

About IAGES Online Fellowship Courses

(FIAGES, EFIAGES& FALS Courses)

Greetings from IAGES

Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons is one of the largest academically vibrant minimal access surgical associations in India since year 1993.

We conduct regular basic and advanced laparoscopic and endoscopic fellowship courses for the benefit of surgical fraternity.

FIAGES is the flagship laparoscopic fellowship course by IAGES. It is offered to all eligible candidates who have become members of IAGES. It is an intensive structured 3 day training course with lecture modules, lap trainer module and live operation module. Fellowship candidates are finally assessed with written MCQ, Viva and practical examination conducted by the expert panel of faculty.

EFIAGES is the basic flexible endoscopic course and FAGIE is the advanced flexible endoscopic courses meant for eligible IAGES members with interest and required exposure in the flexible endoscopic procedures. These 3 day structured fellowship training courses are also conducted periodically as above with lecture and hands on modules along with live endoscopy sessions. Final assessment is done as in FIAGES.

FALS is the fellowship in advanced laparoscopic surgery in various subspecialties namely Hernia, Bariatric surgery, Upper GI, Colorectal and Oncology. These courses are for senior or advanced laparoscopic surgeons. and it includes examination consisting of MCQ paper and viva.

All the Successful candidates from the above courses are awarded the Fellowship certificates during the convocation ceremony at the annual national conference of IAGES.

Now IAGES is pleased to introduce the online fellowship courses in all these categories starting from June 15th 2020 onwards

Considering prevailing situation due to covid-19 pandemic, online courses have distinct advantages.

Travel has become a challenge for both faculty and young trainees who are keen to pursue further training and fellowship in MAS. With the help of sophisticated online platform, now we can hold Interactive video lectures, could demonstrate virtual live demonstration of laparoscopic surgery/endoscopy cases and virtual simulator demonstration of various procedures. We could guarantee very exciting new learning experience for all trainees planning to take up online fellowship courses.

Online FIAGES/EFIAGES/FALS

This is offered in 2 categories namely fellowship and non- fellowship category.

Only those surgeons eligible to become life member of IAGES are eligible to take these courses under the fellowship category. MCI recognized MS (GenSurg)/DNB or higher degree is needed to become member of IAGES and visit to www.iages.in to join.

Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.

Non members and Surgeons from other countries and Surgical Postgraduates could also take up the online course but only under Non Fellowship category. But they would only receive IAGES certificate of attendance of course.

Certificate of fellowship is offered only for Fellowship category members who have to subsequently complete assessment part of FIAGES/EFIAGES/FALS successfully, to be held at the venue of annual national conference. IAGES 2021 is scheduled to be held in Coimbatore on 11th to 14th February 2021.

Online fellowship category members should apply for Annual conference under 'fellowship candidate category' through IAGES 2021 online portal after successful completion of online course. They are expected to attend the pre-conference day (11th February 2021) hands on workshop and MCQ examination and viva to enroll them for award of fellowship.

The coveted fellowship is conferred during a colorful convocation ceremony to be held on 14th February 2021 in Coimbatore.

Registration Fee for the Online courses

- Payment of registration fees through online payment gateway
 - Registration portal open from June 1st week and it will be displayed here when it is ready

1. Fellowship Category

- **FIAGES/EFIAGES Fellowship category: Rs.15,000/- (Including GST)**
- **FALS Fellowship Category: Rs 20,000/- (Including GST)**
 - Course duration –1month

2. Non Fellowship category

- **For All courses: Rs: 10,000/- (including GST)**
 - Course duration –1month

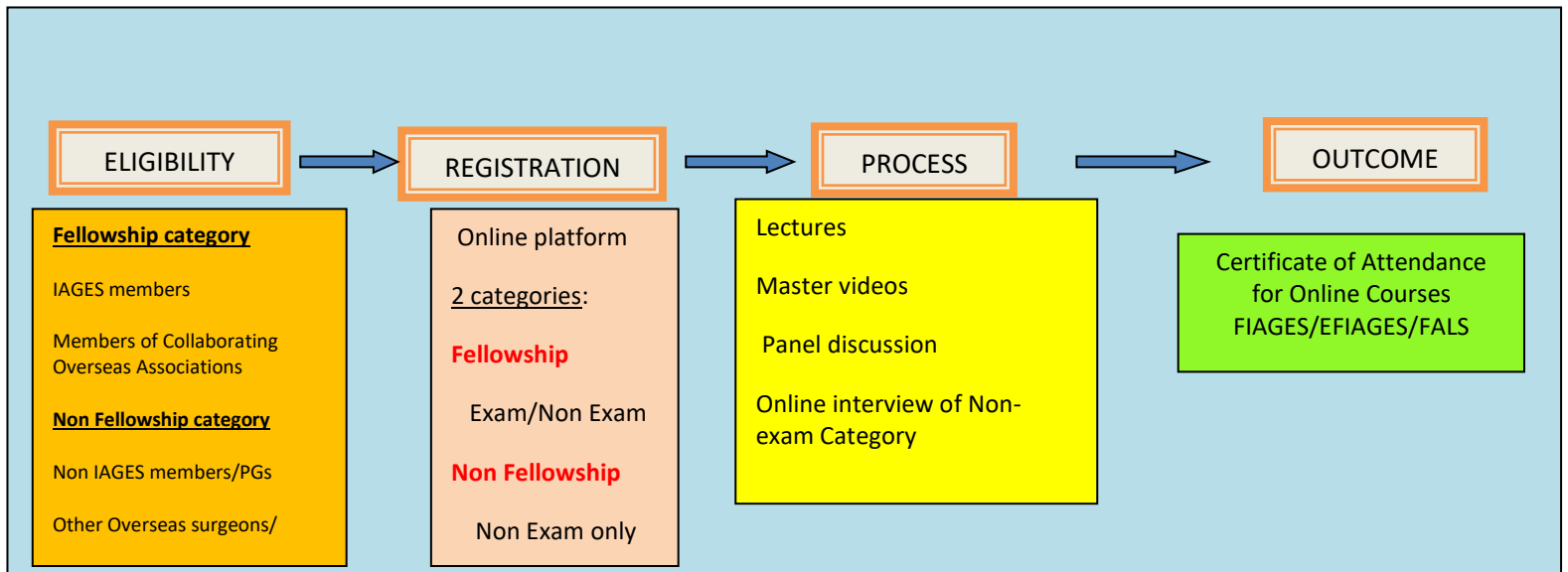
Yours sincerely

Dr.Ramen Goel
President

Dr.S.Easwaramoorthy
Honorary Secretary

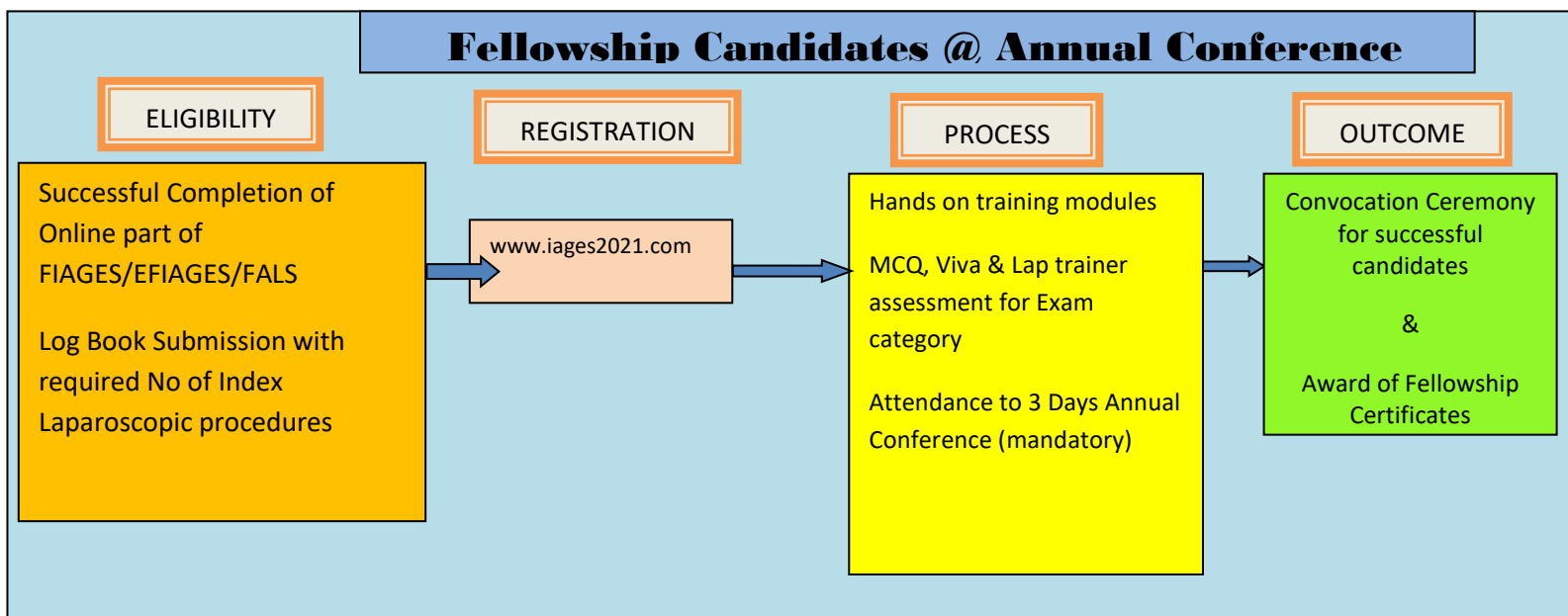
Together we can

Flow Chart of Online Fellowship Courses



Visit www.iages.in to join IAGES

IAGES 2021 @ Coimbatore 11th-14th Feb 2021



FIAGES GUIDELINES

FIAGES-FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS MUST.

Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website www.iages.in for more details. Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.

Number of years of experience in laparoscopic surgery should be a minimum of 2 years (includes experience in laparoscopy as resident). A resident or junior consultant should obtain certificate of experience from the HOD of the hospital/Institution as a supportive document. Attach soft copies of MBBS, MS or DNB certificate and MCI registration certificate during membership registration.

Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.

(A)FIAGES: NON EXAMINATION CATEGORY:

- Suitable for those candidates working as faculty in teaching institution and all surgeons with more than 10 year experience in doing laparoscopy.
- Already an IAGES member or should become IAGES member
- Number of laparoscopy done In the last 10 years
- would be eligible to receive the FIAGES fellowship on satisfactory completion of the FIAGES course and the informal online interview.

(B) FIAGES: EXAMINATION CATEGORY

1. Suitable for those with a minimum of 2 years experience in laparoscopic surgery (includes experience in laparoscopy as postgraduate/resident).
2. Fellow should have experience certificate from HOD, Employer or self if running own hospital.
3. Fellow should present an online Log Book. Total 25 cases including all Assisted/ Operated laparoscopic surgeries.

FIAGES-NON FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

- Online FIAGES is also open to Non members and all surgical postgraduates and interested surgeons across the globe under the Non-Fellowship category where in they are eligible to take this 1 month online course and receive the Online Certificate of completion of online FIAGES course.
- They could register and participate in the annual national conference as postgraduates or Non-member category

Log book:

UHID	Age	Sex	Surgery	Role	Post-op course	Complication	Remarks

Role - Assisted/under supervision/Independent (as drop down)

Post-op course - Uneventful / Eventful (as drop down)

Complications - Infection, Bleeding, Leak, Stricture, Obstruction, Others (type if others) as drop down

Remarks - Type the outcome of the event, if patient has been conservatively managed, Recovered, Diseased, Transferred, etc

FIAGES ONLINE MODULES

- 1 HISTORY AND INTRODUCTION TO LAPAROSCOPY
- 2 VISION 2D / 3D
- 3 INSTRUMENTS, ACCESSORIES
- 4 STAY STERILE
- 5 ENERGY SOURCES
- 6 ERGONOMICS & HOW TO TRAIN FURTHER
- 7 ENTRY INTO ABDOMEN
- 8 KNOTS & SUTURES
- 9 STANDARD LAP CHOLE
- 10 DIFFICULT LAP CHOLE
- 11 ANESTHESIA IN LAPAROSCOPY FOR SURGEONS
- 12 BILIARY INJURY - WHAT TO DO
- 13 LAP CBD STONE MANAGEMENT
- COMPLICATIONS OF LC -PANEL
- 14 LAP APPENDECTOMY
- 15 LAP IN ACUTE ABDOMEN - Includes Gynae. No Appendix

- 16 ENDO ANATOMIC VIEW - GROIN HERNIA**
- 17 TAPP**
- 18 TEP**
- GUIDELINES FOR LAPAROSCOPY IN COVID ERA**
- 19 MESH & TACKS - Single / Reuse for Hernia**
- 20 VENTRAL HERNIA – IPOM and IPOM Plus**
- 21 AWR**
- 22 LAP HIATAL SURGERY**
- 23 LAP SPLENECTOMY**
- 24 PSEUDOCYST OF PANCREAS / LIVER - CYSTS / ABSCESES**
- 25 LAPAROCOPY FOR BENIGN CONDITIONS OF THE COLON**
- 26 MIS IN PROCTOLOGY**
- 27 INTRODUCTION TO BARIATRIC SURGERY**
- HERNIA SURGERY COMPLICATION – PANEL**
- 28 INTRODUCING ROBOTS IN SURGERY**
- 29 EFFICIENT MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION**
- 30 HOW TO WRITE FOR JOURNALS**
- 31 ENDOSCOPY FOR SURGEONS**
- MEDICO LEGAL – PANEL DISCUSSION**

EFIAGES Guidelines

IAGES MEMBERSHIP IS MUST. Those who are not members may apply for membership online. See the website www.iages.in for more details. Post graduate degree in surgery is mandatory.

Number of years of experience in endoscopy should be a minimum of 2 years (includes experience in laparoscopy as resident). A resident or junior consultant should obtain certificate of experience from the HOD of the hospital/Institution as a supportive document. Attach soft copies of MBBS, MS or DNB certificate and MCI registration certificate during registration.

Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.

(A) EFIAGES: NON EXAMINATION CATEGORY:

- Suitable for those candidates working as faculty in teaching institution and all surgeons with more than 10 year experience in endoscopy including therapeutic interventions.
- Have been doing significant number of endoscopies including therapeutic endoscopies for more than 10 years
- Would be eligible to receive the EFIAGES fellowship on satisfactory completion of the ONLINE EFIAGES course and online fellowship interview.

(B) EFIAGES: EXAMINATION CATEGORY

- Suitable for those with a minimum of 2 years experience in endoscopy (includes experience as resident).
- Fellow should have experience certificate from HOD, Employer or self if running own hospital.
- Fellow should present an online Log Book. Total 25 cases of diagnostic upper GI/Lower GI endoscopy Done/Assisted

EFIAGES-NON FELLOWSHIP CATEGORY

- Online FIAGES is also open to Non members and all surgical postgraduates and interested surgeons across the globe under the Non-Fellowship category where in they are eligible to take this 1 month online course and receive the Certificate of attendance.
- They could register and participate in the annual national conference as postgraduates or Non-member category

Log book:

UHID	Age	Sex	Endoscopy	Role	Procedure Outcome	Complication	Remarks

Role - Assisted/under supervision/Independent (as drop down)

Outcome of Procedure - Uneventful / Eventful (as drop down)

Complications - Infection, Bleeding, Perforation, Stricture, Failure to complete, Others (type if others) as drop down

Remarks - Type the outcome of the event, if patient has been Conservatively managed, Recovered, Diseased, Transferred to surgical intervention, etc

ONLINE EFIAGES MODULES

1. **Welcome address by President**
2. **Scope of Online EFIAGES course- Obstacles & Solutions**
3. **Endoscopy Hard ware**
4. **Endoscopy room setup &check lists**
5. **Endoscopy : when to do and when not to do Informed consent**
6. **Endoscopy step by step**
7. **Demonstration of upper GI endoscopy With simulators**
8. **Endoscopic atlas of Upper GI Pathology**
9. **Endoscopic recording/documentation /Reporting**
10. **Energy Sources for Flexible endoscopy**
11. **Role of Endoscopy in cases of dysphagia other than Malignancy**
12. **Role of Endoscopy in Upper GI bleeding**
13. **Role of Endoscopy in GERD and Achlasia**
14. **Role of Endoscopy in FB Upper GI tract**
15. **Therapeutic upper GI endoscopy and Role of Endoscopy in Upper GI malignancy**
16. **Recorded Cases of Upper GI endoscopy**
17. **Prevention and management of Complications of Upper GI Endoscopy**
18. **Colonoscopy Hard ware Indications Preparation**
19. **Colonoscopy step by step**
20. **Virtual Live Demonstration of Upper GI Endoscopy And Colonoscopy**
21. **Colonoscopic image atlas**
22. **Image enhancement endoscopy and colonoscopy**
23. **Recorded demonstration of colonoscopy**
24. **Guidelines and management in Therapeutic Colonoscopy**

- 25. Role of EUS in today's diagnosis and management**
- 26. Complications due to Colonoscopy**
- 27. Advances in GI endoscopy**
- 28. Role of Endoscopy in Obesity**
- 29. ABC of ERCP**
- 30. Role of Endoscopy in the era of laparoscopy**
- 31. Recorded transmission of therapeutic endoscopic procedures**

Online FALS Courses

(Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery)

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Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.

FALS courses can be taken under following subspecialty for year 2020-21

- Upper GI
- Colo-rectal
- Oncology
- Hernia
- Bariatric surgery

Non-Examination category

Surgeons who have been doing laparoscopic surgery in the chosen field for 10 or more years are eligible for Non Examination Category. Candidates should have performed more than 100 laparoscopic surgeries and need to submit a logbook to substantiate the claim. All the candidates will be interviewed by the IAGES board for final assessment before awarding fellowship

Examination Category

All surgeons with a minimum of five years experience in the chosen specialty of laparoscopic surgery after post-graduation can apply in this category. The applicant should have performed over 25 laparoscopic procedures in the chosen specialty either jointly or independently. All the candidates would appear for MCQ assessment and Viva by the IAGES FALS board for final assessment during forthcoming annual national conference before awarding the fellowship

Non Fellowship Category

- Online FALS course is also open to Non members and all surgical postgraduates and interested surgeons across the globe under the Non-Fellowship category where in they are eligible to take this 1 month online course and receive the Certificate of completion of online FALS course.
- They could register and participate in the annual national conference as postgraduates or Non-member category

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IAGES Online Fellowship Courses

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the online MAS fellowship courses available now?

IAGES is pleased to announce the launching of online fellowship courses. EFIAGES (Fellowship in basic flexible endoscopic surgery) FIAGES (Fellowship in laparoscopic surgery) and FALS (Fellowship of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery) courses are available from June 15th 2020 onwards.

2. How do I apply for online fellowship course?

- Log on to the online platform to register for the courses. It is available under fellowship and non fellowship category.*
- Fellowship category is open only for Surgeons with MCI recognized MS/DNB degree and eligible for becoming IAGES members.*
- Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible for fellowship category application. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.*
- All non-members, International surgeons and surgical postgraduates can take up the online course and benefit only under the non fellowship category.*

3. What should I do to successfully get through the online course?

- Once you register, you will be given login ID and password to enter your online reading room to start the course. It has the validity for 1 month. You are expected to take up all the online lecture and demonstration modules within this time frame.*
- Lecture modules have unique features to make it truly interactive and informative*
 - PPT presentations with video clips by expert panels with moderators offering expert's comment and asking questions on your behalf.*
 - Online reading material from IAGES text book of laparoscopy and endoscopy*
 - References with link to sites with useful information*
 - MCQ post test questions to assess the candidates prior to moving to next block of lecture module*
 - You can rate the quality of each lecture module*
 - You can write and leave your queries in the online platform and you could expect the answers available in your phone and also in the online platform by 48 hours!*
- Online video demonstration modules allow you to understand all the tricks of the trade in MAS.*
 - Laparoscopy/Endoscopy hard ware and instrument handling*
 - Cleaning &Disinfection module*

- Recorded laparoscopic and endoscopic live procedures
- Recorded lap trainer suturing module
- Demonstration of endoscopy handling using simulators

4. Can I take the fellowship course without becoming a member of IAGES?

- Online FIAGES/EFIAGES can be taken before you become a member of IAGES. But if you have taken the online course in fellowship category, you should soon become a member of IAGES before applying for final assessment part of fellowship course to be held at the venue of annual conference
- Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible for fellowship category application. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.

5. How can I apply for IAGES membership?

- You just log on to www.iages.in and join IAGES thorough online payment portal. You should have copy of MBBS, MS/DNB degree and address proof and passport photo to upload them in PDF format online.

6. When and how can I receive the fellowship after the online course?

- Once you have completed online module in 1 month and got the IAGES membership, then you apply for annual conference and convocation under fellowship category through IAGES 2021 online registration portal.
- Please send the logbook data for the respective courses within a month of completion of online course to respective board conveners to become eligible for assessment and award of fellowship during the forthcoming annual conference and convocation
- You should attend the whole day of preconference workshop and assessment module consisting of MCQ paper, Practical exam and 10 minute Viva before you become eligible for the fellowship.

7. How can I register Conference and convocation to receive the fellowship?

- Log on to www.iages2021.com
- Register under fellowship candidates category (Rs.10000/- inclusive of GST)
 - Preconference workshop, conference and convocation fees are all inclusive.

8. Where and when can I receive the fellowship certificate? Six steps for Successful Fellowship!

1. First successfully complete the online part of the course within one month time frame.
2. Complete the online logbook for the required number of cases performed and assisted for the respective courses
3. Log on to www.iages.in to become IAGES member
4. Register for IAGES 2021 @ Coimbatore under fellowship category and attend the hands on training module and assessment on preconference day (11th February 2021)
5. Attend the 3 day conference
6. Finally please join us at the convocation ceremony on 14th February 2021 at 11am to receive the fellowship certificate

9. Is registration for annual conference and convocation is must for obtaining fellowship certificate?

- *Absolutely yes.*

10. As qualified surgeon from outside India, can I apply for the online course and receive the fellowship?

- *Members of collaborating associations who have signed MOU with IAGES are also eligible for fellowship category application. They are expected to get their application endorsed by the respective collaborating association prior to joining the online course.*
- *Other overseas surgeons and Postgraduates are only eligible to take all the online courses only under non fellowship category.*

11. As a postgraduate student, can I apply for the online courses?

- *Yes. You can take up the online part of FIAGES and EFIAGES. CME certificate is given Attend the IAGES 2021 annual national conference as postgraduates.*
- *You are not eligible to receive fellowship prior to your surgical qualification.*

12. Can I apply for online FIAGES & EFIAGES and FALS courses at the same time?

- *Yes. It is quite possible*
- *Many candidates do take 2 or more courses simultaneously*
- *But please ensure you meet the eligibility criteria for the courses you are applying for.*
- *Also you should take preconference day practical and assessments for these courses and you will be allocated the slots accordingly*

13. Can I do online fellowship course this year and take the Part B/Fellowship assessment next year?

- *EFIAGES/FIAGES/FALS (Online part) is valid for 12 months. Under exceptional circumstances it might be possible to take the final assessment during IAGES 2022, but you should contact the respective board conveners with regards to this.*

14. What are the FALS subspecialty courses available?

- *we have plans to bring the online advanced laparoscopic courses (FALS) in 5 different subspecialty this year namely Upper GI, colorectal, Oncology, Hernia and Bariatric surgery*

15. What is the registration fee for online FIAGES/EFIAGES/FALS courses

- Payment of registration fees through online payment gateway
 - **Fellowship Category**
 - **FIAGES/EFIAGES Fellowship category: Rs.15,000/- (Including GST)**
 - **FALS Fellowship Category: Rs 20,000/- (Including GST)**
 - Course duration –1month
 - **Non Fellowship category**
 - **For All courses: Rs: 10,000/- (including GST)**
 - Course duration –1month

16. What is the conference registration fee for fellowship category delegates?

- i. Registration fees INR 10000/= (including GST)**
- ii. Convocation & Conference fees are included
- iii. Payment Gateway managed by Annual Conference Secretariat Office

17. Where do I get more information regarding these online fellowship courses?

- Write to Dr.Easwaramoorthy, Hon Secretary
- academics.iages@gmail.com/easwarmoorthy2007@rediffmail.com
- Ph:9488868844 Mr.K.Rajaram

18. As the member of collaborating associations of neighboring countries, can I get registered under fellowship category?

- Yes. Please apply with letter of endorsement from your association and apply for any of the online courses you are eligible.