



Minutes of 62nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Society for Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology (ISRMTT) held on 21.03.2023

The 62nd meeting of the Executive Committee of ISRMTT was held at CSMRS, New Delhi on 21.03.2023. The meeting was held in hybrid mode. Shri Hari Dev, President, ISRMTT chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Sh. Hari Dev, President
2. Dr. R.K. Goel, Vice President
3. Dr. D.V. Sarwade, Secretary
4. Dr. Althaf Usmani, Treasurer
5. Dr. Rajbal Singh, Member
6. Dr. R.D. Dwivedi, Member
7. Sh. A.N.N. Prasad, Member
8. Sh. C.S. Khokhar, Member
9. Sh. Prashant Rai, Member
10. Sh. Sumit Jain, Member
11. Sh. Shubham Handa, Member
12. Dr. D.S. Subramaniam, Member

Outcome of the meeting:

1. Sh. Hari Dev, welcomed all the members of the Executive Body present in the meeting.
2. The minutes of the 61st meeting of the Executive Committee of ISRMTT held on 20.12.2022 were confirmed.
3. Committee discussed various events that can be taken up during the current year. It was proposed to hold a training course on any topic related to rock mechanics/rock engineering/tunneling/any other relevant subject area during July-August 2023. The detailed of training course can be worked out shortly.
4. INDOROCK-2023, 9th Indian Rock Conference: Detailed discussions were held regarding organization of ISRMTT's flagship conference INDOROCK-2023. It was proposed to hold the conference in association with Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS) during 6-8 November 2023 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Dwarka, New Delhi. First bulletin and conference themes were broadly discussed. It was decided to circulate the conference brochure and the themes amongst the EC members for seeking advice. After finalization of themes, the first bulletin shall be issued after incorporating comments from the members within a week.
5. It was proposed to design and launch INDOROCK website which will be used for all the tasks related to conference including submission of Abstracts/full length papers and online payments for registration fee etc. The EC was also apprised that rights for domain name for conference indorock.in was reserved during 2019 itself. The same domain can be renewed. For the purpose of designing the web page, 3-4 vendors were consulted and



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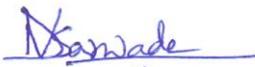
tentatively the cost for designing and hosting the website shall be around Rs. 35000-45000 which can further be negotiated. The committee appreciated the move and authorized the President, Secretary and Treasurer to take a final decision of actual cost and vendor.

6. EC was apprised that all the expenditure incurred by ISRMTT on half day workshop titled '*Norwegian Method of Tunnelling*' jointly organized by The Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI) and ISRMTT supported by The Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi in Hotel Imperial, New Delhi on 19th October 2022 have been received from NGI.
7. In accordance with the provisions of ISRMTT constitution, it was proposed to appoint Executive Secretary for fulltime/part time to maintain ISRMTT records/accounts and other related works. EC agreed and authorized the President, Secretary and Treasurer to appoint a suitable person.
8. EC was apprised that Journal of Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology being continuously published by ISRMTT since 1994 with the untiring efforts of Late Dr. (Prof.) Bhawani Singh, Dr. Subhash Mitra, Dr. R.K. Goel and Dr. R.D. Dwivedi has been recognized by UGC and listed in journals approved by UGC CARE from January 2023 onwards. Academic institutes can be requested to publish their research work in JRMTT.
9. In addition to the circulated Agenda, EC opined to start online lecture series on quarterly basis. The lectures can be 30-45 minutes duration with 15 minutes of discussions. Online platform shall be used for the same.

EC also approved an amount of Rs. 5000/- to the expert speaker for sharing their knowledge during online lecture, training courses and workshops.

EC also deliberated on the start of newsletter on biannual basis.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. D.V. SARWADE)
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