## Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya,

Chief Scientist, CSIR-NIScPR – Invited Member

Dr. Sujit Bhattacharya is a distinguished Chief Scientist at the CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR). He holds a PhD from IIT-Delhi and an MSc in Physics from Delhi University. With more than 27 years of research experience, Dr. Bhattacharya has made significant contributions in the areas of Science and Technology (S&T) Policy Studies, Scientometrics, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

Dr. Bhattacharya is also a Professor at the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) and serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Scientometric Research* (www.jscires.org), a leading journal in the field of scientometrics. His academic journey includes notable positions, such as serving as a Visiting Professor in the Centre for Studies in Science Policy at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) from 2007 to 2009.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bhattacharya has authored over 80 research papers and co-authored or co-edited seven influential books, enriching the body of knowledge in his fields of expertise. His leadership extends to serving on various prestigious committees, including the National Academic Advisory Committee (NAAC) and the Indian Social Science Congress. He is also a Member of the Board of Studies for the Centre for Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy at Central University Gujarat.

Dr. Bhattacharya has actively contributed to international collaboration through his role as Principal Investigator of the International Network COLLNET, a prominent collaboration network in science and technology. He is an Editorial Board Member of four reputed international journals and an international newsletter, helping shape research and discourse globally.

His administrative expertise includes serving on the Governing Body of Deen Dayal Upadhyay College (University of Delhi) from 2009-2010 and Dr. Ambedkar College, Delhi University, from 2014-2016. Dr. Bhattacharya is also a core committee member of several prominent organizations, including the Asian Society for Innovation and Policy, COLLNET IndiaLICS, Knowledge Forum, and the Society for Information Science.

Dr. Bhattacharya's career exemplifies a profound commitment to advancing S&T policy, fostering international collaboration, and contributing to the development of new knowledge in scientometrics and intellectual property. His work continues to inspire and shape the future of science and technology policy both in India and globally.

In the upcoming conference, Dr. Bhattacharya will give an *overview of the conference* under the theme of "STI Indicators for R&D Governance" and also will be the *chairperson* of the panel discussion titled "Challenges, Opportunities, and Caveats in Performance Evaluation".