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ELECTION BULLETIN

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Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons 2024*



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Foreword.

The Election Bulletin 2024 provides information on candidates and insights into their vision that shall help with an informed electorate. As we steer towards the elections to be held during the IACTSCON at Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 8th to 11th February, fellow and life members shall cast their votes to elect:

One Junior Vice President, Two Executive Committee Members, and one Venue for the 73rd Annual Meeting, IACTSCON 2027.

The newly elected office bearers shall assume their responsibilities from February 2024, as per Article 6 of the IACTS Constitution.

(For more details, please visit: <https://www.iacts.org/content/constitution-and-rules>)

Election details:

Date: 9th February, 2024

Time: 6:00pm IST to 8:00pm IST

Venue: Mayfair Lagoon & Convention, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

In view of Covid 19 restrictions being lifted, we shall have regular elections this year. Hence, all members are required to be physically present at the venue for voting during elections.

Voting for the elections to the Executive Committee shall be by secret ballot, to be held during the Annual General Body Meeting transacting the business of such elections, and each voter shall cast his vote by marking 'X' against the name of each of the contestant / contestants of his/her choice for any of the posts. The counting shall be done electronically, not manually, through the barcode on the ballot paper; hence no markings to be made on the barcode.

Ordinarily the Senior Vice-President shall be the Returning Officer for the election.

In the event of the decision of the Returning Officer for the elections of the Executive Committee with regard to the validity of the nominations and votes and the results of the said elections, being reversed or set aside by the President, the General Body shall immediately appoint a panel of three members chosen from those attending the said General Body Meeting. The President shall then adjourn the Annual General Body for 15 minutes or, if required, longer at the end of which the said panel shall give its verdict which shall be binding on all parties.

We request you to peruse through the pages of the bulletin and familiarize with candidates—their achievements and aspirations—that shall assist you with decision making, and ensure a smooth election process with detailed electoral procedures.



Secretary's Message

Dear Colleagues,

As per Article 6 of IACTS constitution, elections for Jr. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee members, and Conference Venue are done by secret ballot during the annual General Body Meeting. However, this procedure was modified, and electronic voting was adopted by the Executive Committee as an extraordinary method in an extraordinary situation like the covid during 2021,2022, and 2023. With the Covid pandemic abating in 2023, the secret ballot method as per the constitution was readopted.

Due to the success of the electronic process and participation by a greater number of members, many felt that we should continue to conduct elections through electronic methods. But, as per the constitution, the elections are to be conducted by secret ballot only during the annual General Body Meeting. In such a case, eligible members attending the conference can only participate, which limits the number of members voting. However, to change to an electronic method of voting an amendment of the constitution as per the provisions in Article 10 has to be gone through.

It will be appropriate here to point out that during the decades between 2000 and 2020, a postal ballot method of voting was discussed in the General Body several times. Because of several disadvantages like coercion and other methods of malpractice, the postal ballot was not adopted. Similarly, the electronic method of voting too has its own disadvantages. Unless a thorough in-depth discussion in the General Body Meeting is undertaken, and an appropriate constitution amendment procedure is followed, it is not possible to change the method of IACTS election procedure.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. S. Hiremath
IACTS Secretary



CANDIDATES 2024 AND IACTSCON 2027 VENUE

Nominations received for the position of Junior Vice President, listed in the order of receipt of candidature.

1. Dr. Kaushal Pandey
2. Dr. S Raghupathi
3. Dr. Gaurav Goel
4. Dr. Satyajit Bose
5. Dr. Rajan Sethuratnam
6. Dr. Raj Kumar Yadav
7. Dr. Karunakara Padhy

Nominations received for two posts of Executive Committee Member, listed in the order of receipt of candidature.

1. Dr. Siva Muthukumar
2. Dr. Gunturu Varun
3. Dr. Jaideep Kumar Trivedi
4. Dr. Zubair Rashid
5. Dr. Subhendu Sekhar Mahapatra

Bids received by proposed organizing teams for hosting the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Association, IACTSCON 2027.

Proposed Organizing Secretary	Location
Dr. Siva Muthukumar	Chennai
Dr. Debasis Das	Kolkata
Dr. C. S. Hiremath	Bengaluru

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Dr. Kaushal Pandey

Cardiac Surgeon
Mumbai



- Founder member of Asian Academy of Heart Valve Disease, based in Singapore and on the Executive Body of this academy.
- Principal Investigator for Foldax Tria Polymer Valve. Successfully completed aortic and mitral valve trials for US-FDA approval.
- P. K. Sen Memorial Oration at Indian Association of Cardiovascular thoracic Surgeons Conference, Bangalore, February 2006.
- Dr. K. N. Dastur Memorial Lecture at IACTS CON 2012, Kolkata.
- Various scientific publications and presentations to credit and Member at different Medical organizations

Vision for IACTS :

“I practice full spectrum of adult cardiac surgery. I also routinely perform ascending aorta and carotid surgery. Over the last 32 years, I have completed 28,000 open heart surgeries in Mumbai.

I am one of the busiest Surgeons in Mumbai. Even now, I perform close to 700 open heart surgeries annually. I am attached to multiple hospitals in Mumbai. However, most of my work is centred around Hinduja Hospital and Lilavati Hospital. I have operated in six countries in Asia giving surgical demonstrations. My teaching program is conducted through Asian Academy for Heart Valve Disease.

IACTS has become a huge organisation with almost 2000 surgeons and trainees. Our organisation needs changes both at the organisation level and in the constitution. We need to implement new training methods, maintain registry and increase the scientific output in international journals. We need to go the AATS or EACTS way. I will work towards these changes.”



Dr. S Raghupathi

**Former Prof. of CTVS at Madras
Medical College & University**

**41 years of teaching and surgical
experiences in India and abroad.**



Vision for IACTS:

I worked as senior most Cardiac Surgeons CTVS Professor & HOD in Government Hospitals (1983 – 2007), worked as Professor & HOD in private medical colleges all over India (2008 – 2019) and at present am the Director of Heart Institute, Chennai.

During my service I performed and participated in more than 15000 Cardiac, Lung, Oesophageal and Vascular Surgeries. I have performed more than 500 Cardiac Surgery in different parts of rural areas of Tamil Nadu free of cost. Trained more than 120 M.Ch, CTVS post graduate students, guided Ph.D. graduates and trained 1500 Para medical including Perfusionist at various Universities.

- Conducted more than 700 Cardiac Surgical Camps at rural and tribal areas of India, London and also at Malaysia for the last 41 years with my own expenses.
- University Examiner for more than 100 times for Medical Graduates and Para Medical degree students.
- Written 10 medical books in Tamil and booklets for awareness of heart attack, HIV, Breast Milk etc

My Mission & Vision :

- To train young surgeons and Perfusionist, lung and heart transplantation and also artificial heart which could be easily trainable for all CTVS surgeons in all remote areas
- The CTVS surgical standards of MCh / DipNB will be updated to International standard by sending them abroad for CT Surgical training.
- The benefits of Cardiac Surgery should reach all the poor people and also hill tribes all over India and all over the world.

Kindly vote and support me for Junior Vice President at 70th IACTSCON 2024, Bhubaneswar



Dr. Gaurav Goel

Senior Consultant
Sterling hospitals. Vadodara



Consultant and lead Cardiac Surgeon at Zydus Hospitals, Vadodara
EC member for the last 3 years; Instrumental for Outreach program
Organizing secretary @ Techno college CME and Organizing committee member IACTCON2020

Vision for IACTS :

“ Dear colleagues,

I, as a member of our fraternity, present myself to you as honest, passionate and hard-working member with a proven track record of working for the interest of the association. I seek your support to help me serve the association and to take it forward in these challenging times, as I stand for the office of Junior vice – president.

Dear colleagues, I have served as the organizing committee member IACTCON2020 and the organizing secretary for Techno college CME 2023, both at Ahmedabad. Both events were well received and had made some path breaking changes and the way our meetings are held. In the last three years as your member in the EC, I have raised and delivered on various issues. I was instrumental for many positive changes and the Outreach program which was a great hit.

I have a vision and as a compulsive optimist, I promise to steer the association taking on board everyone to even higher ground. Revamping teaching programs, mentorship programs are a top priority. We need to involve the members into day to day working and set up separate verticals for various sub specialties headed by members from the GB. Guidelines and practice norms have to be revamped. Together WE CAN, and together WE WILL.”



Dr. Satyajit Bose

**Chairman,
The Mission Hospital, Durgapur**



- President of “Love and Care Foundation” a charity school for orphan children
- Founder: 600 bedded Super-specialty Hospital in Durgapur

Vision for IACTS :

I would humbly want to submit my candidacy for election as the Junior Vice President of IACTS. I have been a life member of IACTS since 1998. I would want to contribute further to the cause of cardiac surgery and that is the reason for aspiring to be the Junior Vice President of this esteemed organization. At a time when our specialty faces an existential crisis from all fronts, I feel I can also pitch in and do my bit to uphold the glory of one of the most challenging surgical specialties which is so close to all our hearts.

Apart from creating a significant body of surgical work in the entire spectrum of cardiac surgery in eastern India, I have been very active in the academic/ organizational fronts of IACTS and our state association. I have successfully conducted two CT CMEs in 2005 and 2014, in Kolkata and Durgapur respectively with live surgeries and wetlab. The recently concluded Aortic Conclave in 2023 was a huge success. I am the current Vice President of the Association of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgeons of West Bengal. I have two official post-MCh Fellowship posts every year approved by IACTS every year. I have trained more than 25 cardiac surgeons from various parts of the country till date. I have been organizing and participating in numerous state and national level CMEs. I have been an invited faculty for most of the IACTS conferences and numerous international meetings.

I would want to humbly submit to General Body to support my candidacy and here are some points which I want to take further through the IACTS executive committee as its Junior Vice President, if elected:

- To be a part of the awareness/ outreach campaigns of IACTS and spread it in eastern India
- Conduction of CME to medical undergrads including inviting to attend centres to rekindle the interest in CTVS
- Regular surgical workshops for trainees
- Engagement of allied specialities of intensive care/ anaesthesia in our meetings
- Contribute to ongoing efforts of creating our national database
- Trying to establish a culture of publishing in our trainees and providing necessary support
- Supporting sub-speciality trainings to advanced trainees/ fresh pass-outs for coronary surgery/ aortic surgery/ congenital surgery/ MICS/ surgery for heart failure



Dr. Rajan Sethuratnam

Director of Cardiac Surgery
Madras Medical Mission
Chennai



- Secretary of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS) for the term 2013- 2016 & 2016-2019.
- Founder Chairman of National Heart Foundation (NHF),
- In charge for conducting free Cardiac screening camps organized by The Madras Medical Mission
- Organized various conferences

MESSAGE :

“I am currently the Director of Cardiac Surgery at the Madras Medical Mission, Chennai which is a non-profit organization. Having completed M.Ch., in Cardiothoracic Surgery from the University of Madras in 1987, I have been associated with the Madras Medical Mission from day one of its inception, since 1987, in its various activities.

I have performed more than 22,000 surgeries including Congenital, Valve, Aortic root surgery, CABG, Aneurysm repair, ROSS procedure, Beating Heart surgery, Heart Transplant, Minimally invasive, Cardiac tumors. I have established a dedicated state-of-the-art cryo-preserved homograft heart valve bank (1st in the country in a private sector) in our hospital. Created an interactive website for the first time and a complete registry of Members; provided new membership numbers and given Membership ID cards. Started the first Mentored Fellowship program along with Dr. Suresh, G. Rao and Dr. K.S. Iyer and re-activated the Award Paper Sessions.

Created an application for the Association’s database and setup a permanent conference website and app for the Association and ran an efficient IACTS office at the Conference Venue throughout my tenure of 6 years and designed a new attractive membership certificate.

Published more than 100 papers in national and international journals. I have been involved in various clinical trials and institutional Research Activities.

On the social front, I am a founder trustee for National Heart Foundation, a charitable trust founded in 2005. In the last 13 years, NHF had helped more than 1600 patients to the tune of 2.3 crore rupees. Right now, treatment is carried out at Madras Medical Mission and Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences.”



Office of the Junior Vice President IACTS (One Post)

Dr. Raj Kumar Yadav

Cardio Vascular Thoracic Surgeon
SMS Medical College
Jaipur



- Executive Committee Member (2010-2013)
- Trainer, guide, examiner & thesis evaluator
- Organized various conferences: CTCON 1998, CTCON 2007, CTCME 2009, CTCME 2012, BRONCOCON 2012 and TESCON 2016

Vision for IACTS :

“I would like to draw your kind attention through our society that in the MBBS curriculum there should be provision to rotate students in the department of CTVS, to make them aware of the glamour of cardiac surgery and to attract them at the very beginning to pursue a career in this specialty.

There should be relaxation like signing bonds for CTVS students pursuing PG degree MCh. and DNB, to persuade a greater number of students to join this specialty.

The CTV Surgeon's hands should be equipped with both knife and catheter based therapeutic techniques. Existing law on medical negligence should be definitely amended from criminal to civil suit, which is presently in process in the parliament.

Establishment of separate cadre with high pay scale for CTVS faculty working in government hospitals across the country.

In view of present MCI rules and regulations most of the big conferences and CME workshops should be sponsored as far as possible by the Government's financial assistance.

Will work for more and more collaboration with international organizations/societies to exchange latest skill and knowledge in the specialty of CTVS.

With your support, If I am elected for the post of Jr. Vice President, I promise to fulfil my suggested dreams to help the Medical fraternity and suffering mankind under the stewardship of IACTS.”



Dr. Karunakara Padhy

Director
Department of CTVS
Medicover hospital
Visakhapatnam



Performed more than 15000 cardiac, thoracic and vascular surgery including two heart transplants. Trained on lung transplant at Washington University, St. Louise, USA and minimal invasive cardiac surgery at Leipzig, Germany.

Organizing secretary @ various events:

64th IACTSCON 2018 ; Annual meeting of AP association of Cardiac surgeons ; Minimal Invasive cardiac surgery workshop, Visakhapatnam ; Conclave on Vascular surgery ; Conclave on Thoracic surgery,

Vision for IACTS:

- Developing database with help of Bigdata
- Reforming constitution with an expert committee of past presidents and secretaries
- Clinical exchange program for residents and junior consultants
- Extension of cardiac surgery to district level. Each district to have a cardiac centre
- International clinical and professional exchange program
- Formation of Zonal body and State chapters
- Group Insurance for all members
- Indian guidelines for all procedures
- Indian text book of cardiac surgery



Office of the Executive Committee Member (Two Posts)

Dr. Siva Muthukumar

Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeon
Apollo Hospitals
Chennai



EC member-Indian Association of Cardiovascular& Thoracic Surgeons.
Member of European Association of Cardiothoracic Surgeons; Vascular Society of India
Association of Surgeons of India; Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, UK.

Awards:

Reeve Betts Fellow

Finalist, Best Surgical Team ,

BMJ awards - British Medical Journal.

AATS Graham Foundation – Every Heartbeat matters Award 2017 by American Association of Thoracic Surgery

Various publications to credit



Office of the Executive Committee Member (Two Posts)

Dr. Gunturu Varun

**Chairman,
Dr VARUN CARDIAC SCIENCES
(VCS)**



- Cardiothoracic & vascular surgeon
- Minimally invasive cardiac surgeon
- Minimally invasive Lung surgeon
- Interventional Cardiac Surgeon (ICS)
- TAVI surgeon

General Secretary & Treasurer at Indian Association of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons (IAICS)

Founder : Radha-Lakshmi Heart Foundation (RLHF)

- Achieved “INDIA BOOK OF RECORDS 2022” for successful display of 100 MICS case results
- Interventional Cardiac Surgeon with Hybrid Cathlab in India
- Working towards establishment of the International Association of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons (InAICS) in April 2024, with the goal of extending the concept of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons to an international platform.



Professional Statement for IACTS Executive Committee Election 2024

Introduction :

After the completion of my 6-year integrated Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) course in April 2017, which provided me with valuable hands-on experience under the guidance of esteemed teachers at GKNM Hospital, Coimbatore, I made a conscious decision to pursue a career in tier 2 cities in order to avoid the intense professional competition prevalent in metropolitan areas. I sought to hone my surgical skills while fostering my own independent patient clientele.

Professional Journey and Achievements :

During this time, I focused on honing my surgical skills, particularly in performing complex cases, valve repairs, Aortic dissections, while simultaneously mastering minimally invasive cardiac surgery (MICS) techniques. Additionally, I actively developed administrative skills by establishing my own independent patient clientele, in the cardiology dominated society. Notably, I achieved a significant milestone by successfully completing 100 MICS cases, earning recognition in the “India Book of Records 2022” for this accomplishment.

Transition to Independent Practice :

Following this, I transitioned to an independent consultant Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon specializing in MICS. In May 2019, I established a single-bedded outpatient clinic equipped with essential diagnostic services such as ECG, Echocardiography, Treadmill Test (TMT), and even emergency management for myocardial infarction (MI) including thrombolysis. Furthermore, I took the initiative to outsource cardiac surgeries to various cardiology set-ups, thereby deviating from the traditional role of being a consultant cardiac surgeon under such establishments.

Embracing Entrepreneurial Pursuits and Professional Growth :

Inspired by successful cardiac surgeon entrepreneurs such as Dr. Naresh Trehan, Dr. Devi Shetty, and Dr. Gopichand Mannam, I embarked on a journey of expansion and innovation in the field of cardiac surgery. In May 2022, I established a state-of-the-art 50-bedded Cardiac Hyper-specialty unit in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, equipped with a Surgeon-based Hybrid Cath lab featuring an integrated Philips intrasight 5 IVUS system (1st installation in Andhra Pradesh with no cardiologist didn't have it before). This facility also includes state-of-the-art three SS panelled modular operating theatres, modular intensive care units, and four dedicated ECMO units.

Diversification and Community Outreach :

In addition to performing high-quality cardiac surgeries, I expanded my expertise in cardiac catheterization procedures, progressing from angiograms to IVUS-guided Percutaneous Trans luminal Coronary Angioplasties (PTCA) and Trans catheter Aortic Valve Implantations (TAVI). Notably, we successfully conducted 2 surgeon-based TAVI procedures on elderly patients aged 92 and 76 in a single day, alongside regular angiograms and PTCA procedures. Within short span, I did a total of 4 surgeon based TAVI's till now. To mitigate opposition from local Cardiology members and to contribute to the community, we organized a two-day free angiogram camp in collaboration with the Radha-Lakshmi Heart Foundation, aimed at providing cardiac care to the underprivileged.



Establishment of IAICS and Professional Development :

Recognizing the significance of imparting advanced catheterization skills to young cardiac surgeons, I took a pioneering step by establishing the Indian Association of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons (IAICS) in Vijayawada in May 2023. This initiative was endorsed by the AP High Court justice and the AP state Health secretary to pre-empt legal complications and objections from fellow Cardiology members. As the General Secretary and Treasurer of IAICS, I orchestrated the first-ever Cath skills workshop, training 34 surgeons and conducting over 120 angiograms. Subsequently, the IAICS president, in collaboration with MGM Hospitals, Mumbai, organized a second hands-on workshop, further expanding the reach of advanced training in catheterization procedures.

Empowering the Future :

Looking ahead, I aim to orchestrate India's largest live hands-on Cath skills workshop for cardiac surgeons in collaboration with the Radha-Lakshmi Heart Foundation and the Krishna Milk Union (2,00,000 poor farmers as clinical material for our workshops), with a focus on training upcoming young surgeons in advanced interventional procedures. We are mass evaluating 60+ yrs old farmers and scheduling ~1200 Angiograms, 300 PTCA's (Philips IVUS Training) & 5-10 TAVI's also for hands on experience for cardiac surgeons, at the massive 3rd hands on cath skills workshop from 20th February – 7th April 2024, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Furthermore, I am negotiating with vendors to establish complete surgeon based Hybrid Cath lab solutions at an affordable price, as part of the IAICS Cardiac Surgeon Entrepreneurship program. This initiative aims to empower more Cardiac Surgeonpreneurs to emerge and contribute to the field of interventional cardiac surgery.

International Expansion and Advocacy :

Building on this foundation, I am working towards the establishment of the International Association of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons (InAICS) in April 2024, with the goal of extending the concept of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons to an international platform. Through these efforts, I am committed to reinforcing this concept and nurturing the qualities of Cardiac Surgeonpreneurs within the profession.

Engagement with IACTS :

In light of my contributions and experiences in shaping this new dimension of Interventional Cardiac Surgeons, I am seeking support from the Indian Association of Cardiothoracic Surgeons (IACTS). I intend to contest for a position on the IACTS executive committee during the upcoming elections in February 2024, with the aspiration of furthering the development and advocacy of this transformative concept within the broader professional spectrum.



Office of the Executive Committee Member (Two Posts)

Dr. Jaideep Kumar Trivedi

**Senior Consultant
Cardiothoracic Surgeon &
Heart Transplant Surgeon
Apollo Hospitals
Vizag**



Secretary of Visakha Association of Cardiothoracic Surgeons
Treasurer at IACTSCON 2018 at Visakhapatnam
Served as President of Maharashtra association of resident doctors
Successfully conducted first APCTCON in 2017

Vision for IACTS:

“I am presently working as senior consultant cardiac surgeon at Apollo hospitals Visakhapatnam. I have done my MCH training from Grant medical college and JJ hospital Mumbai. I have national and international publications on my name. I served as President of Maharashtra association of resident doctors during my residence and fought for betterment of residents of Mumbai and was successful in persuading government for hike salary and improve working conditions of residents. I have successfully conducted first APCTCON in 2017. Presently I am secretary of Visakha association of cardiothoracic surgeons. I was a treasurer and successfully conducted IACTSCON 2018 at Visakhapatnam which was a grand success and was able to return a record fund of one crore to IACTS. My aim is to work for the betterment of organization, fight for the rights glory and pride of all cardiac surgeons.”



Dr. Zubair Rashid

Chief Cardiac Surgeon
Noora Hospital and Khyber Hospital
Srinagar



Member at various medical organisations

- Society of Heart Failure and Transplantation (SHFT)
- Indian Association of Cardiovascular and thoracic Surgeons (IACTS)
- Association of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeons (ACTS) Asia
- Vascular Society of India (VSI)
- Cardiological Society of India (CSI)
- Pediatric Cardiac Society of India (PCSI)
- Association of Surgeons of India (ASI)
- National Academy of Medical Sciences (MNAMS)
- President/Founder-Dr. Mafooza & Nasreena's Al-Qaib Foundation Association (NGO)

Vision for IACTS :

MISSION

- To revive cardiac surgery at grassroots.

VISION

- To encourage and involve the young cardiac surgeons to come forward to revive cardiac surgery in the valley.
- To have regular academic programs, workshops and CMEs in collaboration with centres outside the UT

GOALS

- To have union territory's own state chapter of CTVS.
- To call back cardiac surgeons who are working outside due to unavailability of opportunities.



Office of the Executive Committee Member (Two Posts)

Dr. Subhendu Sekhar Mahapatra

Professor
Dept. of CTVS
Institute of Post Graduation
Medical Education & Research and
SSKM Hospital
Kolkata



Teacher and Guide of MCh Trainees and Perfusionist.

Vision for IACTS :

“I want to join as an Executive Committee Member in the National forum so that I can get the necessary support from my fellow mates of this Association from different parts of the country to fulfil my aim of overall development of this speciality in the Eastern and North-Eastern region. I emphasise on the cumulative effort of my contemporary surgeons, senior and juniors from this part of the country to accomplish the common goal. The upgradation of the MCh(CTVS) curriculum is necessary to make it more structured, organized and demand based.

1. Inclusion of training on Echocardiography, will definitely help the surgeon for better decision making and will have better outcome.
2. Training on Cath-lab based procedures.
3. Exposure to Hybrid Procedures.
4. Training in MICS.
5. The conventional one final examination after the completion of the MCh training programme is inadequate.

The teaching should be more interactive and problem-based learning to be practiced. One yearly assessment programme may be conducted not only to gather knowledge but to motivate the candidate.

The number of the CTVS surgeons are very less compared to the disease burden and the number of aspiring cardiothoracic surgeons are also low. Main reasons are-

1. It has a steep learning curve with a long and exhaustive working hour.
2. Time needed to get a foothold as an independent surgeon is longer compared to the other surgical specialty.
3. To some extent practice is dependent on referrals.
4. There is often a sheer mismatch between the effort of the surgeon and the societal return.

As per present demand, to increase the number of aspirants in cardiothoracic surgery, we need to include at least a Cath-lab in the form of Hybrid-OT, learn to manage the patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome and also some non-cardiac event management by catheter based procedures, like arterial embolisation, arterial and venous stenting procedures etc. I strongly feel, our esteemed Association should exert a strong recommendation to the highest body (NMC) in this regard.”



IACTSCON 2027 Venue

CHOOSE CHENNAI FOR IACTS 2027!



IACTSCON 2027

HOST CITY CHENNAI

Hotel
A plethora of hotels dot the city for delegates to stay; commutation through city is not a challenge

Venue details
Some medical institutions in Chennai have large convention halls with world class facilities, which can be utilized as Conference Venue; this shall be in line with the new regulations set by National Medical Commission

Organizing Committee
ORGANISING CHAIRPERSON: DR C S VIJAYASHANKAR
ORGANISING SECRETARY: DR. SIVA MUTHUKUMAR

Organizing Committee
TREASURER: DR ANBARASU MOHANRAJ

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A National Convention of a prestigious association like our IACTS - Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons deserves an iconic location... a location that has its footprints imprinted on Indian medical history; and, continues to be the fulcrum of healthcare.

It deserves a location that allows absolute focus on the event and enough scope for knowledge & skill development. Such a convention needs Iconic venues for its conduct and a cross section of places for delegates to comfortably stay and commute. Chennai answers all of these requirements with a resounding “yes”!

Chennai has always been at the forefront of our specialty with earliest Cardiovascular and thoracic surgical centres in India. We have 6 Medical colleges with MCh program and 3 centres with DNB program. And Chennai has close to 40 Cardiac Surgical centres with centre of excellence in all sub specialties like coronary, congenital, aortic, thoracic and MICS.

Chennai boasts of a rich cultural heritage being 400-years-old and home to the world’s oldest spoken classical language Tamil, the world’s second longest urban beach in the Marina; multiple luxurious convention locations either

very near the airport (Chennai Convention Centre & ITC Grand Chola) or right on the historic Mamallapuram beach (Multiple Resorts with spacious conference halls). Some of the medical institutions in Chennai have large convention halls with world class facilities, which can be utilised as our Conference Venue. This assumes significance in view of new regulations by National Medical Commission. A plethora of hotels dot the city for delegates to stay and a commute through the city is not a challenge as it can be in several other cities of India – Chennai is a busy city but doesn’t choke with its traffic.

Chennai beckons you for a grand convention IACTSCON 2027, to be hosted by people known for their warmth and hospitality – Tamil Nadu Association of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery. Kindly give us an opportunity to prove it. Thank you!

Organizing Team for IACTSCON 2027 CHENNAI :

Organizing Chairman - Dr C. S. Vijayashankar

Organizing Secretary - Dr. Siva Muthukumar

Treasurer - Dr Anbarasu Mohanraj



CHOOSE KOLKATA FOR IACTS 2027!



IACTSCON 2027	HOST CITY KOLKATA
Hotel	ITC Royal
Venue details	Medical conferences like CSI Annual Conference 2023, Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Organ Transplant 2023 have already been organized
Organizing Committee	PATRON: DR KUNAL SARKAR ORGANISING CHAIRPERSON: DR SATYAJIT BOSE ORGANISING SECRETARY: DR DEBASIS DAS
Organizing Committee	TREASURER: DR SUBENHNDU SEKHAR MAHAPATRA SCIENTIFIC CO-ORDINATOR: DR PRADEEP NARAYAN / DR SAPTARSHI ROY

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Kolkata, the city of joy, again aspires to host the IACTSCON in 2027. Having organized IACTSCON only twice before, in 2001 and 2012, the eastern part of India now looks forward for this prestigious opportunity once again.

Kolkata is a historical metropolis of India with well-established air, rail and ground connectivity. There are world class hotels and enough infrastructure for an event of this magnitude. The weather in February is fabulous in Kolkata.

The proposed venue is Hotel ITC Royal, which is a world class facility designed for events like this with other hotels in close proximity also. Many big medical conferences like the recent CSI Annual Conference 2023, Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Organ Transplant 2023 have already being organized there.

Cardiac surgery of all forms including adult, congenital, transplant and thoracic surgery has made tremendous progress in the city with many centres of excellence in both private and public sector in the last decade.

Being known as the cultural capital of the country, Kolkata has local traditions in drama, art, film, theatre, and literature.

Many people from Kolkata—among them, several Nobel laureates—have contributed to the arts, the sciences, and other areas. This city earnestly wants to host this event with an efficient and enthusiastic organizing committee and invites you all to choose the well-known hospitality of eastern India.

Proposed Organizing Committee

Patron:
DR KUNAL SARKAR

Organizing Chairperson:
DR SATYAJIT BOSE

Organizing Secretary:
DR DEBASIS DAS

Treasurer:
DR SUBHENDU SEKHAR MAHAPATRA

Scientific Co-ordinator:
DR PRADEEP NARAYAN / DR SAPTARSHI ROY



CHOOSE BENGALURU FOR IACTS 2027!



IACTSCON 2027	HOST CITY BENGALURU
Hotel	JW Marriott. Prestige Golfshire Resort and Spa
Venue details	Located near the airport Close proximity to M.S. Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre where pre-conference hands-on workshop can be conducted, Venue selected for its experience in conducting the G20 summit.
Organizing Committee	CHAIRPERSON: DR. VIVEK JAWALI ORGANISING SECRETARY: DR C S HIREMATH
Organizing Committee	TREASURER: DR RAVI SHETTY SCIENTIFIC CHAIRPERSON AND COORDINATOR: DR PRASANNA SIMHA

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It gives me immense pride to propose Bengaluru as the host city for our Association's annual meeting IACTSCON in 2027. Delegates can look forward to a vibrant and fruitful meeting that reflects our profession's progress.

Let me offer you some glimpses into the city's history and happenings. Rechristened Bengaluru in 2014, the colonial name Bangalore assumed a more local flavour derived from a legend. The erstwhile Bangalore is known by many monikers such as the Silicon Valley of India, Start-up City, and Biotech Capital. These tags are a testament to the city's metamorphosis over the last couple of decades from the sleepy old Pensioner's Paradise.

While the central business district offers a choice of 5-star hotels, the JW Marriott Prestige Golfshire is our choice of venue for the 73rd conference. The hotel is an experience of modern luxury set at the foothills of Nandi, not too far from the Bengaluru Airport. Recently, it hosted the first couple of meetings for the 2023 G20 Summit. The scenic 22-acre hotel makes every trip a pleasure and every vacation the stay of a lifetime. It is moments from tourist attractions such as Nandi Hills, Grover Vineyards, and the Devanahalli and Lepakshi Temples. The 35,000-square-foot convention centre is currently Bengaluru's largest resort meeting and wedding venue. The resort houses a 22,000-square-foot pillarless banquet hall venue.

The 2027 Annual Meeting format and delivery will adhere to standard practices with an added pre-conference hands-on workshop conducted at the state-of-the-art facility in M.S. Ramaiah Advanced Learning Centre. The workshops will encompass all sub-specialities of cardiac surgery, including thoracic organ transplantation (heart-lung), mechanical circulatory support, aortic root techniques, training-simulation of cardiopulmonary bypass and complex congenital repair. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for surgeons of all ages and experience levels.

As the Organizing Secretary, I am confident that IACTSCON 2027 will be a resounding success under the able leadership of the Organizing Chairperson Dr. Vivek Jawali, Organizing Treasurer Dr. Ravishankar Shetty and Scientific Chairperson and Coordinator: Dr Prasanna Simha. On behalf of the organizing team, I seek your support for Bengaluru as the venue for IACTSCON 2027.

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