

National Reps Coordinator



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My association with ISATT has been very active since I joined it in 2010: As its Indian National representative, I organized a regional conference in 2012. This was a great opportunity to launch ISATT in India and recruit many new members; I carried out a collaborative research with a junior researcher under the ISATT Collaborative Research Grant Program (2012-13). I have participated in all the ISATT biennial conferences and many regional conferences. I have also contributed to its 30th Anniversary Volume.

As ISATT's National Reps Coordinator, I want to engage with National Reps to carry ISATT's mission forward in a concerted manner. This mission, as I see it, is to strengthen the alternative voice in teaching and teacher education as a challenge to the dominant technical rational paradigm that fails to take into account the reflective essence of teachers' experiences. ISATT, which took its birth with a European dream, has now assumed a truly international character. I want to leverage the diverse histories, experiences and perspectives of the global members and the growing digital possibilities for networking to enrich cross cultural dialogue keeping in mind the urgent need to serve the displaced, disadvantaged and diverse children around the world today to build a better tomorrow. Towards this, I want to encourage collaborative research undertakings and sharing, and any other potential opportunities for action that open up in our discussions both online and face-to-face. I would also intensify the efforts to rope in young scholars to strengthen our hands.