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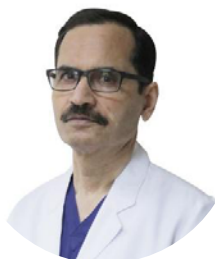
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Secretary's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of the IACTS newsletter to stay informed about the upcoming annual conference—IACTSCON 2025.

The pages of this newsletter mark the coming year with invitations, containing space to recognize accomplishments by submitting applications for the Life Time Achievement Award 2025, and to recognize expertise and equal reach of academia through an invite to Memorial Orations, and bids to host CMEs.

The upcoming election in February is also a much-awaited event, with details of submitting nominations briefed in the newsletter. As we move forward in our mission to provide advanced medical knowledge and services, the annual conference is gearing up under the dedicated efforts of the organizing team headed by the Organizing Secretary, Dr. Zile Singh Meherwal, Organizing Chairman, Dr. K S Iyer, Treasurer, Dr. Ankit Thukral and Scientific Committee Chairman, Dr. Devagourou Velayoudam to offer didactic discussions and knowledge exchange. Best wishes to the entire team who are all in to put up an exceptional conference.

Looking forward to a great line-up of engaging orations, interactive panel discussions, and networking opportunities with the active participation of all members.



Dr. C. S. Hiremath
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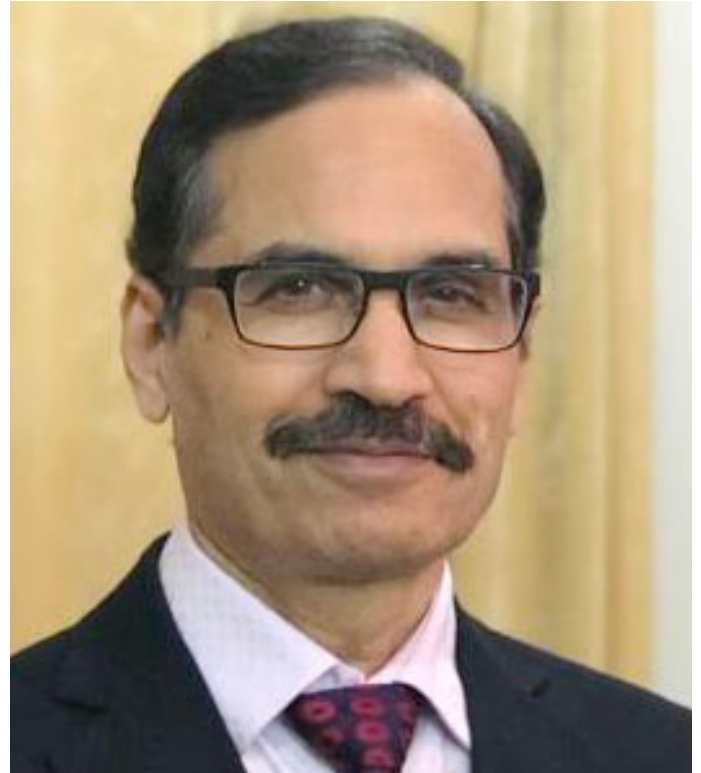
IACTSCON 2025

It's my great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 71st Annual Conference of Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons IACTSCON-2025 to be held in the vibrant city of Delhi at Hotel Pullman, Aerocity, from 20th – 23rd February, 2025.

This conference will bring together renowned experts, pioneers, and young professionals from around the globe, united in our shared commitment to advancing the field of cardiac surgery and improving patient care. The conference promises to be an extraordinary platform for exchanging ideas, showcasing the latest innovations, and fostering collaborations that will continue to shape the future of cardiac care. During these four days, we will delve into cutting-edge research, pioneering surgical techniques, and advancements in medical technologies that are revolutionizing cardiac surgery.

The city is well connected with all the areas of the country as well as internationally. The temperature in Delhi during February is the most comfortable and favourable. We are certain that your presence at this conference will contribute significantly to the exchange of knowledge and the advancement of cardiac surgery in India and abroad.

Friends, not only will this conference offer the opportunity to explore the latest advancements in our field, but it also takes place in one of the most historically rich and culturally vibrant cities in the world. Delhi is a city that offers a unique blend of the ancient and the modern, a true symbol of India's diversity. The delegates will have the opportunity to explore the historical monuments of the city. From



the awe-inspiring Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb to the majestic Red Fort, Delhi is home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites that narrate the city's storied past. Delhi is a paradise for food lovers. It is famous for its street food – from chaat to paranthas, and the delightful Mughlai cuisine. Of course, Delhi is well known for shopping and markets as well. Whether it's the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk, the modern malls, or the colorful bazaars of Janpath, there's something for everyone to take home.

We are confident that this conference will be a truly memorable and unforgettable event for everyone. Looking forward to welcome you all in Delhi in February.

Dr. Zile Singh Meharwal

*Senior Past President
Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons*

Organizing Secretary, IACTSCON 2025



Event Invites

Lifetime Achievement Award

IACTSCON 2025

Applications open: Invitation to honour a distinguished persona in the discipline of cardiothoracic surgery is open, under the title Lifetime Achievement Award, in accordance with the acknowledgement of commitment towards excellence.

The CTVS fraternity is invited to apply for the Life Time Achievement Award that shall be given away at the inaugural ceremony of the 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTSCON 2025 at Hotel Pullman, Aerocity, from 20th to 23rd February, 2025. The nominating member must be a sitting Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member of the Association.

Application check list

- Membership number of the nominee and the nominating member
- Cover letter with statement of intent indicating strength of nomination (Word Limit: Not less than 400 words)
- Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee
- A passport-size photograph of the nominee
- Letter from another Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member seconding nomination
- Title on Application: 'IACTSCON 2025: LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD'
- Application to be addressed to the Secretary, IACTS at secretary@iacts.org.
- Last date for receipt of applications by email: Friday, December 15, 2024, at 23:59 hours.



Memorial Orations

Dear Colleagues,

The 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons, IACTSCON 2025, sets the platform to converge scientific minds to exchange surgical knowledge. In this context, the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons invites applications for the IACTS Memorial Orations.

Scientific discussions and training to upskill in the field of cardiothoracic-vascular surgery through academic and scientific research and expertise shall be the focal point, thereby contributing towards enhancing health and improving lives through scientific advancement.

The conference is scheduled to be held in Delhi at Hotel Pullman, Aerocity, from **20th – 23rd February, 2025**.

The five Memorial Orations, instituted in memory of the pioneering efforts of individuals who helped establish this body to preserve and promulgate the practice and progress of cardiothoracic surgery, shall honour and recognize individuals who have contributed to scientific progress across the disciplines of cardiovascular-thoracic surgery.

Fellows, Life Members and Overseas Life Members practicing any discipline of cardiothoracic surgery are encouraged to apply under the relevant category listed below.

Name of the Memorial Oration	Subspecialty	Eligible IACTS Membership Category	Minimum Membership*
C.S Sadasivan Memorial Oration	Cardiovascular Surgery	Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member	20 years
P.K Sen Memorial Oration	Cardiovascular Surgery	Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member	20 years
Meherji P. Mehta Memorial Oration	Thoracic Surgery	Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member	10 years
Godrej S. Karai Memorial Oration	Thoracic/ Vascular Surgery	Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member	10 years
K.N Dastur Memorial Oration	Cardiovascular Surgery	Fellow/ Life Member/ Overseas Life Member	10 years

**Minimum years of Membership as of January 01, 2025.*



The applicant must submit the following:

1. A cover letter with a statement of purpose (Word limit: 200 words)
2. A copy of the membership card
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. A recent passport-size photograph
5. A summary of the topic of the presentation (Word limit: A minimum of 400 words)

Applications by self-nomination are invited from members of the Association who have made distinguished contributions in either academia, research, or patient care in cardiothoracic surgery. The IACTS Executive Committee reviews all applications, and its decision shall be final.

Applications must be titled, IACTSCON 2025: MEMORIAL ORATION and addressed to the Secretary, IACTS at secretary@iacts.org with the subject line containing the Name of the Oration applied for.

The deadline for receipt of applications by email is 23:59 hours on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

Looking forward to your active participation at the IACTSCON 2025.



2025 Elections

A warm invitation to the 2025 Elections to apply for the offices of the IACTS which will be held during the 71st Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons,

IACTSCON 2025 in Delhi on 21st February, 2025

Voting shall be by secret ballot, to be held during the Annual General Body Meeting where 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 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, is 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, if required, or longer, at the end of which the said panel shall give its verdict which shall be binding on all parties.

Fellows and Life Members of the Association will cast votes to elect:

- Secretary-one position,
- Treasurer-one position,
- Editor in Chief, and
- Executive Committee Members - 2 positions
- The Venue for the 74th Annual Meeting, IACTSCON 2028

If you know any life/fellow members interested in holding an office, please submit the nomination, along with a brief biodata of the nominee, seconded by another life/fellow IACTS member.

Self or nominated applications (with a 250-word statement) are also invited to bid for hosting IACTSCON 2028.

All nominations are open until 23:59 hours on December 31, 2024.

Kindly click on below link to submit applications for the available positions and venue.

<https://www.iacts.org/node/add/iacts-elections-2025>



2025 CMEs

Sub: Invitation for CMEs 2025

Dear Colleagues,

IACTS CMEs are opportunities for surgeons and residents to stay updated on current practices and developments in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery. Apart from the annual conference every year, the Association conducts three regional CMEs to support collaboration and disseminate knowledge in academics and research related to CTVS.

The enduring series, usually held every May (IACTS Technocollege CME), August (IACTS Cardiac CME & Mid-Term GBM), and November (IACTS Thoracic CME), facilitates enhancing clinical skills and hands-on learning through workshops, panel discussions, and lectures. It is also an opportunity for the organizing team to showcase its leadership and organizational capabilities.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of IACTS, I invite applications for the year 2025 from heads of departments/ institutions to organize CME at your center. Please send us a statement of intent, and fill in the application form available here -

<https://forms.gle/6hGjcuEg6taUd3wb8>

Last date of submission is on/before December 15, 2024.

The applications shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and their decision shall be final.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact the secretary at office@iacts.org or secretary@iacts.org.



News in Brief

Webinar - Rheumatic Mitral valve repair

November 9, 2024: In continuation to our commitment to empower the upcoming generation of surgeons with the latest updates, and to enable another learning platform to upskill, The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) in collaboration with IACTS (Indian Association of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeons) brings you a bi-monthly webinar series with national and international speakers.

Webinar on the topic Rheumatic Mitral Valve Repair was conducted with the target audience being early career and mid-career surgeons interested in Mitral valve repair program.

Outreach Program

The Social Media Platform, under the leadership of Dr. Satyajit Bose, is a milestone in the journey of IACTS outreach program that shall stride towards expanding heart health awareness and will aim to communicate medical expertise from preventive steps to varied treatments available to benefit patients through knowledge sharing. This platform, in line with the educational objectives of the Trust, shall serve better connectivity among the medical fraternity to serve the mission of saving lives and making a positive difference in society.

The platform shall become the voice of the cardio-vascular thoracic surgeons' community—to share and promote research, dialogue, and innovation under the outreach initiative through awareness programs and journals. Launched on World Heart Day under the theme “Use Heart for Action,” the social media initiative shall cater to the shared commitment of cardiac surgeons to provide better health care.

IACTS Fellowship

The Indian Association of Cardiovascular-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS) offers an exciting opportunity for surgeons to work closely with and learn new skills and techniques from experts in cardiovascular-thoracic surgery. In this context, the third Fellowship interview was conducted online, the criteria being that the candidate must be a Life Member of IACTS.



Free International Journal Subscription

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As we near 2025, the association has taken a major stride to improve member benefits—from now on, the subscription fee will be borne by the association to encourage more members to join and avail benefits. The subscription includes immediate access to online-first (ahead of print) articles, access to repositories of all journals and their previous volumes, international journals of repute at your fingertips, staying ahead with the best research, and being a part of the association's academic endeavours.

The journals covered in this subscription scheme are:

1. Annals of Thoracic Surgery
2. Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation
3. Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
4. Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery: A Comprehensive Atlas
5. Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
6. Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery: Paediatric Cardiac Surgery Annual
7. Thoracic Surgery Clinics

Kindly update your membership details through the google form by December 31 2024:

<https://forms.gle/yG1Lit8ktPDd1Aqj8>

On verification of IACTS membership from the secretary's office you will be provided a password for international journal access via email.



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