## Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of RMS held on 21.12.2023

The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Ramanujan Mathematical Society (RMS) was held on 22.12.2023 at 6:30pm in the Bhupen Hazarika Auditorium of the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati - the venue for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of RMS (December 22 – 24, 2023).

Prof. S. Ponnusamy, the President of RMS welcomed the members of RMS present at the GBM and expressed his satisfaction on the continuous progress of RMS as evident from the present annual meet having 452 registered participants from different parts of the country with 06 plenary/public talks, 13 symposia with 187 symposia speakers besides many contributory talks. After his welcome address and general remarks he requested the Secretary of RMS Prof. K. S. Charak to present the GBM agenda and conduct the deliberations on the agenda items.

- 1. The Secretary after welcoming the RMS members present at GBM expressed his satisfaction over the smooth functioning and progressive march of RMS and presented his report.
- 2. The Secretary placed before the house the minutes of the last GBM held at SSN College of Engineering, Chennai, on 06.12.2022, for the approval of the present the General Body. Dr. Lavanya Selvaganesh proposed the approval and Prof. Gurmeet Bakshi seconded the

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proposal and the minutes of the last GBM were passed by the General Body in one voice.

- 3. The Secretary of RMS presented before the house the list of 175 new life members of RMS registered after the last GBM of RMS held on 06.12.2022 for admission to RMS. Prof. Riddhi Shah proposed the admission of these new members to RMS and Prof. Swadesh Kumar Sahoo seconded the proposal. The house approved the admission of new members. With this admission of 175 new life members of RMS the total strength of RMS life members increased to 1982.
  - 4. The Secretary presented before the house the Academic Report of RMS for 2023 on behalf of the Academic Secretary Prof. Jaydeb Sarkar who could not make him available for the GBM on account of health reasons: The 38th Annual Conference possesses distinct characteristics in multiple aspects. This is the first annual conference of the RMS, held in the north eastern region of India. Furthermore, this event will be recognized as one of the most significant annual conferences in terms of attendees, with a total of 452 registered participants. This annual conference will also be notable for featuring a total of 13 symposia. The RMS is proud to introduce the 'Women in Mathematics' symposia. RMS also welcomes the initiative, 'The History of Mathematics in India'. The total number of symposia talks is 187. The symposia speakers come from all across India, keeping balance between institutions, universities, male and female, early-career researchers, senior researchers, etc. The conference also has five plenary talks along with a public lecture on the history of mathematics. On top of

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all, the annual conference hosted a total of 150 contributed talks on various topics. The speakers are mostly young mathematicians. Indeed, the annual conference provided a platform for all the young mathematicians and early-career mathematicians to speak and discuss mathematics. Despite the considerable progress that remains, we have achieved a substantial improvement in imparity this time around. Approximately 26% of the participants are females. An estimated quarter of the participants come from the north eastern region. Seven out of thirteen organizers of symposia are women.

5. On the reports by Editors of JRMS (Journal of RMS) and LNS (Lecture Notes Series), Collected Work Series (CWS) and MNL (Mathematics News Letter) presented by the Secretary, the members expressed their satisfaction on the quality and content of these publications of RMS. For the sale of back volumes of LNS/CWS, it was unanimously resolved by the General Body that RMS must approach the vendors like Amazon, Flipkart. The house was also informed that the Chairman of the RMS Publication Committee Prof. Kumar Murty has informed the EC that two new volumes of CWS are under preparation.

6. For the Venue of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of RMS, there were two proposals submitted by DR. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar and BITS Pilani - K. K. Birla Goa Campus. After thorough scrutiny and threadbare discussions the EC approved the proposal submitted by NIT Jalandhar and thereby approves that the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of RMS shall

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be organized at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, tentatively from December 05, 2024 to December 07, 2024. The house expressed its satisfaction on the selection of the venue on merits and endorsed it.

- 7. The Treasurer of RMS, Prof. Rajeswari Seshadri presented the audited statements of the Accounts of RMS for the financial year 2022-2023. Dr. Gorachand Chakraborty proposed the acceptance of the audited account statements and Dr. Sanjeev Singh seconded the proposal, and the General Body approved the audited statements of accounts.
- 8. The General Body also endorsed the resolution of EC to convene an online EC meeting at least one month before the date of every Annual Conference of RMS to take stock of the RMS Accounts.
- 9. The General body also endorsed the resolution of EC that RMS and the Indian Mathematical Society (IMS) may explore the possibilities of having joint IMS-RMS meetings and authorizes the President, Vice-President and Academic Secretary of RMS to meet their counterparts in IMS to find out the way ahead.
- 10. To understand the current state of affairs of printing of RMS publications, the EC unanimously resolved that a Joint Committee be constituted with President RMS as Chair and Secretary RMS, Treasurer RMS and two persons from RMS Publications Committee nominated by its Chair as its members. The committee shall submit its report to EC for consideration and approval, at the

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earliest possible. The general Body endorsed this resolution passed by the EC.

- 11. The General Body expressed its gratitude to the local organizer Prof. Sukanta Pati and his team and the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati for hosting the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of RMS.
- 12. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prof. S. Ponnusamy

(President)

Prof. K. S. Charak

(Secretary)

Prof. Rajeswari Seshadri

(Treasurer)

Date: 23.12.2023

Prof. Jugal K. Verma (Vice President)

Prof. Jaydeb Sarkar
(Academic Secretary)

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