

# INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR THORACIC SURGEONS

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



*Dear Friends,*

On behalf of the IACTS Executive Council, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your sincere efforts, contribution and active participation in the IACTSCON 2015 held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the organising team for all the arrangements. It was wonderful to meet and interact with seasoned and aspiring professionals from varied domains. We hope everyone benefitted from this conference and will have very memorable experiences to cherish.

This newsletter carries an overview of IACTSCON 2015. It talks about the venue, participation details at the regional and international level, scientific programme, award paper winners, etc.

We had a very good award paper session at the conference. The winner, Dr. Pooja Shetty (Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Bengaluru) will be sponsored by IACTS to participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (ASCVTS) to be held in May 2015 at Hongkong. The first runner up, Dr. Nischal Rajendra Pandya (Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru) and the second runner up Dr. Maruti Y Haranal (Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru) will be sponsored to participate in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of IACTS, IACTSCON 2016 at Lucknow. It will be helpful if we start working out on the rudiments of IACTSCON 2016 to be held from 18 – 21 February 2016 at Lucknow.

We would like to thank all the old members for their guidance and support, and warmly welcome all the new members to IACTS. We look forward to a very professional, inspiring and a meaningful association in the days to come. The names of all the new members registered in 2014 and 2015 are provided in the newsletter.

The CTCME and Mid Term General Body Meeting will be held on 21 & 22 August 2015, at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh. This CTCME will be informative for the Junior and Postgraduate surgeons. Kindly make use of this opportunity.

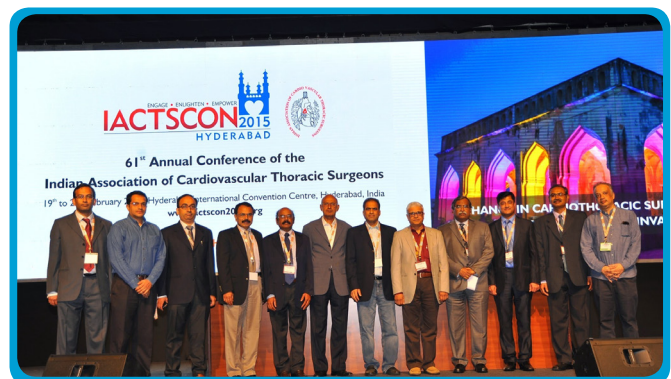
The Thoracic CME will be organised in November 2015 at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The exact dates will be announced later.

As already informed, our website, [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org) is active. We are in the process of uploading important information, award papers and details about forthcoming events on the website. We are also working on developing our national registry and database to enable registration and retrieval of all data from our website. At present, it has been decided to store all the data according to different States. Individual members can retrieve their hospital data using their login details.

**We request everyone to provide correct and complete details while registering online. Please upload your picture so that we can issue a photo ID membership card for all the members.**

**Please visit [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org) to register online.**

IACTSCON 2015 - HICC, Hyderabad



The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons (IACTSCON 2015) was held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (popularly known as HICC), Hyderabad, from 19 - 22 February 2015. The theme of the conference was "Change in Cardiothoracic Surgery through Technological Invasion".

**VENUE:** HICC with custom designed conference halls, meeting rooms and banqueting facilities, offered all the comforts in a cool and serene environment for all the delegates in attendance. The ambience was matched by state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment and technical support for the smooth and seamless conduct of the sessions.

**PARTICIPATION:** The conference was attended by 1022 pre-registered delegates and 117 spot registrants. 75 physician assistants participated and had a dedicated one-day session for the first time in a national conference. 138 cardiovascular nurses attended the dedicated nursing session during the conference. Several national and international luminaries participated as faculty in the conference. The key feature of this year's meeting was an effort to bring delegates from neighbouring countries through SAARC Forum, which was attended by 13 surgeon delegates from Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Dubai, South Korea, China and also the African continent.

**INDUSTRY:** The industry extended great support in organising this conference.



**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME:** Significant thought, time and planning went into charting a course for the business end of the Annual Meeting—the scientific programme. Out of the 869 abstracts received, 442 were accepted that was meticulously screened, sorted and peer-reviewed. The programme was broadly classified as Acquired, Congenital and Thoracic sessions with forenoon plenary sessions and afternoon dedicated parallel sessions according to the broad streams of interest. There were five prestigious orations and memorial lectures of the IACTS. Important invited lectures, keynote address, the president's address and symposia completed the scientific programme in the forenoon sessions.

Free paper submissions were classified into oral and poster presentations, which were sub-categorised into 15-minute (63) and 10-minute (103) talks for the oral presentations. Posters were categorised as Moderated (102) and E-posters (124) for the presentations. The 15-minute papers were conducted in the early morning session, ahead of the plenary. For the first time, effort was made to involve invited discussants for the 15-minute free papers.

The award paper session was robust. All the presenters had submitted the manuscript ahead of the presentation. The best paper award was bagged by Dr. Pooja Shetty. The first runner up was Dr. Nischal Rajendra Pandya and the second runner up was Dr. Maruti Y Haranal.

The Andhra Pradesh Medical Council had awarded 8 CME credits for the attendance at the IACTSCON 2015.

**WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA:** The highlight of the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting was the VATS Workshop, which was eagerly sought and well attended. It was preceded by a didactic session on basics of VATS and its clinical applications. Participants had a hands-on experience of VATS dissection, lobectomy and segmentectomy. There were also meet-the-expert sessions, wire skill sessions, large and small vessel anastomosis skills, lunch symposia and dinner symposia.

## — Honorary Overseas Fellowship 2015 —

We congratulate the following members on attaining the fellowship:

Dr. David Taggart  
Dr. Joseph A Pearani  
Dr. Prakash P Punjabi  
Dr. Ravi Pillai  
Dr. Shunji Sano





## Lifetime Achievement Award 2015

We congratulate the following members on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award:

Dr. S. Muralidharan  
Dr. A.P. Chaukar  
Dr. Prof. Debabrata Mittra

## ELECTIONS 2015

We congratulate the following elected members:



Junior Vice President  
Dr. Anand Sancheti  
Nagpur



Joint Secretary & Treasurer  
Dr. Zainulabedin Ismail Hamdulay  
Mumbai



Executive Committee  
Member  
Dr. Dhaval Naik Dinkerrai  
Gujarat



Executive Committee  
Member  
Dr. Shailesh Jain  
Faridabad

## 2018 Annual Meeting - Visakhapatnam

### Dr. Karunakara Padhy - Organising Secretary

The Executive Committee thank [Dr. C.P. Srivastava](#) (*Senior Vice President*), [Dr. K.N. Bhosle](#) (*Joint Secretary & Treasurer*) and the outgoing members [Dr. Jacob Jamesraj](#) and [Dr. Abha Chandra](#) for their outstanding services to the association during their tenure.

The following amendments were proposed and passed during the General Body Meeting, IACTSCON 2015, HICC, Hyderabad on 20 February 2015:

- The Organising Chairman/Secretary of all CTCMEs/National Conferences will be eligible to contest for any post of the Association only after the submission and approval of their conference accounts by the Executive Committee.
- The Organising Secretary of annual conference has to submit their conference accounts to the General Body during the forthcoming annual conference.
- Eligibility criteria for fellowship:
  - Completion of five full membership years
  - Attendance for three annual conferences
  - Minimum of two publications in IJCTVS
- Conversion of printed newsletter to e-newsletter only after majority of members register in the website.
- Conducting certification exam for surgical PAs and offering associate membership to the candidates who obtain the certificates.
- Editors tenure to be changed from the present 3 years to 5 years. The next Editor could be selected at the end of the fourth year, so he could have apprenticeship for one year before he starts his term.

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting - IACTSCON 2016, Lucknow



62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of IACTS - IACTSCON 2016  
18 – 21 February 2016

The following members were approved in the General Body meeting during IACTSCON 2015, Hyderabad

### Membership 2014

No.	Members	Place	Membership Category	Membership No.
1	Dr. Sajiv K Paul	Kerala	L	20142031
2	Dr. Nageswar Rao Jinaga	Puttaparthi	L	20142032
3	Dr. Sumit Chopra	Haryana	L	20142033
4	Dr. M.C. Rajkumar	Trivandrum	L	20142034
5	Dr. Rajesh Venkataraman	Chennai	L	20142035
6	Dr. Bejoy Philip	Trivandrum	L	20142036
7	Dr. Krishna Kishor Srinivasan	Coimbatore	L	20105025
8	Dr. Soni Bharat	Maharashtra	L	20142037
9	Dr. L. Vijay	Bengaluru	L	20142038
10	Dr. Dinesh Chandra	New Delhi	L	20142039
11	Dr. Ajeya Joshi	Karnataka	L	20142041
12	Dr. Kishor Joshi	Rajasthan	L	20142042
13	Dr. Mistari Mahesh Jagan	Maharashtra	L	20142043
14	Dr. Rajat Saxena	New Delhi	L	20142044
15	Dr. Gundre Nitin Pradeep	Ahmednagar Dist.	L	20142045
16	Dr. Sanjay B S	Bengaluru	L	20142046
17	Dr. Javed Ahamed Khan	Abu Dhabi	L	20142047
18	Dr. Saket Singh	Varanasi	L	20142048
19	Dr. Manoj Durairaj	Pune	L	20142049
20	Dr. Nirmal Kanti Dey	Bangladesh	Overseas Life Member SAARC Countries	20144040

### Membership 2015

No.	Members	Place	Membership Category	Membership No.
1	Dr. Abhishek Rewalal Parmar	Ahmedabad	L	20152001
2	Dr. Rohit Ravindra Tanga	Bengaluru	L	20152002
3	Dr. Sandeep Agarwala	Ahmedabad	L	20152003
4	Dr. Gananjay Gopalrao Salve	Maharashtra	L	20152004
5	Dr. Bhavin Narendra Desai	Ahmedabad	L	20152005
6	Dr. Sreevathsa K S Prasad	Bengaluru	L	20152006
7	Dr. Durga Prasad Rath	Cuttack	L	20152007
8	Dr. Nirmal Kumar	New Delhi	L	20152008
9	Dr. A.R. Krishna Prasad	Telangana	L	20152009
10	Dr. Chittaranjan S J	Bengaluru	L	20152010
11	Dr. Rajeswara Adulari	Secunderabad	L	20152011
12	Dr. Mukesh Kumawat	Varanasi	L	20152012
13	Dr. Mahesh Haribhau Kedar	Beed, Aurangabad	L	20152013
14	Dr. Anand Deodhar	Aurangabad	L	19935023
15	Dr. Nitin Kumar Rajput	Uttar Pradesh	L	20105026
16	Dr. Shiv Sagar Mandiye	Chhattisgarh	L	20075004
17	Dr. Arun Kanala	Hyderabad	L	20152014
18	Dr. Vishal Dhir	Ghaziabad	L	20152015
19	Dr. Kavita	Himachal Pradesh	L	20152016
20	Dr. Himanshu Pratap	Bihar	L	20152017
21	Dr. Shashi Prakash	Bihar	L	20152018
22	Dr. Kaushik Mukherjee	West Bengal	L	20152019
23	Dr. Vivek Wadhawa	Raipur	L	20152020





No.	Members	Place	Membership Category	Membership No.
24	Dr. Manish Kumar Hinduja	Madhya Pradesh	L	20152021
25	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Khulbey	Hyderabad	L	20152022
26	Dr. Vasudev Baburaya Pai	Manipal	L	20152023
27	Dr. Ravi Chandra Jaraganahalli Basavaraj	Bengaluru	L	20152024
28	Dr. Nitin Jain	Gujarat	L	20152025
29	Dr. Shivakumara Swamy Siddalingaiah Tumkur	Bengaluru	L	20152026
30	Dr. Balasubramani R	Maharashtra	L	20152027
31	Dr. Kshitij Dubey	Indore	L	20152028
32	Dr. Vishal Agarwal	Uttar Pradesh	L	20152029
33	Dr. Moti Lal Megavath	Guntur	L	20152030
34	Dr. Samir Gyaneshwar Marghade	Maharashtra	L	20152031
35	Dr. Mayuresh Pradhan	Nasik	L	20152032
36	Dr. Chaitanya Shete	Ahmednagar	L	20152033
37	Dr. Mohit Saxena	Gujarat	L	20152034
38	Dr. Swapnil Deshpande	Nagpur	L	20152035
39	Dr. Shailendra Bathini	Andhra Pradesh	L	20152036
40	Dr. Rama Krishna Uppliluri	Andhra Pradesh	L	20152037
41	Dr. Satish Javali	Mumbai	L	20152038
42	Dr. Niraj Satish Kale	Maharashtra	L	20152039
43	Dr. Deepak Arkalgud	Karnataka	L	20152040
44	Dr. Jeevesh John Thomas	Trivandrum	L	20152041
45	Dr. Kunal Deepak Kotkar	Mumbai	L	20152042
46	Dr. Vikram Aerra	Hyderabad	L	20152043
47	Dr. Miswar V Ahamed	Kerala	L	20152044
48	Dr. Saikrishna Yendamuri	Andhra Pradesh	L	20152045
49	Dr. Lokesh Shekher Jaiswal	Bihar	L	20152046
50	Dr. Madhusudana N	Bengaluru	L	20152047
51	Dr. Austin Raj R S	Trivandrum	L	20152048
52	Dr. Abdul Bari Farookee	Uttar Pradesh	L	20152049
53	Dr. Sivaprasad V	Trivandrum	L	20152050
54	Dr. Jateendar Kumar	Maharashtra	L	20152051
55	Dr. Veenu Kaul Aima	Haryana	L	20152052
56	Dr. Venkata Ramana Kumar Guddati	Visakhapatnam	L	20152053
57	Dr. Abdul Riyad Poolamanna	Kerala	L	20152054
58	Dr. Manish Pangti	Bengaluru	L	20152055
59	Dr. Santosh Shah	Nepal	L	20152056
60	Dr. Dinesh Chapagain	Nepal	L	20152057
61	Dr. Sartaj Hussain Bukkapatnam	R R Dist	L	20152058
62	Dr. Karumanchi V Muralidharan	Chennai	L	20152059
63	Dr. Bipeenchandra Bhamre	Mumbai	L	20152060
64	Dr. Kodhandapani Chunduru	Andhra Pradesh	L	20152061
65	Dr. Madhusudan Kummari	Telangana	L	20152062
66	Dr. Satyapriya Mohanty	Orissa	L	20152063
67	Dr. Vedanth G	Secunderabad	L	20152064
68	Dr. Parag Sheth	Ahmedabad	L	20152065
69	Dr. Rakesh R	Karnataka	L	20152066
70	Dr. Subhash Sardarsingh Rajput	Lucknow	L	20152067

No.	Members	Place	Membership Category	Membership No.
71	Dr. Shridhar G Padagatti	Mumbai	L	20152068
72	Dr. Raghu Singh Kanwar	Himachal Pradesh	L	20152070
73	Dr. V.N. Govinda Rajan	Bengaluru	L	20152071
74	Dr. Dipak Choudhury	Assam	L	20152072
75	Dr. Tanveer Ahmed Khan	Bengaluru	L	20152073
76	Dr. Sanjay Kumar	New Delhi	L	20152074
77	Dr. Dilip Kumar Ratti	Hyderabad	L	20152075
78	Dr. Murali Krishna	Bengaluru	L	20152076
79	Dr. Bikash Rai Das	Assam	L	20152080
80	Dr. George Jose Valooran	Kerala	L	20152081
81	Dr. Krishnan Chandrasekharan Nair	Kerala	L	20152082

## Associate Members

No.	Members	Place	Membership Category	Membership No.
1	Dr. Mathew Thomas	Birmingham, UK	A	20155069
2	Dr. Yogesh M Jawale	Maharashtra	A	20155077
3	Dr. Santosh Kumar Dangeti	Andhra Pradesh	A	20155078
4	Dr. Sanath Kumar Sekar	Madurai	A	20155079

## Award Paper Session

We congratulate the following award paper session winners:



**Dr. Pooja Shetty**

**DNB Trainee (4<sup>th</sup> year – CTVS (Direct 6 years course))**

**Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Bengaluru**

**Topic : Surgical Strategies in the Management of Anomalous Origin of Left Coronary Artery from Pulmonary Artery (Alcapa) in Different Age Groups-A 14.**



IACTS will sponsor the winner for 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (ASCVTS), May 2015, Hongkong.



**1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up**

**Dr. Nischal Rajendra Pandya**

**Attending Consultant**

**Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru**

**Topic: Subxiphoid (Sternal Sparing)**

**Approach for Minimal Access Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up**

**Dr. Maruti Y Haranal**

**Attending Consultant**

**Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru**

**Topic: A Novel Custom Made Mitral**

**Annuloplasty Ring-Six Years Experience.**



IACTS will sponsor both the runners for 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of IACTS, IACTSCON 2016, Lucknow

## Obituary



**Dr. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Anand Mohan Ahuja, AVSM**

**FRCS**

**(1 November 1923 – 19 February 2015)**

Pioneering Cardio-Thoracic surgeon of the Indian Armed Forces Medical Services, Dr. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Anand Mohan Ahuja passed away recently at the ripe age of 91 peacefully at Bengaluru.

He was born in Lyallpur in Punjab of undivided India in 1923. Anand completed his medical education from Lahore Medical College, now in Pakistan. He joined the Armed Forces and served the country with great distinction. Anand took up cardio-thoracic surgery and cardiology, and became one of the pillars in his specialty in Indian Armed Forces. He became the Lt. General and won decorations for his distinguished service.



Based on his academic brilliance and his inclination, he was sent to the UK for his FRCS, to Yugoslavia for training in Cardiac Surgery and to Washington, DC, USA for training in open heart surgery. Lung surgery, started in the Indian Army as early as 1945 by Leigh Collis of Birmingham, UK, was refined by him to a fine art and he was greatly responsible for laying the foundation for a very impressive series of nearly four thousand lung operations that followed at the then only cardiothoracic centre of the Armed Forces at the 'barrack hospital' in Aundh, near Pune. He also standardised the closed heart procedures like Closed Mitral Valvotomy so that they could be replicated with consistent good results.

But his greatest contribution was pioneering open heart surgery in the Indian Armed Forces. As early as 1967, dog experiments were conducted to familiarise the team with the steps of open heart surgery. First few cases of Atrial Septal Defect were done in 1969. Needless to say only pioneers can internalise the trials and tribulations, the agony and the ecstasy of those early days. By the time he was elevated as Senior Adviser and later Professor of Surgery at the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune in 1975, he had already built up a good team of surgeons, anaesthesiologists, theatre and ICU nurses to continue the good work. For his untiring efforts he was awarded the AVSM (Ati Visishta Seva Medal) by the President of India. More importantly, the vibrant centres of cardiothoracic surgery which have multiplied to four in the Armed Forces and which are doing commendable work have been built on the foundation laid by him.

A man of few words, his comments in scientific meetings was pertinent, incisive and reflected a great deal of professional wisdom. He was a perfectionist and a man who established systems in surgical practice which are being followed profitably even today. He carried this experience into general surgery and introduced much needed protocols in ICUs and operation theatres across the Armed Forces. He retired in the rank of Lt. General as Chief Consultant, greatly admired by his patients and students.

After his retirement from the Army, he had a second innings as a consultant general surgeon in the Police Hospital in Oman where to the astonishment of his colleagues, he performed many surgical procedures with great efficiency and success despite the long years of break from general surgery. In his final years, apart from attending a charitable clinic, he played golf.

He shall long be remembered as a surgeon of great calibre, a builder of institutions, a teacher who demanded and often got perfection from his students, a meticulous man who answered every letter personally and a warm human being who participated in social get-togethers with great gusto.

Adieu, AM! We'll miss you.

**Note: We would like to thank Dr. (Brig.) R.S. Rajan for this well-written, thoughtful note on Dr. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Anand Mohan Ahuja.**

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