

**Minutes of the General body meeting of the Pakistan Botanical Society August 29, 2014 at SBBU, Sheringal, Dir Upper.**

The General body meeting started at 230pm with the recitation from Holy Quran under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat (*SI*), President Pakistan Botanical Society and Vice Chancellor, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal, Dir Upper. The meeting was heavily attended by the members. The participants applauded the efforts of the SBBU for holding the conference in a very befitting manner. The participants appreciated the untiring efforts of Prof. KB Marwat, executive members, editors and Chief Editor for giving a quantum jump to the IF of the PJB from 0.8 to 1.2. The meeting was also attended by the Veteran Botanist, Dr. Anwar Nasim, Secretary General, PAS who facilitated the proceeding of the conference and advised the members to contribute for the development of plant sciences in the region.

The following decisions were made.

1. The 14<sup>th</sup> conference will be held in Karachi University during August to October 2015, as that was the only bid received from Vice Chancellor of a University and also it was the turn of Sindh to host the next conference. There was a general recommendation for holding another conference in Hazara University. However, it was resolved that in future; the letter of support must be provided by the Vice Chancellor of the concerned university at least one month ahead of the conference to participate in the bid for holding the next conference.
2. The budget was approved- The budget from previous year was 1.9 million, with anticipated income of another 2 million, and expenditure of Rs 1.9 million on the conference.
3. On the recommendations of the Executive Committee, a sum of Rs 2 Million was sanctioned by the General Body for the construction of a small herbarium for local plants, including office and a guest House at SBBU. The land will be provided by the SBBU and the building will be property of Pakistan Botanical Society. The utilities will be paid by the SBBU in addition to equivalent grant of Rs 2 million. This will be representative herbarium for the plants of Dir and Kohistan mainly, where botanists will have access to it from all over the country and abroad.
4. The special issue of PJB will be published before January 2015. Only those articles will be published after review, which were presented during the conference. All other articles, which were submitted but the author did not participate in the conference will not be considered for publication in the special issue and such authors have a choice to submit such article to regular issue of PJB or some other journal. The authors will be charged for the publication as per PJB policy.