



It is our pleasure to announce that **Dr. Debashis Mandal, Associate Professor at the Washington University of St. Louis** has been awarded the *Inaugural IISA Junior Service Award*. This award recognizes dedicated early-career members of the association who have rendered exceptional service to the IISA community in multiple roles, and represent 'models of excellence' to the IISA members. Exceptional service includes outstanding leadership by creating purpose for energetic members to be vigorously engaged in innovative IISA activities; demonstrating vision, creativity, and dedication for identifying new members for meritorious engagement.

A life member of IISA since 2011, Prof. Mandal has served as the program chair for the 2016 IISA conference, successfully organized the IISA conference at Corvallis, USA in 2016. He has sustained IISA's fundraising efforts through the years: taking a leading role in obtaining NSF grants for the IISA 2016 and IISA 2023 conferences, and helping the IISA with writing the NBHM grant proposal for the IISA 2022 conference. He has also served as a judge in multiple Student Paper/Poster competitions, served in the Scientific Program Committee and organized sessions, and helped IISA with its outreach activities.

Please join us in congratulating **Dr. Mandal!**