



# INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR THORACIC SURGEONS

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



On behalf of IACTS Executive Council, we wish you all a very happy, prosperous and a healthy New Year.

2014 has been a great year, we achieved most of our targets, and we thank each and every one of you for the unstinted support and dedication that helped us to accomplish the common goal of taking forward IACTS. We had a fulfilling year with many activities, which included lot of enriching teaching programmes and workshops. This year too we have many programmes lined up, and are sure that we will be able to plan, execute and achieve success with your support and encouragement.

Now, it's that time of the year when we all are busy getting prepared for the IACTS annual conference. It is indeed a great pleasure in welcoming you all to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference IACTSCON 2015 to be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) from 19 – 22 February 2015.

The organising team deserves appreciation for the hard work and efforts taken for all the ongoing arrangements for this conference. I am sure IACTSCON 2015 will be a productive, meaningful and yet another successful event.

The prestigious **C.S. Sadasivan Oration** will be delivered by **Dr. Prasada Rao**, the **Godrej S. Karai Oration** will be delivered by **Dr. Abha Chandra** and the keynote address will be delivered by **Dr. K. Radhakrishnan** (Former Chairman, ISRO)

***We are still missing many members at [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org)***

**Our website [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org) is active.**

Registration of members on the website is on an encouraging but slow pace. We are also in the process of preparing and issuing a photo ID membership card for all the members of IACTS. So, we request you to register your details, upload your photo, and help us connect better.

## General Body Meeting



**The Annual General Body meeting will be held on  
20 February 2015 at 5.30 p.m. at  
IACTSCON 2015, HICC, Hyderabad**

We would like the honourable members of the association to deliberate on certain issues and communicate your thoughts and suggestions during the General Body meeting. We are also planning to make some changes in our constitution. We request you to go through the proposed amendments.

- The Organising Chairman/Secretary of all CTCMEs/National Conferences will be eligible to contest for any post in 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 of three annual conferences.
  - Two publications in IJCTVS.
- Conversion to e-newsletter only after majority of members register online (at [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org)).
- Conducting certification exam for surgery Physician Assistants and offering associate membership to the candidates who obtain the certificates.
- To initiate fellowships offered by the association for training in India/ abroad.
- Editor's tenure to be changed from 3 years to 5 years. The next Editor will be selected at the end of the fourth year to enable apprenticeship for one year before he starts his term.

**Topics for symposia are welcome for 2016 & 2017**

## CTCME - CARDIO VASCULAR, 12 & 13 September 2014 at Madurai



The Mid Term CTCME of 2014 was held at Madurai on 12 & 13 September, 2014. The focus of the CTCME was on all aspects of cardiac surgery with special emphasis for postgraduates appearing for examinations. About 250 postgraduate students participated in the two-day CTCME which was inaugurated by the Dean of Madurai Medical College, Captain Dr. B. Santha Kumar in presence of the Dr. Rajan, Dr. M.R. Girinath, Dr. Balanayagam (Organising Secretary), Dr. V. Sridhar (Organising Chairman). The entire gamut of cardiac surgery was covered. All the specialties were represented by leading surgeons from across the country. The Executive Committee also met in the sidelines of the CME, and the Mid Term General Body meeting was also held.

## IACVTS CTCME THORACIC, 5 & 6 December 2014 at Vellore



The Association's CME for the year 2014 was conducted by the Department of Cardiothoracic surgery, Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore on 5 & 6 December, 2014. The response from the trainees was overwhelming. The CME was conducted for the students appearing for examinations. The faculty included senior general thoracic surgeons who were seasoned Mch and DNB examiners. The President and the Secretary of IACVTS along with the Principal of CMC, Vellore, graced the inauguration ceremony held on the first day. Prof. Bhabhatosh Biswas, Prof. Rajan Santosham, Prof. Srikrishna, Prof. Sasankh, Dr. Dewan and Dr. Rajiv Santosham were among the visiting faculty. Institutional faculty included Prof. Roy Gnanamuthu and Prof. Madhu Phillip and other professors of related specialties like Anaesthesia, Radiology, Thoracic Oncology and Pulmonary medicine. Prof. Roy Korula, former professor and Head of the Department of Cardiothoracic surgery in the institution proposed the vote of thanks.

## Upcoming Meetings in 2015

Techno College, 10 & 11 April 2015

CT CME, 21 & 22 August 2015

Thoracic CME, 4 & 5 December 2015



## Members approved during CTCME held at Madurai, 12 & 13 September 2014

No.	Members	Place	Membership Type		Membership Number
1	Dr. Hemachandren M	Puducherry	LIFE	L	20142005
2	Dr. Krishna Kant Sahu	Kerala	LIFE	L	20142006
3	Dr. Ram Sankar Padmanabhan	Puducherry	LIFE	L	20142007
4	Dr. Parashi Hrishikesh Sukhadeo	Maharashtra	LIFE	L	20142008
5	Dr. Chavan Suraj Laxman	Pune	LIFE	L	20142009
6	Dr. Mali Pranav Ashutosh	Maharashtra	LIFE	L	20142010
7	Dr. Kochar Nitin Prakash	Maharashtra	LIFE	L	20142011
8	Dr. Ajay Sharma	Rajasthan	LIFE	L	20142012
9	Dr. Patil Ravivarma Golidappagowda Patil	Hubli	LIFE	L	20142013
10	Dr. Remananda Krishnanand Pai	Tamil Nadu	LIFE	L	20142014
11	Dr. Venkata Anil Chandra Dronamraju	Andhra Pradesh	LIFE	L	20055043
12	Dr. Venkata Vijay K	Secunderabad	LIFE	L	20025045
13	Dr. Ramesh H.C	Karnataka	LIFE	L	20142016
14	Dr. Kolwalkar Jagannath Premanand	Goa	LIFE	L	20142017
15	Dr. Nikhil Prakash Patil	United Kingdom	LIFE	L	20144020
16	Dr. Mohd. Azam Haseen	Uttar Pradesh	LIFE	L	20142023
17	Dr. Chidanand Bedjirgi	Karnataka	LIFE	L	20085026
18	Dr. Giridhar Hariprasad	Karnataka	LIFE	L	20142024
19	Dr. Smartin Abraham	Kerala	LIFE	L	20142025
20	Dr. Sanjay Theodore A.C.	Tamil Nadu	LIFE	L	20142026
21	Dr. Tripti Talapatra	West Bengal	LIFE	L	20142027
22	Dr. Aandrei Jivendra Jha	Nepal	Overseas Life Member SAARC Countries	O	20144028
23	Dr. Thiruthani Kumaran Mangalam Murugesan	Karnataka	LIFE	L	20142029
24	Dr. P.N Krishna Kumar	Kerala	LIFE	L	20142030
25	Dr. R. Sanjeev Pandian	Tamil Nadu	LIFE	L	20115004

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

No.	Members	Place	Membership Type		Membership Number
1	Dr. Ashtaputre Yatindra	Maharashtra	Associate (Cardiac)	A	20145015
2	Dr. Swaminathan V	Tamil Nadu	Associate (Cardiac)	A	20145018
3	Dr. Arun Singh R	Tamil Nadu	Associate (Cardiac)	A	20145019
4	Dr. Vijayanand P	Tamil Nadu	Associate (Cardiac)	A	20145021
5	Dr. Karthik Raman R	Tamil Nadu	Associate (Cardiac)	A	20145022



## ELECTIONS 2015

### Candidates for Junior Vice President (1 Post)



Dr. Harinder Singh Bedi

**Dr. Harinder Singh Bedi** is the Head of Cardio Vascular Thoracic and Endovascular Surgery at the CMC Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab. He has been conferred with Punjab Government Civil Award – Parman Patra in recognition of his contributions to cardiac surgery and for bringing international level cardiac surgical care to the people of Punjab. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Governor of Haryana in 2009 and the Pride of Punjab award by the Chief Minister of Punjab in 2013. He has 50 national and international publications to his credit.



Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja

**Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja** is the Senior Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgery at Star Hospitals in Hyderabad. He was elected as an Active Member of American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) in 2013. He has over 50 national and international publications to his credit, editorials and invited reviews on CABG and has reviewed 200 manuscripts for journals of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He has presented over 100 papers at Annual Meetings of AATS, STS, EACTS, ASCVTS and IACTS. He served as an Executive Committee Member of IACTS (2004-2007). He was the C.S. Sadasivan Orator of IACTS 2014, and at present is the Section Editor of IJTCVS and Member of Academic Council of IACTS.



Dr. S. Raghupathi

**Dr. S. Raghupathi** has held various senior positions before his current capacity as Professor and Head of the Department of Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery, Chettinad Medical College, Chennai. He has received many awards like Vijayashree, Best Citizenship, Doctor of the Millennium and Rajalakshmi Best Medical Social Services Award. He has attended more than 100 national and international conferences and presented papers. He has written 10 medical books in Tamil. He has also organised cardiac surgical screening camps in India and Malaysia. He has served as the Executive Committee Member of IACTS and Vice President of International College of Surgeons and also as the Secretary of India Medical Association (Chennai).



Prof. Dr. Krishnarao N. Bhosle

**Prof. Dr. Krishnarao N. Bhosle** is Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Sir JJ Hospital, Mumbai. He has over 30 years of teaching experience and has trained over 100 postgraduates. He has served in Mumbai University and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences as Chairman, Board of Studies (Clinical Super Specialty), Member, Academic Council and has also been the Technical Advisor for Prime Minister Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, Government of India. He is the Joint Secretary and Treasurer of IACTS (2012 -15).



Prof. R.V. Kumar

**Prof. R.V. Kumar** is the Head in Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad. He has been Executive Member of the Association from 2011-2014 and was the Organising Secretary for IACTS THORACIC CME 2011, Hyderabad and IACTS Controversies in Cardiac Surgery 2012.



Dr. Anand Sancheti

**Dr. Anand Sancheti** is the Professor and Head of CVTS at J.N. Medical College, Sawangi.

## Candidates for Executive Committee Member (2 posts)



Dr. G. Rama Subrahmanyam

**Dr. Rama Subrahmanyam Gutti** is the Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Care Hospital, Hyderabad. He has received STARR AHMED fellow by the IACTS in 2000 for training at St. Vincent's Hospital, USA. He has participated in the BASE device study (basal annuloplasty cardia externa) by Mardial Company, USA. He has published articles in 3 international journals, 8 Asian journals and has participated in 8 international conferences and workshops.



Dr. Karunakara Padhy

**Dr. Karunakara Padhy** is the Head of Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Care Hospital, Visakhapatnam. He has been a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). He has been trained in Lung Transplantation from Washington University, USA and in Minimal Invasive Cardiac Surgery from Leipzig, Germany. He has presented 42 papers in national conferences and 20 publications in various national and international journals. He has conducted 3 workshops on Thoracic, Vascular and Minimal Invasive Cardiac Surgery as Organising Secretary.



Dr. Prakash Hiremath

**Dr. Prakash Hiremath** is the Senior Consultant Cardiac Surgeon, SSIMS Narayana Heart Center, Davanagere. He has over 3 decades of experience as Consultant in cardiac surgery. He has strong academic and research interest and has presented many papers in national and international conferences.



Dr. Dhaval Naik Dinkerrai

**Dr. Dhaval Naik Dinkerrai** is the Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad. He has advance fellowship from RPAH, Sydney. He is the pioneer of MICS programme in Gujarat.



Dr. Premanand Ponoth

**Dr. Premanand Ponoth** is the Chief of CTVS in Kamakshi Memorial Hospital, Chennai. He is the visiting Professor of CTVS University of Najaf, Iraq. He is the member of STS, USA and Fellow of American College of Surgeons. He is the Editorial Member of *Pharmacologia*.



Dr. K.N. Srinivasan

**Dr. K.N. Srinivasan** is the Consultant at Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru. He has over 24 years of teaching experience in the field of Cardiothoracic surgery. He has presented several scientific papers at national conferences. His area of interest is pump total arterial myocardial revascularisation.



Dr. K.V. Ramana

**Dr. K.V. Ramana** is Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at INNOVA Hospital, Hyderabad. He has received the Brig. R.N. Thareja Fellowship for thoracic surgery. He has organised comprehensive cardiac surgery updates.



Dr. Shailesh Jain

**Dr. Shailesh Jain** is the Senior Consultant CTVS Surgeon at Fortis Hospital, Faridabad. He organised the 1<sup>st</sup> international hands on workshop on peripheral angiography and angioplasty and endovascular repair of aneurysm only for a CTVS Surgeon.



Dr. Pradeep Narayan

**Dr. Pradeep Narayan** is the Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at RN Tagore Hospital, Kolkata. He is actively involved in academics and research with significant peer reviewed publications. His surgical area of interest is pump coronary revascularisation.

## Nominations received for 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference IACTSCON 2018

City	Organising Secretary
Coimbatore	Dr. Sundar Ramanathan
Nagpur	Dr. Anand Sancheti
Visakhapatnam	Dr. Karunakara Padhy

## An insight into IACTSCON 2015



A plethora of intriguing sessions and interactive programmes to Engage, Enlighten and Empower, awaits you. The scientific programme will be focussed sessions on 6 specialised categories which will emphasise on the latest research and development in our field. To give due place for the best papers, it has been decided to introduce a new format for presentation. In this category, 15 minutes are allotted to each paper (apart from plenary /keynote). The 15 minute session will have 8 minutes presentation followed by 7 minutes discussion with a primary discussant. The broad categories are: Acquired Cardiac, Congenital, General Thoracic, Perioperative Care, Emerging Technologies and Aortic and Vascular Surgery. Besides the general session, there is Wet Labs and hands on training workshops (training village). It will be a great learning opportunity for all. A special session, SAARC Symposium a forum with our SAARC fellows for knowledge exchange and networking is also being organised. A special training programme for Nurses and Physician Assistants is also planned as it is important to provide training and share knowledge with our support team, who are an integral part of our daily activities. IACTS is creating an excellent platform to groom them as well. Modalities are also being worked on logistics to have a live transmission from Germany. The 4 - day programme will give you an enriching experience and we are sure everyone will definitely benefit by participating in this knowledge fair. Please block the dates from 19 - 22 February 2015



### For more information please contact:

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The scientific programme can be accessed at  
[www.iactskon2015.org](http://www.iactskon2015.org)

## Lifetime Achievement Award

The IACTS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2015 is being conferred on

Dr. A.P. Choukar

Prof. Debabrata Mitra

Dr. S. Muralidharan

for their exceptional skill, dedication and professionalism. IACTS values and acknowledges their significant contribution made in the field of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery. Congratulations and Best wishes.





## IACTS CON 2015

Look forward  
to see you all at  
**IACTS CON 2015**  
HICC, Hyderabad  
19-22 Feb, 2015



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