

## **Rajeshwari Sundaram - Candidate for CWS President-Elect**



### **Candidate's statement**

Rajeshwari Sundaram, Ph.D., M.Stat., is a tenured Senior Investigator of Biostatistics in Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health. Prior to her current position, she was an assistant professor at University of North Carolina, Charlotte before joining NICHD as a tenure track investigator. She earned her B.Sc. with honors in Mathematics from Kolkata University, India and Master's in Statistics with focus on Applied Statistics and Data Analysis from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India. She went on to receive her doctoral degree in statistics from Michigan State University. Her research interests include survival analysis, joint modeling of longitudinal and survival data with a view towards dynamic risk predictions, with significant focus on addressing health issues in women, especially pertaining to reproductive health, obstetrical clinical management, and environmental sciences. She is an elected member of ISI and a Fellow of ASA, and has won the ASA Outstanding Statistical Applications Award, as well as the ASA Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award. She has been on the editorial board of Biometrics and is currently the Chair of the ASA Risk Analysis Section. In her current position at NIH, she serves on various committees advocating advancement of women scientists, among them serving as an executive committee member of NIH wide women scientists advisory board, as well as a member of the working group on women in biomedical career.

If elected as President of the CWS, her focus would be to help increasing diversity and inclusiveness, develop initiatives to provide mentoring to women statisticians from developing nations to better advance their professional careers. Considering the emerging evidence of immense impact of the pandemic on careers of women scientists, she would like with the support of the Caucus to develop programs to help mitigate the long term setbacks that women may have faced in their career advancement.

### **Current position(s)**

- Senior Investigator of Biostatistics, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH

### **Degrees**

- PhD in Statistics, Michigan State University
- M.Stat, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India

### **CWS activities**

- Involved in the committee on Promoting Positive Professional Environment

### **Other professional activities**

- Chair, American Statistical Association Section on Risk Analysis;
- Chair, ASA Jeanne E Griffith Mentoring Award;
- Served on multiple committees including Nominating Committee for the
- President for International Indian Statistical Association,
- Served on Program Committees for Conferences hosted by Lifetime Data
- Sciences Section, International Chinese Statistical Association, and
- International Indian Statistical Association