

## Proceedings of the RMSI EC Meeting held on 02.02.2022

A meeting of the Executive Council of the RMSI was held on 02.02.22 at 3.00 pm in the committee room of the ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi under the chairmanship of Dr A. Chandra, President, RMSI. Drs. Sultan Singh, RK Agrawal, JB Singh, AK Roy (special invitee), RV Kumar (immediate past Secretary), Mukesh Choudhary, Vinod Wasnik, Harish Pandey and DR Palsaniya were present in the meeting. The meeting started with the welcome of President and all the members by the Secretary. Following agenda items were discussed and decisions taken.

1. Roadmap for enhancing Impact Factor of *Range Management and Agroforestry* journal  
The issue was discussed in length and it was decided that all possible efforts should be made to enhance JIF. The whole processes of our journal (article submission, handling and management, publication) need to be reviewed and a decision on whether we should go online (MS submission and management) on our own RMSI website platform and adopting open access or give it to Springer/Elsewhere/others need to be taken after thorough consultations. The possibility of increasing number of journal issues (from 2 to 3/4 per year) need to be taken. It was also decided to explore the possibility of expanding and diversifying the present scope of our journal by including some more relevant areas in its scope and also by including short articles like Opinions, Scientific Correspondence, Editorials, etc. There is also a need for reviewing the present contract with *indianjournals.com* and scraping it, if needed, ensuring timeliness in publication, getting DOI number for articles, etc. A separate committee to be proposed for the purpose as it involves very important issue. Springer, etc may be contacted for terms/guidelines, etc in the mean time (Action: Secretary).
2. Reorganizing and strengthening the journal Editorial Board
  - (a) It was decided to reorganize and strengthen the editorial board in view of forthcoming challenges and planning for enhancing JIF. It was decided to include more persons from relevant fields from India as well as abroad and final composition will be decided and approved in the next EC meeting (Action: Secretary).
  - (b) Meanwhile, the online platform on newly developed RMSI website should be used for accepting MS and problems observed in doing so, if any, should be communicated to concern for rectification and further improvement. It was also discussed that first decision on MS (suitability to scope of journal) should be communicated to the author within 2-3 weeks of its receipt (Action: Editorial Board, Website Committee, and Secretary).
3. Strengthening the RMSI Secretariat  
It was decided that essential items/services like plagiarism software, computer, contractual man power services, etc may be taken/purchased on need basis (Action: All concerned).
4. Drive for RMSI and Journal visibility, life and institutional membership and improving the financial position of the society

Treasure was asked to present a detailed financial report in next meeting. Efforts should be made for enhancing visibility of RMSI and its Journal and increasing life and institutional membership. Secretary to contact young scientists who joined IGFRI, CAFRI, AICRP FC, RLBCAU, etc and requesting for becoming life members. Secretary to also write VCs of SAUs, Directors of ICAR Institutes, etc, regarding RMSI and its Journal and request them for institutional subscription. The Delhi IGC participants from abroad also to be contacted to make aware about RMSI Journal and enhancing its visibility. Efforts are also to be made for receiving ICAR grant/reimbursements for journal publication and secretary to contact and put reminders for the same. This is also to be ensured that the first author of paper should be the either life member of the society or all the authors should be annual members compulsorily except foreign authors. This was also decided that only minimum required hard copies (up to 100 copies) of the journal to be printed, sending hard copies of journal to life members to be discontinued after December 2021 issue and all life members to be provide soft copies through email to cut expenses on printing and dispatch (Action: Secretary).

5. Organization of national and / or international events

A National Symposium during September-October 2022 and International Conference during 2023 should be planed. The venue, exact time, title, themes, etc of National Symposium to be proposed in next meeting (Action: AK Roy and Secretary).

6. Status and announcements of RMSI annual awards

The RMSI awards were last time conferred during 2018 and were not invited due to CORONA pandemic in 2020. Therefore, it was decided to invite nominations and will be conferred during next planned symposium. The updated Performa and score card for different awards need to be uploaded on RMSI website. Possibility of Endowment Awards may also be explored (Action: Secretary).

7. Review of RMSI Website and its regular updation

The recently created RMSI website needs to be reviewed and updated (Action: Mukesh Choudhary, R Srinivasan, and Secretary).

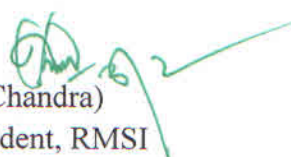
8. Updating the current addresses, contacts numbers and emails of life members

The inventory of life members of RMSI to be updated with current address, contact numbers and emails (Action: Vinod Wasnik, Mukesh Choudhary and Secretary).

9. Opinion may be invited to update/change the journal's cover page (Action: Secretary).

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and all members.

Put up for approval please.

  
(A. Chandra)  
President, RMSI

*Approved*

  
(D. R. Palsaniya, Secretary)