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## TRAINING WORKSHOP ON “RESEARCH TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES (SPSS)”

A two days training workshop on “Research Tools and Techniques (SPSS)” was organized by PASTIC during March 28-29, 2023 for the research scholars of Institute of Psychiatry, Rawalpindi Medical University at PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad. Objective of this workshop was to enhance the research capabilities of research scholars and students. Dr. Maryum Ibrar Additional Director(STI) was the resource person. Total fourteen (14) research scholars from Institute of Psychiatry (IoP) attended the training workshop.

Mr. Saifullah Azim, Principal System Analyst, concluded the closing session. He briefly introduced the different PASTIC services and explained the objectives to organize such training workshops. At the end of the session, Principal System Analyst, Mr. Saifullah Azim distributed the training certificates amongst the participants.

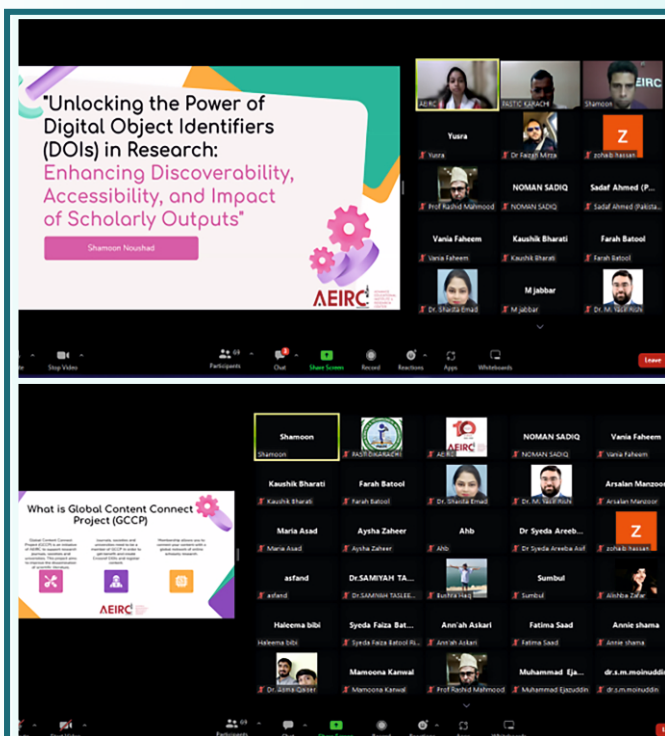


Group photo of the participants of SPSS training workshop with DG PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh.

## WEBINAR ON “UNLOCK THE POWER OF DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIER (DOIs) IN RESEARCH”

PASTIC, Sub Centre, Karachi organized online workshop on “Unlock the power of digital object Identifier (DOIs) in Research” in collaboration with Advance Educational Institute & Research Center on March 9, 2023 at PASTIC Sub Centre Karachi. More than 70 researchers from different universities and R&D Institutions across Pakistan attended this workshop. The session was started with the recitation from The Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address by PASTIC representative Syed Shabib Zaidi, briefed about PASTIC

services with a documentary video of PASTIC/PSF. Dr. Shamoon Noushad, Associate Professor, Malir University of Science and Technology gave a detailed presentation about DOIs in Research. At the end a fruitful question/answers session was conducted.



Glimpse of online workshop on “Unlock the power of digital object Identifier (DOIs).”

## SEMINAR ON “INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS”

PASTIC Sub Centre, Peshawar in collaboration with CECOS University's Centre for Professional Development (CPD), Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) and Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) organized one day awareness seminar on “Intellectual Property Rights”, on February 9, 2023. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Director, Directorate of Quality Enhancement Cell University of Peshawar.

The seminar was designed with the aim to help the esteemed faculty to gain a deeper understanding of IPR and its importance and can better educate their students on respecting and protecting intellectual property. The participants have showed a keen interest in the seminar.

Dr. Naseer Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, CECOS University, Dr. Khalid Khan, Director DOST, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Ghazala Ali Khan Additional Director PASTIC / PSF graced the occasion and also shared their views with participants. At the end of seminar shields and certificates were distributed.



*View of participants of Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights".*

### SEMINAR ON "THE IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPRs) IN PROMOTION OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY"

PASTIC Sub Centre, Peshawar in collaboration with Office of Research & Commercialization (ORIC) and Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), University of Swabi (UoS) organized one day awareness session on "The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in promotion of Research & Technology" on March 21, 2023. Mr. Zahoor Ahmad, Director, Directorate of Quality Enhancement Cell. University of Peshawar was the key speaker.

The goal of this seminar was to build capacity of faculty about respecting and protecting intellectual property by giving them a deeper understanding of IPRs and its significance. Prof. Dr. Nasimullah (Chairman, Chemistry Department, UoS), Dr. Ruidar Ali Shah (Director, ORIC & QEC UoS), Ghazala Ali Khan Additional Director, (PASTIC- PSF), Senior faculty members from different departments along with young researchers graced the occasion. At the end of session shields and certificates were distributed.



*Group photo of the seminar on "The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)".*

### AWARENESS SEMINAR ON PSDP PROJECT "NATIONAL DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF JOURNALS PUBLISHED IN PAKISTAN"

PASTIC National Centre Islamabad with the collaboration of Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), Takatu Campus, Quetta, arranged a one day awareness seminar and Consortium launching ceremony of "National Digital Archive Project", on March 9, 2023.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General, PASTIC, Mr. Saifullah Azeem, Senior System Analyst & Dr. Maryum Ibrar, Additional Director (STI), PASTIC, briefed the participants about the scope of the project. Altogether 70 Participants including Journal editors from the Balochistan region attended the seminar.



*Group photo of the participants at BUITEMS Quetta*

### EVENT/ WEBINAR /MEETING ATTENDED

a. DG PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, delivered a keynote speech about PASTIC Services and its role for establishment of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) in Pakistan during a workshop held at COMSATS University, Islamabad (CUI). The workshop was organized as a part of the feasibility study for establishment of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) for Pakistan by Survey of Pakistan having Dr. Asmat Ali as Project Director, and Dr. Ali Tahir, CEO GIS Plus. The objective of the workshop was to get feedback and collect data from stakeholders of NSDI-Pakistan. The workshop was attended by more than 50 persons from different stakeholders.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Centre (PASTIC) greatly acknowledged the strategic importance of NSDI project. He appreciated the initiative taken by Survey of Pakistan to address the long standing issue of data

sharing among departments. He added data sharing is vital to overcome duplication of efforts and resources in the country. He also showed willingness to share list and addresses of R&D and S&T organizations/Scientists under Government of Pakistan as well as Private Sector. PASTIC may also assist, on request to the Survey of Pakistan/NSDI team in highlighting information through research in the targeted areas [Sectors] of NSDI project pertinent to Pakistan, which may be used as Datasets. PASTIC will also host “NSDI Articles” on its website. The presence of NSDI Articles on PASTIC website would greatly help in raising much needed awareness of NSDI in the country, he concluded.



*Group photo of 2nd workshop on feasibility study for establishment of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) for Pakistan by Survey of Pakistan, GIS Plus and other stakeholders.*

b. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh Director General, PASTIC visited Vice Chancellor's Office on March 17, 2023 and greet Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Akhtar, on assuming the charge of VC Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.



*DG PASTIC presenting flowers to Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed VC Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.*

c. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General, PASTIC participated as a chief guest in an annual mega event “VisioSpark” at CUI, Wah campus. “Visio Spark” was jointly organized by the Department of Computer Science and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, COMSATS University

Islamabad, Wah campus in collaboration with PASTIC.



*Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, DG. PASTIC at the inauguration ceremony of annual mega event “VisioSpark” at CUI, Wah Campus.*



*Prof. Dr. Akram Shaikh DG. PASTIC addressing the audience in an annual mega event “VisioSpark” at CUI, Wah Campus.*



*Prof. Dr. Akram Shaikh DG. PASTIC Presenting shield to Dr. IhsanUllah, Chairperson, Department of Computer Science in an annual mega event “VisioSpark” at CUI, Wah Campus.*

d. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General, PASTIC held a meeting with Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan, Quetta on March 10, 2023. Both sides have agreed to collaborate and organized academic events together.

e. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General, PASTIC, Mr. SaifullahAzeem, Senior System Analyst and Dr. Maryum Ibrar, Additional Director (STI) visited ORIC department, University of

Balochistan, Quetta and also held a meeting with Dr. Waheed Noor, Head of ORIC Department on March 10, 2023. Director General. PASTIC appreciated their innovative work.

f. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC, Mr. Saifullah Azeem, Senior System Analyst and Dr. Maryum Ibrar, Additional Director (STI) visited PASTIC Sub Centre Quetta office and discussed PASTIC issues with Mr. Abdul Khalique Sial, Officer Incharge, PSC, Quetta on March 10, 2023

g. Dr. Syed Aftab Hussain Shah, Additional Director (STI), PASTIC attended 2-Days, 2nd Workshop on "Feasibility Study for Establishment of National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) for Pakistan" held at COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) from 15 to 16 March, 2023 which was organized by Survey of Pakistan, and GIS Plus Ltd.

h. Mrs. Ghazala Ali Khan, Additional Director (STI), PASTIC Sub Centre, Peshawar Sub Centre participated as Guest of Honor on behalf of Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation on two days International Conference on "Sustainable Utilization of Natural Resource (SUN-R)", during March 13-14, 2023" organized by NCE in Geology-University of Peshawar at NCE in Geology, Peshawar.



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Group photo of 02-days International Conference at NCE in Geology "Sustainable Utilization of Natural Resource (SUN-R)"

i. Nuclear Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Peshawar organized Farmer's Day 2023 on March 15, 2023. Mrs. Ghazala Ali Khan, Additional Director (STI) PASTIC Peshawar Sub Centre participated as Guest of Honor on behalf of-PSF Islamabad.

j. Mr. Kashif Farooqui, Data Control Assistant PASTIC Sub Centre Karachi visited and Collected Industrial Data in the "24th Textile Asia International Trade Fare, exhibition on March 10-12, 2023 at Karachi Expo

Center, Karachi. The Exhibition was organized by Agility Fair & Events Logistics Pvt Ltd and Official Stall Contractor Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan.



PSC official giving briefing about PASTIC Services to students.

k. Mr. Shahid Jamil, Assistant Director PASTIC Sub Centre Karachi attended 2nd International Industrial Chemistry Conference (IICC-2023) having theme of "Industrial Chemistry towards Sustainable Future: Growing Together" held on 3-4 March 2023, in both virtual and in-person formats. The conference was organized by the Department of Chemistry at NED University of Engineering and Technology Karachi. PASTIC National Center Islamabad sponsored the conference by publishing and printing abstract book of the said conference. The aim of the IICC-2023 Conference is to promote the exchange of ideas and research results and foster collaboration between academia and industry.



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