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Dear Colleagues,

We are almost mid-way through 2023 and since January this year till now, many worthwhile activities have taken place in the Indian Sociological Society (ISS). To begin with the latest, in the Regional Associations meeting held (online) on 27th May 2023, it was decided to form a *National Council of Regional Associations*(Council), a network of ISS and Regional/ State Sociological Associations and Societies. Prof. R. Indira was nominated as the National Convenor and Prof. Antony Palackal as the National Co-convenor of the Council with an Executive Committee (EC) comprising the ISS Office Bearers and representatives of the Regional Associations (RAs). The objectives of this effort are to strengthen the linkage between the ISS and RAs for sharing activities, dissemination of information, and working together for the discipline of Sociology. Many Regional Associations have joined the Council and I urge othersto do the same and make the Council a vibrant and dynamic body.

An ISS International Conference was organized from 28th-30th April 2023in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow celebrating its hundred years. The theme of the Conference was *Sociology In and Of Regions: Pedagogy, Practices, and Possibilities*. I would like to place on record our gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lucknow, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Prof. D.R. Sahu, the Organizing Secretary, and the Head of the Department, Prof. Sukant Chaudhary and all faculty members, research scholars and students of the Department and colleges of Lucknow for their help and support in making this Conference a great success. During the conference, the meetings of the Managing Committee, RC Convenors, and Regional Associations were held.

I wish to inform everyone that the ISS has changed its website platform by signing the contract with GlueUp Company which has become operational since April 2023. The ISS members may encounter some difficulties due to this change, but we are sure that these will be overcome soon. This shift was necessary due to the difficulties members were facing. The decision was taken after much deliberation in the meetings of the Website Committee and Managing Committee. This year, the ISS elections will be held and we hope the members will not have any problem in casting their votes.

The three ISS Journals and the Newsletter have been brought out in time and I acknowledge the contributions of the Editors in this. I would also like to inform the members that the ISS will bring out a publication of 'Conference Proceedings' to be published by Springer. It will consist of papers presented at the 47th All India Sociological Conference in Meghalaya in December 2022. We hope this precedence will continue in the future as well.

Lastly, I feel honoured and privileged to announce that the 48th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) will be held at the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore (Tamil Nadu) from 28th-30th December 2023. Just before the AISC, the Young Researcher's Workshop will be held on the 26th and 27th of December. We are thankful to Prof. Partha Sarthi Mallick, the Pro- ViceChancellor, VIT, and Dr. Prabakar, the Organizing Secretary for taking the initiative.

We look forward to the exciting and academically enriching time ahead.

Best wishes and warm regards,



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