



Indian Association of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anaesthesiologists (IACATA)

IACATA NEWSLETTER (July,2019)

Dear **IACATA members**,

Greetings from IACATA secretariat.

It gives us an immense pleasure to write this newsletter to all members of IACATA. This newsletter mainly details regarding the IACATA conference held at Kolkata, notifications and information on few of the major decisions taken in GBM held on 23.02.2019 at Kolkata.

Since last newsletter in Feb. 2019, we had our national annual conference at Kolkata in Feb.2019, which was attended by large number of delegates and a good number of national and international faculty. We had our general body meeting of IACATA on 23.02.2019. The minutes of meeting will be posted on the website after approval by IACATA executive committee during the next mid-term meeting.

Advertisement and notifications:

1. IACATA national conference 2021: During the GBM held on 23.02.2019, no decision could not be taken for 2021 annual conference. It was decided to invite applications from interested organizing team. We request the interested team to make their application **by 21st August 2019**. The applications should be sent to secretary office by email and surface mail. The application should be made through the regional branch (regional/state/city branch). The organizing secretary should get the application recommended by the office bearer of the state branch. The applications should have copy of PAN card, registration certificate, bank details of the regional branch (regional/state/city branch) attached with the application.

2. Orations and lifetime achievement award: As per the recommendations of reforms committee, approved by GBM in Kolkata, applications are invited for the VA Punnoose, Brig. Butt orations and lifetime achievement award. The applications for self or recommended for someone else should be sent to IACATA office **by 21st August.2019** with a brief biodata of the concerned.

3. Travelling fellowship (National): As there was no application for 2019-20 travelling fellowship (national), it was decided during GBM that fresh applications should be invited. Fresh applications should be sent to IACATA office **by 21st August 2019** in the prescribed format.

Following are the other decisions taken in GBM 2019 in brief:

1. Recommendations of the reform committee (phase I and phase II) were passed.
2. IACTA Golden FATE committee report was accepted and first time we will have IACTA Golden FATE contest during TEE workshop at Bangalore. Interested participants should send their manuscript to chief editor, IACTA Echo Library. The last date has been extended to **7th of August 2019**.
3. Research fund: The concept and the format of research fund was passed by the GBM. We shall make the framework for this, after taking opinion for ethical and legal aspects, and shall inform by next newsletter.
4. Professional Protection Insurance Scheme: The concept of proceeding towards the IACTA PPS scheme was approved by the GBM. We shall look into each and every aspect of this scheme, and once we have more clarity on this, we shall send the format to all IACTA members with next newsletter.
5. The procedure and protocols to be followed for endorsement of IACTA for any regional conference were approved by GBM.
6. From 31.03.2020 onwards, the print issue of the Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia would be available only on a subscription of Rs. 500/- for a year. Necessary arrangements have been done on the website (www.iacta.co.in) where the IACTA life members can login to their profile and make the payment of Rs. 500/- so that they can receive the print journal after 31.03.2020. Till 31.03.2020, the print issue of the journal will be sent to all life members as usual.
7. IACTA Echo Library: An appeal is made by the chief editor IACTA Echo Library to all members to make their submissions to echo library. The process is given on the website www.iactaecholibrary.co.in or can be asked by writing email to iactaecholibrary@gmail.com. Dr. P. Kumar has been appointed as associate editor of the echo library. Another request is made to all members of echo library to take part in mid-week quiz (your answer is secret, and no one knows about others answer, including the system admins).
8. IACTA has new chartered accountant which has assumed work from Oct. 2018. This is to make the accounting and auditing more systematic and consolidated at one point of contact.
9. The IACTA website (www.iacta.co.in) has profile for all the life members of IACTA. The user name is the registered email and the password is IACTA number (in capitals and without space). We had made all attempts that the website resolves all the queries online. Payment gateway is attached on website and all payments related to IACTA can be made online through website.
10. ICCA is functioning very hard to make the procedures and protocols in documented and transparent to all. Preparations for forthcoming FIACTA and FTEE exams are almost done by the office bearers of Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA). IACTA wishes all the takers of these exams a very good luck.
11. IACTA treasurer office is working very hard to streamline the financial status of IACTA, this means, an attempt is made to merge the different accounts of IACTA into single so that funds can be managed more efficiently.


Above are few of the decisions approved by GBM. The others with details will be posted on the website after IACTA EC mid-term meeting.

Forthcoming conferences:

- 13th International **IACTA TEE workshop** from 28th August to 1st of Sept. 2019.
For details, contact: Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi, Email: internationaliactatee@gmail.com, Tel. no.: 91-80-71222689 or 91-80-27836966.
- **2nd Advanced Perioperative TEE Workshop** on December 7th ,2019. For details, contact Dr Anandhi Arul, Organizing Secretary. Email: gknmhteeworkshop@gmail.com
- **8th Comprehensive Perioperative Echo Workshop**, at Medanta – The Medicity, Gurgaon, on November 16th-17th, 2019. For details, contact Dr. Manisha Mishra, Course Director. Email: tee_workshop@medanta.org, Mobile: +91 9971698135.
- The 23rd annual national conference of IACTA (IACTACON-2020) will be held at Goa from 07th to 09th February 2020. For details, contact: Dr. Vijay Shetty, organizing secretary, Email: info@iactacon2020.com, iactacon2020.goa.os@gmail.com, mobile no.: +91 98210 76279.

We thank all IACTA members for their constant support and encouragement. Our efforts are to make IACTA be known as an academic body of excellence and for that, any suggestion is always welcome at IACTA office.

With best regards from,



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