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**Subject: Minutes of The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Executive Council of The Botanical Society of Pakistan Held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Tuesday) at the Institute of Botany, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan**

Second meeting of the executive council of “Botanical Society of Pakistan” for the year 2023-24 was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the committee room of the Institute of Botany, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. Following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. Seema Mahmood  
President/ Chair
2. Prof. Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman Athar  
Secretary/ Treasurer
- Vice-Presidents**
3. Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad (Federal Capital) Online
4. Prof. Dr. Abdul Nasir Khalid (Punjab) Online
5. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Rajput (Sindh) Online
5. Dr. Haidar Ali, (KPK)
7. Prof. Dr. Rehana Kausar (AJK) Online
8. Dr. Qamar Abbas (Gilgit Baltistan)
9. Dr. Kausar Hussain Shah  
Joint Secretary
10. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser  
Chief Editor, Pakistan Journal of Botany Karachi
11. Prof. Dr. Ikram ul Haq  
Distinguished National Professor  
Former President of Botanical Society of Pakistan  
GC University Lahore  
ex officio member

The meeting was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. The chair welcomed all participants. The secretary presented the agenda items one by one to the members for discussion.

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## **Agenda Item No. 1. Rescheduling Plant Science Conference at the Institute of Botany, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan:**

In view of current political scenario prevailing in the country, it was recommended to reschedule forthcoming Plant Science Conference at the Institute of Botany, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. After deliberation, it was resolved to reschedule the conference from 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## **Agenda Item No. 2: Inclusion of The Women University of Multan as Co-Host University:**

Prof. Habibur Rehman informed that the Department of Botany, Women University, Multan was willing to join the conference as a cohost. After deliberation the council agreed to include the Women University. However, inclusion of the Department of Botany, The Women University, Multan as Co-host University for forthcoming conference was recommended. However, Prof. Dr. Ikram-ul-Haq suggested to take written consent from the Vice Chancellor of the Women University, Multan to avoid any conflict of interest during organization or budget management.

## **Agenda Item No 3. Funding applications: Generation of funding from national/international funding agencies for holding the upcoming conference at B. Z. University Multan, Pakistan**

It was proposed that the organizers should submit formal applications for grant to different funding agencies including Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Provincial Higher Education Commission (PHEC), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), etc. Prof. Dr. Ikram ul Haq also encouraged to apply to ECOSF, ISESCO and ICGEB may also be requested for funding. Prof. Dr. Seema Mahmood suggested that different Banks, scientific equipment supplier companies and agriculture & cosmetics related industries may also be requested for donations. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser suggested that the conference brochure should be uploaded on the website of Pakistan Journal of Botany as soon as possible for timely advertisement. It was also suggested that Prof. Dr. Mushtaq be requested to submit an application to PAS for funding the conference.


## **Agenda Item No 4. Any other item with the permission of the chair**


- 1. Provision of accommodation to invited speakers and participants of the conference.** Dr. Haider Ali suggested that ensuring satisfactory accommodation for invited speakers and participants is crucial for the success of the conference. Prof. Dr. Seema Mahmood, the president of the society, said that conference organizing committee will do their best in this regard.
- 2. Organizing Conference in Hybrid Mode:** Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser proposed to organize the conference in hybrid mode to facilitate participation of international speakers via online meeting platforms such as Zoom or Google Meet. Dr. Kauser Hussain supported this proposal.
- 3. Appointment of Journal Sub-Editor:** Prof Dr Tahir Rajput appreciated the efforts and services rendered by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser for Pakistan Journal of Botany. He suggested for the appointments of subject subeditors for the Pakistan Journal of Botany to assist Prof. Dr. M. Qaiser in running affairs of journal. Members agreed on this suggestion and authorized Chief Editor for appointment.

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- 4. Increase in activities of Botanical Society of Pakistan** Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser suggested that there should be regular meetings of the executive council of the society and requested secretary to share the quarterly progress report of conference preparations with the council. He added that symposia/workshops should be organized across the country under the umbrella of Botanical Society of Pakistan. All members agreed with it and encouraged to submit proposals to the society for funding to organize one or two-days events. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser added that the society may contribute up to Rs. 0.2 Million for such activity. He further suggested that the Vice Presidents should take initiative for these scientific activities Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed appreciated the whole discussion on various agenda items and suggested to organize two-day workshop on plant systematics. Dr. Haider Ali proposed that he will organize a workshop on plant taxonomy, and biodiversity & conservation topics around on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024. Dr. Qamar Abbas, Vice President Gilgit Baltistan, proposed initiating frequent activities such as online lectures from National or International speakers, which will receive positive feedback. He further added that such activities of the society should be posted website of the society.
- 5. Reflection of the Conference and Society on Social Media:** Prof. Dr. Seema Mahmood suggested that there should be appropriate reflection of the conference as well as the society on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. All members appreciated this suggestion and have acknowledged.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.


Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman Athar  
General Secretary,  
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