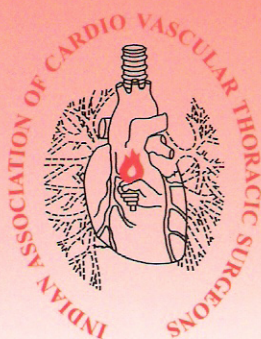


# Newsletter



## Indian Association of Cardiovascular-thoracic Surgeons

### Executive Committee 2007-2008

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<b>Dr. Vivek Jawali</b>	Senior Vice President
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*Secretary*

**Prof. C. P. Srivastava**





Dear Colleagues,

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

The 54th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons will be held at Pune from 21st to 24th February 2008.

The Scientific committee headed by Senior Vice President Dr. Vivek Jawali will meet soon and finalise the programme. The Organising Secretary Dr. (Col.) Manoj Luthra will send out details regarding the scientific programme once it is finalized. His address details are given below:

**Dr. (Col.) Manoj Luthra**

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Military Hospital (CTC)  
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## CT CME PROGRAMME 2007

The CT CME 2007 on Cardiac Surgery was conducted very well by Dr. Murali P. Vettath, at Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences Ltd, Calicut on 22-23, September 2007

The CT CME 2007 on Thoracic Surgery was conducted very efficiently by Dr. Ravindra Kumar Dewan at LRS Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, New Delhi on 17-18, November 2007. Live demonstration of thoracic surgery was done.

## LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

It is pleasure of the association to announce the Life Time Achievement Award to :

- 1) **Prof. J.S. Gujral**, Chandigarh
- 2) **Prof. Gurukumar B. Parulkar**, Mumbai

## ELECTION 2008

Dr. D K Satsangi President and Executive Committee Members Dr. S. Rajan & Dr. Jose Chaco Periappuram will be retiring during CT CON 2008. Nominations are invited for the election of the following posts:-

<b>Junior Vice President</b>	<b>One post</b>
<b>Executive Members</b>	<b>Two posts</b>

Nominations must be filed in the prescribed form enclosed herewith. Last date for the nomination forms to reach the Secretariat is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007,

5.00 pm. A brief Bio data of the contesting candidates (not more than 5 lines) is requested, which will be circulated in the next News Letter before CT CON 2008.

**"Nominations are invited for the venue of CT CON 2011. Application should be signed by at least six life members / fellows along with the name of organising secretary. Last date for the nomination forms to reach the Secretariat is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007."**

## ORATORS FOR CT CON 2008

Two prestigious orations will be delivered during the 54th Annual conference at Pune.

### a) C. S. Sadasivan Oration

Presenter : Dr. A Sambhamurty  
Topic : Management of VSD, Pulmonary Atresia and MAPCAS challenges and Controversies

### b) Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration

Presenter : Dr. R S Dhaliwal  
Topic : Thoracic Surgery In India- Past, Present & Future

## SYMPOSIA

Two symposia will be conducted during the 54th Annual conference at Pune. Members who are interested to participate in these symposia may contact the following co-ordinators:

### a. Robotic Heart Surgery

#### Coordinator :

**Dr. Balram Airan**

Dept. of Cardiothoracic Surgery  
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Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110 029  
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Mobile : 09868398132  
Email : bairan@medinst.ernet.in

### b. Lung Transplantation

#### Coordinator:

**Dr. Rajan Santosham**

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Egmore, Chennai - 600 008  
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Fax : 044-28194703  
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Mobile : 098410-82523  
Email : drrajansantosham@yahoo.com





## ORATIONS FOR CT CON 2009

Nominations are invited for two orations endorsed by the association

- a) C.S Sadasivan Oration
- b) Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration

## ORATIONS

The rules governing the nominations are as follows.

1. The C.S Sadasivan Memorial Oration shall pertain to Cardiac Surgery, while the Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration shall pertain to General Thoracic and/or Vascular Surgery.
2. The nominee for the Orations shall be a Member / Life member / fellow / overseas member / overseas life member of at least seven years standing.
3. A nomination paper for the oration must be signed by at least two members / life members / fellows of the association and shall be accompanied by:
  - a) A detailed curriculum vitae of the nominee.
  - b) A brief note regarding the contribution of the nominee towards the advancement for cardiac surgery (for Sadasivan Oration) or General Thoracic / Vascular surgery (for Godrej S Karai Memorial Oration).
  - c) An indication from the nominee regarding his/her willingness to deliver the Oration, if selected.

Last date for receiving the nomination by the secretariat is 31st December 2007.

## REEVE H BETTS FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited for the award of two Reeve H Betts Fellowships. The conditions governing the fellowship are:

- i) The Candidate shall be at least 30 years of age at the time of application and must be a member / Life member / Fellow of the IACTS.
- ii) He/ she shall be attached to a Cardio Vascular and / or Thoracic surgical unit where he/ she returns to at the end of the fellowship.
- iii) The candidate for the fellowship shall get the application forwarded by the head of the department unless the candidate occupies that chair.

- iv) The Candidate shall clearly state, among other things, the purpose of application including how it helps the candidate's future work.

The last date for receiving the application along with bio-data is 31st December 2007.

## S.S ANAND FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited for the award of S.S Anand Fellowship. The conditions are the same as in the Reeve H Betts Fellowship except that it is in the field of Vascular/Thoracic Surgery.

The last date for receiving the application along with bio-data is 31st December 2007.

## A. K. BASU VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

Applications are invited from the Fellows, Life Members and Life Associates of the IACTS who are willing to be considered for the award of the AK Basu Professorship 2007. The conditions to be fulfilled are he/ she:

- i) Shall be over 45 years of age
- ii) has been engaged exclusively in the active practice of research pertaining to Cardiac and / General Thoracic and / or Vascular Surgery or its closely allied specialities such as Anaesthesiology, Cardiology, Chest Medicine and Cardiovascular radiology, for a minimum period of ten years after obtaining a post graduate qualification in the concerned subject.
- iii) Shall be willing to spend a minimum period of one week at a stretch in a single centre (department or hospital) as a visiting professor.
- iv) Shall indicate his/ her availability and willingness to assist any centre in developing or augmenting a programme.
- v) Shall enclose along with his/ her application a copy of the curriculum vitae emphasizing his/ her special areas of interest./

Applications are also invited from Centers/ Departments or Hospitals intending to avail the services of the AK Basu visiting professor.

Each interested center shall :

- i) Have on its staff at least one person who is a Fellow, Life Member, Life Associate or Member of the Association.
- ii) Apply to the Association through the Head of the





Institution, seeking services for a visiting professor.

- iii) Clearly indicate the area in which it needs assistance.
- iv) Give an undertaking that it shall provide full local hospitality to the visiting professor for a minimum period of one week.

The last date for receiving the application is 31st December 2007.

## **G C SHARMA FELLOWSHIP**

Applications are invited for the award of G C Sharma Fellowship. The conditions governing the fellowship are;

- 1) The fellowship will be awarded to a post M.Ch. young surgeon
- 2) The upper age limit is 40 years.
- 3) The fellow will visit the centre of his choice, which should be a busy vascular and thoracic unit in India.
- 4) The application should be called for from the eligible candidates along with the curriculum vitae.
- 5) There will be a three member committee to scrutinize the applications and select one suitable candidate per year.
  - a) Dr. Karan Singh Yadav
  - b) Dr. C P Srivastava
  - c) A nominee from the association to be appointed by the president
- 6) If no application is received for this fellowship in that year, the fellowship will be forwarded to the next year.

The last date for receiving the applications is 31st December 2007.

## **NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR CONDUCTING CME PROGRAMME IN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER 2008.**

You are requested to apply for cardiac CME in September 2008 and thoracic CME in November 2008 separately.

Centers interested in conducting CME programme may send their proposals to the Secretariat office upto 31st December 2007 along with name of Organising Secretary.

Application supported by two Life Member / Fellows of the IACTS. Application should mention theme & proposed programme.

## **WEBSITE ([www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org))**

The website [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org) has been developed using the latest technology and with a foresight of the requirements of the coming years.

The website has been designed in a user-friendly manner, simple, yet highly functional. The development team has worked on each feature respecting the constraints of time that professional in this community face.

Please login to the website [www.iacts.org](http://www.iacts.org) and go to the Profiles section. Follow the simple instructions and update your profile.

## **AMENDMENTS**

The life membership fee has been increased to Rs. 3000/- w.e.f. 1st April 2007

## **MID TERM GENERAL BODY MEETING**

The Mid Term General Body Meeting was held at Calicut and it was adjourned due to short attendance of Members & again called back & accounts were approved for year 2006-07.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. C. P. Srivastava

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Joint conference of CTCON 2010 and the Asian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery conference will be held at New Delhi.

The Organising Secretary of Asian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery Conference in 2010 is Dr. A Sampath Kumar.

Regarding the Chennai conference, after extensive discussion conclusion was made "subject to the approval of the General Body, the executive committee has proposed that Dr. S Rajan may be allowed to organise the conference in 2011; in appreciation of gesture of Dr. S Rajan and Chennai group to request the 2010 conference to be held at Delhi together with Asian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery conference"





## Obituary

### Tribute to Dr. Madhuri Nigam

Heart-mender with a Golden Soul (18.9.1945 - 16.8.2007)



Dr Madhuri Nigam, former Director-Professor and Head, Cardiothoracic Surgery, G B Pant Hospital, New Delhi was born on 18 September 1945. With her demise on August 16, 2007, the fraternity of cardiothoracic vascular surgeons of India, has lost one of its pioneering lady cardiac surgeons.

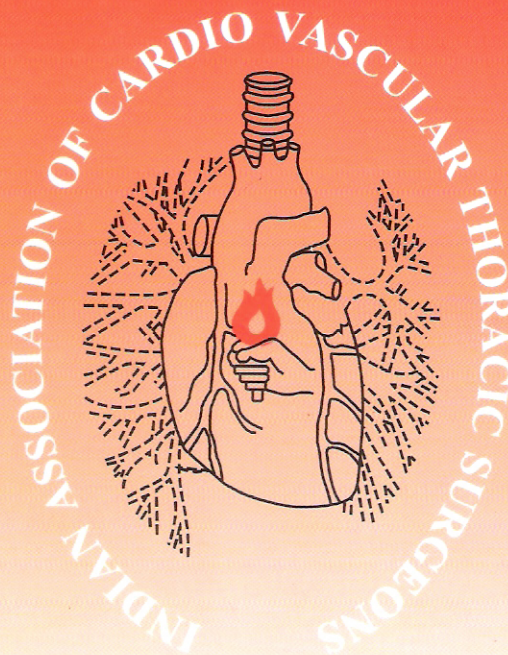
Daughter of the illustrious surgeon-teacher-counsellor late Professor Ramesh Nigam, Dr Madhuri Nigam was a 1964-batch alumnus of Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. She completed her surgical post-graduation under the tutelage of Professor Sandeep Mukerjee at Lady Hardinge Medical College. She obtained her postdoctoral degree in paediatric surgery at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences where her mentor, Dr Purushottam Upadhyaya discovered her overwhelming interest in cardiac ailments of children, and wholeheartedly encouraged her to merge her training into the realm of cardiac surgery. This prompted her to train for two years at some of the Meccas of cardiac surgery in London, such as the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormonde Street; the Harefield Hospital and the Royal Brompton Hospital. In 1980, she returned to India and joined the Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital as a lecturer in cardiothoracic surgery. She superannuated in 2005 at the end of a highly fruitful and rewarding academic career.

The greatness of Professor Nigam lay in her unique capacity to empathise with anyone she came in contact with, as her very own. Thus all those who knew her, fondly remember her as an integral member of their own private world. Her family adored her as a daughter, consort and mother extraordinaire. Her students revered her as a teacher and a guide par excellence. Her colleagues will forever miss her as the lady with a heart that would reach out with many a helping hand at their difficult times. Her patients saw in her an angel with a golden soul ever-brimming with the nectars of mercy and benevolence.

A hardcore workaholic, Dr Madhuri Nigam almost refused to believe anyone could disturb work on account of sickness. She sought output measurable in geometric proportions. Her rare skill of completing double-valve replacements with just 20 minutes of cross-clamp times left the assisting residents gasping for breath! As Chairperson of the Scientific Programme Committee, the clockwork precision and competence with which she conducted the scientific sessions of the 42nd Annual Conference of IACTS along with the Centenary Celebration of Cardiac Surgery remains hard to emulate.

Professor Madhuri Nigam is survived by her husband, Mr Ranvir Sinha, son Ashok, scores of students, hundreds of admirers and those who were benefitted by her kindness, and a legacy which the cardiothoracic surgeons of this country can feel proud of.





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