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Message from the President

It is a matter of immense pride to address the esteemed members of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists (IACTA) in this second edition of the newsletter for the current year as President, IACTA.

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and admiration for the extraordinary efforts of our Honorary Secretary, Dr. Kumar, whose dedication, vision and organizational leadership have elevated IACTA to greater academic and administrative heights.

One of our most significant academic milestones achieved this year was the international academic collaboration between ACTA CC and IACTA signed in Bangalore recently. This international collaboration is the first of its kind since the formation of IACTA, and we do envisage that there will be many more to follow in the coming years. This historic collaboration opens new avenues for knowledge exchange, professional development as well as global academic engagement.

We are also pleased to report structured progress on our database pilot project. MMM and GKNM institutions have given their approvals for participation in the pilot phase, marking an important thrust towards building a structured and collaborative database initiative.

Another major academic project being undertaken is the development of Guidelines for Off Pump Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (OPCABG). The process is strongly underway and authors have been identified. In a particularly ambitious initiative, a multidisciplinary team of 25 authors from different institutions have been identified to work towards developing these guidelines. This collaborative effort reflects our commitment to evidence-based practice, standardization and improved patient care across institutions.

One of my foremost priorities as President is to strengthen the academic standards, credibility, and global recognition of the FIACTA and FTEE examinations. Continuous improvement in their quality, structure, assessment methods and their outreach will remain a key focus. The process of streamlining FIACTA centres is also an important priority. ICCA is actively working towards these goals to ensure greater consistency, improved coordination, and better academic standards.



Membership is a vital pillar of our Society, and we must collectively strive to strengthen this area. The current membership update process has not progressed as expected. I therefore urge all members to actively participate and complete their membership details by uploading the required PAN and AADHAAR information through the designated membership portal.

I request every member to extend their cooperation so that we can maintain an accurate, updated and reliable membership database. A strong database is essential for effective communication, transparent administration and future growth of the IACTA.

I would also like to place on record my appreciation for outstanding work done by the ICCA Registrar & Chief Editor of Annals and IEL. Their dedication, commitment, and consistent efforts in carrying forward the responsibilities of their respective offices deserve our recognition, acknowledgement and encouragement. Their continued commitment to academics, training and professional excellence is instrumental in keeping the flag of IACTA flying high nationally and internationally.

Preparations for our forthcoming national conference in Kolkata in 2027 are progressing well. IACTA executive committee led by Dr. Rajesh Chand and Dr. Nedumaran visited the venue and appreciated the extraordinary efforts being put in by the organizing team to make this conference one of the greatest academic feasts ever. I sincerely request every member of our IACTA fraternity to make a committed special effort to attend the national conference in Kolkata. Our collective presence and participation will strengthen the Society, encourage meaningful academic interactions and demonstrate the unity of our professional community. Let us come together to make this conference a truly memorable and successful event.

As we embark on this journey, let us recognise that the true power of IACTA lies not in positions of authority, the structure of its committees, or the grandeur of its conferences, but in the collective strength of its fraternity, the conviction of its members, and our shared determination to shape the future of cardiac anaesthesia. Let us continue to work with unity, vision, integrity, and academic passion. Let us encourage young talent, promote research, develop evidence-based guidelines, strengthen international collaborations and create strong opportunities for the next generation of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anaesthesiologists.



May we never be remembered merely for the positions we held, but for the difference we made, the unity we built, and the future we shaped. Let us lead with purpose, stand together with pride, and leave IACTA stronger than how we found it.

I would like to conclude with a thought that captures the spirit of leadership and service:

"Leadership is a moment; the impact we create is the legacy that lasts."
Long live IACTA!
Thank you. Jai Hind!

Dr. B Ranjith Karthekeyan

President, Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists



Message from the Secretary

Greetings from IACTA!

It gives me immense pleasure and satisfaction to present this edition of the IACTA Newsletter to all our esteemed members. As we are on the second successful year of the present tenure, I take this opportunity to reflect upon the remarkable journey of academic excellence, unity, and collective achievements that our association has witnessed during this period.

Over the past year, IACTA has continued to strengthen its commitment towards academic enrichment, professional development, organizational transparency, and member engagement. The unwavering support, active participation, and valuable contributions from each member have been instrumental in achieving the goals and vision of our association. Together, we have successfully conducted various academic programs, collaborative initiatives, and organizational activities that have further elevated the standards and reach of IACTA.

This newsletter highlights the major activities and important proceedings of the association during this period. The main contents of this newsletter include:

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On behalf of the IACTA Secretariat, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all office bearers, executive committee members, mentors and members for their constant encouragement, guidance, and cooperation throughout this tenure. Your continued trust and support inspire us to work with greater dedication for the progress of our association.

We look forward to your valuable suggestions, active participation, and continued support in all future endeavors of IACTA.

With warm regards,

Dr. S Kumar
Secretary, IACTA



Message from the Editor, ACA

Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia

The Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia, the official journal of IACTA, has grown significantly this year. The number of articles submitted has increased steadily. The journal is receiving a very large number of international articles. Its visibility in developed countries is evident in the submissions from the Western world and South Asia.

We introduced an Article Processing Fee (APC) for articles accepted for publication. The submission fee has not deterred authors, indicating the journal's popularity. With such a large number of submissions, the waiting list for accepted articles increased substantially. At the last GBM, we decided to increase the journal's frequency to bimonthly starting in January 2027.

The Clarivate Impact Factor, the international gold standard for assessing journals, has risen to 1.4. We ask all members to continue supporting the journal and help further increase its international value.

Dr. Mukul Kapoor

Editor, ACA

Message from the Editor, IEL

IACTA Echo library: 2026 - A new Beginning

Dear IACTA members & colleagues,

It gives me immense pleasure to connect with you through the IACTA newsletter and share the progress and vision of IEL.

The year 2026 marks an exciting development in our academic journey – the revamping of IACTA Echo library. The revamping initiative aims to upgrade the library and aspires to facilitate learning by making it more accessible, engaging and relevant to the evolving educational needs of our members. The revamped Echo library, streaming live since 27th January 2026, serves as a repository of 467 midweek quizzes, 216 manuscripts with 5044 registered users on our IEL database at the time of this writing.

The notifications regarding the activities of IEL are shared to members through the WhatsApp community. The link to join us is available on the website of IACTA Echo library and IACTA as well.

As we embark on this renewed journey in 2026, I warmly invite all the members to be an integral part of this initiative. Do visit us @ <https://www.iactaecholibrary.co.in>, join us on WhatsApp, participate as well as contribute to the midweek quiz, manuscripts and actively engage with the activities of IEL

Let us learn, share and grow together in our pursuit of excellence in echocardiography.
Happy echoing! Happy learning!

Warm Regards,

Dr. Hemamalini Palani,

Editor, IACTA Echo library.



ICCA activities 2026-27

The FTEE theory exam was conducted on 24th May 2026 across six centers in India (Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Trivandrum). A total of 87 candidates from across the country appeared for the exam of whom, 61 successfully cleared the exam. The first practical exam was held at Vydehi Advanced Simulation Academy (VASA), Bengaluru from 31st July to 3rd August 2026. A total of 35 candidates appeared of whom, 22 passed the practicals. The second practicals is tentatively scheduled in the second weekend of January 2027 in Medanta Medicity Hospital, New Delhi.

FIACTA exit exam was conducted on 12th and 13th September 2026 at four centres, Max Saket New Delhi, Jayadeva Hospital Bengaluru, Asian Heart Hospital Mumbai, and Manipal Hospital Kolkata. A total of 37 candidates took the exam of whom 34 passed. Dr. Anmol Singh from IPGMER Kolkata secured the highest marks and is eligible for the IACTA-Kabeer award to be conferred in IACTACON 2027 at Kolkata.

FIACTA pediatric exam notification is available on the website and the last date of application is 21.10.2026. The FIACTA pediatric exit exam is scheduled on 21st and/or 22nd November 2026.

The basic TEE course for non-cardiac anaesthesiologists has commenced from 14th June 2026. A total of six candidates have registered for the one-year course.

FIACTA academics are continuing as per schedule.

The ICCA and EC have approved the ECMO course as an online certificate course of six months' duration and is expected to commence tentatively from next June. The course will be a hybrid course with online classes and few days contact programme at high volume ECMO centers and will be open to both trainees and consultants wishing to get certified in ECMO.

Dr. Satyajeet Misra

Registrar, ICCA



IACTA - Election Notification: Executive Council Posts, IACTA 2027

Applications are invited for the following executive council posts of IACTA. Please submit the applications via email to the Secretary of IACTA at iactasecretariat@gmail.com. Kindly refer to the application forms for the eligibility criteria. All applicants are required to attend the General Body Meeting (GBM) scheduled at the National Conference IACTACON 2027 in Kolkata.

1. **Associate Vice President:** Tenure February 2027 to 2028 (1 year).
2. **Executive Council Members:** Tenure February 2027 to 2029 (2 years). Five posts will be vacant. The table gives the zonal distribution of the posts and the vacant posts.

Zonal Distribution of EC Member Posts and Vacancies

Zones	States included	Total no. of Posts	Vacant Posts (Feb 2027)
North	Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and UT of Chandigarh and Ladakh	3	3
West	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Goa	3	1
Central	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	2	
East	West Bengal, Assam, Orissa, Sikkim, Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh	1	
South	Tamil Nadu, Keralam, Karnataka, Pondicherry	4	1

Duly filled application forms with relevant proof must be received by the IACTA Office by November 30, 2026. The deadline to withdraw applications is December 15, 2026.

<https://iacta.co.in/Notification-Election-Notification-2027.html>

Secretary, IACTA



ICCA Notification - Applications/nominations are invited for the following positions at the Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA)

The tenure of the Academic Council Member is 2 years. Please ensure the application forms and supporting documents are duly filled and submitted to our official email (iactasecretairat@gmail.com) by 30th November 2026. All applications will be reviewed for content and referred to the selection committee. The selection committee will make recommendations to the executive committee of IACTA. Following approval by the executive committee, the decision will be presented to the GBM during the IACTA conference, which will take place in Kolkata in February 2027, for final approval.

IACTA life members may apply or nominate another life member for a position. If you are nominating someone else for any of the mentioned posts, please include the nominated member's CV as per the eligibility criteria and the nomination/application form.

<https://iacta.co.in/ICCA.html>

The two-page application forms in PDF and Word formats provide the eligibility criteria for the post of Academic Council Member.

Secretary, IACTA



IACTA Membership Data Update

Dear IACTA Member,

IACTA is updating the contact details of its members.

Please fill out the Google Form below to update your IACTA membership information.

<https://forms.gle/xqng2PNHf1AmMtEh9>

Dr. S Kumar

Secretary, IACTA

IACTA National / International Travel Fellowship

IACTA invites applications/nominations for travel fellowships from young anaesthesiologists. It carries an award of Rs 40,000/- for visiting a center of excellence in India and Rs 75,000/- for an overseas hospital/institute. The applicant can choose to visit a center within India (In acity other than the applicant's place of work) or overseas.

1. Total one Indian and one International travelling fellowship per year.
2. The center should perform at least 1,000 cardiac procedures annually or excel inperforming a particular surgery/procedure/technique.
3. The duration of the fellowship is normally one month.
4. The travel grant is awarded every year to a suitable candidate.
5. The applicant should be a life member of IACTA and have a minimum of two years of experience in cardiac anesthesia.
6. If working in a department, he/she should obtain approval from the head of the department. The acceptance letter from the center of the visit should be attached.
7. The applicant's age should be less than 40 years on the last date of application.
8. The IACTA office will scrutinize applications and finally approve them by EC and GBM.
9. The name of the anaesthesiologist selected will be announced during the GBM at the national conference of IACTA in February.
10. After completion of the observership, the anesthesiologist should submit a brief report to the IACTA.

Guidelines & Application Form

<https://iacta.co.in/pdf/application%20form/Application-Travelling-Fellowship.pdf>



Notification - Applications/nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award 2028:

Applications/nominations are invited for the Lifetime achievement award during 2028 annual conference.

The applications/nominations forms should reach the IACTA office by 30.11.2026 by email to iactasecretariat@gmail.com.

Criteria / Guidelines for Lifetime Achievement Award,

<https://iacta.co.in/pdf/Application/Application-Nomination-Form-for-the-Lifetime-Achievement-Award-2028.pdf>

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IACTACON 2027 KOLKATA



30th National Conference of Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Anaesthesiologists (IACATA)

Conference Dates: 19th - 21st, February 2027

Workshop Date: 18th, February 2027



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HIGHLIGHTS



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Artificial Intelligence in Cardiac Anaesthesia:
Are We Ready for the AI Wave?



2

Aortic Disasters and Rescue:
When Every Second Counts



3

From 3D TEE and Interventional echocardiography
to real-time surgical guidance – redefining the role of
cardiac anaesthesiologists.



4

Managing Massive Haemorrhage in Thoracic Surgery:
From Crisis to Control



5

Anaesthesia challenges during Foetal interventions



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TARIFF

 CATEGORY / PERIOD	 Up to 31-03-26	 01-04-26 to 30-09-26	 01-10-26 to 31-12-26	 01-01-27 to 10-02-27	 11-02-27 to Spot
 IACTA (National)	₹16,000	₹18,000	₹20,000	₹22,000	₹25,000
 IACTA Life Member (INTERNATIONAL)	250 USD	275 USD	375 USD	400 USD	450 USD
 SAARC Members	200 USD	225 USD	255 USD	280 USD	310 USD
 NON-IACTA Members	₹18,000	₹20,000	₹22,000	₹23,000	₹26,000
 ACCOMPANYING Person	₹10,000	₹11,000	₹11,000	₹11,000	₹12,000
 PG/Fellowship Students	₹10,000	₹12,000	₹12,000	₹12,000	₹13,000

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION TARIFF

 CATEGORY	 Seats	 Upto 31st March 2026	 Upto 31st December 2026	 Upto 26th February 2027
 Hemodynamics with AI	40	₹5,500	₹6,500	₹8,000
 Echo-Mastery Lab (2D and 3D ECHO)	40	₹5,500	₹6,500	₹8,000
 MICA (Robotic, Endoscopic & MI Cardiac Anaesthesia)	40	₹5,500	₹6,500	₹8,000
 Crisis Management (PBLD)	40	₹5,500	₹6,500	₹8,000
 MCS & ECPR	40	₹5,500	₹6,500	₹8,000



ACCOUNT DETAILS



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