



## **IACTA GOLDEN FATE CONTEST 2026 / RESEARCH IN ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY & CARDIOVASCULAR ULTRASOUND**

### **What is the concept of IACTA FATE contest?**

We invite all the anesthesiologists, intensivists and perioperative physicians who use ultrasound to participate in this competition.

We request them to send the best (or most exciting) clinical case from their practice to participate in this award-winning contest. A panel formed by IACTA will evaluate the submissions and the best amongst them will be awarded with a cash prize and a certificate.

### **What is IACTA Golden FATE contest and how to participate?**

This is an IACTA activity in collaboration with the FATE group. This involves a competitive display of ultrasound i.e. transthoracic (TTE) and transesophageal (TEE) images and how the use of ultrasound had helped in changing the patient care and management. Two winners will be awarded cash prizes of Rs.10000/- each (One for the best TTE presentation and one for the best TEE presentation). In case there is a paucity of TTE presentations, then the two prizes will be awarded to the TEE presentations. Along with the prize money, there will be a certificate signed by the IACTA President and the judges for the session. All participants will be given a certificate of participation. If there are adequate TTE papers, 3TEE & 3TTE papers will be chosen for the GFC podium presentation.

The IACTA – GFC contest will not include research papers in echocardiography / Cardiovascular Ultrasound. Since 2021 a ***“Research in Echocardiography & Cardiovascular Ultrasound”*** session has been included. This session will be conducted if there are a minimum of 5 submissions pertaining to original research in echocardiography / Cardiovascular Ultrasound.

If there are less than 5 papers, the “Research papers” will be included in the Free-paper session. There will not be any cash prize for “Research paper” session or the “Free paper” session. Certificates of merit will be awarded to the best and second best “Research paper” & “Free paper”.

### **What is the procedure/protocol for sending the manuscript/case for the Golden Fate Contest?**

The participant should narrate a brief case history about the clinical disease of the patient and attach it with the relevant ultrasound loops. The media and text must be anonymous for patient, institute and performer identity.

### **How to send the media and case?**

Participants can make a “Power Point Presentation” (.pptx) file. The initial couple of slides should explain in brief about the clinical scenario, and pre procedure ultrasound, followed by the echo media files of interest. The conclusion must include how the peri-operative or peri-procedure echo made a difference in patient management. The second last slide should conclude the contents. The last slide should include an ethical statement, and mention about originality of work and conflict of interest/sponsorship details if any.



Please keep limited videos/media files in your presentation with proper markings and labels. All the media files must have ECG along with echo image. Provide supportive evidence for the diagnosis whenever it is required.

This pptx file can be sent through routine email or any other email server supporting large data transfer. The content folder may be uploaded to any cloud service e.g. google drive / dropbox / we transfer, and the link can be sent to us. The official email for all this would be: [iactaecho library@gmail.com](mailto:iactaecho library@gmail.com) and a copy (CC) to: [internationaliactatee@gmail.com](mailto:internationaliactatee@gmail.com); [drhemamalini1@gmail.com](mailto:drhemamalini1@gmail.com)

In case of any difficulty in transfer, please send an email to us and our team will assist you in transfer for your submission to us.

Once you send the link/presentations, please inform us (Dr. P. Hemamalini – 9940291075) and our team shall confirm the successful download of the pptx and other files at our end.

### **What are the eligibility criteria for participation in IACTA GFC / Research in Echocardiography & Cardiovascular Ultrasound Contest?**

Any person who is interested to take part in “**IACTA GFC / Research in Echocardiography & Cardiovascular Ultrasound**” should be member of IACTA. Registration for the 11<sup>th</sup> International & 20<sup>th</sup> National IACTA TEE workshop at NH, Bengaluru is mandatory for participation. There is no institute/ nationality/ medical specialty restriction to participate in the contest. The contestant’s age should be less than 40 years.

### **How is the evaluation done?**

All received participation pptx files will be sent to a panel of 3 judges which include:

- i) Chief Editor, IACTA Echo Library: (coordinator for IACTA GFC).
- ii) Nominee from FATE group: One person nominated by the FATE group.
- iii) Dean Echo, Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia.

All received pptx files will be evaluated and the best six will be asked for a podium presentation during the TEE conference and evaluated by the judges based on presentation. The main criteria for evaluation (IACTA GFC) would be:

- i) Scientific content
- ii) Quality of images
- iii) Quality of presentation
- iv) Knowledge of presenter
- v) Reply to the questions asked by the judges (a total of 3 questions, one by each judge) and the time check during presentation.

A total of 6 min will be given for the presentation and 3 min for question/answer. (Totally 9 min per presentation)

The submissions which are not selected for podium presentation will be made available as free papers (if time permits and with the concurrence of the Organizing Secretary of the TEE conference, NH, Bengaluru). All the participants will be informed in advance about the decision regarding podium



presentation. The decision of the judges will be final & binding & cannot be contested.

The winners of the podium presentation may be published in the IACTA Echo Library / Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia.

### **Research in Echocardiography & Cardiovascular Ultrasound**

The 3 judges for the “Research in Echo & Cardiovascular Ultrasound”, would be:

1. Chancellor, Indian College of Cardiac Anesthesia.
2. Dean Research, Indian College of Cardiac Anesthesia.
3. Organizing Secretary of IACTA TEE webinar or his nominee.

The main criteria for evaluation (“Research in Echo & Cardiovascular Ultrasound”) would be:

- a. Originality & innovativeness in both theory and methodology
- b. Significance of the research work
- c. Quality of argument
- d. Presentation style
- e. Reply to questions raised by judges

Time allotted for the presentation = 10 min. (7 minutes for the power point presentation and 3 min for question/answer)

### **When will the results be announced?**

Results will be announced at the Valedictory function and the winner of “IACTA Golden Fate Contest” will be honored with the cash award and certificate. The winners of the “Research in Cardiovascular Ultrasound” will be honored with certificates of merit. The name of the winners will be published on the IACTA website and other platforms.

### **When and where is the IACTA Golden FATE Contest and Research in Cardiovascular Ultrasound 2026?**

The contest is scheduled every year during the “International IACTA TEE workshop”. For the year 2026, the date is 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026 (Saturday).

Timing – To be finalized (**GFC**)

To be finalized (**RCVU**)

### **Things to remember for IATCA GOLDEN FATE and RCVU 2024:**

**Date** : 22.08.2026 (Saturday).

**Venue** : NH, Bengaluru.

**Requirement** : IACTA membership and conference registration (**Age limit: 40 years**)

**Organizing secretary** : Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi ([internationaliactatee@gmail.com](mailto:internationaliactatee@gmail.com))

**Co-ordinator** : Chief Editor, IACTA ECHO Library ([iactaecholibrary@gmail.com](mailto:iactaecholibrary@gmail.com))

**Last date of submission**: 31.07.2026 (Friday), 05:00 pm

**Information to participants of podium / free paper presentation**: 14.08.2026 (Friday), 05:00 pm