

Minutes of the GBM held on Feb 3rd 2018, Hyderabad

The President Dr. Rajeev Lochan Tiwari called the General Body Meeting to order at the hall A of JW Marriott, Hyderabad. Seated on the dais were the President, Senior Vice President, Associate Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chief Editor of Annals of Cardiac Anaesthesia.

Welcome speech by President

President warmly welcomed all the members of IACTA and reminded them to be united and continue to make the association strong and vibrant.

Selection of New Office Bearers

Secretary presented the details of vacant posts. These were:

- Secretary and Treasurer
- Associate Vice President
- Five Executive Council posts
- Advisory Board member

He informed the members that the intimation on Nomination/Election process, Eligibility criteria & Application forms were mailed to all life members and also posted in the IACTA website.

For Secretary and Treasurer posts, there were two teams after scrutinizing the nominations by the Advisory board members and Executive committee:

1. Team 1: Dr. Dheeraj Arora & Dr. Vishwas Malik
2. Team 2: Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Sandeep Mutha

For the Associate Vice President, the nominations were:

1. Dr. Rajesh Chand
2. Dr. Navneet Mehta
3. Dr. Praveen Kumar Neema

For the five Executive Council posts the eligible nominations after careful scrutiny of applications were:

- North zone- 3 posts: Dr. Neeraj Sharma
Dr. Sambunath
- West zone- 1 post: Dr. Vaishali Badge
Dr. Manjula Sarkar
Dr. Pradeep Goyal

- South zone- 1 post: Dr. Hema Nair
Dr. Umesh

Dr. Hema Nair had withdrawn in favor of Dr. Umesh before the GBM. During the GBM, Dr. Rajesh Chand announced in the mic that he was withdrawing his nomination for the Assoc Vice President post.

After approval by the general body, the election process was initiated by the President for the posts of Secretary & Treasurer (two teams), Assoc VP (two contestants) and Executive Council post from West zone (three contestants). Dr. Suresh G Nair was the Returning Officer, helped by Dr. Saibal Chowdhury, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Sambhunath and the IACTA Clerk Mr. Manoj. The new secretary and president were authorized to nominate the remaining one vacant EC post from north zone. One Advisory post falling vacant because of the completion of the term of Dr. Jagadeesh AM would be filled by Dr. Mukul Kapoor.

Janak Mehta Free Paper Award

The president presented the Janak Mehta Awards. The first prize was shared by two persons: Dr. Raghavanendra S and Dr. Karthik Narendra Kumar. He also distributed the participation certificates to the remaining 4 contestants.

Minutes of the Previous GBM

Secretary presented the salient features of it as it was already posted in the IACTA website after the 2017 Conference. The general body approved the minutes.

Secretary's Report

Secretary presented the major decisions of the previous three executive committee meetings held on Sunday, 19th February 2017 at Pune (Last day of IACTACON 2017), Sunday, 29th October 2017 at Hyderabad and Friday, 2nd February, 2018 again at Hyderabad. These were:

Secretary to proceed with the overseas alliance partnership with American Society of Echocardiography	IACTA became Alliance partner of ASE and it is posted in ASE's website. The latest guidelines published in JASE had IACTA as an endorsing society
Enroll new members to IACTA by EC members (4-5/member)	Around 80 new members were enrolled
Brig P.N.Bhat Oration for 2018 Conference	Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi
Dr. V.A. Punnoose Oration for 2018 Conference	Dr. Madhav Swaminathan, USA
ACA account enquiry committee report	Presented in GBM
ACA editorial enquiry committee report	Presented in GBM

Guidelines for the Chief Editor Echo library by Dr. Rajesh Arya and ICCA	Presented in GBM by Dr. Rajesh Arya & will be posted in the website
Fill up the three vacant Executive Council posts (2017-19)	Dr. Madhusoodana R Bovi - Davangere Dr. Nedumaran K - Chennai Dr. Satish R – Chennai were nominated to EC
Extension of last date for submission of Janak Mehta papers	December 31 st every year from IACTACON 2018 onwards

Affiliation with the Cardiac Anesthesiologists of SAARC Countries by Dr. Rajesh Arya	Presented by Dr. Rajesh Arya & Panel discussion held during IACTACON 2018
Cost cutting by working lunch, avoiding mementoes etc	For future conferences
Life Time Achievement Award 2018	Dr. Vinod Pareshar
Associate Editor of ACA	Dr. Satyajeet Misra, Additional Professor AIIMS Bhubaneshwar
Associate Editor of Echo library	Dr. Deepak Borde
IACTA and Echo library websites from same software company	Implemented in 2017
Transfer of Current account and Royalty of ACA from Delhi to Lucknow	Completed
Mid Week Quiz in Echo library	Started in 2017
Publication in Echo library by non-IACTA members to a maximum of once in a month	Initiated
Computerisation of FTEE examination	Implemented in 2017 and To continue
Full details of Free papers (title, authors, institutions) to be posted in website or printed in brochure	Done for IACTACON 2018
Election notifications of EC posts falling vacant to be advertised in IACTA website	Posted in December 2017
Bidding for 2020 Annual conference to be advertised in website	Posted in December 2017
Enquiry report on finances & editorial of ACA	Presented in the 2018 GBM
Retraction of the Editorial of ACA	At the earliest. Chief Editor to decide
Executive Council members as Coordinators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kamlesh Tailor – President • Dr. Saibal – Secretary • Dr. Neeraj – Treasurer • Dr. Shridhar – ICCA / Registrar • Dr. Harish – Senior Vice President for Conference Scientific program 	Implemented

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Satish & Dr. Rajesh Arya – International IACTA collaborations with SAARC and other countries • Dr. Navneet – TEE updates and Conferences • Dr. Sambhunath Das – IACTA Website and linking with other websites • Dr. Pradeep Goyal – Regional bodies • Dr. Sambhunath – Link to private academic websites 	
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Secretary presented / projected the details of each item and GBM approved all the items. Dr. Satyajeet Misra was nominated as the Associate Editor of ACA and Dr. Deepak Borde as the Associate Editor of Echo library. These were applauded and approved by the General Body.

On the selection of Chief Editor of ACA, the GB was informed that the revised criteria approved by the previous GBM was posted in the website and there was an additional application from Dr. Satyajeet Misra apart from the previous three applicants. Their CVs were again scrutinized by the selection committee and Dr. Prabhat Tewari was nominated as the Chief Editor of ACA. Dr. Poonam transferred the editorial work of ACA to Dr. Prabhat.

Secretary also presented the details of the first computerized examination of FTEE with the frequent notices and updates in the website. The GB applauded and approved the new initiative.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Abraham Cherian presented the details of the IT returns filed for the AY 2017-18. Soft copy of the acknowledgement slip from IT Department was also presented. He mentioned that an IT refund of Rs. 2.5 Lakhs is expected for the AY 2017-2018. The audited account for the AY 2017-18 was projected. The opening balance was around Rs. 1 crore 57 lakhs as on 1-4-2016, which included amount in SB Account, Current Account and fixed deposits of IACTA and the closing balance as on 31-03-2017 was around Rs. 1 crore 94 lakhs. Further he presented the major expenditures and income of IACTA for AY 2017-18, which showed a profit of Rs. 31,41,790 /-

Additionally he presented the details of ACA account. The opening balance of ACA was around Rs. 68 lakhs 87 thousand as on 1-4-2016 and the closing balance as on 31-03-2017 was around Rs. 62 lakhs 53 thousand. The major income was from interest generated by FDs (around Rs. 3.9 lakhs) and contribution from Dr. Poonam Malhotra which was around Rs 21.78 lakhs. Further he presented the major expenditures and income of IACTA for AY 2017-18, which showed a profit of Rs. 3,15,523 /-

He projected the IT refund cheques for AY 2015-16 (Rs. 1,10,128) and 2016-17 (Rs. 2,50,780). The TAN number of IACTA which was allotted in 2017 was also shown. Further the treasurer presented the major expenditures of the current FY 2017-18. The report was passed by the GB. The treasurer's efforts were very much appreciated.

Regional Bodies

Dr. Rajesh Arya, coordinator for Regional bodies of IACTA presented his report. Another regional body has been formed at Nagpur by name of "SCAN" i.e. Society of Cardiac Anaesthesia, Nagpur. They have applied for registration as a society.

He presented the list of activities performed by regional branches. All the branches had sent the list to him and based on the point system approved by the previous IACTA GBM, he prepared a comparative list. 'IACTA Gujrat Chapter' had done maximum activities during the period 01.01.2017 to 31.03.2017. GB accepted his report and confirmed that the "President's Trophy for Best regional Branch" should be given to IACTA Gujarat Chapter. President gave away the trophy and certificate to the office bearers of IACTA Gujarat Chapter.

Most regional branches were doing well and their activities would be posted on the IACTA website this year. They would also be asked to submit their yearly accounts to IACTA treasurer.

On scientific meetings organized by regional branches using IACTA logo, the house was of the opinion that prior permission of the parent body is mandatory. The accounts of the meeting should also be sent to IACTA.

Dr. Rajesh expressed his desire to handover the work of regional branch to another EC member.

Echo Library

Dr. Rajesh Arya presented his report on IACTA Echo library. He informed GB that the membership has gone up to 3200 members, the hits on website have increased to around 28000. Furthermore a 'Letter of Appreciation' by IACTA was sent to Dr. Sidharth Verma for the timely completion of phase II and phase III of echo library. The website was working continuously without any breakdown. The new module of "Mid Week Quiz" had been working and members are participating in that. The effort now would be for further development of the features and improved home page. The eligibility criteria for the chief editorship of Echo library was presented and approved in the EC meeting and this would be put up in the website whenever required.

He informed that Dr. Deepak Borde had been appointed as 'Associate Editor' on Echo Library as decided in mid-term EC meeting so that there is a support team in every department. He presented the accounts of IACTA Echo Library for 2017-18 and presented the proposed expenditure of the forthcoming year 2018-19. The accounts were passed by the GB. GB appreciated the efforts made by him to bring this project into reality. Dr. Rajesh thanked the IACTA members, specially Dr. Thomas Koshy and Dr. Abraham for quick action in payments, taking part in negotiation with the website designer in conference call at odd hours and making sure that the project of Echo Library ran smooth. Further he profusely thanked the continued efforts by Dr. Deepak Tempe for the echo library.

ACA Chief Editor's report

Dr. Prabhat Tewari informed that GB that the finances were now managed jointly by the treasurer IACTA and chief editor and IACTA should be the main body controlling the whole finances of ACA while the chief editor could focus on the academic activities. Furthermore he would be able to get a few advertisements in the coming days to the tune of Rs. 5 lakhs per year which should suffice to run the journal. He also requested the GB to send good manuscripts.

Registrar ICCA report

Dr. Suresh G Nair informed that the IACTA have 18 centers that have been accredited to conduct the FIACTA courses. However, over the years, many of the teachers at these centers have moved to other institutes and the ICCA office has no idea about the present status in each of these centers. The ICCA office made an attempt to contact the teachers at each of these centers in order to update the records. This was not successful due to issues such as non availability of a contact person, non availability of the registered teachers and new teachers without accreditation etc.

This year seven centers had applied for FIACTA accreditation. ICCA gave accreditation to 2 centers. The other centres had many shortfalls hence did not get the recognition. The accredited hospitals are PD Hinduja Hospital in Mumbai and Fortis Hospital in Jaipur. Five other applications from Narayan Superspecialty Hospital in Ahmedabad, Fortis Malar in Chennai, Yasodha Hospital in Hyderabad, Asian Heart Institute in Mumbai and Medica Superspecialty in Kolkata were awaiting accreditation.

For FIACTA 2017 examinations were conducted across 4 centers. Out of 21 candidates, 19 passed. FTEE 2017 exam was computerized and out of 15 candidates, 13 passed. The computerization of the examination was well appreciated by both the candidates and the examiners.

Two refresher courses were conducted in 2017. Dr. Nair mentioned that we should try to get more centers to start FIACTA course, as the number of candidates registered with ICCA for 2016-18 was 16 and for 2017-19 was just 12.

The need for starting a paediatric cardiac anaesthesia & intensive care fellowship was actively being discussed. The ICCA board might take a decision on that this year itself.

The Executive Committee of IACTA discussed in detail the new office bearers of ICCA as the term of the previous one got over in Feb 2018. The EC recommended the following:

Chancellor	: Dr. Deepak Tempe
V Chancellor	: Dr. Suresh G Nair
Advisor	: Dr. Yatin Mehta (to be discussed with him)
Registrar	: Dr. Thomas Koshy

Dean Academics : Dr. Mukul Kapoor

Dean Research : Dr. Vinayak Desurkar

Dean Examinations : Dr. A M. Jagadeesh

Dean Echo : Dr Naman Shastri

Board of Governors : Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi, Dr. Murali Chakravarthy, Dr. PSN Raju, Dr. Neema (subject to election result: only if he was not elected to the Assoc VP)

Academic Council : Dr. Vijay Shetty, Dr. Hema Nair, Dr. Raj Sahajanandan, Dr. Emmanuel
: Rupert, , Dr. Suresh G Rao Dr. Uday Ghandhe and Dr. Navneet
Mehta & Dr. Vishwas Malik (subject to election results)

The Secretary and Treasurer IACTA are Ex-officio members of ICCA.

This was approved by the General Body.

Audited Accounts of IACTACON 2017, Pune

Dr. Sandeep Mutha, organizing secretary presented the gross details of the income and expenditure of the conference. The conference surplus was Rs 1198000 after deducting 20% for the local branch which is Rs 299000. The advance of 5 lakhs taken from IACTA would also be returned.

IACTACON 2019 Conference

Dr. Rahul Guha Vishwas organizing secretary welcomed all to the next conference of IACTA at Kolkata. The dates Feb 22nd to 24th, 2019. The venue of the conference would be same as that of the previous conference when it was held there and the venue was renovated recently.

Bidding of 2020 conference

Secretary informed that ACTA Mumbai had applied. So also Dr. Manjula Sarkar Independently. EC accepted the application from ACTA Mumbai and GB approved it.

Enquiry Reports: Editorial in ACA & Finance ACA

Secretary presented the details and GBM approved it.

ISA Resuscitation Guidelines Endorsement by IACTA

Secretary informed the GB that ISA would like to have IACTA's endorsement for its resuscitation guidelines.

Dr. Mukul Kapoor presented the details of it and the aim is to replace AHA guidelines which is expensive and for that it required endorsement from all professional associations. Further, ISA was also going for ILCOR endorsement. Secretary informed that a committee headed by Drs. Sambhunath, Navneet Mehta and Pradeep Goyal would review the guidelines and advice IACTA regarding endorsement. This was approved by the GB. The GB also approved for its publication in ACA if IACTA endorses it.

Other items permitted by the President

- Dr Pradeep Goyal requested to amend the eligibility criteria of Secretary and Treasurer: 'should preferably belong to same city/state' in view of the current scenario of national online banking system.
- Dr Manju Bhutani also suggested that its time to review and revise the old bye-laws. Both these suggestions were accepted by the President and GB and asked the Reform committee & EC to look into it.
- President also informed that the reform committee would examine all the bye-laws and give the recommendations. Furthermore, the same committee would also give its recommendations to curtail the expenditures of the annual conferences.
- The chief editor suggested that the print copies of the ACA to be charged at Rs 500 per year. Those who wanted it could login to IACTA website and ask for the print copies by paying Rs 500 per year. This was approved in principle by GB. The modality will be worked out in the next EC meeting.
- Dr. Anil Sant argued in favor of on-line elections in future because majority of life members could not attend the conference or GBM. Treasurer opined that financial implications were high. Many opined that ISA and ISCCM had huge number of life members unlike IACTA. It was decided to study this further by the reform committee before implementing on-line voting.
- Dr. Rajesh Arya wanted to improve the collaboration of SAARC Cardiac Anesthesiologists with IACTA. President opined that the modalities of collaboration to be defined by reform committee, then it could be further deliberated in the EC.
- Regarding the increased participation of juniors as faculty in the national conferences, President opined that this could be ensured by the Senior VP who was responsible for the approval of the scientific program.

Election Results

Dr. Suresh G Nair, the returning officer thanked the GB for the smooth conduct of elections and also Drs. Saibal, Neeraj Sharma, Sambhunath and Mr. Manoj for helping him out.

Total number votes- 193

Executive Council West Zone:

Dr. Vaishali- 87 Dr. Manjula Sarkar- 53 Dr. Pradeep Goyal- 50

Secretary & Treasurer:

Drs Dheeraj Arora & Vishwas Malik -60 Dr Rajesh Arya & Sandeep Mutha- 130 Invalid- 3

Associate Vice President:

Dr Neema PK- 135 Dr. Navneet Mehta- 56 Invalid- 2

Dr. Rajesh Arya, Dr. Sandeep Mutha, Dr. Neema PK and Dr. Vaishali were declared as the winners.

Installation of New Office Bearers

Before the installation of new office bearers, Mr. Manoj, IACTA office in charge was felicitated before the GB for his excellent work.

Outgoing president Dr. Rajeev Tiwari passed the baton to the new president Dr. Anil Sant. So also Secretary Dr. Thomas Koshy to Dr. Rajesh Arya.

The new office bearers:

Dr. Anil Dattatray Sant	2018-19	President
Dr Rajesh Arya	2018-21	Secretary, Chief Editor Echo library
Dr Sandeep Mutha	2018-21	Treasurer
Dr. Poonam Malhotra	2018-19	Senior Vice President
Dr. Praveen Kumar Neema	2018-19	Associate Vice President
Dr. Prabhat Tewari	2017-22	Chief Editor, ACA
Dr. Murali Chakravarthy	2016-19	Advisory board
Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi	2017-20	Advisory board
Dr Mukul Kapoor	2018-21	Advisory board
Dr. Thomas Koshy	2018-21	ICCA Registrar
Dr. Saibal Roy Chowdhury	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Kamlesh B Tailor	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Vaishali S Badge	2018-20	Executive council
Dr. Deepak Prakash Borde	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Harish Babu Ravulapalli	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Shreedhar S Joshi	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Neeraj Kumar Sharma	2018-20	Executive council
Dr Sambhunath Das	2018-20	Executive council
Dr. Madhusoodana R Bhovi	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Nedumaran K	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Satish R	2017-19	Executive council
Dr. Umesh S	2018-20	Executive council
Dr. Rajeev Lochan Tiwari	2018-19	Ex-Officio

The General Body Meeting got over by 8:45 pm.