

Minutes of the Meeting of Office Bearers

Botanical Society of Pakistan (2024-25) at UAJK, Muzaffarabad dated 25-05-2025

The meeting was held at Department of Botany, Chatter Klass campus, Azad Jammu & Kashmir University, Muzaffarabad under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser (Chief Editor, Pakistan Journal of Botany). Following office bearers participated in the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. Rehana Kausar | President |
| 2. Prof. Dr. Rubina Abid | Vice-President (Sindh) |
| 3. Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi | Vice-President (Punjab) |
| 4. Dr. Haider Ali | Vice-President (KPK) |
| 5. Prof. Dr. Saeed Kakar | Vice-President (Baluchistan) |
| 6. Dr. Khawaja Shafique | Vice-President (AJK) |
| 7. Dr. Zia Ur Rehman Mashwani | Joint Secretary |
| 8. Dr. Muhammad Ejaz Ul Islam Dar | General Secretary |

The meeting started with the recitation of Holy verses, and the following points were discussed:

1. **Tentative Date of 10th International & 19th National Conference of Plant Science:** Dr. Rehana Kausar briefed the audience about the prevailing situation of Azad Jammu & Kashmir University and talked about the expected VC ship change in June 2025 after completion of present VC tenure. Keeping in view the situation of host university and arrival of new Vice Chancellor, it was decided unanimously that next conference will be held in April 2026 at King Abdullah Campus of UAJK.
2. **Next Conference Title/Topic:** Different topics were discussed by the members and the house finally decided the next conference titled as **"Botanical Resources to address food security under climate change scenario"**.
3. **Funding Sources:** The house thoroughly discussed about the scarcity of funding sources as witnessed in past. Finally, it was decided that for next conference each and every funding source should be touched well before time including HEC, PSF, PAS, Industry, R&D institutions, Corporate sector, Banks, University own sources, Private businesses.
4. **Life Membership Fee of Botanical Society of Pakistan for Students:** During the meeting, it was discussed about the present fee structure for Life Members of Botanical society of Pakistan. Dr. Ejaz-ul-Islam Dar pointed about the revision of this structure for Student category. Finally, it was decided that Rs 10,000/- will be the Life Membership Fee for Students only. Rest of the fee structure will remain intact.
5. **Recorded lectures of Foreign Presenters:** During the last conference at Multan, there was noticed that few foreign presenters couldn't give talks due to sudden internet connectivity issues. To avoid such a situation in future, house suggested that for next conference the recorded lectures of foreign presenters should be taken before time. It would be mandatory for all foreign/international talks.


6. **Announcement of Special Award for Young Botanists during the Next Conference at UAJK:** It was discussed that Botanical Society of Pakistan should also announce some special award category for young Botanists in upcoming conference at UAJK. With the suggestion of all members, the following committee was formulated to look into this matter and decide about its TORs:

Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadur Marwat (KPK)	Convener
Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi (Punjab)	Member
Prof. Dr. Rubina Abid (Sindh)	Member
Prof. Dr. Saeed Kakar (Baluchistan)	Member
Dr. Zia Ur Rehman Mashwani	Member

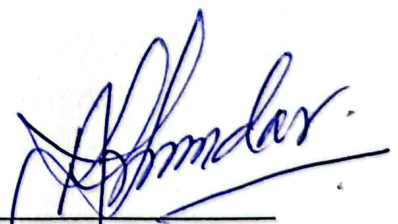
This committee will present its suggestions and defined TORs in next meeting of office bearers in October/November this year.

7. **Special Issue of Pakistan Journal of Botany:** For the next conference at UAJK, the publication of special issue was discussed thoroughly. Dr. Qaiser told the audience that special issue was not published since 2016. However, he agreed that selected papers from the conference presentations will be reviewed at fast track and be published on priority.

CONCLUDING REMARKS: In the end, Dr. Rehana Kausar thanked all the participants for traveling across the country and gracing the meeting by their esteemed presence. The meeting concluded in a positive note and all the participants also thanked Dr. Rehana and Dr. Ejaz Ul Islam Dar for warm welcome and hospitality.



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