Dear IACTA Members,

Greetings from IACTA Office...

It gives me immense pleasure to present the third newsletter of 2019.

The main contents of the newsletter are the advertisement for various post of Executive Committee for which applications are invited. Apart from these, applications are invited for various fellowship programs, 2022 annual conference of IACTA and Janak Mehta award session for 2020.

Notifications:

A. Advertisement for the Executive Council posts:

Applications are invited for the below given post of executive council of IACTA. Application properly filled by the applicants must reach IACTA office by 31st December 2019 at IACTA Office. The last date of withdrawal of nominations is 15th January 2020 for all above posts. Applicants for these posts must be present during the GBM scheduled at 08.02.2019 around 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at IACTACON 2020 Goa.

a. Associate Vice-President, IACTA: Applications are invited for the post of “Associate Vice President” IACTA. The term for associate vice president is for one year (Feb. 2020 to Feb. 2021). The eligibility criteria and the application form is attached as annex. A (the same can be downloaded from website as well). (Annex. A)

b. IACTA Executive Council Members: The term for EC member would be for two years (Feb. 2020 to Feb. 2022). The eligibility criteria and the application form are attached as annex. B (the same can be downloaded from website as well). (Annex. B)

Duly filled application forms for posts of Associate Vice President and Executive Council Member along with related documents must reach IACTA office by 31st December 2019. Application can be sent by email at iactasecretariat@gmail.com but hard copy of the application MUST reach to office by 31.12.2019. Eligibility criteria for above mentioned posts are given in the annex. emailed along with this newsletter and also can be downloaded from IACTA website www.iacta.co.in.

B. Application for Travelling fellowships:
Applications are invited for IACTA travelling fellowships for the year 2020 under following heads:
1. Travelling fellowship: National (One)
2. Travelling fellowship: (One)
Eligibility criteria for IACTA travelling fellowships are given at IACTA website. Application forms along with guidelines for above are attached along with this newsletter as annex. C. The same can be downloaded from IACTA website also. (Annex. C)
Application forms and related documents properly filled by the applicants must reach IACTA office by 31st December 2019. Application can be sent by email at iactasecretariat@gmail.com but hard copy of the application MUST reach to office by 31.12.2019.

C. Janak Mehta Best Paper Award
Young scientists are encouraged for research and their research work is presented during Janak Mehta Award session. For 2020 annual conference at Goa, the Janak Mehta Award Session is scheduled on 08.02.2020. The guidelines for this award session are given on conference website. Original research papers for this session are invited and the same can be sent to the organizing secretary of 2020 national conference at Goa as per the procedure given at the website direct link: https://www.iactacon2020.com/janak.aspx

D. Application for 2022 annual conference of IACTA:
Applications are invited from life members of IACTA who are willing to hold the 24th annual conference of IACTA. All received application will be discussed in EC meeting on 7th Feb. and then the final decision from the accepted applications will be taken in GBM on 8th Feb. 2020 by open bidding process. Please send the application by email to Secretary, IACTA on iactasecretariat@gmail.com and a hard copy MUST reach to secretary office by surface mail before 31st December 2019. Applications should be sent on the letterhead of the concerned regional branch along with the registration certificate copy, PAN card copy and a ppt presentation in support of your application.

**Major activities since last newsletter in July’2019:**
Since the publication of last newsletter in July 2019, we had mid-term meeting of ICCA board and Executive Committee at Mumbai on 21st and 22nd Sep. 2019 respectively.

Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA):
Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia had their meeting on 21.09.2019 where the progress of the issues related to ICCA were discussed. All the procedures and protocols related to ICCA have been posted on IACTA website (http://www.iacta.co.in/icca-about.html). One of the major decisions taken was to open FIACTA course to Diploma Anaesthesia candidates. This is one-time window opportunity for 5 years for candidates who have passed Diploma Anaesthesiology and wish to join FIACTA course. For further details on this, contact IACTA / ICCA office by email.

**Mid-term meeting of Executive committee:**
Mid-term meeting of Executive committee was held on 22.09.2019 at Mumbai. Following major decision were taken in the meeting:

a) Awards and orations:
   Lifetime achievement award for 2019: **Dr. Narendra C Garach**
   Dr. V.A Punnoose oration: **Dr. Prabhat Tiwari**
   Dr. P. N. Bhatt oration: **Dr. Anil Sant**
b) **IACTA national conference 2021**: All the applications were discussed, and final decision of EC was that the IACTA national conference 2021 would be held by Madurai, Tamilnadu, conducted by Madurai branch of IACTA and Dr. S. Kumar as organizing secretary.

c) **IACTA Travelling fellowship (National) (2019)**: As there was no applicant for this during Kolkata GBM, EC was asked to take the decision on this. After advertising again, Dr. Anuja Kulkarni, has been awarded 2019 IACTA travelling fellowship (national).

d) **IACTA travelling fellowship (International)**: Dr. Shradha completed the international travelling fellowship of IACTA 2019. A brief report by Dr. Shradha on her learning during this is attached (Annex. D).

e) **Revision of renumeration for travelling fellowship**: from 2020 onwards, the amount given for IACTA Travelling Fellowship (national) is increased to Rs.40,000/- and for Travelling fellowship (international) is increased to Rs.75,000/-. (subject to approval of GBM at Goa).

f) **Print issue of Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia**: As decided by 2019 GBM, the print issue of ACA would be delivered till March 2020. From April 2020 onwards, the print issue would be delivered after payment of Rs.500/- per year. All necessary arrangements are done on IACTA website www.iacta.co.in; payments related to this can be made online on IACTA website www.iacta.co.in after login to the individual member account.

g) **IACTA Website www.iacta.co.in**: IACTA website has been made more informative and interactive. The payment gateway is incorporated on the website. All payments to IACTA can be done through the website. All IACTA member’s profile have been created on website with individual login:

- Login ID: your registered email
- Login password: your IACTA number in capitals (without any space)

Once logged in to individual member profile, upload of photograph, change in address and other fields can be done. In case of any issue, please email to IACTA secretariat.

h) From 01.04.2020, new membership can be applied through website only and there would not be any need to send papers or surface mail. All exam related activities i.e. application forms, fee payment, the communication from exam controllers and the result of the exam are done through the website.

**Forthcoming conferences:**

  Organizing secretary: Contact:  
  Organizing secretary: Dr. Ananthi Arul;  
  Email: gkmhhteeworkshop@gmail.com  
  Mobile: 93631 27072.

- **5th Annual 3D Echocardiography Hands-on Workshop**: 21st and 22nd Dec. 2019 at U.N. Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Contact:  
  Course director: Dr. Naman Shastri;  
  Email: 3decho@unmicrc.org  
  Mob.: 9825016676.

- **5th International and 14th National TEE workshop cum CME**: 25th to 30th August 2020 at Narayan Healthcity, Bengaluru, Karnataka. Contact:  
  Course director: Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi  
  Email: internationaliactatee@gmail.com  
  Telephone.: +91-80-27836966 / 91-80-71222689
IACTA National Conference 2020; Goa: 23rd National Conference of IACTA is organized by “Association of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anaesthesiologist Mumbai” from 7th to 9th Feb. 2020 at Hotel Holiday Inn, Goa. The organizing team is led by Dr. Uday Gandhe (Organizing Chairperson); Dr. Vijay Shetty (Organizing Secretary); Dr. Sanjeeta Umbarkar (Co-organizing secretary) and Dr. Deepa Kane (Scientific committee chairperson). All the information is available at conference website www.iactacon2020.com and the contact email is info@iactacon2020.com. Other important links are:

iii. Registration: https://www.iactacon2020.com/Register.aspx#regis

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

IACTA Important weblinks:

IACTA: www.iacta.co.in
IACTA treasurer: iactatreasurer@gmail.com
Annals of cardiac anaesthesia: www.aca.in
IACTA Echo Library: www.iactaecholibrary.co.in
IACTA TEE workshop (Bengaluru): internationaliactatee@gmail.com
Medanta TEE workshop (Gurugram, Delhi NCR): teeworkshop.medanta@gmail.com
3D TEE workshop, Ahmadabad: 3decho@unmicrc.org

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Annex.:  
Annex. D: Report on IACTA Travelling fellowship (International) by Dr. Shardha.