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20th International Soil Science Congress



A three-day 20th International Congress of Soil Science under the theme “Soil Health: A Key to Food Security” was organized by the Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences (ISES), PMAS-AAUR in Collaboration with Soil Science Society of Pakistan (SSSP). The Caretaker Federal Minister Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik was the chief guest of Inaugural session while Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad (H.I.) was the chief guest of closing ceremony.

The Caretaker Federal Minister said that the Present Government's highest priority is development of agriculture, recognizing its pivotal role in bolstering the national economy and ensuring food and nutritional security. He said that Rs 8.85 billion has been made in the PSDP 2023-24 for 21 research & development projects in the agriculture and livestock sectors to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

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. He stressed the need to adopt latest agri practices to address the country's food security and emphasized the importance of protecting & improving natural resources, particularly soil for increasing agriculture production in the country.

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 that consistent efforts needed to meet the growing food requirement of the population and urged the Soil Scientists to play a leading role in conservation, land and water resources and guide policy makers in evolving research priorities.

He said that through training programs, workshops, and extension services, the university has empowered local communities with the knowledge and tools necessary to adopt sustainable farming practices, improve soil management techniques, and enhance their resilience to climate change-induced challenges.

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. 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 etc.





Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Chairing the 100th Syndicate Meeting of the University

Postgraduate Program Review Self-2024

Directorate of Quality Enhancement, PMAS-AAUR organized the post-graduate program (self) review as it is the part of external Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) mechanism of the Higher Education Commission. Dr Arham Shabbir, Director Academics, Lahore College for Women University, Lahore facilitated the evaluation as external evaluator.



Internal Evaluators included Prof. Dr Tanveer Ahmad (Director Quality Enhancement), Prof. Dr M. Javaid Asad (Professor UIBB), Dr Muhammad Farooq Nasir (Director Advanced Studies), Dr Shahbaz Ahmad Khan, (Controller of Examinations), Mr Imran Altaf (Deputy Registrar-DQE) and Ms Sadaf Bashir, (Assistant Registrar-DQE). The panel reviewed different degree programs according to HEC PGPR guidelines, and documented all the findings. The committee members also convened the meetings with the Deans/Directors/Chairpersons of the teaching institutions. They visited the classrooms, labs, different centers & block and main library to see the sufficiency of research and support facilities and services at PMAS-AAUR.

Workshop on Trends in Farm Animals Feed Formulation

A two-day training workshop titled “Trends in Farm Animals Feed Formulation” was organized by the Department of Livestock Production and Management, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (FV&AS), with the support of ORIC, PMAS-AAUR. The workshop skill fully trained 76 individuals in recent trends in feed formulation, covering vital topics like Dairy Feed Formulation, and

Vitamin and Mineral Premix Formulation. Special focus on dairy and poultry feed practices, providing valuable insights for farmers.

Prof. Dr. Arfan Yousaf, Dean Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, graced the event as the Guest of Honor and expressed his appreciation for the trainers, concluding the training session.

The participants from industry, farmers, and students actively participated in the training program. Farmers gained valuable insights into feed formulation practices in dairy and poultry. Shortly, the Department aims to offer feed formulation training sessions for professionals and farmers to enhance the skills of young nutritionists, entrepreneurs, and farmers.



Three-Day Workshop on Research Tools Development & Validation

A three-day workshop on Research Tools Development & Validation was conducted by the Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences, PMAS-AAUR in Collaboration with ORIC. The event was organized by Ms. Shahida Yousaf, Lecturer from the Education Department while the Keynote speakers were Prof. Dr. Ikram Ali Malik Director UIMS on the first day, Dr. Badar Nasseem Siddique, Chairman Agri. Ext. Department & Dr. Nasir Ali from the Statistics Department on the second day, and Dr. Sajid Yousaf Ali Zai, A reknowned educationist and trainer on the third day. A large number of faculty, M.Phil and Ph.D Research Scholors attended the subject workshop.

During the workshop, the keynote speakers emphasized mainly the Research Design, Types,

Selection of samples, Sampling Techniques, Tools of Research and Application of statistical software for validation of the Research Tool.

On the closing ceremony, Prof. Dr. Gulam Hussain Babar, PO Student Affairs was the guest of honor. Prof. Dr. M. Imran Yousuf Chairman Department of Education and other guests distributed shields and certificates to the guest speakers & participants.

The Guests & participants appreciated the efforts of organizer for successfully organizing the workshop which was really effective and not only focused on theoretical knowledge but also on practical work like validity and reliability checking by using different softwares and techniques like Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS).



PMAS-AAUR representatives participated in the Educational Expo at Haripur

Peace Career and Educational Expo 2024 was organized in Haripur by The Peace Group of Colleges, Haripur, in which representatives of various universities across the country were also invited to educate students about their higher education and future. Incharge Admission Section Ms. Shahida Yusuf, Deputy Registrar Academics Ms. Nazia Rafiq and her team participated in the educational expo to represent the university and better guidance to the students. The tendency of many students who came to the educational expo was also towards agricultural universities.



International Seminar on Glymphatic Flow Impairment in Neurotrauma



An International Seminar on Glymphatic Flow Impairment in Neurotrauma was organized by the Department of Zoology, Wildlife and Fisheries, Faculty of Sciences, PMAS-AAUR. Dr. Rashad Hussain, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, University of Rochester, NY, USA was the guest speaker. In the welcome address, Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhter, In-charge Faculty of Sciences briefed about the academic and research achievements of guest speaker and significance of his findings in the field of Neuroscience. Dr. Rashad Hussain discussed the relationship between Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Alzheimer's Disease (AD), with the glymphatic system playing a pivotal role in this connection.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Chairing the 63rd Finance & Planning Committee Meeting

International Women's Day celebrated at PMAS-AAUR



International Women's Day was celebrated at PMAS-AAUR with the vision "She Leads, She Succeeds". The event was organized by the Faculty of Agriculture in collaboration with Mobilink Bank to highlight the significance of women empowerment for the betterment of family and society. Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (T.I.), Member, Research, Development, and Innovation at the Higher Education Commission, (HEC) Pakistan was the chief guest while Ms. Alveena Tahir from Mobilink Bank guest of Honor. A large number of female faculty members and students attended the event.

The speakers emphasized the pivotal role of education for uplifting society, particularly women and advised female students to strengthen their

capabilities and capacity to compete with the challenges to equally play a role for the development of the country. To create awareness about women rights a walk was also held while participants and visitors explored various stalls managed by female students. The program concluded with the distribution of shields to guests and certificates to organizing faculty members.

Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture PMAS-AAUR, inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Women in Agriculture while a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between Mobilink Bank and PMAS-AAUR to collaborative research and development activities within the university.



NCIB conducted Training Workshop on Documentation, Implementation & Internal Auditing based on ISO 9001:2015

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