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Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem assumed the charge of Pro-Vice Chancellor and acting Vice-Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem has assumed the charge of Pro-Vice Chancellor and acting Vice-Chancellor of PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on 15th May, 2023 for the period of three years as per the order of the Governor Punjab/Chancellor of the University. Dr. Muhammad Naeem who has Ph.D. in Entomology from the UK, has been serving the university for more than 25 years at various posts and due to the publication of several quality



VC Quaid-e-Azam University Prof Dr. Niaz A. Akhtar Congratulating Prof. Dr. M. Naeem

research papers he has also received the HEC best university teacher award in 2010. Currently he was serving as Chairman Department of Entomology, Incharge, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Chairman Sports Board and Convener of different administrative and academic committees of the university. Deans, directors, faculty members, administrative officials and employees congratulated him on assuming the charge of Vice Chancellor and expressed their commitment to work together for the development of the university.

38 USAID Scholarship Awardees of has received Cheques

Cheque Distribution Ceremony funded by USAID, was held at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi to support the underprivileged students for their higher studies where Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed (SI), Chairman HEC participated as a chief guest alongwith Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem and other Dean, Directors, Registrar, Faculty Members and scholarship recipients. In his address, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed (SI) appreciated the continuous support and cooperation of USAID for supporting Pakistani students for building their careers and achieving their goals. Thanking Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed (SI) for honoring the event with his visit Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan said that Arid University is making every effort to



provide financial assistance to its students through its own resources and donor agencies so that they not only make their future bright but also play a vital role in building the country and the nation. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, welcomed the esteemed guests and expressed gratitude towards the successful partnership between USAID and the university. He

mentioned that this partnership has been fruitful since 2005, providing underprivileged students with scholarships to further their studies.

At the end Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed (SI), Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem distributed the scholarship cheques among the students.



Faculty Members congratulating Prof. Dr. M. Naeem on assuming the charge of Pro-VC & Acting VC of PMAS-AAUR

World Bee Day



World Bee Day was celebrated in PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development.

Prof. Dr. M. Naeem, Vice-Chancellor of PMAS-AAUR, Ms. Pang Chunxue, Ms. Nadia Rehman, Member Food Security & Climate Change, Planning Commission of Pakistan, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pakistan, Wu Jie, President of the Apicultural Science Association of China and Liu Yan, President of Hunan Agricultural Group Co., Ltd. were the guest speakers at the occasion.

In his address, Prof. Dr. M. Naeem said that Beekeeping is an important source of livelihood for

the rural people in Pakistan but due to loss of bee habitats and climate change, the yield per hive decreased to 10-12 kg per colony after 2005. He said that Bees are among the most valued creatures on the planet for pollination, conservation of biodiversity, and restoration of the ecosystem. To make beekeeping more profitable, beekeepers need to focus on good beekeeping practices and capacity building, he said.

He thanked China for playing a lead role in the research and development of beekeeping in the world which will not only enable the world but our country to reshape this sector to a profitable industry. All the speakers agreed that by exchanging knowledge, Pakistan and China can enhance their beekeeping practices.



Workshop on Poultry Feed Formulation



61st Finance & Planning Committee Meeting

Self-Post Graduate Program Review (FY 2022-23)

In compliance with the requirements of HEC, the Directorate of Quality Enhancement, PMAS-AAUR conducted the program review of the Ph.D. and MS Programs. The purpose of the program review was to assess the quality of the programs, keeping in view the minimum criteria of HEC and identifying areas of improvement to make them internationally compatible. Reviewing panel includes Prof. Dr Mazhar Qayyum Director, DQE/ Dean, Faculty of Sciences (Convener), Mr Syed Faizan Haider



Director, QEC, University of Lahore (External Member), Prof. Dr Muhammad Farooq Nasir Director, Advanced Studies (Internal Member), Mr Shahbaz Ahmad Khan Controller of Examinations (Internal Member), Prof. Dr Khalid Saifullah Khan Director, ORIC (Internal Member), Mr Imran Altaf Deputy Registrar, DQE (Internal Member) and Ms Sadaf Bashir Assistant Registrar, DQE (Secretary). The evaluators met with the deans, directors, and principals of the respective faculties and departments and went over student and faculty files as well as other relevant records. They visited the faculties and determined whether there were enough resources there to support the M.Phil and PHD students.



Hands-on Training on SolidWorks

V. International Academic Studies Congress on Everchanging World: Challenges and Opportunities



The Faculty of Social Sciences, PMAS-AAUR has organized “V-International Academic Studies Congress On Ever-changing World: Challenges and Opportunities” on May 10-12, 2023. This international collaborative conference was the Fifth Virtual International Academicians Studies Congress (V-IASC-2023/SPRING) as collaborative partner with MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Pakistan and Food and Agriculture University, Konya, Turkiye, both face-to-face and online. A total of 25 well known speakers were invited for the conference at PMAS-AAUR; however, some of the speakers addressed virtually

because of the critical situation the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

The theme of the congress was Everchanging World: Challenges and Opportunities. The congress aimed to pinpoint the challenges and opportunities caused by the change the world is facing and create a platform for all scientific disciplines to collaborate to avoid or overcome the challenges and entertain the opportunities. Congress has eight sub themes and is open to all scientific disciplines. The participants made their presentations in four languages: English, Turkish, Russian, and

French; however, the abstracts and full texts were submitted in English. All abstracts are being included in the Book of Abstracts. Increasing population and related food demand always remain the most imperative challenges for the developing world. Increasing globalization presents new opportunities and challenges for education. The need for colleges and universities to prepare students with competencies appropriate for the 21st century has become increasingly clear and urgent. Everyone needs the abilities that will ensure interactions for dealing with people from other cultures.

Ph.D Passout

S.NO	Name of Student & Regd. No.	Title	Name of Supervisor
1	Waris Ali (15-arid-786) Sociology, 12-04-2023	Gender Vulnerabilities and Adaptation to Climate Change in Gilgit Baltistan	Dr. Aneela Afzal
2	Muhammad Jamil (13-arid-225) Agronomy, 20-04-2023	Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluation of Winter Forage Cereals Under Varying Nitrogen and Agro-Ecological Conditions	Dr. Muhammad Ansar
3	Saira Mqbool (15-arid-3415) Education, 20-04-2023	Empowering Women Leadership Skills Through Entrepreneurial Education: An Experimental Study	Dr. Qaisara Parveen
4	Zeeshan Gauhar (14-arid-4978) Biochemistry, 20-04-2023	Genetics of Human Hereditary Ataxias	Dr. Ghazala Kaukab Raja
5	Iram Naz (15-arid-3708) Soil Science, 20-04-2023	Enzymatic Activity in Soil Associated with Conservation Agriculture Under Rainfed Conditions	Dr. Shahzada Sohail Ijaz
6	Muneeba Tahira (14-arid-4271) Education, 27-04-2023	Application of Problem Based Learning Module for Instructional Leadership among School Heads	Dr. M. Imran Yousuf
7	Muhammadi Bibi (15-arid-4631) Botany, 27-04-2023	Nanoparticle Assisted Production of Biofuel From Algal Biomass	Dr. Mubashrah Munir
8	Shomaila Iqbal (02-arid-34) Plant Pathology, 27-04-2023	Characterization and Mass Multiplication of Trichoderma spp. Isolated from Different Soils for the Control of Fungal Pathogens	Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq
9	Syed Faisal Ahmad (17-arid-1) Entomology, 08-05-2023	Characterization of Insecticide Resistance Against bacillus thuringiensis in Spotted Bollworm Earias vittella (Fabricius) (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)	Dr. Asim Gulzar
10	Muhammad Irfan (12-arid-481) Soil Science, 08-05-2023	Biochar use Effect on Nitrifying Microorganism, N-Dynamics and C-Accumulation in Soil	Dr. Qaisar Hussain
11	Muhammad Adnan Badar (13-arid-02) Horticulture, 11-05-2023	Architectural Modeling of Strawberry in Response to Plant Growth Promoting Bacteria (PGPB) and Temperature	Dr. Khalid Mahmood Qureshi
12	Waseem Baran (14-arid-983) Horticulture, 11-05-2023	Characterization and Shelf Life Improvement of Ranunculus (Ranunculus Asiaticus)	Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan



Mr. Waris Ali, Deputy Registrar, Directorate of Procurement & Inventory Control, PMAS-AAUR has successfully completed his PhD in sociology. The title of his thesis was “Gender Vulnerabilities and Adaption to Climate Change in Gilgit Baltistan” which he was completed under the supervision of Dr. Aneela Afzal, Associate Professor, PMAS-AAUR.

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