

Biography of Sudip Datta Banik

Dr. Sudip Datta Banik (SDB) is currently a full-time researcher (*Profesor Titular, Nivel 3B*) and chair of the Department of Human Ecology of the Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute (CINVESTAV-IPN) in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

SDB is a Biological Anthropologist. He did his Bachelor's Degree (1993) and Master's Degrees (1995) in the University of Calcutta and Ph.D. at Vidyasagar University in India. He was a Reader in Anthropology at Vidyasagar University in India (1998 to 2009). He is working in CINVESTAV-IPN from 2010. Dr. Datta Banik has supervised more than 20 Master's theses and two doctoral thesis. Some others are ongoing.

SDB is an anthropometrist (full profile of the International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry (ISAK). He is a certified researcher as recognized by the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT) and the Ministry of Public Education (SEP), Government of Mexico in the "*Programa para el Desarrollo Profesional Docente*" (PRODEP).

His research interest is in the areas of human growth and nutrition, obesity, and metabolic syndrome. Recently he is working to extend his focus on sports nutrition. He has research experience of more than two decades among the indigenous communities in India and Mexico.

SDB has published more than 80 research papers in journals and edited volumes. He has conducted research projects in India and Mexico. Currently he is developing a collaborative research project under the auspices of the Austrian Academy of Sciences that is based on "Maternal nutrition during pregnancy, birth outcome and growth of nutrition of infants in first three years of life". Dr. Datta Banik is associated with several journals of international repute in the areas of Anthropology, Human Biology and Forensic Science as reviewers.

Platform Statement of Sudip Datta Banik

I am honored being considered for the nomination for a position in the Publication Committee of the esteemed Human Biology Association (HBA). I am a Biological Anthropologist and a full-time researcher (*Profesor Titular, Nivel 3B*) and chair of the Department of Human Ecology of the Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute (CINVESTAV-IPN) in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

I have attended several HBA meetings. I always look forward to the annual meetings where I get tremendous opportunities to see the renowned scientists from all over the world and interact with them. The highly valued discussions with the eminent scientists help me to develop new ideas of research and to learn many new areas of human biology. Their comments and suggestions on my work (oral or poster) also help me to develop my research and publication of scientific articles. The interactions with the scientists also help me to understand how I can carry out good quality research, particularly in a difficult situation where the availability of financial resources is low. Through HBA meetings, I could also develop collaborations with many scientists. The HBA meetings also help me to expand my vision of cross-cultural interactions. Being a person with origin from India and currently living in Mexico (nearly 9 years), I have learnt many aspects of cross-cultural interactions.

In this way, if elected for a position in the Publication Committee of the HBA, my primary goal would be to assist the editors of the Association journal and other publications as designed by the committee. I shall also share other responsibilities assigned by the Committee. In addition, I would like to promote the students and young researchers in their academic activities in terms of helping them to find collaborations, fellowships for doctoral and post-doctoral positions, publication of articles etc. The entire process will also help me to gain immense experience in the understanding of publication of high quality research papers in the esteemed journal of the HBA.