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ONE DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP "CUSTOMIZING JOURNALS FOR INDEXATION IN SCOPUS"

PASTIC and Khyber College of Dentistry Peshawar jointly organized a one-day training workshop on "Customizing Journals for Indexation in SCOPUS" on January 10, 2024 at Khyber Collage of Dentistry, Peshawar. Dr. Muhammad Marwat from Peshawar Institute of Research D.I. Khan, was the resource person. Mr. Saif Ullah Azeem, Project Director PASTIC shared details of PASTIC's development project titled "National Digital Archive of Research Published in Pakistani Journals" through an online session. Ghazala Ali Khan Additional Director (STI) shared PASTIC and PSF activities for researchers throughout Pakistan.

A total of 25 participants representing all major Universities including Khyber Medical University Peshawar, University of Science & Technology Bannu, NCE in Geology, University of Peshawar, University of Haripur, Women University Mardan, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar, Swabi College of Education Mardan, Khyber College of Dentistry Peshawar, Gomal Medical College D.I. Khan, Medical Research Pvt. Ltd. Institute of Excellence in Education and Research Peshawar and Peshawar Institute of Research D.I. Khan attended the session.



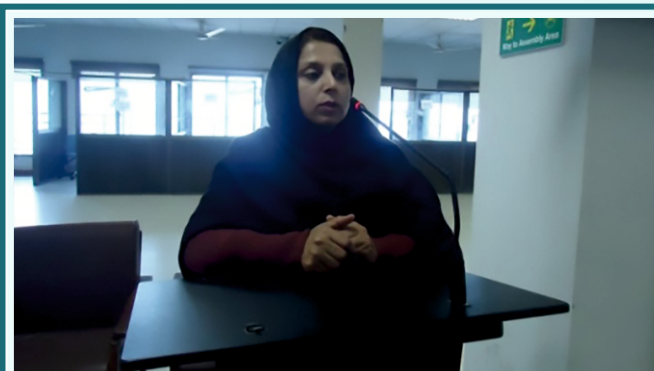
A group photo of Guests, Faculty Members and participants of workshop on "Customizing Journals for Indexation in SCOPUS"

The Dean of Khyber College of Dentistry Peshawar Dr. Syed Nasir Shah and Senior Faculty Dr. Shafqat Ali Shah very kindly graced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of Dr. Muhammad Marwat and team of PASTIC for arranging such a fruitful workshop. Dr. Syed Nasir also distributed

certificates among participants and resource person.



Saif Ullah Azeem, Project Director PASTIC sharing Project details through an online session.



Ghazala Ali Khan, AD (STI), giving briefing about the activities and facilities of PASTIC at Khyber College of Dentistry Peshawar.



Dr. Syed Nasir Shah, Dean at Khyber College of Dentistry Peshawar addressing the audience.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON "WHAT IS RESEARCH & HOW TO WRITE A RESEARCH PAPER?"

Ghazala Ali Khan Additional Director (STI) PASTIC, Peshawar held a session with young Dentists of Khyber



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College of Dentistry Peshawar on January 18, 2024 and delivered a detail presentation on “What is Research & How to write a research paper”. She also provided a brief introduction of PASTIC & PSF scientific activities for young scientists. About 70 participants participated in the workshop. Dr. Masoom Shah, Dr. Aliya and Dr. Aiman also attended the full session.



Additional Director (STI) PASTIC presenting her session to undergraduates of Khyber College of Dentistry Peshawar.



Dr. Masoom Shah Khyber College of Dentistry addressing the audience.

EVENT/ WEBINAR /MEETING ATTENDED

a. PSCK Officer Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) participated and represented PASTIC in the “4th International Conference on Biological Research and Applied Sciences (IBRAS)” on January 23-25, 2024 at Muhammad Uzair Auditorium, Jinnah University for Women (JUW), Karachi. The conference was organized by Faculty of Science, Jinnah University for Women, Karachi in collaboration with PASTIC, PARC, NIO, KATI, The Wild Life Experience Centre etc.



Group photo with Chancellor JUW & Chief Guest of IBRAS 24.

More than 300 participants from different departments of various universities from all over the Pakistan participated in this event.

The conference commenced with the recitation of The Holy Quran. Welcome Address by Ms. Wania Wajeesh Registrar, JUW. Mr. Wajeehuddin Ahmed Chancellor, JUW gave brief introduction about conference. The chief guest Prof. Dr. Iqbal Afridi, HEC DNP (Distinguished National Professor), JSMU/JPMC gave remarks about conference. During conference A.D (STI) conducted meetings with Chancellor, Chief Guest, keynote Speakers, faculty members & organizers for Promotion of PASTIC services.



Mr. Wajeehuddin Ahmed Chancellor, JUW with Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Iqbal Afridi

Esteemed keynote speakers, including Prof. Dr. Zareen Amtul from the University of Windsor, Canada, Dr. Fahd Haroon Haji, the Medical Director at Karachi X-Rays Diagnostic Centre, Karachi gave presentations. Chief Guest & Chancellor distributed Shields to PASTIC representative, keynote speakers & organizers. IBRAS featured impactful technical sessions marked by a remark-



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able National & International keynote speakers presentations on different topics.



Prof. Dr. Iqbal Afridi, Chief Guest presenting Shield to A.D (STI) PSCK.

research involving Artificial Intelligence (AI). More than 70 Participants attended this Seminar.



Group photo of participants along with the chief guest Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi.



Glimpses of Conference Speakers & Senior Faculty of JUW.

b. Dr. Muhammad Ali Memon, Consultant Oncologist, Ex Director of Atomic Energy Medical Centre (AMEC), Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) Karachi visited PASTIC Sub Center Karachi on January 26, 2024. Ms. Afsheen Tariq Assistant Director (STI) gave him briefing about PASTIC activities and services for researchers. Dr. Memon showed keen interest to collaborate in different services/events of PASTIC.

ONE DAY SEMINAR ON "RESEARCH ETHICS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"

A one-day seminar on "Research Ethics in Artificial Intelligence" was organized on February 22, 2024, at Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation and Medical Sciences (PIRMS) by PASTIC Sub Centre Karachi in collaboration with PIRMS, Karachi. It aimed to shed light on the ethical dimensions of conducting

Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) PASTIC, explained various PASTIC services aimed to maximize research output among the scientific community. She introduced PASTIC tools such as PakCat, Union Online Public Access Catalogue (Union OPAC), and other databases and portals. She also highlighted the pivotal role of Artificial Intelligence in advancing research endeavors.



Afsheen Tariq A.D (STI) PASTIC Karachi, introducing PASTIC services

The seminar was led by resource person Dr. Syeda Sadaf Akber, Ph.D & Public Health Advocate. She emphasized different aspects of ethics in research by using Artificial Intelligence and also discussed the new frontier of research practices.

At the end, Dr. Aqil Shakoor Memon MD and Co-Founder PIRMS appreciated organizing team for conducting this useful seminar. Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi, President Pakistan Society for Microbiology gave



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closing remarks and briefed about the AI Importance in Research. She appreciated organizers and encouraged students to make use of these AI tools in research work. She also distributed certificates to participants & shields to the resource person and organizers.



Chief Guest presenting shield to Dr. Aqil Shakoor Memon MD and Co-Founder at PIRMS.

EVENT/ WEBINAR /MEETING ATTENDED

a. The World Cancer Day 2024 was celebrated at The University of Modern Sciences (TUMS) Tando Muhammad Khan (TMK) on February 20th, 2024, with the theme of "CLOSE THE CARE GAP." Dr. Muhammad Ali Memon, head of the Oncology Department at Indus Medical College and Hospital, organized the event with the primary objective of enhancing academic and professional knowledge and vision regarding cancers and their prevention.



Winners of Poster competition along with Chancellor, TUMS & panel judges

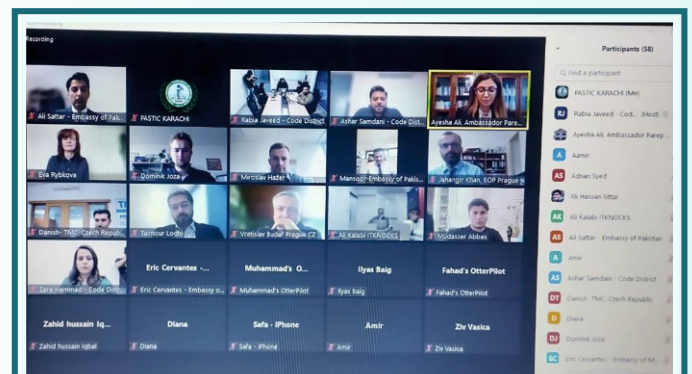
alongside other panel judges, including Dr. Azhar Rashid, Consultant Oncologist at NCCI, Karachi, and Dr. Quratul Ain Badar, Associate Professor of Oncology at Ziauddin University Karachi. After evaluating the gallery three best posters were selected for awards. During the closing session, Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), expressed gratitude to the organizers for putting together such a meaningful event. She took the opportunity to introduce the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and PASTIC services to the audience.

The event received significant participation from County Cambridge College and Indus Medical College TMK. students showcased various aspects of cancer research and awareness through poster presentations.



Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), during poster evaluation as Judge

b. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PSCK attended webinar on the "I.T Landscape of Pakistan" Hosted by the embassy of Pakistan in Czech Republic on February 28, 2024.



Glimpses of the Webinar

Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) PASTIC Karachi, participated as a judge



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