

## Proceedings of the RMSI GB Meeting held on 03.12.2023

A meeting of the General Body of the RMSI was held on 03.12.2023 at 6.30 pm in the North block conference hall of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore under the chairmanship of Dr A. Chandra, President, RMSI. RMSI Executive Members and life members who participated in the RMSI International Conference (2-4, December, 2023) were present in the meeting. The meeting started with the welcome of President, EC members and all the RMSI life members by the Secretary. Secretary presented his report and briefed the GB regarding the progress in the society during the previous year especially organization of a national symposium at Jhansi during 1-3 November, 2022, updating of RMSI website, online RMA paper submission and management platform, journal status, current impact factor, recommendations of the AK Roy committee for enhancing impact factor of RMA journal and widening its scope, discontinuing the agreement with indianjournals.com, etc. The treasurer's report was also shared and the latest AUC 2022-23 of the society was discussed and briefed the members about the financial position of the society. The chief editor's report was also shared by the secretary.

Following items/issues were discussed and decisions taken.

1. Making the *Range Management and Agroforestry* journal open access.
2. The RMSI EC should explore the online journal handling and publication platform.
3. The membership of RMSI and journal subscription was also revised from 01.01.2024 as under:

Membership/subscription	-	Indian	Foreigner
A. Individual	Annual	Rs. 2000	US\$ 100
	Life	Rs. 8000	US\$ 200
B. Libraries & Institutions	Annual	Rs. 2000	-
C. Corporate	Life	Rs. 20000 (India)	-

4. To publish a paper in RMA journal, all the authors should be member of the RMSI.
5. The GB decided to increase the frequency of journal to 4 issues per year from 2024 and each issue to have 15-20 papers.
6. GB authorized the RMSI EC to revise and strengthen the editorial board accordingly.
7. GB also authorized EC to provide suitable incentives to reviewers for their services. The name of MS handling editor may be given on the first page of article. Similarly, reviewers may be given the best reviewer award or appreciation letters.
8. The GB decided to increase the RMSI Fellowship from 3 to 5 per with no joint awards. EC may also give RMSI Honorary Fellow or Foreign Fellow.
9. GB also decided that an individual cannot hold the same post for more than two continuous terms.
10. The RMSI EC should bid for IGC/IRC.
11. The GB decided to give one time financial assistance of Rs. 25000 to a life member (> 10 years life membership) for suitable academic purposes.
12. The GB decided to hold national/international conferences on alternate years, i.e., biennial.
13. RMSI EC should fix a date to invite RMSI award application and communicate the awardees without waiting for biennial conference. However, they may be conferred during such biennial events.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and all the members.  
Put up for approval please.

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President, RMSI

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