

PAC meeting on PHYSICAL SCIENCES-I (CMP&MS)**Date:** 22nd June to 25th June 2022**Venue:** UPES**Funding support:** Fully funded by 'Science and Engineering Research Board' (SERB)**Sanction amount:** 11 Lakhs INR (towards air-fare, local travel, accommodation and food)

This is our great pleasure to share the note that recently PAC meeting on PHYSICAL SCIENCES-I (CMP&MS) from 22nd June to 25th June 2022 was successfully hosted at Bidholi campus, UPES. This event was fully funded by 'Science and Engineering Research Board' (SERB) who approached us recently and requested to organize the meeting. Dignitaries and high level professors (PAC members), all over India, came for the meeting for the evaluation of ongoing SERB CRG projects that were sanctioned to various Project investigators (PIs) all over India. It was our pleasure to have arranged accommodation, local travel and meeting venue (MDC (ASIA, AFRICA, AUSTRALIA)) and food for them. Accommodations for the professor and scientist were arranged at LP Vilas and Clarks. Ten PAC members and two high level SERB scientists were present, and about 40 PIs came for the progress report presentation. Breakfast/snacks and lunch were arranged at MDC centre for the members and PIs.

Apart from the PAC meeting for first three days our dignitaries accepted our request to deliver a lecture on how to write an effective project proposal despite their busy schedules. For the purpose a short (half-day) workshop was arranged for our faculty colleagues and young researchers on 25th June. Prof Praveen Kumar Somasundaram (Scientist F, DST) and Prof Vasudeva Siruguri (Professor at UGC-DAE CSR Mumbai) delivered talks on the above stated aspect. We believe the lectures are highly beneficial of drafting better proposals for future funding especially from SERB, DST, BRNS and other funding bodies.

During the event, campus tour was arranged for visiting our laboratory facilities (central research facilities). Short local visit to FRI (Forest Research Institute) was also arranged. This is noted that all the professors and scientists appreciated the research facility establishments available here in UPES. Moreover, they also appreciated FRI visits.

On final note, we would like to thank and appreciate the admin team for their support, especially Mr Rahul, Mr Michael who arranged accommodation and food, Mr Manpreet for travel, Mr Gaurav Sarpal and Ms Shikha for POs and other related works. Supports from other admin members are also appreciated who directly or indirectly involved in successfully organizing the event. We would like to thank Prof Tauseef, Prof Manish Kumar and other cluster heads, all our colleagues, research scholars and students for their presence. Our special thanks to our Dean, Prof Gurvinder Singh Virk, Dean R&D, Prof D K Avasthi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof Ram Sharma, and Vice Chancellor, Prof Sunil Rai for their kind support and approval at various levels without which this event would have not been successful. Thank you very much.

With Best Regards

Dr Prasanta Mandal

(Co-ordinator for the meeting)

Dr Ranjeet Kumar Brajpuriya

(Cluster head of Applied Sciences)

PAC meeting: Professors

1. Prof Sanjay Puri (chairman) (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
2. Prof Aswini Ghosh (IACS)
3. Prof Shikha Varma (IOP Bhubaneswar)
4. Prof Dinakar Kanjilal (IUAC)
5. Prof Priya Mahadevan (S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences)
6. Prof Vasudeva Siruguri (UGC-DAE CSR Mumbai Centre)

7. Prof K S Narayan (JNCASR Bengaluru)
8. Prof Satyajit Banerjee (IIT Kanpur)
9. Prof Dhanvir Singh Rana (IISER Bhopal)
10. Prof Bhavtosh Bansal (IISER Kolkata)

SERB personals: Scientists

1. Dr Nilotpal Ghosh (Scientist F, SERB)
2. Dr Praveen Kumar Somasundaram (Scientist F, DST)

Day-I (22-6-2022): PAC meeting

Day-II (23-6-2022): PAC meeting

Day-III (24-6-2022): PAC meeting + campus tour + FRI visit

Day-IV (25-6-2022): Workshop-lecture on better project proposal writing-general interaction

Some glimpses of the event





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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING RESEARCH BOARD
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Government of India)

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New Mehrauli Road,
New Delhi - 110016

Dated: 16/6/2022

ORDER

Sub: Financial sanction for the 4th meeting of the PAC on “Physical Sciences-I (CMP&MS)” to be held during **June 22-25, 2022** at **University of Petroleum and Energy studies (UPES), Dehradun - 248007.**

Sanction of SERB is hereby accorded to the above mentioned PAC Meeting on “Physical Sciences-I (CMP&MS)”. The items of expenditure for which the total allocation of **₹ 11,42,000/- (Rupees eleven lakh forty two thousand only)** has been approved given below:-

The following budget is proposed for this meeting:-

1.	TA/Honorarium for PAC members	₹ 4,92,000/-
2.	Working expenses (including transportation, working lunch & dinner, tea/coffee, secretarial assistance, board and lodging etc.)	₹ 6,50,000/-
	Total	₹ 11,42,000/-

2. Sanction of SERB is also accorded to the payment of a sum of **₹ 11,00,000/- (Rupees eleven lakh only)** under "**Recurring- item**" as the first installment of grant towards organizing the meeting.

3. The expenditure involved is debit to “**Fund for Science & Engineering Research (FSER)**”. This release is made under “**PAC on Physical Sciences-I (CMP&MS)**”.

4. The Sanction has been issued under the powers delegated to the SERB and with the concurrence of Programme Coordinator, **SERB/F/1703/2022-23** dated **16.06.2022**.

5. The sanction of SERB is also accorded to the performance of journey by Air/1st Class/ACC/Road (Car/Taxi etc.) by the members as per their entitlement in their parent organization.

6. Honorarium to non-official members of the meeting will be paid @ **Rs. 4,000/-** per day for the meeting days. TA/DA will be as per SERB norms as applicable to non-officials.

7. The total release amount of **Rs. 11,00,000/- (Rupees eleven lakh only)** will be drawn by the **Under Secretary of the SERB** and will be disbursed by means of RTGS transaction as per their Bank details given below:

PFMS Unique Code	UPSE
Account Name	University of Petroleum and Energy Studies
Account Number	011594600000224
Bank Name & Branch	YES Bank, Rajpur Road, Dehradun
IFSC/RTGS Code	YESB0000115

8. The Institute will maintain separate audited accounts for the project. If it is found expedient to keep a part or whole of the grant in a bank account earning interest, the interest earned should be reported to SERB. The interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the Institute to be adjusted towards further installment of the grant.

9. As per Rule 211 GFRs, the accounts of the meeting shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority / audit whenever the Institute is called upon to do so.

10. The Institute will furnish to SERB, utilization certificate and audited statement of accounts pertaining to the grant immediately after the end of each financial year.


11. After completion of meeting unspent balance if any should be returned as Demand Draft in favour of "Fund for Science and Engineering Research" payable at New Delhi.


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To,
Under Secretary,
SERB, New Delhi.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to: -

1.	The Principal Director of Audit, A.G.C.R. Building, III rd Floor I.P. Estate, Delhi-110002.
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