

IUIS Council Member Description

Personal description by the Candidate for 2019-2022 Council:

I have been working as a faculty at the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology at Tezpur University, located in a small and serene, but remote township of Tezpur, in Northeast India for over seventeen years. My remote location served as an advantage in that I could focus on my teaching and research but also as a disadvantage as forging collaborations, and logistics were always a challenge

My active association with the Indian Immunology Society helped me to integrate with mainstream national level Immunology scientific community. Presently, I am serving my second term as Vice President (East), representing the east zone of India. Besides teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students, I am active in research, guiding doctoral research and have been able to get some coveted grants from National Government Funding bodies to support my research. I served as Head, Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tezpur University from 2011-2014, which allowed me to gain experience in administration and working with other academic organizations.

As a hopeful IUIS Council member, I look forward to using this unique platform for scientific and academic interactions with the global community of immunologists, besides representing my country and Indian Immunology Society.

It is my hope that while working with IUIS, it would be possible for me to participate actively in developing programs for aspiring young women immunologists, who tend to fall behind for family responsibilities, particularly in countries like India and need technical support and assistance in establishing collaborations. As an academician from North-East India, I will be able to bring the perspective from small and remote places to the international forum like IUIS. I would like to use this excellent opportunity to work with other member Societies to forge collaborations, work for gender parity and to strengthen the network of immunology in India and other parts of developing world.



Candidate for 2019-2022 Council: **Shashi Baruah**