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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Greetings from IACTS!

It is time to start afresh, recharge ourselves with positive energy and renew our hopes and envision for all things good for rest of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your families and your teams a prosperous, healthy, and a blessed New Year!!

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of IACTS, IACTSCON 2017, is scheduled to be held from 23 – 26 February 2017 at Bengaluru. I would like to congratulate the organizing team for all their untiring efforts and meticulous planning for this conference. There are exclusive sessions and presentations, which I am sure, would be a great learning platform for all the participants.

The General Body and the Executive Committee Meeting is also scheduled. The response we have received for the nominations to the Executive Council Elections is encouraging. The profiles of the candidates are posted on the newsletter. My best wishes to all the candidates who are contesting for various posts.

I request all the active members to encourage their colleagues and friends in cardiothoracic practice to register with IACTS that would increase our membership and strengthen our organization. This will also immensely help all the members to learn and share knowledge in their specialized areas.

I hope the newsletter showcases the events lined up for the first quarter of the year.

Looking forward to meeting you all at Bengaluru!!

*Whatever you do or dream you can do — begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it.*

Best wishes for a wonderful year!!

*Rajan Sethuratnam*

Secretary-IACTS

## General Body & Executive Committee Meeting/ IACTSCON 2017, Bengaluru



First EC meeting 1<sup>st</sup> day  
23 February 2017, at afternoon



Second EC meeting (post election) 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
25 February 2017, at afternoon



GB meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
24 February 2017, at evening

## Upcoming Meetings/Events



63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, IACTSCON 2017

23 – 26 February 2017

Hotel Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru

Theme: Reaching new frontiers, our will, your skill.



## WORKSHOP

**Day 1 Program :** Bentall workshop and CV Ethiskills  
(Topic : Anatomy / Small vessels anastomosis)

**Scientific Program:** please visit [www.iactskon2017.com](http://www.iactskon2017.com)

**Day 2 Program :** CV Ethiskills and MIMA RIMA Y workshop  
(Topic : Anatomy / Large vessels anastomosis)

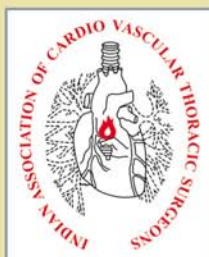


## ABOUT BENGALURU

Founded in the year 1537 A.D. by Shri Kempe Gowda, a chieftain of the Vijayanagar empire, Bengaluru is now one of the major cities of the World. Popularly known as Garden City of India, Pensioner's Paradise, Pub city, Silicon Valley & IT City of India, Bengaluru renamed a year ago, is the most happening city of India. It is the fastest growing city, currently fifth largest of our country and is the capital of the state of Karnataka. Kannada being the native language, people from all states of our country reside here making it a truly cosmopolitan and multilingual city. People of different nationalities have also made Bengaluru their home thus making it a Global City.

The lovely weather is a blessing which draws people from all over the world. Weather is generally very pleasant in February, with temperature ranging from 21 to 28 degree Celsius. Some light woollens might come in handy especially in early mornings and late nights. It has everything to offer to everyone with its tourist attractions, religious, cultural & heritage places and unending options for entertainment.

Bengaluru is well connected to the rest of the country and the world by air, rail and road. Locally it has one of the country's best transport systems be it bus, autorickshaws, taxis, metro trains, etc....



IACVTS – SCORE 2017

'Training of Residents SCORE' at

Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences  
(SSSIHMS), Whitefield, Bengaluru

4 – 5 March 2017

## Exclusively for CTVS - DNB / MCh Residents

This program was designed and executed by the Residents and for the Residents under the guidance of their dedicated teachers. Final Practical exam going students were the target audience of this program. The theme was to simulate the practical exam and importance was given to one to one interaction and group discussion.

Organizing Director : Dr. Sundaresh.

Organizing Chairman : Dr. Krishna Manohar

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### CARDIAC CME IN APRIL 2017, MUMBAI

The First IACVTS Cardiac CME of 2017

"A New Gen CME"

April 29 and 30, 2017

Venue: Nitu Mandke Convention Centre,  
Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai



Organising Chairperson - Dr. Suresh G Rao

Organising Co-Chairperson - Dr. Nandkishore Kapadia

Organising Secretary - Dr. Vidyadhar Lad

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## MIDTERM CME IN AUGUST 2017, PUNE

The IACTS Mid term CME 2017  
 "Pune Summit – Merging Tradition with Technology"  
 August 12 and 13, 2017  
 Venue : Hotel Sun n Sand, Pune



## Course Highlights:

- ❖ How to do it sessions- Live in the box videos by master class surgeons on basic and advanced techniques
- ❖ Meet the experts – panel discussions on key topics
- ❖ Clinics for trainee surgeons by certified examiners
- ❖ Quiz with a twist
- ❖ Hands on training on simulators for cathlab wire skills and coronary workshop

Course Director - Dr. Vinayak Karmarkar / Dr. Manoj Pradhan / Dr. Ranjit Jagtap

Organising Chairman - Dr. Manoj Durairaj

Organizing Secretary - Dr. Ashish Khanijo

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We will keep you posted with a detailed programme shortly.

## Election 2017

### Candidates for the post of Junior Vice President – Post (1)



#### Prof. Dr. S. Raghupathi

Dr. S. Raghupathi worked as Professor-CTVS at Madras Medical College & Government General Hospital, Chennai. Prior to this, he was the Professor & HOD at Coimbatore Medical College, Kanchipuram Meenakshi Medical College, Chettinad Medical College and ACS Medical College and Hospitals, Chennai. He has 32 years of experience in cardiothoracic surgery and teaching, and 25 years of experience as examiner for UG & PG paramedical courses. Dr. Raghupathi has served as Executive Committee Member of IACTS and Vice President of International College of Surgeons and also as the Secretary of Indian Medical Association (Chennai). He has participated in various national and international conferences and has presented over 100 scientific papers, and has also authored 10 medical books in Tamil. He has conducted more than 600 CTVS screening camps in rural areas. He has received many national prestigious awards in recognition of his services.

#### Dr. P S Seetharama Bhat



Dr. PS Seetharama Bhat is presently working as Professor of CT Surgery at Sri Jayadeva Institute, Bangalore and in-charge of Paediatric cardiac surgery Unit. He has been in the executive committee of various professional bodies including IACTS. Dr. Seetharama Bhat was the Organising secretary of IACTS conference Bangalore 2006, Joint organising secretary of IACTS conference Bangalore 1995. He has contributed record amount of money to Association and established IACTS Benevolent Fund. He established homograft cryobank at Jayadeva institute and in-charge of transplant programme. Dr. Seetharama did the first successful heart transplantation of Jayadeva Institute in 2016. Speaker in several national meetings of IACTS, ICC, PCSI and was invited speaker in South Korea CT surgeons annual meeting at Seoul.



#### Dr. Shiv Nair

Dr. Shiv Nair is the Chief Cardiac Surgeon of Rajagiri Hospital, Cochin, Kerala. He was the Prof/HOD at Amrita Institute, Cochin. He is the Executive Committee member IACTS from 2014 – 2017 and Immediate Past President- Society for Heart Failure and Transplantation. Dr. Shiv Nair was the former section editor of Indian Heart Journal and reviewer of IJCS, Perfusion and Indian Heart Journal. He is an investigator in many international trials and also is a guide to Mch and DNB students, and an examiner in a number of Universities. He is actively involved in surgical and teaching experience more than 30 years and trained over 40 post graduates. He has participated in various conferences and has presented publication in national and international journals.



## Candidates for the post of Executive Committee Member- Post (2)



**Dr. Ajit Pradhan**

Dr. Ajit Pradhan is working as the Chief Cardiac Surgeon and Managing Director of Jeevak Heart Hospital, Patna. He worked in Cardiac Surgery as Registrar, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, Guy's Hospital, London, Philippine Heart Centre, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Royal Children Hospital, Melbourne and Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney. He was the Chief Cardiac Surgeon at St. Stephens Hospital, Delhi. He has an experience of over 28 years in Cardiovascular Surgery. Dr. Ajit Pradhan started Jeevak Heart Hospital, Patna Bihar, first Cardiac Center (NABH accredited), in 1998 and he has performed more than 8000 open heart surgery, CABG and paediatric cardiac surgery. He also helped in establishing ICU care in other hospital.

**Dr. P. Chandrasekar**



Dr. P. Chandrasekar is currently working as Senior Consultant, GKNM Hospital, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu. A fellow of IACTS since 2000, member of ACS/STS/EACTS ASCTVS / HVS/Mayo Alumni and core member of the organizing team for the IACTSCON 1997 at Ooty. He has organized live workshops at GKNMH for past 17 years and conducted several workshops for the PGs. He has been active in practicing the Adult Cardiac surgery, interests about the Aortic Surgery, Valve Repair and Heart Failure. Dr. Chandrasekar, principal investigator for CORONARY/ SIRS trials and other major trials. He published / written book chapter and also been invited as Guest lecturer in National and International meetings. He is well experienced faculty to train DNB in CTVS/ Perfusionist/ Nurses. He underwent fellowship at the Royal Australasian College from Flinders University, Adelaide and Advanced Fellowship at Mayo clinic, USA.



**Dr. Karunakara Padhy**

Dr. Karunakara Padhy is Presently working as HOD, Dept. Of CTVS at Care Hospitals, Visakhapatnam, AP. He completed his MS, from MKCG medical college Berhampur, Odisha, MCh. from Jipmer Pondicherry, DNB from National Board of Examination, New Delhi, MBA Hospital management, from Annamalai University and Ph.D(yoga) Andhra university. He completed his Fellowship under Lung transplantation, Washington University, USA. He is well trained in minimal Invasive cardiac surgery, Leipzig, Germany. Dr. Karunakara Padhy is the member of IMA, Indian chest society, STS, fellow of IACTS. He was the organising secretary of conclave on Thoracic surgery, Vascular surgery, Minimal invasive cardiac surgery, 1st APCTCON 2016 and Organising secretary of IACTSCON 2018 to be held at Visakhapatnam.

**Dr. Manoj Durairaj**



Dr. Manoj Durairaj is the Director of Cardiac Surgery at Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune. He has completed his Fellowship under Professor Brian Buxton, University of Melbourne. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, certified Heart Transplant Surgeon by Government of Maharashtra and an active Adult and Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon with special interest in Transplant and MICS. Dr. Durairaj has 9 publications in indexed journals which includes being a co author of a book chapter titled "Arterial Grafts for Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery", A Textbook for Cardiovascular Clinicians and Researchers and editor of Prof Guo-Wei He. Hongkong University. Dr. Manoj has the vision to establish Simulation Labs combined with Academic Programs and Certification Courses for experienced Cardiac Surgeons and Trainee surgeons to gain expertise in Cath Lab wire skills, Objective assessment of coronary anastomosis skills and TAVR proficiency. Dr Manoj aims to develop an interactive network of Proctors in the field of MICS, Pediatric Cardiac Surgery and Heart Transplant Surgery, wherein learning curves of surgeons new to these branches is shortened and a broad based knowledge sharing is achieved.



**Dr. Rajashekara Reddy H. V**

Dr. Rajashekara Reddy HV – Thoracic / Thoracoscopy {VATS} Surgeon, visiting Consultant at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, Director of Clinical SkillsCentre Medical College, President of Surgical Society Bangalore, revised bylaws of SSBASICC in 2014 as Secretary and fellow of IACTS. He is keenly involved in teaching, training and academics although a private practitioner. Dr. Rajashekara Reddy published articles in EJCTS, IJTCS, IJSO, IJS, ACVTA and has been reviewer in various national and international journals. He is active among thoracic surgeons at ctsnet.org. He organised several orations, workshop and CME's including IACTS Thoracic CME & VATS workshop held in November 2016.



## Nominations received for 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference IACTSCON 2020



Organising Secretary : Dr. Rajkumar Yadav  
Venue : Jaipur



Organising Secretary : Dr. Yugal K Mishra  
Venue : New Delhi



Organising Secretary : Dr. Dhaval Naik  
Venue : Gujarat

## THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The IACTS Lifetime Achievement Award 2017 is being conferred on the following renowned surgeons for their exceptional skills, dedication and professionalism. IACTS values and acknowledges their significant contribution made in the field of cardiovascular and thoracic Surgery.

**Prof (Dr) Sushila Sripad, MBBS(Hons.) MS(Gen Surgery) MCh(CTVS) FIACS**  
Senior Visiting Consultant & Faculty DNB (CTVS) course  
R N Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences  
A Unit of Narayana Health  
Mukundapur, Kolkata

**Dr. Ratna Magotra**  
Honorary Paediatric & Congenital Heart Diseases' Surgeon  
Smt. S.R.Mehta & Sir K.P Cardiac Institute  
King's Circle, Mumbai 400 022





## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

### Orations and Lecture - 2017



CS Sadasivan Memorial Oration : Dr. Purushottam K Deshpande

Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration : Dr. Rajashekara Reddy HV

PK Sen memorial Oration : Dr. K M Cherian

MP Mehta memorial lecture : Dr. SV. Srikrishna

K N Dastur memorial lecture : Dr. Prasanna Simha



### Honorary Overseas Fellows - 2017



Dr. Vinayak Nilkanth Bapat , UK

Prof. Vipin Zamvar, UK

Dr. Zohair Al Halees, Saudi Arabia



### Obituary



Dr. Gaurang B Shah  
April 12, 1969 – February 1, 2017

A Surgeon with a Golden Heart and everlasting smile.

Dr Gaurang , like his father and brother became a Surgeon. Being a person with golden heart became what he always wanted to be.

Educated in Mumbai he gained technical excellence by completing fellowship from Australia (RMH). He worked

in Mumbai, Sri Sathya Sai hospital in Puttaparthi and was a Senior Consultant at U.N.Mehta institute Ahmedabad where he was working till his untimely demise.

A Happy go lucky person without any hang-ups' smile on his face and ever helping hands to needy. He made friends with ease. He leaves behind a whole friendly world of his, his wife Parul, two sweet twins Riya and Rene

Gaurang miss you always...May his Soul rest in peace.

Dr. Sadashiv Rao Ullal, had been a pioneer and in the forefront of Cardio-thoracic practice in Mangalore, Sadashiv went to St. Aloysius College, Mangalore till he passed SSLC in 1950. Then he went back to Bombay to do Inter-Science at St. Xavier's College. Joining Grant Medical College in 1952, he finished MBBS in 1957 and went on to do MS (Surgery), passing in 1960. The thirst for further medical education took Dr Ullal to UK for training in the



Dr. Sadashiv Rao Ullal  
May 28, 1935 – February 10, 2017



speciality of Cardio-thoracic. Concurrently, he was lecturer in St Thomas Hospital, London and also held lecturership in Harefield Hospital on the outskirts of London. During this period, he earned his FRCS in 1963. Returning to India in 1967, Dr Ullal worked for three years at KMC – Manipal, starting its Cardio-thoracic Unit. In 1970 he went to USA on an advanced Fellowship in San Francisco and worked for a year doing research in the field of Cardiac Lymphs under Dr Garbodi, a noted Italian specialist in the field. This also led to the publication of several research papers on his speciality. This was followed by Huntarian Professorship at the Royal College of Surgeons).

On return to India in 1972, KMC transferred Dr Ullal as Professor of Cardio-thoracic and Honorary Medical Officer at Wenlock Hospital. These positions allowed private practice and he set up his consulting chamber on Ganapati High School Cross Road and did surgeries at Vijaya Clinic, Kadri.

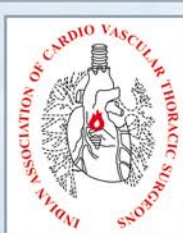
It is notable that Dr. Ullal was the first to perform, in Wenlock in 1975, an open-heart operation in any government hospital in Karnataka. He has notched up about 900 open-heart operations till 1983. Dr Ullal also started the Cardio-thoracic Surgical Unit at Fr. Muller Hospital where he worked for five years from 1975.

In 1968, Dr. Ullal married Sheila, a Sindhi and also a doctor ( Pediatrician ), who had been friends from their Grant Medical College days. They have two daughters – Sonali, a Radiologist, and Anjali, an MBA from Bajaj Institute, Mumbai. Dr. Ullal retired from his surgery-filled profession in 2003.

A great surgeon and teacher will be missed. May his soul rest in peace.

## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference Meeting of IACTS – IACTSCON 2017 23 – 26 February 2017, Bengaluru

Looking forward  
to see you all at  
IACTSCON 2017,  
Bengaluru!  
23 - 26 Feb 2017



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