

The RMS Publications Committee

Brief preamble: With a resolute mission to connect meaningfully with the larger mathematical community of the country, the activities of the Ramanujan Mathematical Society (RMS) may be divided into two broad categories – **to organise academic meetings** (such as conferences, workshops and training programmes organised by RMS solely or jointly with resonant academic organisations) and **to publish quality mathematical content**, catering to the needs of the serious practitioners, teachers, mentors and students in India.

The aim of setting up the **RMS Publications Committee (RPC)** is to oversee, to deliberate, and to provide informed advice on matters related to the publication wing of RMS.

Objective: The RPC is an advisory body constituted to ensure quality upkeep, maintenance of a certain level of uniformity across RMS publications taking cognisance of the general needs of the overall mathematical community in India as well as the expertise available on hand. It will also deliberate on proposals for possible joint publications liaising with similar not-for-profit mathematical societies working in service of the world mathematical community. To sum up, it is envisioned as a dynamic advisory group to the RMS on publication related matters.

Responsibilities: The RPC shall provide general advice on publications, in resonance with the overall aims of RMS, by:

- studying the existing publication activity of RMS, and forming an informed opinion,
- assessing possible improvements in matters needing attention, identifying any changes, and suggesting further courses of action,
- proposing strategic changes, whenever it is felt necessary, towards rendering RMS publications relevant in the overall context of the Indian mathematical tradition, as well as in the context of similar global efforts, also making recommendations on the infrastructure necessary to support operations
- providing guidance on component matters such as ensuring smooth transitions in the editorial boards keeping a certain continuity, in harmony with the existing efforts and earlier contributions,
- providing guidance on any arising legal matters pertaining to the publications of RMS, such as copyrights, possible relationships with partner publications and other organisations and similar issues,

- providing suggestions regarding online web presence of the RMS through its official website,
- advice on matters of electronic publishing, archiving and communication, as well as make suggestions towards building appropriate electronic infrastructures.
- promoting the publication activity of RMS by encouraging submissions of significant research contributions

Composition and activities of the RPC:

- The Committee shall consist of 12 members (excluding the Convener), drawn preferably from those serving in similar capacities on the international scene.
- The composition of the Committee shall generally reflect the presence of a wide spectrum of mainstream mathematical disciplines, and is also inclusive of representation from the Indian universities.
- The Chair of the Committee, or the Acting Chair (as agreed on by the remaining committee members) will initiate discussions from time to time to reflect on the activity of RMS publications.
- Chief editors of two of the current publications of RMS will be in the Committee to represent the publication wing of RMS.
- Some of the distinguished members of the Committee drawn from the international scene need not necessarily be members of the RMS.
- The Convener will represent the recommendations of the RPC and liaise with the Executive Committee (EC) of the RMS.
- The appointment of the RPC, and any changes in the course of time, shall be formally endorsed by the EC of RMS.
- The Committee may invite non-members to attend its meetings for specific discussions (such as those not represented by any incumbent member of the Committee).
- Given the wide geographical locations of its members, the Committee is encouraged to engage in online meetings.
- The Committee shall meet at least once a year, about one or two months prior to the RMS annual conference of that year. The President of RMS will be a special invitee to this meeting.
- All infrastructural arrangement to enable the conduct of the meetings of the RPC shall be made by the Convener at the request of the Chair.
- Each member shall be expected to take an active role in the deliberations of the Committee.