

## Minutes IACTA GBM 2024

**Date:**10/02/2024

**Venue:** Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur

**Event:** IACTACON2024

**Time:**6.00 PM

Meeting Clerks: Mr. Manoj and Mr. Satinder

The secretary calls for the house to be in order. He informed that only IACTA members should attend the meeting and requested the non-members to leave the GBM. He called the following IACTA office bearers to the dais: Dr. Uday Gandhe(President), Dr. Thomas Koshy (Senior VP), Dr. Kumar S(Treasurer), Dr. Rajesh Arya (ICCA Registrar), Dr. Mukul Kapoor (Chief Editor, ACA), Dr. Kumar C (Chief Editor, IEL). He informed the house that the meeting would be audio, and video recorded.

1. Welcome address: Dr. Uday Gandhe

The President welcomed all the members. He suggested all the members cooperate to finish all the important points in time to conclude the GBM as early as possible.

2. Call to start the election process for IACTA EC

- The secretary suggested starting the voting process for the vacant posts for IACTA EC(notified earlier) before the discussion on the agenda so that we shall be able to get the results by the end of GBM.
- The Secretary presented the details of candidates who were elected unopposed:
  - From South zone: Dr. Kumar C, Dr. Umesh, and Dr. Madhusudan Bhoovi
  - From East zone: Dr. Soumi Das
  - From Central zone: Dr. Ayya Syama Sundar and Dr. Srinivasulu Reddy
- He informed the GBM that there will be an election for two EC posts for the West zone, and three candidates are contesting: Dr. Varsha K, Dr. Yogesh, and Dr. Jigisha S. There are also three candidates for Associate VP(one post): Dr. Rajesh Chand, Dr. Vipul Sharma, and Dr. Ranjith B Karthekeyan.
- During the meeting, he asked members to carry one government-approved ID card and cast votes for one Associate Vice President and two EC members. Dr. Vijay Shetty was requested to start the election process.
- He called upon the members who were elected (unopposed) so that all the members would know them.
- Then he called the contesting members (For Associate VP and EC for the west zone) to stand and acknowledge their presence before the voting process started.

3. Secretary's report

- He said 63 new life members of IACTA joined since the last GBM (18/02/2023)-(CLS2001 – CLS2063)
- IACTA website
  - Members who joined after 01/01/2019 must provide PAN/Aadhar cards to avoid tax on membership fees.
  - Total no of members submitted so far (276 members)
  - All existing members should submit one government-approved ID, and without one ID, membership may be lost. He requested all members send their IDs to the IACTA secretariat. He asked all the regional branches to collect the details and send them to the secretariat, and he requested the regional branch coordinator take charge of it.

- IACTA website revamping/upgradation
  - It was explained that the IACTA website had been experiencing issues in the past and the current vendor (Dr. Siddharth) was not satisfactory. As a result, the committee decided to look for new vendors. Three vendors were approached, including an app-based web designer, A1 Logics (Mangalore), and Sun Solutions (Ludhiana). The last two were short-listed and interviewed by the website committee. Following interviews, it was determined that Sun Solutions lacked experience in managing a medical website. Therefore, A1 Logics was chosen based on their team of 50 members, experience in running medical websites, including ISA and IJA, and the ability of Mr. Praveen from A1 Logics to understand the requirements of the website. The website committee, consisting of Dr. Kanagarajan, Dr. Rajesh Arya, Dr. Kumar C, Dr. Kumar S, Dr. Uday Gandhe, and Dr. Thomas Koshy, approved A1 logics as the new vendor to manage the IACTA website. The IACTA EC also approved the decision, and approval was sought from the GBM.
  - Regarding the current vendor, Dr. Siddharth, Dr. Thomas Koshy explained that he needed someone to notify him of website issues, and it took several days to upload new updates or documents.
  - When asked about the IACTA Echo Library website, the secretary clarified that only the IACTA website was being managed by the new vendor at present. However, if A1 logic performed well, the committee may consider having them manage it in the future.
  - Dr. Selvakumar P proposed the approval of the new vendor, seconded by Dr. Kamalakkannan for the GBM.
- Progress on the issue of IACTA membership by “IACTA Life Membership Committee”.
  - Secretary presented a report on starting Associate membership in IACTA. The eligibility criteria are:
    - MD/DNB in any specialty (Other than Anesthesia/Cardiac Anesthesia) eligible to become an Associate member of IACTA – Their membership no will CA-first letter of the surname-Numerical.
    - It's for a lifetime
    - Fee structure: Rs 4000/(60% of the regular life membership fee)
    - Rights of an Associate Member
      - No voting rights
      - Eligible for applying for the FTEE exam (Have to fulfill the criteria)
      - May attend the TEE conference/IACTA conference (Registration fee may vary)
      - Access the ACA and IEL
  - Dr. Neema wanted to include in the bye-law that Associate members are not eligible to contest any post in IACTA and ICCA.
  - GBM approval was proposed by Dr. Rajesh Chand and seconded by Dr. Neema PK.
- Report on IACTA permanently endorsed echo conferences.
  - Secretary expressed his displeasure towards the need for discussion on this issue again and again
  - And informed the house that Both TEE workshops at NH and Medanta receive a grant of 3 Lakhs from IACTA and are expected to follow the necessary guidelines approved by the GBM: The TEE workshop should have a separate bank account and PAN no, and Audited Financial account should be submitted to IACTA after the conference.

- He also insisted that the Name and Logo of the IACTA should be more prominent than those of other societies that endorsed the workshop. CA also insisted on that, and it is even necessary to get a tax exemption from the government.
- Dr. Sandeep Mutha proposed and Dr. Manoj Kamal seconded the GBM approval to increase the IACTA grant to 3 L for the TEE workshop at Medanta.
- Orations and Lifetime Achievement Award for 2025 conference (IACTACON 2025, Kochi)  
Dr. Kanagarajan informed the house about the decision of the Committee for Orations and Lifetime Achievement Award for the 2025 conference (IACTACON 2025, Kochi). The following people were selected
  - Lifetime Achievement Award 2025  
Dr. Anil Karlekar
  - Dr. PN Bhatt Oration 2025  
Dr. Thomas Koshy
  - Dr. VA Ponnose Oration 2025  
Dr. Mahesh Vakamudi
  - He asked the GBM to decide who shall chair the session when the president delivers the oration, as per the byelaw. The GBM approved that the Senior vice president shall chair the session. Dr. Ranjith proposed approval, and Dr. Neema PK seconded it.
- Honorary FIACTA/FTEE (2025)  
The secretary informed the house that since no application has been received so far, a new notification with an extension of the date will be announced later.
- IACTA Travelling Fellowship (National/International)
  - Previous year fellowships
    - Dr. Gegal Pruti – IACTA international fellowship for 2022
      - Dr. Gegal Pruti completed only two weeks of her fellowship program at Leipzig Heart Center in Germany and could not complete the remaining two weeks as required. The EC suggested giving her a certificate, but the fellowship duration should be mentioned. As a result, she would only be eligible for half of the grant amount (Rs 37500 instead of Rs 75000). The president presented Dr. Gegal Pruti with the trophy and certificate.
      - Dr. Priya Menon requested IACTA reconsider its decision not to grant her half of the grant. She explained that obtaining a two-week fellowship in Leipzig is easier than one month and that Dr. Gegal has already spent a significant amount of money. However, the President replied that they could not fulfill her request per their byelaw.
  - IACTA National Travelling fellowship for 2023-24
    - Dr. Abhishek completed the IACTA National Travelling fellowship for 2023-24 and submitted the completion certificate to IACTA secretariat. And the president awarded him the trophy and fellowship certificate.
  - Issues of fellowships which was not completed
    - Dr. Anuja Kulkarni  
She couldn't start her fellowship because of her pregnancy and childbirth and requested an extension. EC approved the extension until October 2024.
    - Dr. Avneet Singh

Her visa was denied twice, and she also requested an extension, which EC granted until October 2024.

- The GBM approved the extension to both of them.
    - IACTA Travelling Fellowship for 2024-25
      - The Secretary announced that Dr. Nithya Kumar was awarded the IACTA international traveling fellowship, and Dr. Arun R received the National traveling fellowship for 2024-25.
  - IACTA Zoom link for academic activities of the IACTA regional branches
 

During the meeting, the Secretary informed everyone that the NZIACTA branch requested the IACTA Zoom link for their monthly academic activity. However, there were practical difficulties in allowing them to use the existing official Zoom account. Therefore, creating a dedicated Zoom account solely for academic activities was suggested, and the EC approved this proposal. The IACTA regional branch coordinator will manage the Zoom account, and guidelines will be established for using the IACTA academic Zoom link. Dr. Sandeep Mutha agreed that having two separate Zoom links/accounts would be sufficient, and the President suggested creating some guidelines for using them. Dr. Rajesh Chand suggested linking the zoom account with Google Calendar, and it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
  - IACTACON2026
    - Dr. Kanagarajan informed that two Applications received for Hosting IACTACON2026
      - Gurugram – Dr. Neeraj Sharma – (City branch registration not yet completed)
      - Andhra - Dr. Nagarajan R (Dr. Ayya Syama Sundar)
    - According to the bylaw, the Gurgaon city branch should have been registered before the bidding came up for discussion in the GBM. However, since the branch was not officially registered yet, their application was disqualified.
    - The Andhra IACTA branch was chosen to host the IACTACON2026.
    - Dr. Anand Kumar requested to consider the bidding by Gurgaon branch, and the secretary informed him that we must follow the bylaw.
    - Dr. Kaushal from Bhopal wanted to host IACTACON2027, and Dr. Uday Gandhe asked him to follow the procedure and officially apply.
    - Dr. Nedumaran inquired about why the venue for IACTA CON is not being booked for three years as per the bylaws. The secretary explained that due to the COVID-19 situation, the requirement was not followed this year but it will be followed from next year onwards.
    - Dr. Sandeep Mutha proposed and Dr. Murali Krishna T seconded the GBM approval for the Andhra branch hosting IACTACON2026.
  - Report on ICCA Adviser post
    - Secretary informed the house that Dr. Murali Chakravarthy was selected for the post of ICCA adviser for 2024-27
    - He didn't receive any nominations for the remaining one post for which notification was advertised. We will readvertise the post.
4. Financial Report by Dr. Kumar S – IACTA treasurer
- ITR 2022-23
 

The Treasurer informed that the ITR for the year 2022-23 was submitted well ahead of time. The account statement was circulated among the members. He stated that the total

payable tax was Rs 67,501, the total tax paid was Rs 2,55,023, and IACTA would get a refund of Rs 1,87,520. He presented the details of IACTA's income and expenditures.

- IACTA account details for 23-24
  - He presented the details for the year 23-24. He showed the balance sheet until 31/03/2024 and the total amount of all FDs. He stated that the income over the expenditure was Rs 15,13,738.
  - He presented the account statement of IACTA TEE workshop at NH, Bengaluru
    - The final audited statement showed a final deficit of Rs 1,00,081. And after approval from the EC and our CA, we paid the deficit amount of Rs 1,00,081.
  - He informed that the account statement from the TEE workshop at Medanta has not yet been finalised. Dr. Neeraj submitted the overall income and expenditure statement, which showed a positive balance of Rs 2,47,533. It was decided in the EC that 80% of the surplus amount shall be returned to the National IACTA, and 20% will go to the city branch account.
  - IACTA-endorsed TEE workshops/conferences
    - Dr. Kumar S once again stressed the points that if they are receiving the grant, then the following 4 points should be followed: IACTA name and Logo should be prominent, Separate PAN card and Bank account, and Audited financial report after the workshop.
    - He requested the GBM to approve the increased grant of 3 l to TEE workshop at Medanta which was approved by the EC (So far they are receiving 1L). The approval was proposed by Dr. Gopinath and seconded by Dr. Sandeep Mutha.
    - Dr. Neema PK said if they don't follow these criteria, then grant should not be given. Dr. Suresh Chengode and Dr. Sandeep Mutha also agreed to the same.
    - The GBM also approves that if there is a surplus of money after the TEE workshop/conference, then 80% will be paid to the national IACTA, and 20% will go to the local branch account(or organising account).
  - Income and Expenditure of FIACTA23, FIACTA(P)23, and FTEE23
 

Treasurer presented the income expenditure of all the IACTA fellowship exams. He had shown that the income over the expenditure was Rs 1,85,498.
  - Financial report on ACA
 

He presented an expenditure over income of Rs 5,02,617 for the IACTA journal.
  - IACTA website
 

He stated that Rs 84 771 was paid as AMC.
  - IACTA Echo Library
 

IACTA paid 1,31,080 towards AMC for the IEL website.
  - He presented the balance statements for the SBI savings account and HDFC account, as well as the current values of all FDs in both accounts.
  - HDFC bank FDs
 

As per the decision in the last GBM, the FDs will be foreclosed and rebooked at the current interest rate. He also informed that Out of 6FDs, two are maturing in Jan 2024. It was decided to foreclose one FD (IACTA will be losing Rs 40000 because of the foreclosure)and with two FDs which are matured, all three will be rebooked (as a single FD for 2 crores with interest rate of 7.55%).The remaining two Fds will be continued.

- Decision regarding the accumulated funds
  - He raised the issue of how to spend the accumulated funds in the coming years. This was also raised by the CA during the EC meeting. He had presented the detailed statement about how much is going to accumulate in the coming years.
- Approval of expenses/reimbursement for Office bearers/examiners/office clerks
  - He presented the details about the revised FTEE, FIACTA candidate fees, and examiners' fees.
  - The revised candidate fee for FIACTA is Rs 12,000 and for FTEE is Rs 6000
  - The revised examiner fee is Rs 4000/day
  - The core committee members (ICCA) will be paid Rs 4000 per exam
  - The center coordinator will be paid Rs 2,500 per day, and office help will be paid Rs 1500 per day.
  - The approval for GBM was suggested by Dr. Murali Krishna and supported by Dr. Nedumaran.
- Raise the salaries IACTA office secretaries
  - The EC has approved an increase in salary for Mr. Satinder to 18000 (from 15000). Additionally, Mr. Manoj's salary will be increased to 20000 (from 15000), taking into account his years of service with IACTA. These changes will be effective from April 2024.
  - Both of them will receive a 7% increase every year starting in April 2025.
  - Dr. Selvakumar P proposed the approval for GBM, which was seconded by Dr. Ranjith.
- Dr. Deshpande suggested to give 10L grant to the IACTACON. This will be discussed in next EC meeting.

#### 5. Report on Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia – Dr. Mukul Kapoor (Chief Editor)

Dr. Mukul Kapoor recently reported that the time taken to process article submissions has been significantly reduced. He mentioned that within three months of submission, articles are either accepted or rejected, and within six months, accepted articles are published. While he acknowledged that over 200 manuscripts were submitted last year, he expressed concern about the lack of original articles and urged everyone to contribute. Dr. Kapoor also praised the reviewers for their faster response time and thanked them for their efforts. He revealed that Dr. Muralichakravarthy was the top reviewer for the year 2022-23, with Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi, Dr. Ajita Annachatre, and Dr. Rajesh Arya following closely behind. Additionally, Dr. Kapoor stated that one reviewer for each article will be from outside India. He also shared that the journal's impact factor is 1.9.

#### 6. Echo Library Chief editor's report – Dr. Kumar C

- Dr. Kumar stated that our viewership for the IACTA Echo Library is steadily increasing. He appreciated contributions of the Associate Editors: Dr. Naresh Kumar, Dr. Kaushik, Dr. Hema Malini and Dr. Jeevanandham. He stated that currently we are having 500 users per week. We published 330 Mid-week(Tuesday) echo quiz so far and 167 weekly manuscripts(Saturday) had been published. He also stated that IEL actively involved in the conduct of the following sessions in IACTA annual conference: Golden Fate Contest, Research in cardiovascular contest, Echo Jeopardy(Quiz). He informed that IEL website in the website of IACTS, and Brazilian Society of Anesthesiologists. He suggested to upgrade the website and In future the focus will be on 'POCUS' and regional anesthesia for cardiac surgery. He expressed his special thanks to Dr.

Deepak Tempe (Chairman – Echo editorial board), and Dr. Rajesh Arya (Founder Editor). As he is stepping down as a Chief editor, IEL, He expressed his gratitude to all who supported him during his tenure and he requested all to extend their support to the new team.

o Selection of Chief Editor IEL

He presented the details about the selection of Chief Editor IEL. Two candidates applied for the post of Chief editor – IACTA Echo Library: Dr. P. Hemamalini and Dr. Kaushik J. The selection committee comprised the present Chief editor, Dr. Kumar, and two past chief editors – Dr. Murali Chakravarthy and Dr. Rajesh Arya. He informed that the candidates were interviewed over the Zoom platform. Their deficiency in the eligibility criteria was noted and discussed. The selection committee decided to choose Dr. Hemamalini as Chief editor and Dr. Kaushik as the Senior Associate Editor and proposed that he take over as the chief editor after four years. The secretary informed the house that hereafter, we should be giving advertisements for the post of Senior Associate editor, not for the chief editor. Dr. Sambhunath Das proposed the GBM approval and seconded it to Dr. Vipul Sharma.

7. Report of the Registrar, Indian College of Cardiac Anaesthesia (ICCA): Dr. Rajesh Arya

- He thanked GBM for giving him the Honorary FIACTA and thanked all the members of the ICCA board.
- He presented the list of new FIACTA teachers/examiners: Dr. Saibal Roy Choudhary, Dr. Bhargava DV, Dr. Amish Jaspara, Dr. (Col) Alok Kumar, Dr. Rajesh Arya and Dr. Sandeep Mutha.
- FIACTA 2023 Exit exam  
He presented details about the FIACTA exit exam 2023. It was held in three centers: Mumbai(Fortis Hospital, Mulund), Bengaluru (Fortis Hospital, Bannerghetta), and Kolkata (RTNH). Out of 24 candidates who appeared, 21 passed. Dr. Gargi Deshpande scored the highest marks and got the “IACTA Kabeer Award.”
- FTEE 2023  
He expressed his happiness over the highest number of candidates who appeared for FTEE2023. Out of 70 candidates who appeared for the theory exam, 60 passed. In the practical exam, 43 candidates appeared, and a total of 40 candidates qualified for FTEE. Dr. Sohini mazumdar got the “IACTA Kumar Belani award”.
- FIACTA (P) 2023
  - o First time conducted FIACTA (P)
  - o 13 appeared, and 12 passed.
  - o The IACTA president medal was proposed for the highest mark scorer ( GBM approval was proposed by Dr. Sandeep Mutha and seconded by Dr. Vipul Sharma)
  - o The highest mark scoring candidate will receive ‘IACTA president medal”
  - o This year, Dr. Kartheek Hanumanshetty will receive the award.
- FTEE Theory exam
  - o He explained the problems with existing company “meritrac’ in conducting the FTEE theory exam and IACTA decided to change the service provider.
  - o Bluestone consultancy was approached, and trial testing was satisfactory. It was approved by ICCA board and IACTA EC.
  - o GBM approval was proposed by Dr. Sambhunath and seconded by Dr. Deshpande.
- FTEE practical exam at VASA center
  - o MOU was signed with the company by IACTA

- GBM approval was proposed by Dr. Gopinath and seconded by Dr. Rajesh Chand.
- He announced the probable dates for the FIACTA/FTEE examinations in 2024
  - The FTEE theory exam is planned for the second week of April.
  - FTEE (practical) – First week of August 24
  - FIACTA – September 24
  - FIACTA(P) – November 24
  - FTEE (Practical) – December 2024 at Medanta, Delhi
  - He informed the house that we are looking for a center in Delhi similar to VASA for conducting FTEE Practical in DEC.
- Foreign candidates for FTEE exam
  - He informed the house that we are now opening our FTEE program to candidates from other countries.
  - The ICCA board and IACTA EC have already approved the same. Protocols and other guidelines will be uploaded in the website soon.
  - During the meeting, Dr. Nedumaran inquired whether the matter had been discussed in the IACTA EC. Dr. Rajesh Arya explained that the first proposal had been drafted and discussed in the curriculum committee before being presented to the ICCA board. It was then presented to the IACTA EC where it was discussed and approved. Dr. Vaishali asked about the qualifications required to become supervisors, to which Dr. Rajesh Arya replied that anyone who has 10 years of experience after obtaining TEE certification can qualify. Dr. Vaishali emphasized the importance of recertification, and Dr. Rajesh Arya clarified that it is mandatory for all FTEE holders to undergo recertification after 10 years.
  - GBM approval was proposed by Dr. Gopinath and seconded by Dr. Krishna.
- Registrar as an ex-officio in the ICCA board after completion of the term
  - Dr. Rajesh suggested this and requested that the GBM approve it. He explained that it would facilitate a smooth transition. Dr. Rajesh Chand proposed the approval, and Dr. Suresh Nair seconded it.
  - Dr. Rajesh Arya suggested that in the absence of the Registrar of ICCA, the Dean Exam would perform the registrar's duties. The proposal for GBM approval was made by Dr. Suresh Chengode and seconded by Dr. R.K. Kaushal.
- Validation or legality of TEE report by FTEE qualified and DM or DrNB( cardiac anesthesia) qualified
 

A few members raised the issue of non-recognition of perioperative echo reports done by DM or DrNB (cardiac aesthesia), who are qualified cardiac anaesthesiologists, to the IACTA secretariat by email. They were not able to sign the echo report. NMC guidelines also didn't recognize. As per the discussion in the EC meeting, I decided to write a letter to the NMC from IACTA. The letter will be drafted in consultation with ICCA. It was also decided to write a letter to the NMC/DNB to endorse the FIACTA curriculum.
- Dr. Rajesh Arya informed that there are no applicants for Honorary FIACTA and requested people to apply for it.
- Issue of FIACTA at HN hospital
 

He informed me that since there is no recognized FIACTA teachers at present, he requested not to apply for the fellowship at the above hospital.
- Re-evaluation of FIACTA theory paper



He informed that last year, we received a request for re-evaluation of the FIACTA theory paper from a candidate. After a discussion with the EC, it was decided to check the total marks and cross-check them. This will be referred to the Dean of Exams.

- FTEE log book issue
  - The log book case distribution and guidelines will be uploaded to the website. The candidate must submit the log book one month before the practical exam.
- IACTA ECMO Fellowship
  - Discussed and approved by ICCA board, and EC also approved
  - Eligibility criteria for the recognition of the center, and the candidate will be put up in the IACTA website.
  - Details about protocols, procedures and application for center recognition, supervisor, examiners and candidate will be uploaded in the website

#### 8. Associate chief editor of ACA

Dr. Uday Gandhe and Dr. Mukul Kapoor recommended having an Associate Chief Editor position for a smooth transition. The selected individual would assume the role one year before the Chief Editor's tenure ends and complete the actual tenure.

#### 9. Protocols during ceremony

Dr. Suresh Nair brought up the issue of the bylaw violation of the inaugural ceremony. He mentioned that the ceremony should not take more than an hour (54 minutes, to be exact), and only the designated office bearers should be present on the dais as per the bylaw. He also stated that felicitating local stalwarts during the inauguration ceremony is not permissible. Dr. Uday Gandhe agreed that it is important to follow the protocols and procedures for the inauguration ceremony. He requested future organizers to adhere to the protocol by the minute, and emphasized that any deviation from the protocol requires prior intimation and permission from the IACTA Secretary. Dr. Nedumaran suggested uploading the details of the Inauguration ceremony to avoid such deviations in the future. Dr. Suresh Nair emphasized the need to strictly follow the protocols during the Inauguration ceremony and suggested accommodating the felicitation of local people on some other day like GBM.

#### 10. Presentation of the FIACTA/FTEE certificates

During the meeting, Dr. Kamalakkannan suggested presenting the certificates in a more organized way, preferably on the dais. He also recommended having a photography session with the chief guest. Dr. Rajesh Arya informed the group that 48 people were meant to receive certificates, and the EC estimated that this would take 45-60 minutes. Therefore, they decided to call only the toppers and conduct a separate photo session for the others. Dr. Suresh Nair agreed with Dr. Kamalakkannan and emphasized the need to accommodate everyone and present the certificates on the dais. Dr. Uday Gandhe and Dr. Thomas Koshy agreed and assured the group that they would do it better next time.

#### 11. Honouring the outgoing Chief editor of the IEL, Dr. Kumar C

The IACTA president honored Dr. Kumar C, the outgoing IEL chief editor, with a trophy and certificate. The IACTA secretary read out the certificate.

#### 12. The best regional branch award

The FCA Bengaluru was awarded the best regional branch award for its academic activities. On behalf of FCA, Dr. Keshav Murthy received the trophy and certificate from the president of IACTA.

#### 13. Janak Mehta award presentation.

The president gave away the participation certificate to 6 people for the Janak Mehta Award paper presentation. He presented the trophy and winner certificate to Dr. Manisha Sharma. She also received a cheque of Rs 10000 from Dr. Yatin Mehta and Dr. Shilpa.

14. Any other issues with the permission from the chair

Dr. Vaishali suggested to bring new members, next generation to the IACTA/ICCA. She raised the question of whether IACTA spent money on the collars and pins, and the secretary replied no.

15. Speech by outgoing president Dr. Uday Gandhe

He congratulated Dr. Manoj Kamal and Dr. Vinay Kulkarni for the two excellent IACTACON conferences. He was very happy about the FIACTA(P) as the first of its kind. He appreciated the fact that we had the highest number of applicants for the FTEE exams. He said the upgradation of our website is very important. He requested the secretary and other committee members to update the byelaw on the website. He suggested having IACTA central advisers help the organizing team of the IACTACON in terms of financial and other matters. He gave an introduction to IACA (International. Academy of Cardiac Anesthesia). He thanked everyone for their support during his tenure. Dr. Thomas Koshy, the incoming president, presented the trophy and certificate to Dr. Uday Gandhe. Dr. Thomas Koshy honoured the outgoing president Dr. Uday Gandhe, the outgoing president with the trophy and certificate.

16. Speech by the New president Dr. Thomas Koshy

He expressed his gratitude to everyone for allowing him to serve as the President of IACTA. He then presented his mission for the upcoming year. He informed that the ICCA bylaw had been uploaded to the website and that the IACTA bylaw would be updated and posted on the website in the coming months. He also highlighted two initiatives for the year 2024-25: the inclusion of foreign candidates for FTEE and the recertification process for FTEE. He concluded by thanking everyone once again for their support and cooperation.

17. Report by Dr. Kamal Manoj, Organising secretary IACTACON2023(Jodhpur)

He gave some details about the conference: 414 registrations and 4 workshops conducted.

He presented the income and expenditures of IACTACON23. He said a total amount of Rs 2400000 will be given to the national IACTA out of which Rs 10 lakhs was the refund of the loan taken from the IACTA.. Everyone appreciated the organizing team of IACTACON23. He thanked everyone. He presented the cheque to the president, secretary, and treasurer.

18. Report by Dr. Joel Devasia, Organising secretary IACTACON2025, Kochi

He thanked the governing body for giving the opportunity to conduct IACTACON2025. He presented the names of the organizing team. He briefed about the facilities available for conducting the conference in Cochin. He said the theme chosen for the conference was "heart failure." He welcomed all to IACTACON25, Kochi. He also presented a small video.

19. Election results

The secretary asked Dr. Vijay Shetty to announce the results of the election held for various posts. First, he congratulated the election team members for helping him. He said total no of votes casted were 193. He announced the following candidates were elected for the following posts: 1. Associate VP – Dr. Ranjith Karthekeyan. 2. EC members west zone (2 posts) – Dr. Varsha K and Dr. Yogesh Z.

20. Dr. Thomas Koshy presented the trophy and certificate to Dr. Vinay Kulkarni, the organizing secretary, IACTACON 2024. Dr. Thomas Koshy invited the newly elected members to the stage. He read out the entire office bearer's name and welcomed all.

Everyone stood for the national anthem. The president officially closed the GBM.