

## CANDIDACY STATEMENT FOR IASP ELECTION

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I, Manoj Alagarajan, is Assistant Professor at the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. I was a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Florida, USA (2014). I obtained my MA, M.Phil and PhD degrees in Population Studies from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. For the PhD programme, I was awarded with IASP-Population Council Research Fellowship for the period of 1997-2000. I was also recipient of Small Grants Fund by Parkes Foundation, United Kingdom, 1997. The Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) has awarded me the Dr. Raja Rao Memorial Prize for the research in Demography for the year 2001-02. I am involved in research and teaching in Population Studies for the last 17 years and have guided students for their thesis work for Masters, MPhil and Doctoral programmes. I have also published research articles in peer reviewed national and international journals. Prior to joining IIPS, I was a faculty at Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad

I was co-ordinator of many important studies/surveys such as National Family Health Survey-4 (NFHS-4), District Level Household Survey-4 (DLHS-4), Concurrent Evaluation of National Rural Health Mission (CE-NRHM), and Unintended Pregnancies and Induced Abortions in India (UPAI). I have also been coordinator for the MPS programme and Hostel Warden at IIPS, Mumbai. I was elected as the Executive Committee Member of IASP (2016-2018).

As a believer of change my vision is to work sincerely and honestly for the fraternity of Demographers and Population Scientists through Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP). I would try my level best to strengthen our Association and make it more active and vibrant.