

IACTA GBM 2025

Chairperson: President, IACTA

Conducted by: Secretary, IACTA

Date: 22.02.2025 (Saturday)

Time: 05:30 PM to 07:00 PM

Venue: Main Hall, IACTA 2025, conference venue, IMA house, Kochi

The meeting will be audio and video recorded.

The secretary called for the order of the meeting and requested the non-members to leave the hall.

The secretary asked the president to give permission to start the meeting.

The agenda of the meeting was circulated to all the members by email.

1. Welcome address - Dr. Thomas Koshy, IACTA President

The secretary asked the President to give the welcome address.

Dr. Thomas Koshy welcomed all the members and asked the secretary to start the GBM.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous GBM held on 10th Feb 2024 at IACTACON24, Nagpur.

- The corrected minutes were circulated to all members and uploaded on the website.
- The GBM approved the minutes of the last GBM.

3. Secretary's report.

- New members joined since last GBM
 - The secretary informed the house that since last GBM 146 new life members and one associate member joined.
 - He also requested all the members to upload the KYC on the website in the membership portal.
 - He also informed about membership approval committee which was formed as per the suggestion by the CA, which will approve the membership periodically by the 'resolution by email'. The committee members are – The secretary, Treasurer and two non-EC members (ICCA Academic council members).
- Election for IACTA EC vacant posts
 - The secretary announced the name of EC members, elected unopposed - South Zone (One post) – Dr. Joel Devasia, North Zone (Three posts) - Dr. Anand Kumar, Dr. Virendra Kumar, and Dr. Rachna Wadhwa
 - He announced the name of the post and the number of contestants for which the election would be held.
- IACTA EC members
 - West Zone – (One post). There are three contestants. Dr. Sushmit S Kamat, Dr. Vaishali B, and Dr. Rajeshkumar Tosani .
 - IACTA Associate VP (One post)
 - Dr. Rajesh Chand and Dr. Rajesh Arya
 - IACTA Secretary & Treasurer
 - Dr. Kumar S (secretary) & Dr. Nedumaran (treasurer)
 - Dr. Neeraj Sharma (secretary) & Dr. Manoj Kamal (treasurer)

- Bidding for hosting IACTACON27 and IACTACON28
 - He informed the house that there will be an election for hosting IACTACON27 and 28.
 - IACTACON28 – Only one bid from IACTA Chennai, so IACTA Chennai won the bidding
 - For IACTACON 27
 - Two eligible bidding - Dr. Neeraj K Sharma (SCVTA, Gurugram) and Dr. Dibyendu Khan (WBACTA)
 - He clarified that each member will receive four ballot papers for voting. Dr. Srinivasulu Reddy was appointed as an Election officer, and one government-approved ID is required for voting.
- Dr. Srinivasulu requested to read the names of the contestants fully and clearly, as some of the contestants' first names are the same. He also said there will be four different colored ballot papers.
- Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi said KYC not mandatory for membership for any association and it's a big statement to make saying that if no KYC you may forfeit the membership. He said as of now there is no byelaws saying KYC is mandatory. Dr. Mukul Kapoor replied that it's a recent amendment to the company act and it was suggested by the CA. Dr. Mahesh wanted to share the GO by email.
- Dr. Priya Menon raised the issue of some mistakes in the application filled by Dr. Manoj Kamal. He had mentioned the years wrongly.
Dr. Priya questioned the validity of ex-officio post as a tenure for consideration to the post of Treasurer.
- The president clarified that it was discussed in detail during the EC meeting and that the byelaws mentioned two terms without specifying the years. Dr. Gopinath stated that for elected members, it should be two years. He wanted to verify this in the byelaw and requested not to announce the results until then.
- Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi said it is the understanding that EC member duration is two years and two terms means four years. If we are trying take advantage of the byelaw where it is silent then we are setting a wrong precedent. He requested to interpret in a right way.
- When Dr. Thomas Koshy commented that the organising secretary of the conference brings money for IACTA, Dr. Gopinath requested not to get the money into the discussion. Dr. Mahesh again clarified that the organising secretary was included in the EC to ensure clear communication between the IACTA EC regarding the conduct of the conference. Rajesh Chand also said that it was felt four years were needed for someone to serve the society and take the next administrative post in the IACTA. Dr. Mahesh also suggested to amend the byelaws more clearly for future elections, and he suggested that if GBM agrees the eligibility criteria, then we can go ahead with the voting process.
- Dr. Muralidhar's letter to the IACTA secretary in WhatsApp.

- Dr. Priya read out the WhatsApp message Dr. Muralidhar sent to the IACTA secretary regarding certain issues. He claimed that the ICCA registrar overlooked the VC in all matters in ICCA decision making. Especially, he was asking why the FTEE exam was moved out of NH without proper consultation or convincing. He also claimed that the MOU signed with VASA was without his approval. Dr. Rajesh Arya replied that at the last pre-GBM ICCA meeting, it was explained to Dr. Muralidhar point-to-point. Dr. Rajesh said there are three conditions put forward by Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi in an email to IACTA secretary to conduct the FTEE exam – 1. The FTEE exam schedule should not disturb the TEE workshop/conference. 2. The candidates who are appearing for the FTEE exam should register for the TEE conference. And 3. There should be one local examiner from NH. He said it was discussed in the subsequent ICCA board meetings and the minutes of the meetings were sent to all the ICCA board members including the VC, Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi. All the members accepted the minutes including Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi. After approval from IACTA EC, an email was sent to the organising secretary of the TEE conference, including all the points related to the shifting of the FTEE exam to another center, and Dr. Muralidhar agreed and replied. The president intervened and closed the discussion about the VC.
- In between Dr. Gopinath said it was written that two EC term for eligibility for contesting secretary and treasurer, means four years.
- Dr. Balamurugan said Ex-officio post was a privilege post with no age limit but for the secretary the contestant should have completed 35 years as per the byelaw. Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Mukul Kapoor agreed and said that it will be included in the future amendments.
- Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi asked the president to put forward the suggestions to go ahead with elections and come to a conclusions about the discussions. He also said its not very healthy to have difference of opinions between the senior office bearers of ICCA. He wanted to make sure it doesn't happen in near future.
- Dr. Balamurugan said the GBM is having the final say over the president and the GBM accepted the validity of nomination of Dr. Manoj Kamal and agreed to proceed with the voting process.
- Dr. Neema PK said the term was discussed twice in the EC meeting, and since no clear definition was given, it was accepted.

4. Janak Mehta award presentation

- The secretary asked the president to give the certificate of participation to all the candidates who presented the papers – Dr Keerthi Nath S, Dr Krithika K G, Dr Sandeep Manne, Dr Sridevi N, Dr Sumedha Harish and Dr Tejashri C L. Dr Sumedha Harish won the Janak Mehta award.

5. Selection of ICCA posts

- The secretary informed the house the following people who selected for ICCA board 2025-25
- Newly selected ICCA board members

- Chancellor - Dr. Neema PK
 - Vice-chancellor - Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi
 - Registrar – Dr. Satyajeet Misra
 - Dean Echo – Dr. Patil TA
 - Dean Exam – Dr. Sathish Kumar
 - Dean Research – Dr. Bhupesh Kumar
 - ICCA Academic council members
 - Dr. Deepak Borde, Dr. Jigisha S, Dr. Nagaraja PS, Dr. Rajesh K Kodali
And Dr. Sanjeetha U is another member whose term is for one more year.
6. Lifetime Achievement award 2026 and Orations for IACTACON2026
- Dr. Kanagarajan informed the house about the candidates selected for Lifetime Achievement award 2026 and for orations for IACTACON26.
 - The selection committee selected the following candidates : Dr. Benjamin Ninan for LTA 2026, Dr. Vipul Sharma for Dr. PN Bhatt oration IACTACON26 and Dr. PK Neema for Dr. VA Punnoose Oration IACTACON26
7. He also announced the names of recipients of Honorary IACTA fellowship: Dr. Ranjith Karthekeyan and Dr. Dheeraj Arora received Honorary FIACTA. They were awarded during the inauguration in the previous evening
8. Renaming of expenses/reimbursements for office bearers
- As per suggestion by the CA , the honorarium given to President, Secretary, treasurer and Registrar (ICCA) was renamed as Travel allowance of Rs 10000 for IACTACON. He said that Imprest money given to the Office clerks and related accounts to be closed before the end of the finance year.
8. Revision of the FIACTA and FTEE examiner's fees & Core team member's honorarium
- The secretary announced about some of the revisions in the examiner's fee and ICCA core committee member's honorarium which was discussed in IACTA EC and following are the recommendations - Examiner's fee – Rs 4000 per day, Center head (Doctor) – Rs 2500, Assistant fees – Rs 1500 per day and Core team (Deans & Registrar) honorarium - As per the discussion and decision by the EC it was decided that No honorarium for the core team (Deans and Registrar)ICCA.
9. IACTA Travelling Fellowship For the year 2024-25
- The secretary announced the name of the candidates who completed the IACTA Travelling Fellowship both national and international. The awardees were called upon the stage and president handed over the certificates : Dr. Nithiyakumar LV (Madras Medical Mission, Chennai)– Completed the International Fellowship at National Heart Center, Singapore and Dr. Arun R(Madras Medical Mission, Chennai)– Completed the National Fellowship at MGM healthcare, Chennai
 - He also informed the house that, for the year 2025-26
 - Dr. Sumanth S Saxena selected for International travelling fellowship and no applications received for National travelling Fellowship.
10. The secretary invited Dr. Anupama, Scientific committee chairman IACTACON25 to announce the winners of free paper session and Interesting videos session. She announced the names of the winner and said they will be awarded during the valedictory

function – Dr. Kaushik J got the first prize for free paper presentation; Dr. Gayathri G got the second prize and third position won by Dr. Devishree Das. In the Interesting video session, the first prize goes to Dr. Jathry K, The second prize to Dr. Arvind Ganapathy and third prize won by Dr. Karthik Hanumath Shetty. For the e-posters, Dr. Pushkar Desai got the first prize, second prize won by Dr. Vignesh AM and third prize won by Dr. Anuja V Kulkarni.

11. The secretary requested Dr. Uday Gandhe to give a Report on IACA (International Academy of Cardiac Anesthesiologists)

- a. He said it's an association of societies of cardiovascular thoracic Anesthesiologist. As of now, the SCA and EACTA joined as a founder member. He also explained that the membership fees will be based on the world bank economic classification of countries like high income etc. The membership fees will be 10000 USD for high income group countries and other income group countries will get discount based on the World Bank classification. IACTA will have to pay 6000 USD plus GST. Other countries like China , Australia and New Zealand had shown interest in joining the IACA. Once in a two year they will have annual meeting along with the membership countries annual meeting. EC discussed it along with CA for the financial implication and agreed that IACTA should be a part of it. Once you become a founding member, you may nominate two board of directors and they will have voting right and their tenure is for two years. Their main office will be in Singapore. Dr. Thomas Koshy said it is like WFSA and ISA is a part of WFSA. It is an opportunity for growth and learning through collaboration. Dr. Anand Kumar suggested to consider the expenses involved before considering it. Dr. Uday replied that it will be 6000 USD plus taxes. IACTA members will be part of the international faculty in IACA annual meetings and their registration fees will be waived off. Dr. Prabhat said that their contribution to the growth of the IACTA is negligible when compared to the amount of privileges they get. Dr. Prabhat also raised some concern regarding the real intention of these societies and he said he is not sure about the benefit. He suggested waiting for some time and see the IACA's growth and activities, then decide. The president said the advantage of joining IACA that you get two board members and voting rights, and it's a head start. Dr. Rajiv Tiwari suggested that why can't we restart the ASCA which was there earlier and we can lead them. Dr. Gopinath suggested waiting for some more time. Dr. Priya agreed with Dr. Gopinath. Dr. Vaishali and Dr. Neema PK also opined that IACTA should wait. Dr Uday mentioned that waiting would take away the advantage of being founder members of IACA

12. Treasurer's report

- Dr. Kumar, IACTA treasurer, presented the financial report of 2024-25. The report was already circulated to all the members in the house. He started by saying this will his final report as his term was over and he thanked IACTA and CA for the support. He presented the details of accounts for the year 24-25. He said as of now the current asset of IACTA is Rs 4,33,04,479.96. He also presented the income and expenditure for TEE workshop at Bengaluru and

IACTA had given the grant of 2,70,000 (300000 minus TDS). He said that the organising secretary of TEE workshop at Medanta 2023 had not presented the account details and IACTA had given a grant of 3 Lakhs after TDS (Rs 270000). For the year 2024 we had not given any grant because of the noncompliance with IACTA condition of having a separate bank account. He presented the details about the income and expenditure for FIACTA and FTEE exam for 2024 and shown Rs 3,21,524 as income over expenditure. He had shown the financial details of ACA. He also shown the details of current FD accounts in both SBI and HDFC bank accounts. He said that EC approved the change of signatory authority from Mr. Narendra Bansal to Mr. Ashish Gupta. The GBM approval was proposed by Dr. Raju PSN and seconded by Dr. Rajiv Tiwari. As per the suggestion by the CA, GBM approved to upload the ITR in the website. Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi asked to have template to be sent to the members regarding the temporary membership. Dr. Sandeep Mutha raised the issue whether the temporary members are eligible to vote and Dr. Kumar replied that after EC approval before the GBM, they are eligible to vote. He also said as per the byelaw only members who applied till September of the previous year of the conference only allowed to vote and Dr. Mahesh asked whether members who joined after September are eligible to vote. He also suggested to amend the byelaw for this. Some of the members wanted to remove the members who joined after September from voting. The president briefly reviewed the byelaws on stage but could not find such a clause in the byelaw, so the issue was closed.

- IACTACON24, Nagpur
 - The treasurer said there was some issues raised by the CA about the accounts submitted by organising secretary of IACTACON24. They have collected about 1.5 Crore, but Conference surplus to the National IACTA was 1.5 Lakhs.
 - Dr. Prabhat commented that it should not have happened as it brought the memory of IACTACON at Chandigarh. He is also said compared to the conferences, what was contributed by Nagpur is negligible and not justified.
 - Dr. Kumar pointed out there are certain expenses like around 31 L paid for accommodation. He said CA had raised some 17 points. Dr. Suresh Nair suggested to investigate and submit the report next year. Dr. Kumar S wanted to form a committee. Dr. Mahesh suggested that our CA to talk to CA of Nagpur conference accounts.
 - Dr. Kumar also pointed out that lot of payments were done by cash. Dr. Mahesh also agreed that it should not be done by cash and he wanted to get undertaking from the IACTACON organisers that no cash payment for any vendors.
 - The president formed the committee with the following members – Associate VP, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Ashish Gupta(CA), Dr. Neema PK, Dr. Vinayak Desurkar. The committee will submit their report in the next EC meeting.

13. Report by Chief Editor, ACA – Dr. Mukul Kapoor

- He said the Journal was performing well. The number of articles submitted to the journal increased from 120 in 2020 to 271 in 2024. He also had shown the rise in the Clarivate index to 1.1. He pointed out the decrease in print subscription by individual members as well as institutional subscription. He requested the IACTA members to email the editor suggestions to improve the visibility, quality and citation index. Dr. Rajiv Tiwari suggested to make the journal subscription mandatory for all FIACTA centers and make subscription for 3 or 5 years. He also wanted to charge a nominal amount as a subscription for IACTA Echo Library.

14. ICCA registrar's report – Dr. Rajesh Arya

- He had shown the results of FIACTA - he said 22 out of 23 candidates passed. Dr. Prerana Dixit got the IACTA-Kabeer award. He said Dr. Varsha from CMC Vellore got the IACTA President award for FIACTA (P). He declared 45 candidates passed the FTEE exam, and Dr. Jaffery K got the IACTA-Belani award.
- FTEE for foreign candidates – The application and the List of supervisors are posted on the website. He also said that over a period of years, the number of candidates appearing for the FTEE exam is increasing. He presented the income and expenditure of FIACTA and FTEE exams for the year 24-25. He informed the house about the new FIACTA centers – Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru, and DY Patil Pune. He listed out the new FIACTA teachers and examiners, also including FIACTA(P) and FTEE. He presented the full details of the candidates undergoing the FIACTA program in various centres recognised by IACTA.
- ECMO Fellowship program – He informed the house that all the details regarding the ECMO Fellowship program is available on the website.
- FTEE recertification – Dr. Saikat B and Dr. Parimala PS got the recertification of FTEE. He said it is valid for 10 years.
- The FIACTA academic program is going very well.
- Basic TEE course – He said Dr. Tempe suggested to start online Basic TEE course, and ICCA will form the details and present later.
- He also said that the Case Distribution of Logbook for the FTEE exam was implemented successfully, and details are available on the website.
- The ICCA byelaws have been updated and approved by the ICCA board. They are waiting for IACTA EC approval. Once approved by IACTA EC, they will be presented in the GBM for final approval.
- He showed some of the changes made in the FIACTA/FTEE teacher and examiner eligibility criteria in relation to the publication criteria.
- FIACTA/FTEE exam: Dr. Vaishali suggested making the candidate's name untraceable by creating a mock number.
- He presented the changes made in section D of the selection criteria for the Honorary Fellowship.

- The proposal for change in the FIACTA by Dr. Rajesh Arya was sent to all EC members.
 - He thanked all the members of the ICCA.
15. IEL Chief Editor's report – Dr. Hemamalini P
- She informed the house about the change in the Editorial board. Dr. Sumanth S Saxena is added, and Dr. Jeevanandham is relieved.
 - The mid-week quiz and Echo manuscript are being regularly uploaded.
 - She listed the following activities for future – Mock tests, Creating an Archives of Mid-week quiz, Article review of the month, How I do sessions and Guest Video lectures.
 - She wanted to revamp or update the IEL website and requested that the IACTA look into it. She also wanted the citations in the ACA.
16. Other issues
- Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi suggested implementing a 30% reservation in IACTA official postings, starting with EC members. Dr. Kanagarajan mentioned that these are zone-wise postings and pointed out that some zones have only one member, raising concerns about a practical issue. Dr. Suresh Nair agreed in principle and stated that if necessary, we can request only female candidates to apply.
17. Report of IACTA Regional Branch Coordinator: Dr. Srinivasulu Reddy
- President's Trophy to the best regional branch for 2024-25
 - The Mumbai ACTA won the President's trophy for best regional branch 2024-25 and received the trophy from Dr. Thomas Koshy.
18. IACTACON26 (Vizag)
- Report by Organizing Secretary
 - The Organizing Secretary, Dr. Mohan S Maharaj, presented a brief overview of the IACTACON26 at Vizag.
19. One IACTA member wanted to know whether there is any legal validity for TEE performed by cardiac anesthesiologists. Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi mentioned that everyone must be registered under the PCPNDT Act. Dr. Desurkar also concurred with Dr. Mahesh. Dr. Mahesh further stated that if you're a DM or DrNB in cardiac anesthesia, you may be eligible to write a TEE report, but if you only have an FTEE certificate, then you may not be eligible. Dr. Rajesh mentioned that IACTA is in the process of writing a letter to the NMC to legalize it.
20. Honouring the outgoing office bearers of ICCA and IACTA
- The secretary invited Dr. Suresh Nair to hand over the memento to Dr. Prabhat Tewari, who completed his term as Chancellor. Dr. Thomas Koshy was honoured by Dr. Suresh G Nair. The Outgoing secretary, Dr. Kanagarajan, was honoured by Dr. Ranjith Karthekeyan. Dr. Suresh Nair felicitated the outgoing treasurer, Dr. Kumar S. Dr. Rajesh Arya was felicitated by Dr. Ranjith. Dr. Joel Devasia was felicitated by Dr. Ranjith.
21. Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi suggested to think about electronic voting. Dr. Koshy and Dr. Suresh Nair said it may not be viable for a small association. Dr. Mahesh said the GBM approved the idea of online voting, and the EC can decide how to implement it. Dr.

Raju PSN suggested that we should encourage new people to take administrative positions, and some gaps should be filled in the continuation of various posts. He also wanted to amend the byelaws to clear the grey areas. Dr. Mahesh said it's a cooling period. Dr. Rajesh said it's a democratic process, and you can't force someone to take a break. Dr. Kanagarajan suggested that if you bring that you should have finished that particular term before applying for the next post, then automatically you will have a break or cooling period. Dr. Koshy asked whether any other society had implemented it.

22. Dr. Priya said that Dr. Rajesh called people to vote for him and promised that he would make them pass in FIACTA/FTEE. Dr. Vaishali said the amendment should be done in the same sitting / GBM rather than waiting for the next EC or GBM. She again said that Dr. Rajesh Arya promised a few girls that he would pass them in the FIACTA/FTEE exam if they voted for him. Dr. Rajesh Arya strongly objected to this statement. Dr. Vaishali wanted to have a grievance forum. Dr. Rajesh Arya denied the allegations as it was baseless and ridiculous, and demanded proof for them. Dr. Priya also said that one girl came with her HOD and said that you said that you would make her pass the FIACTA exam if she voted for you. Dr. Raju said even though you did ask for a vote, you wanted to nominate me for Life Time Achievement award.

23. Election Results

- The secretary asked Dr. Srinivasulu Reddy to announce the election results.
- He declared the following results
 - IACTACON2027 – West Bengal won the election by ballot votes.
 - Associate VP – Dr. Rajesh Chand got elected
 - Secretary & Treasurer – Dr. Kumar & Dr. Nedumaran won the election
 - EC member – Dr. Vaishali got elected

24. Speech by the outgoing President

- Dr. Thomas Koshy thanked everyone and said he enjoyed his term and was very happy to hand over the presidency to Dr. Suresh Nair.

25. Incoming President Dr. Suresh Nair thanked everyone and said his priority will be amending the byelaw and female representation in IACTA EC and online voting. He congratulated Dr. Srinivas for conducting the election very well. He welcomed all the new members.