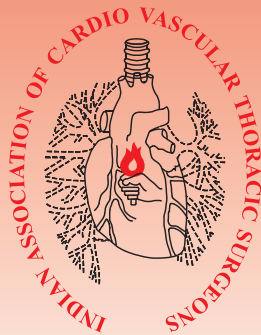


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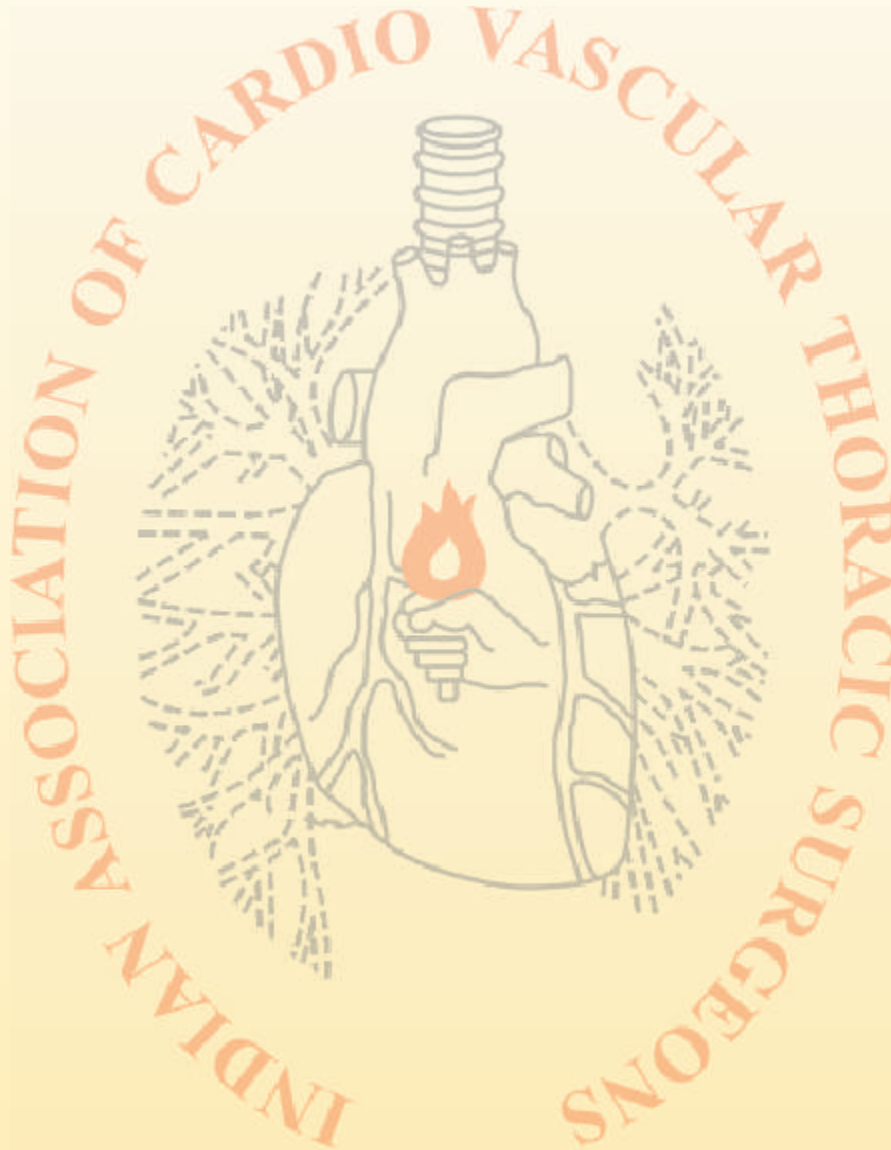
Indian Association of Cardiovascular-thoracic Surgeons

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Dr. Vivek Jawali

WELCOME MESSAGE



Dr. C.P. Srivastava

Dear friends,

Greetings!

We are writing this letter to you to put an end to all the doubts about the CT CON 2009, to be held at Srinagar between May 14-16, 2009.

We travelled to Srinagar along with Executive Committee on April 10 for a pre-conference Executive Committee Meeting, Scientific Committee Meeting and meeting with some of the senior officials of the J&K Government concerned with the Conference.

The beauty of the land was breath taking. All the flights to Srinagar were filled to the brim with middle-class families traveling from all over the country.

Please reserve your tickets TODAY. This year is a bumper tourist season in Kashmir.

And do not forget the window seats... the sights are unforgettable.

Unlike what you read and believe, life is quite normal and cheerful in Srinagar and the streets are filled with tourists.

"The Sher-E-kashmir Intl Convention Complex", the venue of our conference is situated at the Dal Lake, amidst the green mountains, surrounded by serene natural beauty. It is a royal structure which has more than 200 rooms for the delegates to stay, and all our hotels are within 10 minutes vicinity. You also have the choice of staying in a house boat with your families around the convention center.

And this is a very safe and sanitized area.

More than 220 delegates have already registered and 102 abstracts have been received by the Scientific Committee. More than half a dozen foreign speakers have confirmed their attendance.

Shri Omar Abdullah's Government is keen to help us and the Government machinery has gone out of their way to help Prof Ahangar and his team. They have attached a lot of prestige to this meeting. We witnessed two National medical conferences at the time of our visit, and were informed by the Director of Health Services that 32 medical conferences have been lined up in 2009 at Srinagar.

The infrastructure is more than adequate.

ELECTIONS IN J&K ARE OVER ON APRIL 13. THE LAST PHASE OF ELECTIONS ARE IN BARAMULLA, FAR AWAY FROM SRINAGAR.

Unlike the bitterly fought assembly elections, parliamentary elections are a lukewarm affair in Kashmir.

The theme of the conference is "Beyond CABG" and a good scientific programme is arranged by the Scientific Committee which will be on www.iacts.org

Prof. M.S. Valiathan will be delivering the keynote address and Indian seniors like Dr. KM Cherian, Dr. Naresh Trehan, Dr. Devi Shetty, Dr. Ramakanth Panda will be speaking on interesting topics ranging from Tissue Engineering to Entrepreneurship.

The Conference will be only for 3 days. The CME is on May 14 and the Conference is on May 15 & 16.

Prof Ahangar and a united & enthusiastic team of cardiac surgeons & medical students at Srinagar are busy with arrangements and are excitedly waiting your arrival. This Conference will truly spur the growth of cardiac surgery in Srinagar.

We, THE GENERAL BODY OF IACTS, have overwhelmingly voted Srinagar as the venue for 2009, with an intent to do our "squirrel's bit" to help normalization of Kashmir.

Please keep your promise and attend CTCON 2009 at Srinagar as your National duty.

See you at Srinagar!

Jai Hind!

Long live IACTS!

DR. VIVEK JAWALI
President, IACTS

DR. C.P. SRIVASTAVA
Secretary, IACTS



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009, SRINAGAR

The 55th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons will be held from 14th May to 16th May 2009 at Sher-I-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar

The CME is scheduled for 14th May 2009. The Conference on 15th & 16th May 2009.

Dr. M D Dixit will be delivering the C.S. Sadasivan Oration and Dr. SV Krishna will deliver the Godrej S. Karai Oration

The Organising Secretary of the 55th Annual Conference is Dr. A G Ahangar. The scientific committee has finalised the Scientific programme.

If you have any queries regarding the conference kindly contact the Organising Secretary.

Dr. A G Ahangar

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IACCTS BENEVOLENT FUND

CTCON-95 has donated Rs. 23,91,003.85 to start Benevolent Fund. This will be operational from next year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2008-2009

Dr. Vivek Jawali has guided our association as President for the year 2008-2009. Dr. Rajan Santosham will take over as President and Dr. James Thomas as Senior Vice President after the Annual General Body Meeting.

Dr. Vivek Jawali, President and Dr. JMS Khandeparkar, Jt. Secretary cum Treasurer are retiring along with Dr. P.S. Seetharama Bhat & Dr. S. Raghupathi who were Executives members while. Dr. R. M. Mathur, Dr. Vijoy Sinha, Dr. Ashutosh Raghuvanshi & Dr. (Brig.) Manoj Luthra will continue as Executive members.

ELECTION 2009

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POST OF JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT (ONE VACANCY)

Dr. Ashok Hishikar, Mumbai
Dr. Dillip Kumar Mishra, Chennai
Dr. S Raghupathi, Chennai

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POST OF JOINT SECRETARY CUM TREASURER (ONE VACANCY)

Dr. Nandkishor Babulal Agarwal, Mumbai

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (TWO VACANCIES)

Dr. P S Seetharama Bhat, Bangalore
Dr. Rajkumar Yadav, Jaipur
Dr. Vijay Kumar Gupta, Delhi

BRIEF BIO DATA OF THE CONTESTING CANDIDATES

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ashok Hishikar

- Head of Deptt., Cardiac Surgery, Nanavati Hospital
- Visiting Prof. Cardiac Surgery, Medical College Raipur C.G.
- Formerly Hon. Prof. Grant Medical College 1994
- Executive Member IACCTS, 1992
- Hon. Fellow of IACCTS 1992
- Starr Ahmed Fellowship 1995



- Joint Secretary cum Treasurer, IACTS 1997
- Prestigious Godrej Karai Oration, IACTS Conference, Bhopal 1999
- Prestigious A K Basu Visitor Professorship Award, IACTS Conference, Jaipur 2007

Dr. Dillip Kumar Mishra

- Presently consultant cardiovascular surgeon, Apollo Hospital, Chennai
- Passed M.Ch. from PGI, Chandigarh
- Worked in University of Milan (Ospedale San Donato) under World Science Fellowship from 1988-90
- Was National Coordinator for "Cardiomyoplasty" and "TMR" programme in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1993-97)
- Established Cardiac units in Dhaka & Colombo

Dr. S Raghupathi

- CTVS Surgeon since 1983, Trained more than 100 M.Ch. CTVS & M.S. PGs.
- IMA Sec. Madras 1991-96.
- Retired as Professor CTVS, Madras Medical College
- Presently Prof. & HOD, CTVS Meenakshi Medical College Kanchipuram
- Ph.D. Guide 20 Medical & Para Medical Graduates at Vels & Meenakshi University.
- Currently IACTS Executive Member from 3 years
- Examiner UG & PGs from 15 years
- Rural heart camps 600, about 100 free heart surgery-Erode
- New projects given to Meenakshi Medical College -165 new courses & low budget heart surgery schemes

JOINT SECRETARY CUM TREASURER (ONE VACANCY)

Dr. Nandkishor Babulal Agarwal

- Worked as staff in CTVS Dept. KEM Hospital, Mumbai since 22 years.
- Now working as Professor and Unit Chief at Dept. CTVS KEM Hospital since 3 years.
- Has performed more than 3500 open heart procedures including CABG, congenital heart surgery & valve replacement.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr. P S Seetharama Bhat

- Prof. of Cardiac Surgery, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, 18 years in Cardiac Surgery
- Organising Secretary 2006 Bangalore Conference
- Member Executive Committee IACTS 2006-2009
- Starr Ahmed Fellow 1998
- Wants to complete the unfinished agenda in the IACTS executive committee.

Dr. Raj Kumar Yadav

- Presently Assistant Professor Dept. of CTVS, SMS Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur.
- Joint secretary of CTCON-98 and CTCON-2007.
- Completed Dr. G.C. Sharma fellowship 2008-09.
- Nominated for Indo-Hungarian Educational exchange programme.
- Gained Experience of more than 2000 cardiac, vascular, thoracic and esophageal surgeries.



Dr. Vijay Kumar Gupta

- He did M.Ch. (CTVS) from G B Pant Hospital, Delhi in 1985. Later he worked as professor & Head at Wanless Hospital, Miraj Maharashtra and KMC Manipal Medical College.
- Fellow at Texas Heart Institute, Houston, USA & Paediatric Cardiac Surgical Fellow at Prince of Wales, Children Hospital, Sydney.
- In 1998 he joined Central Health Services & established CTVS Dept. in RML Hospital, New Delhi

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting CTCON 2009 will be held at 5 pm on May 15th at the Sher-I-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar

FELLOWSHIP CERTIFICATE

The fellowship certificates will be awarded by the president of our association during General Body Meeting.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Dr. C. P. Srivastava

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 15th, 2009 AT SRINAGAR

1. Welcome address by the Secretary
2. Condolence for Dr. Sebastian Sathiyar Nesan
3. Presidents opening remarks
4. Appointment of the polling officers
5. Election
 - Junior Vice President
 - Joint Secretary cum Treasurer
 - Executive Members
6. Approval of the minutes of the Mid Term General Body Meeting held on 20.09.2008 at Puttaparthi
7. Annual Report of the Secretary
8. Adoption of the Secretary's report
9. Annual report by the treasurer
10. Editor's report
11. Approval of the New members
12. Approval of the selection of the candidates for Fellowship/ Orations/ Visiting Professorship.
 - C.S Sadasivan Oration
 - Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration
 - Reeve H Betts Fellowship
 - S.S Anand Fellowship
 - G C Sharma Fellowship
 - K. Basu Visiting Professorship
13. Awarding Certificates & fellowship
14. Subjects for symposia 57th Annual Conference
15. Any other matter with the permission of the chair
16. Invitation from the Organising Secretary of the 56th Annual conference of IACTS combined with Asian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery at New Delhi
17. Announcement of results of Election 2009
18. Vote of thanks by Joint Secretary

Obituary

Tribute to Dr. Sebastian Sathiya Nesan



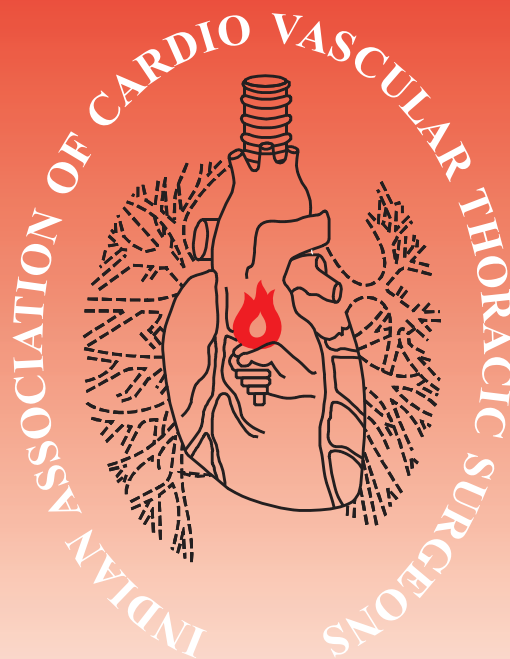
(18.05.1968 -19.08.2008)

Dr. Sebastian Sathiya Nesan was born in Tirunelveli, Palayamkotta on 18th may 1968. He graduated from the Tirunelveli Medical College in 1991. He completed his M.S. General Surgery in 1998 and M.Ch. Cardiothoracic surgery from the Madras Medical College in 2002 and subsequently joined the faculty of Madras Medical College as Assistant Professor till 2004. He joined the department of cardiothoracic surgery at the Sri Ramachandra University in 2005 and was appointed Associate Professor in 2007.

Dr. Sathiya Nesan was a happy go lucky guy who lived for the moment and always had a smile on his face. He had a very positive attitude at work and always thought that the impossible was nonexistent. At work he developed a recent interest in pediatric cardiac surgery. He was a familiar face at many annual and regional conferences. His greatest quality was to make friends easily and without reservation.

We miss his company and will always remember him as a colleague and friend.

He is survived by his wife Mary Vanaja, daughter Mariana Chatrion and son Kevin Mcenroe. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.



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