

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE PAKISTAN BOTANICAL SOCIETY HELD AT QUAID-I-AZAM UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012**

The general body meeting of the Pakistan Botanical Society was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2012 in the Geophysics Auditorium, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. The meeting started with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran. The majority of the PBS members attended the meeting presided over by Professor Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari, the president of the PBS and assisted by Prof Dr. Asghari Bano, the Secretary General and Treasurer of the PBS. The budget of Pakistan Journal of Botany was presented first time in the history of the PBS by Prof. Dr. M. Qaiser, the Chief Editor of PJB, . This was followed by an overall overview/progress of the Pakistan Botanical Society, which was presented by Prof. Dr. Asghari Bano.

Prof. Dr. M. Ashraf, the PBS Vice president, of the Punjab province briefed the members on how to improve the impact factor of PJB. Several renowned scientists including Dr. Kausar A. Malik and Dr. Anwar Nasim provided their valuable suggestions on the issue.

The general body approved all the decisions taken by the Council in its meetings held from time to time during its entire tenure. The minutes/decisions of different Council meetings already appended on the PBS website will now be considered as the approved minutes/decisions of the general body meeting of the PBS held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2012.

An MoU was signed between the University of Karachi and Pakistan Botanical Society, for constructing a new and separate office for the editorial office of Pakistan Journal of Botany. The efforts of Prof Dr. M.Qaiser to this end were highly acclaimed by the participants. Questions/Answers and Discussion Session was conducted well by the PBS president and secretary. and finally the meeting was concluded with a very warm applause from all members of

the PBS. It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the PBS will be held at KP Agriculture University, Peshawar with the cooperation of the University of Peshawar. It was also decided that Baluchistan Quetta will be assisted to hold a mini-symposium of the Pakistan Botanical Society under the umbrella of the present PBS leadership.

Many members lauded the efforts of the present leadership for not only holding the conference successfully but in fact well before the given timeline. The general body also appreciated awarding our elders with life-time achievement awards and hoped that at least one such award would be given in each conference. The general body thanked the Vice Chancellor, QAU, for hosting the conference and sponsoring Quaid-i-Azam medals and shields. It is hoped that the PBS successors will follow suit to encourage young plant scientist.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the PBS Office Bearers