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DIRECTOR GENERAL PASTIC PARTICIPATES IN SAHAFI SUMMIT

The first-ever 2-day Sahafi Summit was held in Karachi from May 2 to May 3, 2019 to discuss at length fast emerging challenges to journalism in Pakistan, including threats to independent news media from digital disinformation and financial cuts. UNESCO Pakistan Representative, Vibeke Jensen welcomed the participants at the event and reiterated the importance of independent media to build inclusive societies. The national convention brought together information personnel and journalists from the print, digital, and broadcast media from all over the country.

The event was co-organised by Digital Journalists of Pakistan and Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Centre for Excellence in Journalism's (CEJ) Media Matters for Democracy in partnership with UNESCO Pakistan, the EU; the embassies of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Sweden in Pakistan and the DW Akademie in Karachi.

One of the major themes in the convention was digital information Literacy. The Director General PASTIC gave an introduction of the National Committee of the Information for All Programme of UNESCO (IFAP) so that relevant stakeholders become aware that such a forum exists and can play a role.

Workshop on "INTEGRATING EMERGING ICT tools with AGRICULTURE RESEARCH in 21ST CENTURY"

PASTIC Sub-centre Faisalabad organized a two-day workshop on above topic, on May 15-16, 2019. The workshop's focus was on practical training. On the first day, an Introduction to PASTIC Services & Activities was given. Managing Citation in Research

by using Mendeley (Reference Management Software) was explained along with the Role of Social Media in Agricultural Development. 130 scientists participated in the workshop. On the second day, a lecture on Advanced MS Office and Emerging Technologies in Libraries & Internet Applications, was delivered. The number of participants was 60. Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Director Agricultural Research, was the Chief Guest of the Closing Ceremony. Mr. Muhammad Hasnain, Deputy Director PASTIC Faisalabad, Mr. Nadeem Sohail, Manger Library, FAST Lahore, Hafiz Saeed-ur-Rehman, Assistant Agronomist and Ch. Muhammad Nadeem, Incharge Main Library/Website Section, AARI Faisalabad, were the Resource Persons.



A view of the Resource Persons and participants during the training session.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODS IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND USE OF ENDNOTE AS RESEARCH TOOL FOR CITATION MANAGEMENT

A two-day National workshop was organized by PASTIC Sub-centre Peshawar, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Hazara University Mansehra, on May 2-3, 2019. A total of 51 participants, mostly faculty members and M. Phil / PhD scholars, from Department of Agriculture, Chemistry, Psychology, Zoology, Bioinformatics, Genetics, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Botany, Biotechnology from Hazara University Mansehra, Sugar Crops Research Institute Mardan and Northwest A& F University China, attended the workshop. Dr. Maryam Ibrar Shinwari from PASTIC, Dr. Fahim Ullah Khan, Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan, DD PASTIC Peshawar, and Dr. Muhammad Noor, from Hazara University Mansehra, were the Resource Persons of the event. The participants were allowed to freely ask / share their queries regarding the training in all sessions. At the end of the session, shields and certificates were awarded to the management, organizers and participants.



Group Photo of the participants of the workshop.



Dr. Maryam Ibrar Shinwari during the training session.

TRAINING COURSE ON "SYNOPSIS & THESIS WRITING" AT PAKISTAN FOREST INSTITUTE PESHAWAR

A two-day training course on "Synopsis & Thesis Writing" was organized by Forest Education Division, Pakistan Forest Institute Peshawar, under SFM Project, for M.Sc. Forestry students on May 10-11, 2019. The training aimed to provide assistance to research students of M.Sc. to understand and interpret the data obtained from their practical research, in the form of thesis. Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan, Deputy Director PASTIC Peshawar, and Dr. Mamona Wali, Director Forest Education, were Resource Person of the training. Dr. Ishaq Ahmad Mian, AP agriculture University Peshawar and Mr. Anwar Ali, SFM Project Coordinator also delivered presentations, which were very much appreciated by the students, teachers and Mr. Sheikh Amjad Ali, Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar.



Group Photo with Resource Persons, faculty and students.



Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan, DD PASTIC during training session.

Stalls

The following stall was organized by PASTIC during May 2019, for promotion of its information services:-

QUETTA

- Institute of Public Health, Government of Balochistan, Health Department Quetta, on May 3-4, 2019.



In-Charge PSC Quetta providing Bibliographic forms to students at the stall.

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