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# IACTS Executive Committee

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Member





# Secretary's Message

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Greetings, dear members!

At the outset, I extend a warm welcome to the three new Executive Committee Members - Dr. Devagourou Velayoudam, Dr. Prasanna Simha, and Dr. Debasis Das. I wish to congratulate the Mumbai team for being elected the hosts for IACTSCON 2026. My thanks to Dr. V.V. Bashi for his leadership, unwavering support, and commitment towards the Association as he retires from the EC as the Senior Past President.

The fortnight starting mid-February was an educational one for all of us - with the vibrant annual meeting and the rigorous DNB/MCh. prep program. The 69th Annual Meeting IACTSCON 2023 was a memorable one thanks to the tremendous efforts of Dr. Thiagarajamurthy and his organising team. Each attendee—be it a participant, faculty member, or industry partner—benefited significantly from the exposure and interactions over the course of the conference. SCORE 2023 followed closely in the footsteps of the conference. The novel interactive session on case scenarios commonly seen in the CTVS ICU introduced in SCORE this year was received with much positive feedback. Be sure to read the subsequent sections of this newsletter for detailed coverage of both the events.



With continued efforts over the decades, it is now that we fully see the impact of the association of cardiovascular thoracic surgeons that we are. It is time that we accelerate this growth and give together to bring into our fold many more younger surgeons with the talent, skill, and dedication to serve an exponentially increasing number of patients.

There is no doubt that our early surgeons and residents get institutional support to accomplish their career goals. Nevertheless, having a mentor from the outside supplements overall learning and development. It is the Association's endeavour to equip the less experienced surgeons with skills and confidence to deal with not just complex surgical cases but also nurture the individual within. Mentorship helps the mentee recognise and approach problems in a constructive manner. The ability to adapt to circumstances and better social interactions is also an integral part of gaining from a mentor. The Association's initiative, Mentorship at Your Doorstep, is now open. Members are encouraged to apply to the program for mentorship. We still have a few slots open.



Many such initiatives are taking shape to realise the ambition to inspire and evolve a robust surgical mindset in residents and surgeons. These can only see the light of day with your commitment in terms of sharing clinical practice, time, goodwill, and monetary support. For any donations made to the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons, Indian taxpayers can now claim deduction under Section 80G - a small way by which the Association thanks you for your contributions.

The IACTS National Database is rolling out nation-wide this year. Even in its beta stage, we could already see the value of having an indigenous registry of Indian cases. I appeal to members to mobilise your institutions to enrol in the database.

For any questions/feedback, please reach out to me on email: [secretary@iacts.org](mailto:secretary@iacts.org).

Dr. C. S. Hiremath

*Secretary*

*Indian Association of Cardiovascular - Thoracic Surgeons*



# President's Message

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Dear esteemed members of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons,

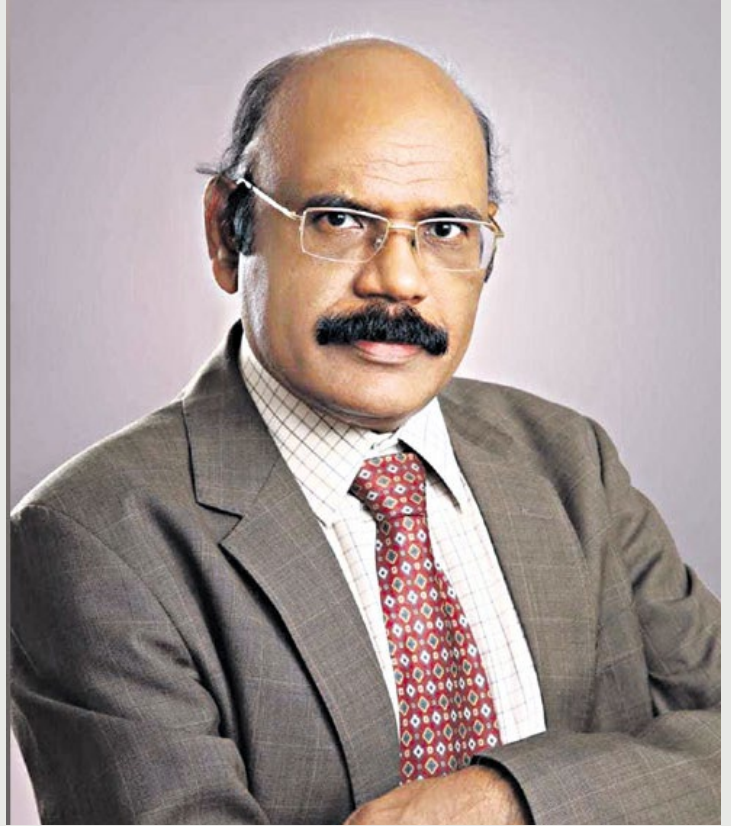
It is with great humility and honour that I assume the role of President of our esteemed Association. I am privileged to follow in the footsteps of the many accomplished leaders who have dedicated their time and efforts to advance our mission and elevate our Association to its esteemed position on the global stage. I am grateful to have an Executive Committee that shares my vision, passion, and enthusiasm for our collective goals. Together, we are committed to achieving new levels of success and advancing the mission of the IACTS.

Despite significant challenges, we were able to successfully conduct our Technocollege meeting, Midterm CME & GB, and Thoracic CME in person in 2022. The 69th Annual Meeting of the IACTS 2023 was also a great success, with over 1400 members in physical attendance. The scientific content was excellent, thanks to our national and international faculty who delivered talks in physical and virtual modes. The wet labs proved to be a great learning platform for young surgeons. Our industry partners also got an excellent opportunity to showcase latest developments and interact with members of our association. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the organising team under the leadership of Dr. Thiagarajamurthy, who worked tirelessly to make the 69th Annual Meeting a grand success.

I also want to highlight the importance of our IACTS Database. I urge all institutions actively performing cardiac surgical procedures to enrol and start sharing their data. The preliminary report of the Database was presented by Dr. Krishna S. Iyer, the Chairman of the Database Committee, during the Annual General Body Meeting. We will shortly be expanding the database to include more centers across India. The National Database Committee, which monitors the overall activity of the Database, is happy to help facilitate the training and onboarding of new centers.

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. C.S. Hiremath, Secretary IACTS, our Fellowship programs in the subspecialties of coronary surgery, mitral valvular surgery, congenital surgery, and thoracic surgery are already running actively. We will soon be starting a fellowship in aortic surgery.

Our official Journal, the Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, is becoming increasingly popular and visible, thanks to the hard work of Editor-in-Chief Dr. O.P Yadava and the Editorial Board.



This year, we hope to conduct our CMEs and the annual meeting in the in-person format exclusively. I encourage you to communicate to the IACTS Secretariat any suggestions you may have to take our Association forward.

Once again, I wish everyone good health, happiness, and success in all your endeavours.

Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja

*54<sup>th</sup> President*

*Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons*





# Editor's Musings

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Dear Friends,

Lately there has been a buzz around the new artificial intelligence (AI) application in the form of ChatGPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer). Naysayers have been vociferous against the technology, fearing that its application in medicine can lead to catastrophic clinical mistakes and that it will flare-up plagiarism. I grant that there is some merit in the argument, but that is only when ChatGPT has an unfettered free run in clinical medicine, which certainly is neither the aim, nor the claim, of OpenAI – the innovators of ChatGPT. It is more like a clinical assistant to the physician, in the mould of a ready-reckoner for knowledge; can even help decluster some administrative tasks, so that the clinician has more time at his disposal to deliver personal touch to patient care.



These new technologies are especially felicitous for the busy bee cardio-thoracic surgeons who are always bereft of time. ChatGPT can be a great ally to set in motion the process of writing for a publication and for such mundane jobs as compilation of references. However, I want to issue a caveat here – ChatGPT is still a very unreliable tool and human oversight is a mandatory prerequisite for its use. Moreover, it is only as good as the master who controls it and, therefore, the framing of questions and terms of reference for ChatGPT are of paramount importance. Needless to say, all responsibility and accountability for any misdemeanor on part of ChatGPT lie with the human author and, therefore, it should be used with due diligence.

Just as I am penning this piece down came the news last evening that Google too has launched its Chatbot called 'Bard'. Certainly, times ahead are exciting, with artificial intelligence all geared to break big in 'Medicine', especially in scientific publications. Whether this is good or bad news, I shall leave for another day, intending to address matters in an Editorial for May-June issue of IJTC – Be on the lookout.

As for a valedictory epilogue from me – 'Adopt' rather than 'shun' technology, as it may turn out to be the best 'Friend, Philosopher and Guide' to us, that ever was. A little cheeky – what say you!

Take care.

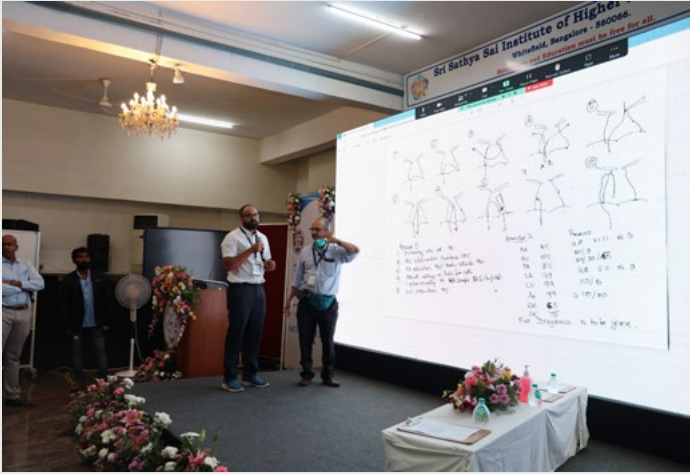
Dr. O. P. Yadava

**Editor-in-Chief**  
*Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*



# Recently Concluded Events

## IACTS SCORE 2023



The seventh recension of the IACTS SCORE was conducted on the 4th & 5th of March, 2023, at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Bengaluru. The program brought together academicians and clinicians, and their experience in the specialties of CTVS to render maximum exposure, rapid revision, and know-how crucial in clinical life.

Day 1 started with an inaugural address by Chief Guest Dr. Minu Bajpai, Executive Director of the National Board of Examinations. In his welcome address, the Organising Secretary IACTS SCORE Dr C. S Hiremath briefed the attendees on what's in store over the two days and how students must prepare for the DrNB practical examinations.

The sessions started with three clinical case presentations: two cyanotic and an acyanotic case. Students partook in these and garnered tips and techniques for the DrNB practical examination. The clinical case discussion began with case presentation, followed by investigation, and covered the entire surgical steps and perioperative complications. In a virtual session, international faculty member Dr. Ali Zamir Khan took the residents through how

to present a thoracic case. Other sessions of the day included masterclasses on the basics of chest X-ray by Dr. Anil G Tendolkar, ECG by Dr. V Devagourou, Transthoracic and transesophageal echo by Dr. Muralidhar Kanchi, and CT MRI for cardiac surgery by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar.

Dr. Adarsh S Koppula delivered a popular topic of interest on how to improve memory and recall as well as the do's and don'ts of being a cardiac surgeon. The end of Day 1 saw active participation of students with experienced faculty Dr. Anil G Tendolkar, Dr. Prasanna Simha Mohan Rao, and Dr. Vinayak Shukla in discussions on instruments and the basics of CPB.

DAY 2 started with an interactive session on CAG and cath study by Dr. Prasanna Simha, who involved students themselves to answer most of the questions that came up. The crash course for residents continued with the fundamentals of IABP by Dr. Pradeep Narayan and the fundamentals of VA ECMO by Dr. O P Sanjay. There was also a second round of clinical presentations on valvular heart disease, thoracic case, and redo cardiac surgery. Other interesting discussions included palliative surgeries by Dr. K.S Iyer, pulmonary artery hypertension by Dr. Parvathi U. Iyer and a choice of



patch and conduit material by Dr. B. R. Jagannath. The final part of the program was a novel interactive session on case scenarios on the more commonly seen ones in CTVS ICU by Dr. Prasanna Simha.

IACS SCORE 2023 was well received with very positive feedback from the delegates. Residents found this year's sessions to be more interactive than in the past years with each case discussion being very elaborate.





## IACTSCON 2023, Coimbatore



The 69th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons (IACTSCON 2023) was held from February 16-19, 2023, at Le Meridien, Coimbatore. Themed “From Grassroots to Innovation”, the annual conference was an in-person event with a special virtual session on Day 1 in conjunction with the American Association of Thoracic Surgery (AATS).

IACTSCON 2023 Coimbatore was replete with lectures, panel discussions, symposia, industry-sponsored workshops, video sessions, and social events. More than 1400 delegates attended this annual meeting. It was a good opportunity to learn new approaches, share ideas, exchange views, and network with members of the CTVS community from across the world. As in the past, a half-day symposium exclusively for nurses was held on the last day of the conference. IACTSCON 2023 also hosted a specially-curated program for physician assistants.

The conference also hosted the 69th Annual General Body Meeting of the Association on Day 2 of the conference with fellow and life members in attendance. Coinciding with the AGM was a Resident's Forum organised for CTVS residents.

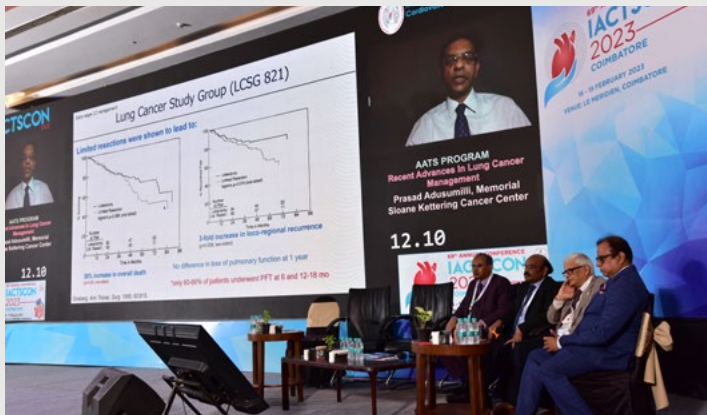
There were plenty of networking opportunities amongst surgeons and interactions with pharmaceutical and medical-surgical device industry partners. Gala dinners with cultural entertainment were thoroughly enjoyed with spectacular fireworks displays at the close of the night.



## Scientific sessions

*The 4-day scientific feast has not been covered in its entirety in this section due to the sheer number of sessions; a valiant attempt has been made to present glimpses of a few scientific sessions in each sub-speciality based on comperes' reports and feedback. This by no means is intended to take away the noteworthy contributions made by all the faculty members not mentioned here.*

The conference opened with a special virtual session by AATS, clinical trials in the field of coronary artery revascularization, recent advances in lung cancer management, and valve repairs in infants were presented.



This session was followed by several talks by senior faculty members on coronary, paediatric, aortic, valvular surgery and transplantation. The session on 'Valves in the Indian scenario' was much appreciated by the residents.

On Days 2,3, and 4, parallel sessions were in progress to cover the super specialities in cardiac surgery. Workshops sponsored by Medtronic, Abbott, J&J, and Edwards were held as breakout sessions.

Twenty-five select participants gained immensely from the workshop conducted by Dr. Sivakumar Sivalingam (Malaysia) on the Ozaki Procedure.



The adult cardiac surgery sessions saw many invigorating lectures as did valvular surgery. Amongst them, two interesting techniques were discussed with riveting videos on infra axillary DVR and totally endoscopic valve surgery.

There were several interactive symposia in paediatric cardiac surgery such as on root translocation with APCHSS, hypoplastic left heart syndrome, single ventricle with APCHSS, mechanical support devices, and airway surgeries in children. A special invited lecture on 'Biventricular repair in borderline hearts' was delivered by Dr. Joseph Dearani from Mayo Clinic. The CCTGA segment was very interesting, with the legendary Dr. Robert H Anderson making the anatomy of CCTGA look very simple.

Dr. Krishna S. Iyer, the Chairman of the IACTS National Database, presented the current progress in the database, while Dr. Pradeep Narayan shared with the audience the key highlights of the SCS-STs adult cardiac surgery database. The ensuing interactions resulted in a consensus among the audience that a unified national database is indeed the need of the hour, which only underlined the importance of enrolling into the IACTS National Database.





Dr. Murali Vettah promoted the 'Make in India' philosophy by sharing his original designs of stabilising systems and many other innovations. Dr. Piroze Davierwala explained in great detail how one can successfully start a MICS program; the key ingredients being persistence and tenacity. Dr. Dhiren Shah shared the valuable lessons learnt in his journey to set up a heart transplant program in the country.



The first two mornings of the conference saw exclusive video sessions in all the subspecialties at the amphitheatre. Another novel segment in the conference (on Day 1) was the Thoracic MDT. This session saw case presentations by junior doctors. It provided a wealth of knowledge where lung malignancy was discussed comprehensively - right from preoperative evaluation to management strategies. More importantly, how a multidisciplinary team effort can enhance patient outcomes was very well brought out by the stellar panel of international thoracic surgeons.



The nurses symposium covered topics such as trends in cardiothoracic nursing, protocols, pre- and post-operative nursing care for CTVS patients, cardiovascular diseases during pregnancies, and work-life balance for nurses. There was also an exclusive symposium for physician assistants held at hotel Gokulam Park, close to the main venue.



The conference held a unique distinction in that seven women CTVS residents from across India were trained as compères to introduce the speakers for each scientific session. This was an initiative to encourage women leadership and promote inclusivity in cardiac surgery.



## Presidential Oration

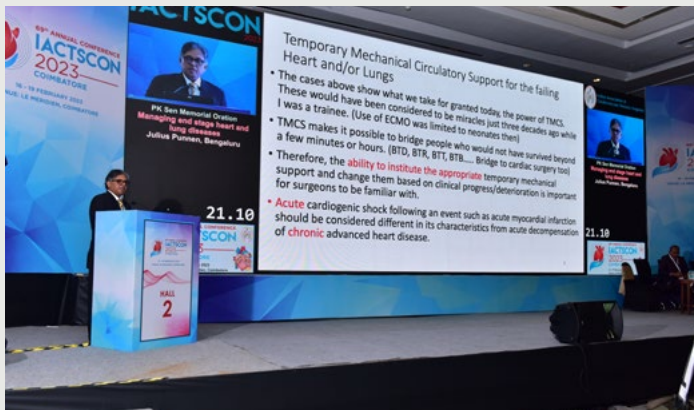
Dr. Zile Singh Meharwal rendered his presidential oration as the outgoing 53rd President of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons. He was felicitated for his notable services to the Association. Prior to this, an introduction was presented by Secretary Dr. C.S. Hiremath accompanied by a video encapsulating Dr. Meharwal's life and work to date.



## Memorial Orations

The following orations were delivered during the annual conference.

Day 1: PK Sen Memorial Oration delivered by Dr. Julius Punnen on “Managing end-stage heart and lung diseases”





Day 2 : CS Sadasivan Memorial Oration delivered by Dr. Prasanna Simha Mohan Rao on “Lifting the veil off valve repairs and autologous pericardial reconstruction”



Day 3 : KN Dastur Memorial Oration delivered by Dr. Jacob Jamesraj on “Homograft banking - Yesterday, today and the morrow”



Meherji Mehta Memorial Oration delivered by Dr. Rajashekara Reddy on “The risk appetite of surgeons”



Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration delivered by Dr. Rajiv Santosham on “Enhanced recovery after thoracic surgery”





## Resident's Corner



The free paper session saw a great variety of papers from all over the country and overseas from Atrial Fibrillation to Robotic CABG, coronary endarterectomy and many more.

Six papers had been shortlisted earlier and the first authors were invited to defend their papers at the conference. Day 1 saw the young surgeons battling it out in the award paper session. Each contestant was allowed 10 minutes of presentation time followed by 5 minutes of discussion. The adjudicating panel

comprised Dr. O. P. Yadava, Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja and Dr. K. S. Iyer.

## Award Paper Winner

Dr. Rajeev Thilak C, from SIMS Hospital, Chennai, for his paper titled, "The role of sarcopenia in predicting the post-operative morbidity and perioperative mortality in patients undergoing aortic surgery".



## E-poster Winners

### 1st Prize



**Dr. Satish Kumar Lakshmanan**  
Madras Medical College, Chennai

A Successful retrieval of displaced device from right pulmonary artery - A case of right pulmonary artery to left atrial fistula with aneurysm and atrial septal defect

### 2nd Prize



**Dr. Ketika Potey**  
ABVIMS & Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi

Contained ruptured ductal aneurysm causing left main bronchus compression in a neonate misdiagnosed as MPA aneurysm: A rare case report





## Digi Quiz

The Digi Quiz was conducted by Dr. C. S. Hiremath and Dr. Prasanna Simha Mohan Rao on the last day of the conference. While participation was open to all the delegates, only residents registered for the conference were eligible to compete for the three cash prizes.



The following residents were the winners of the Digi Quiz 2023.

1st Prize: Dr. Hemapriya Prithviraj

2nd Prize: Dr. Patralekha Das

3rd Prize: Dr. Manpreet Kaur

Amongst the general participants, Dr. Carlos Mestres was the highest scorer.



## Inaugural Ceremony

The 69th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons IACTSCON 2023, Coimbatore, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Thiru Ma. Subramanian, Minister of Health and Family Welfare of Tamil Nadu.

The ceremony was presided over by Shri Lakshminarayanawamy, Managing Trustee, SNR Sons Charitable Trust, Coimbatore. The other dignitaries on stage included Mr. Sundar, Joint Managing Trustee - SNR Sons Charitable Trust, the 53rd IACTS President Dr. Zile Singh Meharwal, Secretary Dr. C.S. Hiremath, Senior Vice President Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja, Organising Chairman Dr. S. Muralidharan, Organising Secretary Dr. S. Thiagarajamurthy, and Organising Treasurer Dr. S. Vijay.

After the lamp lighting ceremony, the Honourable Minister Thiru Ma. Subramanian released the conference souvenir and addressed the audience. Following this, Dr. C.S. Pramesh, Director - Tata Memorial Hospital, introduced Guest of Honour Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Retired Chief Scientist, World Health Organization. Dr. Swaminathan delivered her keynote address to the gathering virtually through a video conferencing platform.



The evening's program continued with awards and recognition of stellar contributions to the subspecialties of cardiovascular-thoracic surgery. Four senior surgeons of the CTVS community in India were recognised for their vision, contributions to the discipline of cardiothoracic surgery, and dedication to patient care. Four internationally acclaimed cardiothoracic surgeons were inducted into the Association as Honorary Overseas Fellows, the highest accolade of the IACTS to surgeons practising outside of India for extraordinary efforts and contributions to cardiothoracic surgery. The IACTS Database Committee recognised Dr Chandrasekar Padmanabhan (in absentia) for his contributions to the registry of surgical procedures.



As the evening drew to a close, all the attendees were invited to catch up with old friends, meet new people, and indulge in some gastronomic delights at the poolside dinner.





## Lifetime Achievement Awards

The following IACTS Lifetime Achievement Awardees were felicitated at the 69th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons IACTSCON 2023 Coimbatore on February 16th during the inaugural ceremony.



Dr. Balram Airan



Dr. K. R. Balakrishnan



Dr. Colin Noel John



Dr. Dasari Prasada Rao



## Honorary Overseas Fellows

The Honorary Overseas Fellow is the highest accolade of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons to a surgeon practising outside of India for extraordinary efforts and contributions to cardiothoracic surgery. The following distinguished cardiovascular-thoracic surgeons were conferred the Honorary Overseas Fellow and inducted to the Association during the inaugural ceremony of IACTSCON 2023, Coimbatore.



Dr. Christopher W. Baird (USA)



Dr. Sivakumar Sivalingam (Malaysia)



Dr. Jaishankar Raman (Australia)



Prof. Dr. Kisaburo Sakamoto (Japan)



## Editorial Awards

The following Editorial Awards for 2022 were announced during the inaugural ceremony of IACTSCON 2023.

### BEST ORIGINAL ARTICLE 2022

*Kartik Pandurang Jadhav, Praveen Gopalakrishna Pai, Indu Nair et al.*

Role of fibroblast growth factor-23 (FGF-23) in the prediction of postoperative atrial fibrillation after coronary artery bypass surgery.

Ind J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2022;38:(3):251-261.

### BEST CASE REPORT 2022

*Sonali Mittal, Siddharthan Deepti, Joyner Abraham et al.*

VATS Cardiac Sympathetic Denervation for Ventricular Arrhythmias - Initial Experience in a Tertiary care centre.

Ind J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2022;38:(5):515-520

### BEST REVIEWER AWARD 2022

- Prof. Deepak Tempe
- Dr. S.K. Jain
- Dr. Chandrasekar Padmanabhan





## Annual General Body Meeting

The 69th Annual General Body Meeting of the Association was held on the evening of February 17th, 2023, chaired by the 53rd President Dr. Zile Singh Meharwal. For the very first time at the annual conference, digital attendance was introduced; members' IACSTS digital ID cards were scanned to validate and mark the attendance.



The meeting began with welcome addresses by the President and the Secretary. The Secretary's Report was presented by Dr. C. S. Hiremath, at the end of which the first National Database Report was presented by Dr. Krishna S. Iyer, Chairman of the National Database Committee. Joint Secretary & Treasurer Dr. Prabhatha Rashmi presented the Treasurer's Report as on December 31st, 2022. Next, the Editor's Report was presented by Dr. O. P. Yadava, Editor-in-Chief of IJT CVS. All the three reports were approved by the sitting quorum. The minutes of the Midterm General Body Meeting held at Mangalore in October 2022 were also approved by the quorum.

Dr. Bashi V. Velayudhan retired as the Senior Past President and was felicitated in absentia for his services to the Association.

Dr. Chandrabhanu Parija and his organising team took stage to invite all the members to the next annual meeting IACTSCON 2024, Bhubaneswar. A vibrant video promoting the venue and the 70th Annual Conference was played on the screen.

Following this, Returning Officer Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja announced the results of the 2023 elections to the Executive Body.



The meeting was adjourned with the playing of the National Anthem.

Here are a few more pictures of the evening.





## ***Elections 2023***

Fellows and Life Members of the Association cast their votes online between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM IST on February 17th, 2023, to elect new members to the Executive Committee of the Association as well as the venue for IACTSCON 2026.

Returning Officer Dr. Lokeswara Rao Sajja announced the results on the same evening at the Annual General Body Meeting held as part of the annual meeting IACTSCON 2023 at Le Meridien, Coimbatore. Dr. Sajja was assisted by Dr. Vivek Jawali, Dr. B.R. Jagannath, and Dr. Sai Kiran as observers to the process.

The following are the new members elected to the Offices of the Executive Committee of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS).



**Dr. Devagourou Velayoudam**  
Junior Vice President



**Dr. Prasanna Simha Mohan Rao**  
Member



**Dr. Debasis Das**  
Member

The elected venue for the 72nd Annual Meeting, IACTSCON 2026 is Mumbai. The conference is scheduled to take place at the Jio World Convention Center, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai. The host team will be led by Organising Chairperson Dr. Anvay Mulay, Organising Secretary Dr. Bijoy Kutty, and Organising Treasurer Dr. Neeraj Kamath.





# Updates

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## *Mentorship at Your Doorstep*

The IACTS Mentorship at Your Doorstep is an initiative to help young surgeons effectively deal with and rise above surgical challenges. It rests on the premise that mentors voluntarily share their experience and expertise to contribute to an early surgeon's career and personal development. Mentors provide crucial motivation for a mentee to excel in a chosen subspecialty. A mentee can seek guidance from more than one mentor.

The Secretary's Office plays a pivotal role in coordinating and scheduling the Mentor-Mentee meeting. The Association provides administrative, travel, and logistics support to the Mentor. The Mentor will only be responsible for clearing their calendar for the stipulated duration of the meeting.

Application forms were released via email to all the Association members early this year. Six of the nine applications received were shortlisted. The due diligence process and finding a suitable match with a mentor is ongoing.

For those who missed the details of the program, this is how it works.

1. Senior surgeons are invited to volunteer for the program. In parallel, applications from mentees are sought.
2. The Secretary's Office vets these applications and proposes the Mentor-Mentee match.
3. The Mentor and Mentee arrive at the goals for the mentorship.
4. The Mentor meets with the Mentee at their institute and spends the planned time. It may be in terms of handholding at surgeries, making plans for the department, or developing the Mentee as a leader.
5. Both the Mentor and the Mentee submit a summary of their interaction and learnings to the Secretary.
6. The Mentor follows up with the Mentee as necessary.



# IACTS Events Calendar

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## Coming up next...

### **IACTS Technocollege CME 2023**

Theme: Making Cardiac Surgeons Future-Ready

Dates: April 28-30, 2023

Venue: UNMICRC and Hyatt Ahmedabad, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad

Website: <https://iactstechnocollege2023.com/>

Organising Chairman: Dr. Bhupesh D. Shah

Organising Secretary: Dr. Gaurav Goel

Organising Treasurer: Dr. Abhishek Parmar

#### What's in Store

- A rapid refresher course for trainees with free registration at the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology & Research Centre on Friday, April 28th
- A scientific extravaganza on the two CME days including a plenary on hybrid procedures for cardiac surgeons with reference to entry into cath lab and structural heart programs
- More than 12 lectures on surgical innovations by Indian cardiac surgeons
- Plenary sessions on Make in India, government policies and future directions in CTVS practice
- Audience with prominent doctors who are Members of Parliament (MP) and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Gujarat.





## ***Later in the year...***

### **IACTS Cardiac CME & Midterm GBM 2023**

Theme: Nurturing Your Basics for Reaching Beyond

Dates: October 14-15, 2023

Venue: GRT Grand hotel, Velammal Village , Madurai

Organising Chairman: Dr. Sridhar

Organising Secretary: Dr. Ramprassath

Organising Treasurer: Dr. Babu

### **IACTS Thoracic CME 2023**

Theme: Hands-on Thoracic Training – Present to Future

Dates: December 7-9, 2023

Venue: Government General and Chest Hospital, Erragadda, Hyderabad

Organising Chairman: Dr. G. Ravindra

Organising Secretary: Dr. Anita Bhalla

Organising Treasurer: Dr. Abhijeet Dashetwar

### **IACTSCON 2024, Bhubaneswar**

Theme: Excellence and Beyond - Envisage, Engage, Excel

Dates: February 8-11, 2024

Venue: MayFair Lagoon & Convention, Bhubaneswar

Website: [www.iactscon2024.com](http://www.iactscon2024.com)

Organising Chairman: Dr. Bipin B. Mohanty

Organising Secretary: Dr. Chandrabhanu Parija

Organising Treasurer: Dr. Satyajit Sahoo

**Early bird registrations (online and offline) are open till June 30th, 2023.**

[https://www.iactscon2024.com/registration\\_tariff.php](https://www.iactscon2024.com/registration_tariff.php)

**Abstract submissions open August 01, 2023 and end September 30, 2023.**



# New Members

After the Midterm GBM in October 2022, the Association has enrolled one Overseas Life Member, 41 Life Members, and 38 Associate Members while upgrading nine Life Members.

The following are the lists of individuals under the different categories who were approved by the General Body to be inducted into the Association.

Name	Membership Number	Membership Category	Year
Dr. Prodip Kumar Biswas	O20224009	Overseas Life Member	2022
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Dr. Smruti Prakash Sahu	L20195012	Life Membership ( By Upgrade)





# Obituary

The Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons mourns the passing away of the following member of our fraternity. He will be remembered and missed for his service to humankind through the practice of cardiothoracic surgery. We pray for the bereaved to find the strength to cope with their loss.



## **Prof. Mohammad Hanif Beg**

Cardiothoracic surgeon Prof. Mohammad Hanif Beg graduated from King George's Medical University, Lucknow, in 1976. Thereafter, he did his M.S. (General Surgery) and M.Ch (CVTS) from PGIMER, Chandigarh, in 1980 and 1982, respectively. He did his MNAMS (DNB) in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic surgery in 1980 and 1982, respectively.

Prof. Beg had joined the Department of General Surgery at Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, as a young, dynamic, and enthusiastic teacher In January 1983. We have witnessed him performing closed mitral valvotomy at JNMC, AMU with minimal resources. I had the chance to assist him in a few CMVs and thoracic surgeries such as Pneumonectomy and Lobectomies. The time when Dr. Beg had joined, I was in the final year and his very first lecture had been on "Institution of Cardiopulmonary Bypass". I also had the opportunity to work with him as a house surgeon. He had been my real mentor. He was dedicated and saw him continuously monitoring the patients in the postoperative ICU in OR complex with a very primitive monitor. He had only developed that ICU. During his stay at JNMC, AMU he had contributed immensely to the development of Cardiothoracic surgery. He had been an eminent academician, a wonderful teacher, and a good human being and served in cardiothoracic surgery for over four decades.

He held several posts as Chairman - Department of Surgery, Director - Centre of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Research, Dean - Faculty of Medicine and Principal of JNMC, AMU, Aligarh.

He had been suffering from ill health for the last few years and breathed his last on the morning of 06.04.2023. May his soul rest in peace.

*Courtesy: Prof. (Dr.) Abha Chandra, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon, Dean - Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, Integral University, Lucknow.*



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