Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran

Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran, Director of NAAC was a senior Professor of Information Systems at the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli India (NIT Trichy) with over 30 years of experience including key roles as Dean of Research & Consultancy and Director in-charge. He has also served as the Director of Indian Institute of Information Technology Sri City India and made significant contributions including implementation of National Education Policy 2020 by incorporating skill development, holistic education, inclusive education, credit transfer, promoting innovation & entrepreneurship, societal engagements by adopting neighbouring villages and industry engagement at multiple levels.

Dr. Kannabiran is a recipient of Commonwealth Professional Fellowship, Fulbright Fellowships, and British Council Study Fellowship. He has carried out several bi-national engagements and collaborated in the field of higher education including leadership development, quality assurance, productivity and others. He has guided 10 PhD students and published more than 70 scholarly outputs.

He has carried out several projects with funding from UKIERI, The Asia Foundation, UNESCO, etc for a value of about INR 800 Lakhs in diverse areas: Computer-based Learning, Industry 4.0, Graduate Employability, Gender Equality and ICT Education, etc. He has special focus on entrepreneurship and skill development through two companies to support entrepreneurs, including a large number of women entrepreneurs by providing incubation facilities, support ventures through seed funding and mentoring.

Dr. Kannabiran is a member of the Academic Advisory Committee of PMI India a Computer Society of India and Indian Society for Training and Development. He holds PhD in MIS along with Masters Degrees in Computer Science & Engineering, Business Administration and Mathematics.