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### Short Bio



**Dr. Jiban K. Pal** (b.1972): is an information specialist and a habilitated sociologist of science. He is a founding member of the Re3data Editorial Board and has been actively engaged in research, teaching, and scholarship thereby mentoring professional values through continuous learning and practices in the field of Library & Information Science.

He earned his Ph.D. in Scientometrics from the University of Calcutta and was a Visiting Fellow at the ICTP-Trieste, Italy. He has been serving with the Indian Statistical Institute Library for more than 20 years and currently acts as the Nodal Officer for the Indian Research Information Network System, Government of India.

Jiban is impassioned to build the capacities of R&D organizations for digital scholarship and open science practices with the ultimate goal of elevating how the services to academic researchers are managed and valued. He has been identified as a visiting faculty at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre, Kolkata.

Dr. Pal is an elected member of both the FORCE11 Board of Directors and the ISI Governing Council. He always brings a thoughtful approach and he likes to listen to everyone for a rational and inclusive decision. He was committed to the Databib World Repository project (from 2012 to 2015) initiated jointly by the Purdue and Penn State Universities, USA.

He has been awarded prestigious travel grants by the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in 2018, the German Research Foundation (DFG) in 2022, and the European Union (EU) in 2024. He has contributed to various symposia organizing committees, publications committee, and the technical support teams. He also served as Honorary Associate Editor of the *IASLIC Newsletter*.

Dr. Pal was, among others, the ASIS&T InfoShare Award (USA) in 2021 and also recognized as a jury member for the International Paper Contest (IPC) of SIG-III, ASIS&T, in 2022. He has authored several influential research papers that are widely cited and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.

His research interests include digital archiving, metadata engineering, research data management, open science, and scientometrics. He regularly serves as a peer-reviewer for leading journals, including *Scientometrics (Springer)*, and *PLoS*.

He is a life-member of several professional organizations and learned societies: including the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics, Research Data Alliance, SIS-New Delhi, IASLIC-Kolkata, and the ISI Society Council.

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