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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Greetings from IACTS!

On behalf of the association, I wish you, your family and your team a very healthy, peaceful and a fulfilling New Year! Let's renew our hopes, beliefs and try to be a better person than we were last year!

It's once again conference time and we are all gearing up for our 62<sup>nd</sup> annual conference, IACTSCON 2016, to be held at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS) Lucknow, from 18–21 February 2016. It's certainly a time for us to share our skills and knowledge, interact with experts and young aspirants in cardiovascular-thoracic specialty.

I request all members to enthusiastically participate in our annual conference and also encourage all the students to participate, which will be very valuable for them in their academics and professional practice.

Following the annual conference will be the Cardiac CME in April 2016 at Fortis Escorts Hospital, Faridabad. Again, it's going to be a very good opportunity for our students. We look forward to their active participation.

We are delighted to announce the commencement of IACTS Congenital Heart Surgery Fellowship Program from this year. We have also initiated the process to create IACTS membership ID card. Please refer page number six for more information.

The work on national registry and database is in the final stages. We will inform the members once it is online. We request cooperation from all members to make this initiative a huge success.

*See you all at IACTSCON 2016, Lucknow!*

*Rajan Sethuratnam*

## General Body & Executive Committee Meeting/ IACTSCON 2016, Lucknow



First EC meeting

1<sup>st</sup> day, 18 February 2016, at dinner (20:00 hrs onwards)



Second EC meeting (post election)

3<sup>rd</sup> day, 20 February 2016, at lunch (13:00 hrs onwards)



GB meeting (Hall A)

2<sup>nd</sup> day, 19 February 2016, after the conference (17:15 hrs onwards)

## Upcoming Meetings/Events



SGPGIMS, Rae Bareli Road,  
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA  
18 - 21 February 2016





## CARDIAC CME - APRIL 2016



Fortis Escorts Hospital  
Faridabad (Haryana), INDIA

The exact schedule will be announced shortly.



## Meetings/Events Organized

## IACTS Midterm Thoracic CME

21 & 22 November 2015



Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical  
Sciences (SVIMS)  
Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh  
INDIA



Inauguration of the IACTS Midterm Thoracic CME

The IACTS Midterm Thoracic CME was held at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, on 21 & 22 November 2015. The Chancellor of SVIMS University, Honorable Chief Minister, sent an enlightening message for all the postgraduates and the delegates. Sixty eight postgraduates and seven delegates from various parts of India participated in the CME.

The main highlight of the CME was the Wetlab conducted under the leadership of Professor Ali Zamir Khan, HOD- Minimally Invasive & Robotic Thoracic Surgery, Medanta, The Medicity, Gurgaon.

The Scientific Committee made elaborate arrangements and had planned a feast of lectures that were delivered by eminent speakers from their respective fields. A lecture on the role of lung transplantation in bilateral bronchiectasis was delivered by Dr. Govini Bala Subramani, Global Hospital, Chennai. The program also covered certain emerging technologies in the field of lung cancer. The Andhra Pradesh Medical Council awarded four credit hours to this event.



Felicitations of Prof. Dr. Pitambar Shatapathy, Senior Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon & Past President of IACTS



Section of the audience

## Election 2016

### Candidates for the post of Junior Vice President



#### 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. He is actively involved in research and teaching, and is planning to start MCh program in CMC.

#### Dr. Prateek Bhatnagar

Dr. Prateek Bhatnagar is a Senior Consultant Cardiac Surgeon based in Hyderabad. He topped in MBBS and won 10 gold medals at GSVM Medical College, Kanpur. A fellow of IACTS, he has been organizing live workshops on BIMA off pump the most recent one in February 2015. He was awarded the Dr. Purshottam Singh Award by IMA, SN Mathur Award by GEMS International and Lifetime Achievement Award by Mahaveer International Trust.



#### 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. Yugal Kishore Mishra

Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra is the Director, Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Fortis Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi. He has over 28 years of experience in cardiac surgeries and has performed more than 21,000 open heart surgeries. He found the Robotic Cardiac Surgery Program first time in India at Escorts Institute that performed more than 500 successful robotic surgeries. Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra has received many outstanding awards that include Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by (Late) President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Doctor of Science conferred by Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Chancellor of Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya.



### Candidates for the post of Executive Committee Member



#### Prof. Dr. Gauranga Majumdar

Dr. Gauranga Majumdar is presently working as Additional Professor in Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. He is keenly involved in clinical, academic and research activities, and has presented many papers and published articles in national and international peer reviewed journals. He has been actively teaching and training finer nuances of CTVS surgery for last 10 years. He was appointed the examiner for MCh students and is also reviewer of many prestigious journals.

#### Dr. C.S. Hiremath

Dr. C.S. Hiremath is the Additional Senior Consultant, Department of CTVS at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Bengaluru. He is in the faculty for free training for postgraduates on basics of cardiac morphology and cardiac surgery, examiner for pediatric fellowship exams at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, and actively involved in conducting postgraduate training programs and free workshops in the field of minimal access cardiac surgery and VATS video assisted thoracic surgery. Dr. Hiremath is the Executive Committee member of IACTS since 2013 and has played an active role in the formation of the IACTS website. He has presented more than 40 free papers in national level conferences and has two publications in journals.







### Dr. Pramod Kumar Sharma

Dr. Pramod Kumar Sharma is the Senior Consultant - Cardiac Surgery at Saket City Hospital, New Delhi. He has worked in almost all the well known hospitals in Delhi. He has experience over 10,000 cardiac surgeries. He is the founder member of World Society Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery. Dr Pramod Kumar Sharma is a fellow of IACTS since 2005 and is also member of other international associations. By joining the administrative body of the IACTS, he aims to work with the new generation of cardiothoracic surgeons and enable them to establish their career in CTVS.

### Dr. Rajendra Nahar



Dr. Rajendra Nahar is the Chief Cardiac Surgeon at Global Heart Hospital, Ludhiana. He worked as a Consultant in Apollo Hospital (Colombo), Bhandari Hospital (Indore), CHL Hospital (Indore/Ujjain) and National Heart Institute (New Delhi). He was trained at The Madras Medical Mission, Chennai, and International Heart School, Italy. He is very keen to contribute to the growth of IACTS.



### Prof. Dr. A. Rathinavel

Prof. Dr. A. Rathinavel is the HOD of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Madurai Medical College, Tamil Nadu. He is the Secretary of Madurai Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeons Forum that consists of 14 southern districts of Tamil Nadu and Vice Chairman of ASI, Madurai city. Prof. Rathinavel holds a doctorate in Molecular Cardiology and is the PhD guide in Dr. MGR Medical University & Madurai Kamaraj University. He was the recipient of ICMR Chaturvedi Kalawati Jagmohan Das Memorial award in 2011.

### Dr. Trushar Gajjar



Dr. Trushar Gajjar is the Senior Consultant, Department of CTVS, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Puttaparthi. He is the Executive Committee member and National Coordinator for the database since 2013. Dr. Trushar Gajjar has performed more than 6000 cardiac surgeries and trained many surgeons. He has more than 25 publications and has been reviewer in various national and international journals. He brought out an e-book titled "Practical Guide for the Students" that was widely known as *Sathya Sai Notes* in the student community.



### Dr. Vijay Grover

Dr. Vijay Grover is the Senior Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgeon at Department of CTVS, Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi. He completed MBBS from JIPMER, Pondicherry, MS (General Surgery) from BJ Medical College, Pune, and MCh (CTVS) from GB Pant Hospital. He worked as a Senior Research Associate in GB Pant Hospital. Dr. Vijay Grover is an active member and fellow of IACTS.

## Candidates for the post of Secretary

### Dr. Rajan Sethuratnam



Dr. Rajan Sethuratnam is the Director – Cardiac Surgery at the Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (ICVD), The Madras Medical Mission (MMM), Chennai. He is associated with MMM for more than 30 years and has experience of over 15,000 cardiac surgeries. He teaches and trains DNB students at MMM, and is instrumental in guiding the young, aspiring surgeons, and has credit of shaping many well-known skilled surgeons. He is in-charge of conducting free cardiac screening camps and has conducted more than 40 camps in the last 10 years. He has been conferred with many accolades for his service in the field of health care. He has participated in various national and international conferences and has presented many papers. Dr. Rajan Sethuratnam was elected as Secretary of IACTS for the term 2013-2016. He was the main architect of IACTS website and played an active role in encouraging members to register for membership. He helped in creation of award paper sessions and fellowship of IACTS. He has initiated the work for national surgical database and also the process for issuing photo ID membership cards. He has been a proactive member of the IACTS Executive Committee and was also the Organizing Secretary of CTCON 2011 in Chennai.



### Dr. Raj Kumar Yadav

Dr. Raj Kumar Yadav is the Professor & Unit Head, Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery, SMS Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur. He has performed more than 7000 major cardiac, thoracic & vascular surgeries. He has participated in various conferences and has presented and published many papers. He was an Executive Committee member of IACTS from 2007–2009. He is a life member of the Pediatric Cardiac Society of India and Fellow of IACTS, Indian Society of Cardiology and Hungarian Scholarship Board.

## Candidates for the post of Editor



**Dr. O.P. Yadava**

Dr. O.P. Yadava is the CEO & Chief Cardiac Surgeon at National Heart Institute, New Delhi, and the Founder Chairman, Cardiac Surgery, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. He has experience of over 12,000 cardiac surgeries. He has delivered numerous talks, presented more than 400 papers and published several scientific papers, editorials and reviews. Dr. Yadava has over 15 years of experience in editorial work. He is on the editorial board of Indian Heart Journal and the Editor-in-Chief with Cardiology Today. He enjoys writing and is confident of doing justice to the responsibility, if selected for the post of Editor.

## Amendments proposed for discussion in the GB Meeting at IACTSCON 2016

### ✦ Eligibility criteria for the post of Secretary/Junior Vice President:

Candidates contesting for the post of Secretary/Junior Vice President should have IACTS full membership for 20 years or more, and should have held some position in the association or Executive Committee of IACTS.

### ✦ Editor for IACTS journal:

Editor for our official publication, Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery (IJTCVS), will not be elected but selected through a process by the Executive Committee and the Academic Council, and approved by the General Body of IACTS.

### ✦ No member shall be eligible to contest the elections after three unsuccessful attempts.

### ✦ Nomination of venue for IACTS Annual Conferences:

Only eight metropolitan cities will be nominated for the IACTS Annual Conference. Four from North India and four from South India will be allotted on a rotational basis. The General Body shall nominate additional venues based on future requirements and fulfillment of venue criteria.

**NOTE:** The group mail (dated 22 January 2016) on the above amendments has created lot of interesting discussions. As we are receiving feedback from members, we have decided to defer the amendments for voting. We will discuss and make the required changes referred by the General Body, and take it up at a later date. Thanks very much for the interest shown.

## IACTS Congenital Heart Surgery (CHS) Fellowship Program

The Executive Committee of IACTS at their meeting in September 2014 at Madurai gave the mandate to commence the IACTS fellowship in the subspecialties of Congenital Heart Surgery & Thoracic Surgery.

Congenital heart surgery is now a subspecialty of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery encompassing congenital heart corrections from neonatal age groups to adults.

With more and more lesions of increasing complexity being addressed surgically in the neonatal and infant age groups, an extended and focused apprenticeship in managing these patients by acquiring the necessary special surgical skills and concepts, cardiological aspects of their evaluation, and management of these babies and children in the intensive care unit has become mandatory to achieve even reasonable outcomes.

After completion of MCh in CVT Surgery, and desirous of pursuing this subspecialty, our young graduates are not sure where to obtain the required training and skills. Even if they do find a unit, the training is not structured and generally the candidates have to “hang on” for years and develop on their own.

To help our aspiring graduates get the necessary exposure, skills, and a mindset in handling neonates, infants and other patients with congenital heart lesions, a peer reviewed fellowship program under the aegis of a respected professional body such as IACTS is being proposed to be commenced from 2016.

Depending on the performance, requirements and a complete assessment, we will extend the fellowship programs to other specialties in future.

Please visit [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org) for more information.

## IACTS membership ID card

We have started collating information for issuing IACTS membership ID cards. Members are requested to respond promptly with requested details that will help us to process the information and issue the membership ID cards at the earliest. Please double check spellings and your contact information.

Details required for the membership ID card and instructions on the new membership number have already been circulated to the members through a group mail and SMS. Please follow the instructions and provide your numbers on the membership ID form.

The filled-in membership ID form (in Ms-Excel format only) and the passport picture (requirements: high resolution, below 2 MB, with white background, in JPEG format) should be emailed to: [iactsgallery@gmail.com](mailto:iactsgallery@gmail.com)

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The IACTS Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS!



#### Dr. Rajan Santosham

Chairman  
Santosham Chest Hospital, Chennai  
  
Senior Consultant Thoracic Surgeon  
Apollo Hospitals, Grems Road, Chennai  
  
Professor of Thoracic Surgery  
Senior Consultant Thoracic Surgeon  
Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai



#### Dr. Ashok Vishnu Kanetkar

Senior Consultant Cardiovascular  
& Thoracic Surgery  
Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery  
Grant Medical Foundation & Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune  
  
Professor Emeritus Cardiac Surgery  
BJ Medical College & Sassoon General Hospitals  
Pune

## Fellowships & Orations

### ORATIONS



#### CS Sadasivan Memorial Oration:

Dr. Shiv Choudhury

#### Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration:

Dr. Ali Zamir Khan

## Honorary Overseas Fellowship



Dr. Prashant Mohite, UK

Dr. Vivek Rao, Canada

## Award Paper Session

Members are requested to send quality papers with complete manuscript. The papers will be scrutinized and candidates will be informed about the results. The accepted papers will be published in our official publication, Indian Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery (IJTCVS).

IACTS will sponsor the participation of two runners up of the award paper session from our last annual conference, Dr. Nischal Rajendra Pandya and Dr. Maruti Y Haranal (Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru), in the forthcoming annual conference, IACTSCON 2016. Due to certain unavoidable circumstances, the winner, Dr. Pooja Shetty (Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences, Whitefield, Bengaluru) was unable to attend the overseas conference last year. She will participate in the overseas conference along with this year's award paper session winner.

## Obituary



Dr. K. Rajavenkatesh

Renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. K. Rajavenkatesh, Professor and Head of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Madras Medical College (MMC), passed away on 18 January 2016. He was 57.

An alumnus of the MMC, he served at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital. He was instrumental in starting the minimally invasive cardiothoracic surgical program at the hospital.

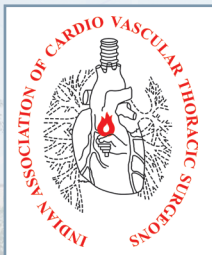
His colleagues and juniors remember him as a natural leader, gifted administrator and a person who dedicated his life to serve the society. During his early years of service, he conducted various health camps in Cuddalore and in the tribal areas of Kodaikanal. He was also known for his voluntary social work during the Gujarat earthquake in 2001.

Dr. Rajavenkatesh has authored various books and articles on holistic health and healthy living. He has been honored with several awards for his work.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and the cardiac fraternity.

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of IACTS

IACTSCON 2016, 18 – 21 February 2016, Lucknow



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Looking forward  
to see you all at  
IACTSCON 2016,  
Lucknow!  
18 - 21 Feb 2016



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