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Workshop on “Tools for Media Information Literacy (MIL)” AT PASTIC NATIONAL CENTER, Islamabad

PASTIC, the UNESCO- Information for all Programme (IFAP), coordinating body in Pakistan and Individualland Pakistan, jointly organized a Workshop on “Tools for Media Information Literacy (MIL)” on October 22-23, 2019 at PASTIC National Center, Islamabad to equip media personnel with the skills to critically analyze the information received from various sources and learn techniques to produce ethical and truthful information and media content themselves.



UNESCO's Representative in Pakistan, Vibeke Jensen, delivering her speech at the inauguration ceremony of the workshop.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, DG PASTIC, delivering his speech at the inauguration ceremony of the workshop.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Director General PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh said that this workshop is part of the UNESCO Information for ALL Programme (IFAP), through which skill development of media personals for critical evaluation of information content is intended to create media and information literacy (MIL) in Pakistan.

UNESCO - IFAP NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC), being the coordinating body of the UNESCO-Information for All Programme (IFAP) organized the second National Committee Meeting of UNESCO-IFAP on October 22, 2019 at PASTIC National Center. The IFAP was established by UNESCO with objective to build a free information society, focusing on information literacy, preservation & access to information, and the ethical & societal consequences of ICT developments. The meeting mainly focused on devising a road map for promotion of MIL concept through IFAP at the national level.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, IFAP NC Chair / Director General, PASTIC and was attended by print & electronic media personnel, civil society, policy makers, librarians and IT professionals from, COMSATS, MoST, UNESCO, Individualland Pakistan, Media Matters for Democracy, AIOU, Technology Times, PASTIC and the National Library of Pakistan.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON "MAKE YOUR RESEARCH LIFE EASIER WITH MENDELEY TOOL"

PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad & COMSATS University, Abbottabad Campus jointly organized two days training workshop on "Make Your Research Life Easier With Mendeley Tool" which was held on October 1-2, 2019 at COMSATS University, Abbottabad Campus. The objective of this workshop was to build the capacity of young researchers, and to enhance their skills in literature search, citation, sharing and discovering of new research. Dr. Maryam Ibrar Shinwari was the Resource Person of the workshop. 40 participants from Department of Microbiology, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Environmental Sciences of COMSATS University, Abbottabad Campus participated in this training workshop.

This workshop was part of a series that are regularly organized by PASTIC, to train the young researchers on modern ICT tools and techniques useful in research. The Mendeley application is free, smarter and user-friendly, besides it provides an excellent platform where researchers can search jobs/fellowships, research funds, find research groups, search literature, etc. Moreover it is a cross-platform application (Windows, Mac, Linux, iPhone), that helps researchers to manage and annotate their scientific paper collections. Citation data from its cloud library can be accessed across multiple devices, e.g., Laptop, PC, iPhone, etc.



Group Photo of the participants of Mendeley Training.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON "BASIC DATA ANALYSIS THROUGH R SOFTWARE"

PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi arranged a one-day training Workshop on "Basic Data Analysis through R Software" on October 29, 2019 at PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi. 15 Participants from various universities and departments such as Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Agriculture College Dokri, Larkana, Central Cotton Research Institute, Sakrand, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University, Lyrai, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, DESTO, Department of Microbiology, University of Karachi and Bahria Medical & Dental College, attended the training workshop. Mr. H.M Amir Anis, Resource Person, from Jinnah Sindh Medical University delivered training on R Software.

Deputy Director PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi, Mr. Abdul Fatah Shaikh, delivered a detailed presentation (through PASTIC website) to explain the participants about PASTIC activities, and presented shield to the Resource Person, and certificates were distributed to the participants. Documentry of PASTIC / PSF was also played



A Group Photo of the Participants during the workshop

SEMINAR ON "PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING" AT UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE LIBRARY FAISALABAD

A one-day seminar was organized on "Professional Ethics and Confidence Building" on October 22, 2019 at University of Agriculture Faisalabad Library. 45 participants (Librarians of colleges and universities from Faisalabad district) participated in the seminar. Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq, Dean Faculty of Food Science & Technology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, was the Chief Guest. The Resource Persons were Dr. Tariq Najmi, Librarian, COMSATS University Lahore, Dr. Salman Bin Naeem, Assistant Professor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, and Mr. Nadeem Sohail, Ph.D Scholar Library Science from Bahawalpur University.



A view of the participants of the seminar.



Mr. Muhammad Hasnain, Deputy Director PASTIC Faisalabad, presenting shield to the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq, Dean Faculty of Food Science & Technology, UAF.

Techno SUIT Expo 2019 AT SUIT Peshawar

PASTIC Sub-Centre Peshawar, ORIC Sarhad University Peshawar, Gulls Association Pakistan, with other partners and sponsors jointly organized one day activity titled TechnoSUIT Expo 2019, on October 17, 2019 at Sarhad University of Information Technology (SUIT), Peshawar. Projects

were displayed by final year students of all faculties of Sarhad University Peshawar, and were evaluated by renowned scientists of different Universities of KPK. The Vice President Sarhad University, Brig. (Retd) Javed Tipu, was the Chief Guest of the Event, whereas Dr. Khalid Khan, Director-Directorate of Science and Technology (DOST) Khyber Pukhtunkhwa graced the closing session. Shields and certificates were distributed among the winners at the end of the event.



Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan (DD PASTIC) delivering briefing to Prof. Dr. Saleem ur Rehman (VC SUIT) and Brig. (Retd) Javed Tipu, at the PASTIC Stall.

Workshop on "Writing a Research Thesis/Project Synopsis" AT Peshawar

PASTIC Sub-Centre Peshawar, ORIC-University of Peshawar & NCEPC-University of Peshawar jointly organized a 2-day workshop on "Writing a Research Thesis/Project Synopsis" on October 21-22, 2019 at NCEPC-UOP. 74 participants from various departments of UOP and other universities of Peshawar, participated in the workshop. Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Prof. University of Peshawar and Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan, Deputy Director PASTIC Sub-Centre Peshawar, were the Resource Persons. Both of them talked about the research synopsis writing, according to the format of university of Peshawar. Prof. Dr. Abdul Naeem, Director NCEPC, University of Peshawar, graced the closing session and distributed certificates among all the participants.



Group photo of the Participants.

Workshop on SPSS AT PESHAWAR

A 2-day workshop on SPSS was jointly organized by PASTIC Peshawar and Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC)-UET Peshawar. 47 Participants from University of Peshawar, UET-Peshawar, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar, Agriculture University Peshawar, Khushal Khan Khattat University Karak, National Centre of Excellence in Physical Chemistry-UOP, Islamia College University-Peshawar, UET-Mardan, Sarhad University Peshawar and Peshawar Medical College participated in the workshop.

Dr. Faisal Khan, Assistant Professor, Quaid-e-Azam Commerce College, University of Peshawar and Dr. Fahim Ullah Khan, Assistant Professor Hazara University, Mansehra, were the Resource Persons.

Dr. Khizar Azam, Registrar-UET Peshawar and Dr. Tariq Mahmood Khalil (Manger, ORIC-UET Peshawar) were the Chief Guests in the opening ceremony. While, Dr. Shakoor (Director ORIC) was the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony, during which shields and certificates were distributed among Resource Persons and participants.



Group Photo of participants during session.

PASTIC SERVICES AWARENESS SEMINAR

PASTIC Sub-Centre Quetta arranged PASTIC Services Awareness Seminar on October 16, 2019 at the Institute of Management Sciences, University of Balochistan, Quetta. Mr. Abdul Khalique Sial, In-Charge PASTIC Sub-Centre Quetta, delivered a detailed presentation (through PASTIC website) to explain the participants about PASTIC activities



In-Charge PSC Quetta delivering briefing to students about PASTIC services through PASTIC website.

KASHMIR Black Day Rally

Mr. Abdul Khalique Sial, In-Charge PASTIC Sub-Centre Quetta, organized Kashmir Solidarity Day Rally on October 25, 2019 with the collaboration of University of Balochistan Quetta.



A view of the Kashmir Solidarity Day Rally held in Quetta.

The following stalls were arranged by PASTIC:-

- 1) During 1st International Conference Research Prospective in Pharmaceutical Sciences on October 23-25, 2019 at Hamdard University, Karachi.
- 2) During TechnoSUIT Expo 2019, on October 17, 2019 at Sarhad University of Information Technology (SUIT), Peshawar.