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Three-Day 20th International Soil Science Congress Concluded at PMAS-AAUR



Speakers highlighted the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system and urged on the management of soil through latest technologies for maximum output/production to meet the country's demand for food.

They stressed on increasing the public awareness of soil and its contribution to humanity and the environment and also suggested that there is dire need to address the soil issues/problems which effects badly on soil health like soil degradation, Agriculture emission, aggregating water pollution, mass extinction of soil and traditional chemical fertilizers etc

Speakers stated this at the concluding session of the three day 20th International Congress of Soil

Science at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR).

The event was organized by the Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences (ISES), PMAS-AAUR in Collaboration with Soil Science Society of Pakistan under the theme "Soil Health: A Key to Food Security".

Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad (H.I.) was the chief guest while PMAS-AAUR Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Convener, Research Committee Dr. Nadeem Tariq, Chairman, Department of Environmental Sciences / General Secretary, Soil Science Society of Pakistan Prof. Dr. Azeem Khalid and

President, Soil Science Society of Pakistan (SSSP) Dr. Zahir A. Zahir, Deans, Directors, participants and a large number of students were also present.

While addressing, Chairman HEC Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad urged the scientists/researchers to play a leading role in conservation, land & water resources and guide Government policy makers in evolving research priorities.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR congratulated the organizers for arranging this event and said that Climate change is a reality and it has significant impact on agriculture. There is a dire need to improve our traditional system and adopt modern technologies, he said.



International Literacy Award Ceremony held at PMAS-AAUR

The International Literacy Award Ceremony 2024 & celebration of Arid Literacy School was held at PMAS-AAUR. The ceremony marked a decade of the school's commitment to promote literacy and educational excellence among the deprived and marginalized community to empower such individuals.

The event Chief Guest was Dr. Naseer-ud-Din, Vice Chancellor Kohat University Of Science and Technology (KUST) while Dr.

Ghulam Mustafa, member of GIBBZ and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR was the guest of honor.

A tableau performance was presented by the Literacy School students who expressed their gratification through various songs, dance performances, cultural and dramatic acts. These performances showcased great creativity and artistic expression of the school. Moreover, a specially created documentary was another

highlight of the event that presented the growth & development of school over the journey of the past ten years.

Certificates were presented to the contributors to appreciate their achievements and dedication to the school. Earlier, in a welcome address from in-charge of Arid Literacy School, Dr. Qaisara Parveen and Dr. Imran Yousaf provided an overview highlighting the key achievements over the past decade.



MoU Signed Between Mobilink Bank and PMAS-AAUR

International Women's Day was celebrated at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) with the vision "She Leads, She Succeeds".

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mobilink Bank and PMAS-AAUR was also signed to collaborative research and development activities within the university.

Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture PMAS-AAUR, commended Mobilink's efforts, expressing optimism that the center would pave the way for



enhanced research opportunities in the future.

Ms. Alveena Tahir, the Guest of Honour from Mobilink Bank, assured full support for female students at PMAS-AAUR, including the establishment of a Centre of Excellence. She also highlighted

women rights and their work for the country & society.

Ms. Anjum Asad Amin shared her success story in organic farming, illustrating the transformative impact of entrepreneurship on farming, market, and women's development centers.

Faculty Honour

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Chairman Department of Horticulture of Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) elected as President Pakistan Society for Horticultural Sciences (PSHS). A meeting of the General Body of Pakistan Horticultural Society was held at Islamia University Bahawalpur during 8th International Horticulture Conference.

Vice Chancellor PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem congratulated Dr. Azam Khan on his unopposed President PSHS. Esteemed position in the Scientific Society is an honor for University and also acknowledgment for Dr. Khan on his contribution in the field of Horticulture.



Delegation from Nanjing University, China visited PMAS-AAUR

Prof. Dr. Amael Borzee (Professor, Nanjing University, China and co-chair IUCN Amphibian Specialist Group) visited the PMAS-AAUR under the collaboration established between Laboratory of Animal Behavior and Conservation (Nanjing University) and Herpetology Lab (Zoology, Wildlife and Fisheries, PMAS-AAUR). He met with the worthy Vice Chancellor, Chairperson (Zoology, Wildlife and Fisheries), faculty, visited department of Entomology, and held discussion with M.Phil and

PhD scholars. The Herpetology Lab and SAVE THE FROGS, USA, organized SAVE THE FROGS DAY PAKISTAN at Trail 5, Margalla Hills National Park, Islamabad where Dr. Amael delivered an invited talk on amphibian ecology and conservation. He along with the Herpetology Lab's incharge (Dr. Muhammad Rais) and lab students, surveyed amphibian habitats in Murree, where he provided research guidance to the students and explored future possible research avenues.



Faculty Participation

The Zoological Society of Pakistan held its 24th congress which was hosted and organized by Azad Jammu and Kashmir University, Muzaffarabad. A faculty member, Dr. Muhammad Rais, Assistant Professor, and 26 students from the department of Zoology, Wildlife and Fisheries, PMAS-AAUR, attended the event. Two students of the department



who have recently completed their M.Phil won prizes in the poster presentation session. Mr. Arslan Ibrahim presented a poster from his research titled "Identification and characterization of multidrug resistant E. Coli, Salmonella and Staphylococcus isolated from backyard poultry of District Khushab, Rawalpindi and Islamabad" which secured 2nd position. Miss Muzna Kashaf's presented a poster from her research titled "Examination of connectivity among amphibian habitats (forested freshwater stream) of Murree Tehsil, Rawalpindi, Pakistan" which secured 3rd position. The students were awarded with the certificate, shield and cash prizes.



Korean Delegation visited PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi



Two-Day Workshop on "Advanced Sperm Assessment Techniques"
Organized by Department of Zoology, Wildlife & Fisheries, PMAS-AAUR



Workshop on Education System: Role of Educational Assessment & Evaluation organized by UIIT



Seminar on "Thalassemia is Preventable" was organized by the University Institute of Biochemistry & Biotechnology

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