



Mission Report

54th Governing Board Meeting SEAMEO BIOTROP October 4-7, 2016 Bogor, Indonesia

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A. SEAMEO Officials and Staff Member on Mission

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B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity

1. SEAMEO Governing Board Meetings (GBM) are conducted annually and aims to set ways forward for the Centre's direction for the coming fiscal year. SEAMEO BIOTROP's 54th GBM provided opportunities for SEAMES to present updates and to coordinate activities within the regional inter-governmental organizations and SEAMEO Centres.
2. SEAMEO Secretariat seats as Ex-Officio member of SEAMEO BIOTROP GBM. It is a mandatory function of SEAMES to update GB members of SEAMEO Centres on the key significant policies, activities, and projects approved by SEAMEO as a regional organization.
3. SEAMEO DDPD presented an opening remarks and a presentation of updates on significant activities, policies and programs from several SEAMEO meetings from FY 2015-2016. DDPD also opened the new facilities for the Launching of Mycorrizha Laboratory and the Biotrop Community Learning Park together with the Mayor of Bogor City, Indonesia. DDPD also facilitated the awarding ceremony for Dr Hartrisari and team for the recognition they received from West Java Government (presented by SEAMES DDPD) as well as for Prof Bambang Purwantara, Prof Okky S. Dharmaputra and Prof Vincentius Siregar for their professorship at IPB.

C. Participants

1. SEAMEO BIOTROP Director and Staff
2. Bogor City Mayor Dr Arti
3. SEAMES Deputy Director representing the SEAMEO Director
4. Governing Board Members of 11 member countries
5. BIOTROP Scientists
6. Former Director Bambang

D. Organizer/s

The SEAMEO BIOTROP Directors and Staff

E. Highlight of the Activity/Summary Points

Part 1: Opening Ceremony

The GBM started with an Opening Ceremony and invited the City Mayor of Bogor Indonesia to be the guest of honor. The program is as follows:

- Singing of Indonesia Raya and SEAMEO Colors and Song
- Welcome Remarks by the SEAMEO BIOTROP Director
- Remarks by the SEAMEO Secretariat Director
- Remarks by the SEAMEO BIOTROP Governing Board Representative
- Opening Remarks by the Mayor of Bogor
- Opening Remarks by HE Minister of Education and Culture of Republic of Indonesia
- Token Presentation and photo session
- Recognition of SEAMEO BIOTROP GB Members and Representatives
- Recognition of Dr Hartrisari and team for the award they received from West Java Government (presented by SEAMES DDPD)
- Recognition of Prof Bambang Purwantara, Prof Okky S. Dharmaputra and Prof Vincentius Siregar for their professorship at IPB by MC (presented SEAMEO BIOTROP Director)
- Launching of SEAMEO BIOTROP as Community Learning Park
- Group Picture
- Launching of Mycorrizha Laboratory
- Campus Tour

Part II. 54th Governing Board Meeting

D. Highlights of the 54th governing board meeting.

The followings are the highlights of the 54th SEAMEO BIOTROP GBM.

1. Election of officers: Chairman and Rapporteurs. Brunei Darussalam was elected as Chairperson the 54th GBM while Philippines was elected as the rapporteur.
2. Presentation of SEAMES of Key points, updates from SEAMEO Meetings- SEAMES DDPD presented the key updates from SEAMES meetings and was noted by the GBM.
3. Follow-up Actions Taken by SEAMEO BIOTROP on the Decisions and Recommendations of the 53rd SEAMEO BIOTROP Governing Board Meeting (GBM-54/WP-1). The presentation was noted by the GBM.
4. Follow-up Actions Taken by SEAMEO BIOTROP on the Agreements of the 2016 SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (GBM-54/WP-2). The presentation on the ADB funded project on school gardening generated a lot of interest from the GB members and suggestions were on the link of school gardening with measuring nutrition status of children and how the government departments are involved in the project implementation.

5. Draft of SEAMEO BIOTROP Annual Report for FY 2015/2016 (GBM-54/WP-3). The Annual report was noted and approved for circulation.
6. The terms of office of the SEAMEO BIOTROP Director and the Deputy Director for Resource Management. The GB noted that the terms of offices of the Director and Deputy Director for Resource Management will end by December 2017.
7. SEAMEO BIOTROP Audited Financial Report and Support Profile for FY 2015/2016. The GBM approved the Audited Financial Report.
8. Proposed Three-Year Budget of SEAMEO BIOTROP for FY 2017/2018, FY 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020. The GBM approved the three-year budget of SEAMEO BIOTROP.
9. Term of Office of the SEAMEO BIOTROP Deputy Director for Programme (GBM-54/WP-6). The GBM discussed and approved the term of office of the deputy director for programme
10. Amendments of SEAMEO BIOTROP Staff Rules and Guidelines. The GBM approved the amendments to SEAMEO BIOTROP Staff rules and guidelines and congratulated BIOTROP for a more relevant staff rules and guidelines.
11. Assessment Results of BIOTROP PhD Thesis Grants Program. The assessment report generated interest and suggestions. The suggestion was more of how BIOTROP could make the Thesis grant regional. The GBM noted that the program is funded by the Indonesian government for the Indonesian doctoral students.
12. SEAMEO BIOTROP Tentative Research and Training Activities for 2017 under Government of Indonesia and SEAMEO Fund Support. This proposal was approved by the GB members.
13. Progress Report of BIOTROP's Special Initiative. This report was noted by the GB members.
14. Updates on SEAMEO STAR Village Program. This program was noted by the GB members.
15. Updates on School Garden Project. The program was noted by the GB members.
16. Results of BIOTROP Program and Management Review. This item generated a lot of suggestions from GB members esp on how BIOTROP was assessed by the external expert. Some recommendations can be considered while the others may be considered in the next few years.
17. Updates on the Process of Formulating BIOTROP 10th Five-Year Development Plan- this was noted by the GB members.
18. Updates on the Result of FGD on 53rd GBM – this was approved by the GB members.

F. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. The SEAMEO College report on School Garden for Nutrition and Literacy has to be sustained and has to be presented in a research brief which SEAMEO BIOTROP will be tasked to do.
2. The Community Learning Project with UNESCO UIL has to be finalized for submission and funding.

G. Photos of 54th SEAMEO BIOTROP GBM

