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DIRECTOR GENERAL PASTIC visits THE office of Federal Minister for Science & Technology

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC visited the office of Federal Minister for Science & Technology on July 31, 2018 and briefed the Minister about the activities and services of PASTIC. Federal Minister showed keen interest in the services of PASTIC, and desired to visit PASTIC shortly. During the briefing, Minister was fully apprised about PASTIC. Director General, PASTIC also presented a book to the Honorable Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Prof. Muhammad Yusuf Shaikh.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, DG PASTIC presenting a Book to Honorable Federal Minister for Science & Technology, Prof. Muhammad Yusuf Shaikh.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON OPEN SOURCE TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES

Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC) Islamabad organized a two-day training workshop dated July 27-28, 2018, in collaboration with Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO), a non-profit organization for the promotion of library & information professionals in Pakistan, regarding Open Source Technologies in Libraries.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC was the Guest of Honor of the event.

Main objectives of the training workshop were to create awareness about Open Source Technology, and to create guidance for installation and utility of Open Source Software in libraries.

Working library professionals from different cities of Pakistan such as Skardu, Peshawar, Bhakar, Azad Kashmir, Multan, Lahore and Karachi attended this training workshop.

At the end of workshop, participants praised the efforts of PASTIC generally, and efforts of Syed Habib Akhter Jaffri, Project Coordinator especially, for uplifting the capabilities of library professionals, by organizing such kind of training workshop. Moreover, participants requested that such kind of training workshops may also be organized in different parts of the country.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON "MAKE YOUR RESEARCH LIFE EASIER WITH MENDELEY TOOL" HELD AT PASTIC NATIONAL CENTRE

PASTIC organized a two day training workshop on "Make Your Research Life Easier With Mendeley Tool" which was held from July 18-19, 2018 at PASTIC National Centre, Quaid-e-Azam University

Campus, Islamabad. 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. Mr. Muhammad Adnan and Ms. Neelum Batool were the resource persons of the workshop. 20 participants from Quaid-e-Azam University and PIDE participated in this training workshop.



Participants of Mendeley training at PASTIC National Centre Islamabad on 18-19 July 2018

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. There are many citation tools available for helping researchers in citation during completion of their thesis. The Mendeley application owes a unique position among these tools being 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. Mr. Zaheer Nasir, Manager (Training) and Mr. Saif ullah Azim, Principal System Analyst distributed certificates among the participants.

PASTIC ORGANIZED A THREE-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON SPSS AT PASTIC NATIONAL CENTRE ISLAMABAD TO ENHANCE RESEARCHER'S CAPABILITIES

A seminar on "Importance & Protection of Rights on Intellectual Property of Scientists" was organized by PASTIC-Peshawar and ORIC, University of Peshawar on January 17, 2019.

The primary goal of the seminar was to orient the researchers about the essentials of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), Trade Mark and of process of filing of Patent application.

A total of 88 scientists from different faculties of UOP, Swabi University, UET Mardan, UET Peshawar, Sarhad University Peshawar, Islamia College University Peshawar & the Agriculture University Peshawar attended the session.

Mr. Zahoor Ahmad (Manager ORIC-UOP), Mr. SaifUllah Khan (Deputy Director IPO Pakistan) and Dr. Zia Obaid (Director, ORIC-UOP) were the key resource persons and delivered comprehensive talks / lectures related to the topic. While, Deputy Director PASTIC Peshawar conveyed a detail introduction about PASTIC S&T Services for Researchers. Very interactive question answer session was held towards the end of every talk. At the end of the session shields and certificates were distributed among resource persons, organizers and participants, while 26 researchers filled the demand form, for the bibliographic service.



DG PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhmmad Akram Shaikh, addressing the participants of the SPSS workshop.

Mr. Muhammad Usman Database Administrator, PASTIC was the Resource Person of the training. Forty three research scholars from Quaid-e-Azam University and PIDE Islamabad, participated in the training program. At the end of the training program, Director General PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhmmad Akram Shaikh distributed training certificates among the participants.



Mr. Muhammad Usman, Resource Person of the training from PASTIC Islamabad delivering lecture on SPSS to the participants, during the workshop.



Group photo of the research scholars with Director General Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh at PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad.

IPO DELEGATION VISITS PASTIC FOR FOLLOW UP OF TISC

After the establishment of the Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) at PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad under its Technology Information Services Section (TIS) and Six TISC supporting Centers at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad and Muzaffarabad, a follow up visit of IPO-Pakistan was undertaken regarding TISC activities.

The delegation comprised of Mr. Muhammad Ismail, Director IPO-Pakistan and Ms. Faryal Javed, IPO TISC-Officer. The delegation was briefed about the progress of TISC by the focal person of PASTIC-TISC, Dr. Syed Aftab Hussain Shah, Sr. SIO. It was informed that PASTIC-TISC will comprise of 7 officers, one at PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad and one each at six TISC supporting Centers at

Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad and Muzaffarabad. The TISC web content was prepared and uploaded on the PASTIC website with the assistance of IT Section, which can be accessed by visiting the URL:

www.pastic.gov.pk/TISC.aspx

The delegation was also informed that the publicity news about PASTIC-TISC has been sent by email to our more than 5000 registered members of PASTIC by IT Section. One page pamphlets have been printed which will be distributed among the researchers to boosting the patent awareness during the events organized by PASTIC and its 6 Sub-Centers. The pamphlets will also be displayed on notice boards of different departments of universities and Chambers of Commerce & Industries, R&D Organizations. The standees have been displayed at PASTIC National Centre Library, Islamabad and PASTIC Six TISC supporting Centers at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad and Muzaffarabad. Visitor and reporting forms have been developed for keeping record. Later on, the delegation met the Director General PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh who fully assured his cooperation to promote the TISC activities together with the IPO Pakistan and HEC. The IPO delegation visited the Reprography and Library Sections and activities of mutual interest were discussed.

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