Dr. Rajesh's sincere efforts were applauded by GBM.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented the details of accounts of IACTA and ACA for the AY 2016-17 and the details of IT return. Further he presented the details of bank accounts of IACTA and ACA. The accounts were passed by the GBM.

To a query regarding IT penalty, Dr. Poonam replied that, some amount of money had to be remitted for not spending 85% of the money collected by IACTA every year. Regarding the charitable status, president replied that IACTA had filed a complaint in the tribunal and fighting the case for last 2 years. Though the lawyer promised a positive outcome, the order hadn't come yet. Both president and secretary were in constant touch with the lawyer.

Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ACA) Report

The chief editor presented a detailed report of ACA. The indexing standard of ACA had improved over the years. The rejection rate is around 50%. The journal also had a blog and a facebook page. The manuscripts submissions rate had improved. Journal also had wide international readership. ACA won the best poster & journal awards by Medknow in 2016. Further the editor presented the citations details of best articles published in ACA. The financial details of ACA were presented next. A well wisher wanted to donate a substantial amount to ACA. The amount was first credited to editor's personal account which was then transferred to Medknow. The GBM decided to audit the ACA account before passing it.

Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia

Dr. Suresh G Nair made a brief presentation on ICCA. The academic body was looking at starting a pediatric cardiac anesthesia fellowship by 2018. The FIACTA and FTEE examination details were published in the website for the benefit of the candidates.

Selection of Chief Editor of ACA

President presented the selection process of chief editor of ACA. There were three applicants and all the three did not meet the criteria chief editorship by some reason or other. The main criteria were number of publications in ACA & international journals. The third criteria that the Ex-President cannot become a chief editor is standing in the way of an applicant with good CV. The EC which met in 2016 October and on the previous day proposed an amendment to make ex-presidents also eligible because ACA should not loose an academically brilliant president to be its editor now or in the future. This was discussed in detail with opinions for and against. Then it was decided by voting to amend the clauses in the byelaws that the ex-president cannot become the chief editor and one more confusing clause regarding previous executive posts held (III: Should have held an executive post & IV- should have been a member of the EC on two occasions)

The criteria after amendment is as follows:

- Should be a life member of IACTA for at least 10 years.
- She / he should be a faculty member or preferably the head of the department of a large institution or hospital, actively involved in cardiothoracic work (corporate/ private or government hospital).
- Should have held an executive post in any capacity of IACTA.
- Should have attended at least two of the three executive meetings in a year during his/her executive committee period.
- Should have a minimum of 10 publications in Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia.
- Should have at least 20 international publications in addition to above, in journals with impact factor of more than 0.5.
- Should have high academic credentials in terms of member of Editorial Board or as Reviewer in various Medical journals. Contributions to chapters in text books or service as assistant editors in various journal adds to the credentials
- Should have attended at least 5 national conferences of IACTA in the last seven years.

Fresh applications would be invited for chief editor with this revised criterion by publishing in IACTA website and a new editor would be chosen within 3 months. The original applications would be considered unless the applicant wanted to send a new one. Fresh applications also would be welcomed. The current chief editor would be requested to bring out the April issue of the journal.

Editorial in ACA controversy

Past editor ACA, Dr. Praveen Kumar Neema pointed out that there was falsification of data from research gate in the editorial of February issue of ACA causing damage to the credibility of the journal and reputation of IACTA. The editor explained that it is a typographical error by Medknow which was again debated. President informed the GBM that the issue was mailed to all previous editors and waiting for their reply.

Accounts of IACTACON 2016 Conference in Chennai

Organizing Secretary of IACTACON 2016, Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi presented briefly the accounts of the 2016 conference. He informed that the conference surplus amount was already transferred to IACTA. This was applauded by the GBM.

2018 Annual conference Arrangements

Organizing Secretary Dr. Ramesh Babu presented an overview of the next annual conference to be held in Hyderabad including the main office bearers. The scientific committee chairman would be Dr. Gopinath R. The dates would be Feb 1-4 and the venue JW Marriott.

New Office bearers

The last item of the agenda was installation of new office bearers. Secretary projected the names of new EC. New EC members and continuing EC members were invited to the dais.

Dr. Rajeev Lochan Tiwari	President
Dr. Thomas Koshy	Secretary
Dr. Abraham Cherian	Treasurer
Dr. Anil Dattatray Sant	Senior Vice President
Dr. Poonam Malhotra	Associate Vice President
Dr. AM Jagadeesh	Advisory board
Dr. Murali Chakravarthy	Advisory board
Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi	Advisory board
Dr. Suresh G Nair	ICCA Registrar
Dr Rajesh Arya	Chief Editor (Echo library)
Dr. Saibal Roy Chowdhury	Executive council
Dr. Navneet Mehta	Executive council
Dr. Pradeep Goyal	Executive council
Dr. Kamlesh B Tailor	Executive council
Dr. Deepak Prakash Borde	Executive council
Dr. Harish Babu Ravulapalli	Executive council
Dr. Shreedhar S Joshi	Executive council

Dr. Neeraj Kumar Sharma

Dr Sambhunath Das

Dr Rajesh Arya

Dr Mukul Kapoor

Dr. Ramesh Babu

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Dr. Mukul Kapoor handed over the president ship to Dr. Rajeev Tiwari. Dr. Mukul gave a short parting speech in which he highlighted the running of the association in a very transparent, unbiased way over the previous year. Dr. Rajeev in his acceptance speech informed that the vacant executive council positions would be filled after verifying fresh nominations if any from south zone.