

New Division Director

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Dr. Dipak Bhattacharyya Named Director of the Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Management



CSR Director Dr. Noni Byrnes announced the selection of Dr. Dipak Bhattacharyya as director for the new Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Management (DPAIM). As the director of DPAIM, Dr. Bhattacharyya will lead three branches with dedicated federal and contract staff whose efforts center on strategic planning and implementation, analysis and informatics, and technology and IT solutions. He brings to this position highly developed leadership, management, and communication skills, and a diverse background in biomedical research, business development, and IT management.

Over the past three years, Dr. Bhattacharyya has overseen CSR's data analytics, informatics, technology, and strategic planning activities, which have been critical in advancing the center's mission and priorities. These include data analyses underlying [ENQUIRE](#), CSR's process to assess and restructure peer review groups; development and deployment of reviewer training modules on integrity and bias mitigation in peer review; and data-driven strategic planning to strengthen the peer review process, leveraging analytics, dashboards, and tools such as Reviewer Finder to broaden and diversify the reviewer pool and manage undue influence. In 2019, his foresight and initiative to undertake an expansion of CSR's IT infrastructure, including acquisition and testing of a FedRAMP-certified Zoom platform and procurement of licenses, were instrumental in the seamless transition to virtual review meetings and remote work during the pandemic.

Dr. Bhattacharyya earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in protein engineering at Michigan State University. He continued his research career as a senior research scientist at Northern Illinois University and as an Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) fellow in the Laboratory of Molecular Mechanisms of Tumor Promotion at the National Cancer Institute, where his work focused on translocation of protein kinase C isozymes in cancer cells. Following a research career, and before joining CSR, he worked as a consultant for a joint venture of AT&T and British Telecommunications, as well as for the NIH Clinical Center, focused on project and program management and IT strategic planning. Dr. Bhattacharyya joined CSR in 2005 as an information technology specialist and, in 2009, became the chief of the CSR Information Management Branch and the CSR chief information officer. He has served as DPAIM's acting director since 2021.