

RESEARCH PLANNING DIVISION :

Research Planning Division of ICFRE deals with the planning and management of forestry research projects execution through ICFRE funding. Research Planning Division coordinates the Research Advisory Group (RAG) meetings at each Institute level. RAG provide directions in the forestry research of the institute within overall frame work of research priorities set by ICFRE and also formulate and review five years research plan on rolling basis. The RAGs of the institutes are held annually in the month of November and December. The division also initiated seeking subject specific expert comments from peer group (subject referees) on each new research project proposal and the expert comments are placed in RAG meeting for the consideration of RAG expert members.

For each of the eight ICFRE institute spread all over the country and having research work jurisdiction over respective states and union territories of India; Director General ICFRE, in consultation with Director of the Institute approves Research Advisory Group (RAG) for each institute, which have the regional distinctiveness with the regional representation of a composite group of research-end users/ stakeholders, researchers, scientists and research managers. Also subject area experts of national/international eminence are invited. Research Advisory Groups have been made broader by including PCCFs of the concerned states as chairman on rotation basis from the states under the jurisdiction of the institute. Other members of the RAG include different strata of scientists, a range of forest officials, diverse stakeholder's viz. NGOs, industries, progressive farmers and Universities.

Research Policy Committee (RPC): Research Planning division organizes the annual RPC meeting at ICFRE HQ under the chairmanship of Director General, ICFRE. RPC is an Apex advisory body at national level to give the policy directions, bring in innovation and prioritize investment in relevant and high quality forestry research. External national level expert members of RPC include representative of Planning commission, MoEF, sister research organizations, ICAR, universities, NGO, progressive farmer and people working on community forest management. All the DDGs, Director (Research) and Directors of the ICFRE institutes are the members of the RPC. The new research proposals recommended by the RAGs of respective eight Research Institutes of ICFRE are placed in the RPC annual meeting to give final approval to the new research proposals submitted by the eight research institutes. The RPC meet is mostly convened in February every year.

Quinquennial Review: The Council in addition to internal review of its research programmes has initiated a system of Quinquennial Review (once in five years) by an independent team which will impart more transparency and accountability to the system. For each Institute, which is functionally independent, Quinquennial Reviews (QRs) have the potential to provide a measure of central oversight and serve as an essential component of ICFRE's monitoring and evaluation system. It is essential for monitoring of the progress of research, its relevance and excellence and providing feedback to the ICFRE for mid course correction with a view to fulfilling the mission and achieving the goals set by the institutes and for projects supported by it.