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Specialized Training Course for Library Professionals concludes at PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad

Closing ceremony of the training workshop titled “Short Term & Attachment Training Courses for (LIS) Professionals” was held on March 5, 2021 at Islamabad. PASTIC (Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre) a subsidiary of Pakistan Science Foundation, under the umbrella of Ministry of Science & Technology, has organized a specialized training course at PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad from February 15-March 5, 2021. The participants of the workshop included 25 selected Library professionals belonging to AJK, Balochistan, Gilgit Baltistan, Federal, KPK, Punjab and Sindh.



PASTIC National Science Reference Library (NSRL) has developed a consortium of S&T and R&D Libraries of Pakistan, for mutual cooperation and collaboration through resource sharing under its project named “Modernization of PASTIC National Science Reference Library for effective resource sharing among S&T libraries in Pakistan”. Under this consortium various scattered indigenous R&D information resources available in S&T libraries, have been centralized over a common online platform “PakCat” for search by the users. Empowering Library Professionals on ICT Skills for development of Pakistan, competence in information handling and producing an adequate corps of information scientists, is one of the main objectives of PASTIC.



Director General PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, delivering his speech at the closing ceremony of the Short term training course.



Chief Guest, Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig, delivering his speech at the closing ceremony of the Short term training course.



Director General PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, presenting souvenir to worthy Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig.

Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig was the Chief Guest and Director General, National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad, Syed Ghayor Hussain was the Guest of honor in the closing ceremony of this training. DG PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, in his welcome address said that, PASTIC is always striving for improving and strengthening its information resources and services for the benefit of R&D community. He advised the participants to apply and disseminate their knowledge at their respective parent organizations for the interest of scientific community.

Project coordinator and Principal Librarian PASTIC, Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, presented brief report of the workshop.



Group photo of the Participants with Chief Guest, Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig (SI).

Director General, National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad, Syed Ghayor Hussain in his remarks acknowledged the specific role of PASTIC for empowerment of Librarian community. He further emphasized that skilled and professional librarians



Participants at the closing ceremony of Short term & Attachment training courses for (LIS) Professionals.

can only positively contribute to their organization and to the country in general.

Chairman PSF, Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig appreciated the role of PASTIC in capacity building of librarians. He said that human resource development is an integral part of development process which not only enhance knowledge of work force but also improve their working capabilities.

During the workshop, librarians were given training in communicative, writing and presentation skills; use of software for reference management, library automation and digitization; marketing of library services; library services in digital and epidemic era etc. Certificates and souvenirs were distributed to the participants and resource persons respectively by the chief guest.

MEETING with Prof. Dr. FAZAL AHMAD KHALID (S.I). CHAIRMAN, Punjab Higher Education Commission

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC, Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director (CSTRDLP), PASTIC and Mr. Ali Raza Khan, Deputy Director (STI), PASTIC sub-Centre Lahore, met with Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid (S.I). Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission on March 12, 2021 for uplifting the Consortium of S&T and R&D Libraries of Pakistan (CSTRDLP).



Group photo of the Participants with Chief Guest, Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig (SI).





DG PASTIC meeting Chairman PHEC.

MEETING WITH PROF. DR. NIAZ AHMAD AKHTAR, VICE CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC, Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director (CSTRDLP), PASTIC and Mr. Ali Raza Khan, Deputy Director (STI), PASTIC sub-Centre Lahore, met with Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice Chancellor University of the Punjab on March 12, 2021 for uplifting the Consortium of S&T and R&D Libraries of Pakistan (CSTRDLP).



A view of the meeting with VC Punjab University.



DG PASTIC presenting souvenir to VC Punjab University.

MEETING WITH PROF. DR. KHALID M. IRAQI, VICE CHANCELLOR, AT UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI

Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director (CSTRDLP), PASTIC National Centre Islamabad, met Prof. Dr. Khalid M. Iraqi., Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi on March 22, 2021. He gave a brief presentation about Consortium of S&T and R&D Libraries of Pakistan (CSTRDLP). Prof. Dr. Khalid asked Director ORIC to provide data of R&D Projects & Scientist for PASTIC digital databases, and also instructed the Librarian to provide library data for PASTIC Koha Cloud.



A view of the meeting with VC Karachi University.



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SEMINARS ON "INTRODUCING INDIGENOUS RESEARCH RESOURCES DEVELOPED BY PASTIC"

PASTIC organized Awareness Seminar on "Introducing Indigenous Research Resources Developed by PASTIC" at the following locations:-

- (i) Academy of Islamic Research and Development (AiRD), Hyderabad

The seminar was held on March 18, 2021 in collaboration with Pakistan Library Association (PLA) & Academy of Islamic Research and Development (AiRD). More than 25 library professionals from different libraries of interior Sindh attended the seminar.



A view of the seminar.



Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource Person from PASTIC Islamabad delivering

(ii) Allama I. I. Kazi Central Library, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

The seminar was held on March 18, 2021. More than 50 Library professionals attended this session. Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource person from PASTIC Islamabad delivered detailed presentation as per title of the seminar.



A view of the seminar.



Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource Person from PASTIC Islamabad delivering presentation in the seminar.

(iii) NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi

The seminar was held on March 22, 2021 in collaboration with Engr. Abul Kalam Library, NED University of Engineering & Technology & Pakistan Library Club (PLC). More than 35 faculty members attended the seminar. Chief Guest was Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor, NED University of Engineering & Technology. Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource Person from PASTIC Islamabad delivered detailed presentation as per title of the seminar.



A view of the participants of the seminar.



Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource Person from PASTIC Islamabad delivering

(iv) Government College University Hyderabad

The seminar was held on March 19, 2021. More than 25 faculty members attended the seminar. Chief Guest was Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Memon, Registrar, Government College University Hyderabad. Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource Person from PASTIC Islamabad, delivered detailed presentation as per title of the seminar.



Group photo of the participants of the seminar.



A view of the seminar being delivered by Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Director & Resource Person from PASTIC Islamabad.

POSTER Exhibition/COMPETITION AND RARE DISEASE DAY AT ISLAMIA COLLEGE UNIVERSITY PESHAWAR

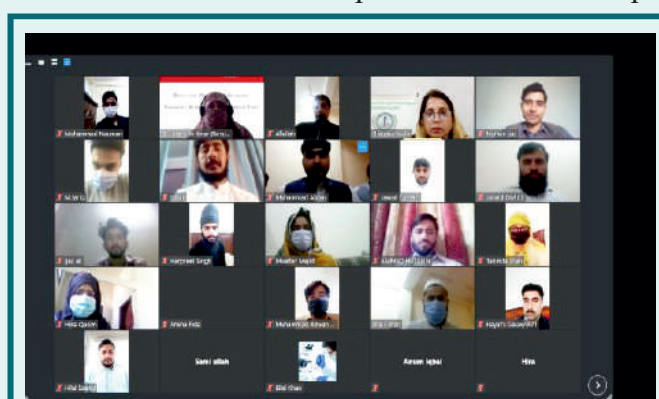
Poster Exhibition/Competition and Rare Disease Day was organized by the Centre for Omic Sciences on March 1, 2021 at Islamia College University Peshawar.

The honorable Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation, Prof. Dr. Shahid Mehmood Baig, joined the event as Chief Guest and for a keynote lecture on Rare Diseases in Pakistan. Deputy Director PASTIC Peshawar, Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan participated as judge. Total 139 universities participated in the competition. Shields certificates and cash prizes were distributed among the winners.



Online Workshop ON "Make your Research Life EASIER with MENDELEY Reference Management Tool" AT CENTRE of OMIC SCIENCES, ISLAMIA COLLEGE UNIVERSITY PESHAWAR

PASTIC Sub-Centre Peshawar organized Online Workshop on "Make your Research Life Easier with Mendeley Reference Management Tool" on March 17, 2021 for M.Phil/PhD scholars of Centre of OMIC Sciences, Islamia College University Peshawar. A total of 44 participants attended the session. Dr. Maryam Ibrar Shinwari, Senior Scientific Information officer from PASTIC National Centre Islamabad was the resource person of the workshop.



A view of the online workshop

Session was started with the recitation of Holy Quran, followed by welcome address by Dr. Muhammad Fahim (Director, Centre of OMICS-Islamia College University Peshawar). Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan (Deputy Director PASTIC) briefed participants about PASTIC S&T services. Dr. Maryam Ibrar Shinwari delivered a detail presentation about reference management tools, installation of Mendeley software, development of library in Mendeley, transport of data from different websites to library, and formatting techniques.



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