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### ONE-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP ON "OPEN JOURNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OJS)"

The PASTIC National Centre, Islamabad, in association with the PASTIC Sub Centre Karachi, organized a highly beneficial one-day training workshop on "Open Journal Management System (OJS)," on March 7, 2024, at the Latif Ebrahim Jamal National Science Information Center (LEJNSIC), ICCBS, University of Karachi. The workshop aimed to empower the journal publishers' community with modern journal publishing tools and techniques with OJS.



*Group photo of the training participants with Project Manager PASTIC at the Latif Ebrahim Jamal National Science Information Center (LEJNSIC), ICCBS, University of Karachi.*

From the Sindh region, with over 75 (seventy-five) active consortium members who serve as journal editors participated. Additionally, the session saw with more than twenty participants joined via Zoom meeting. Activity was performed under development project titled "National Digital Archive of Research Published in Pakistani journals". Through this project, PASTIC is aimed to develop networking of journals publishers, preservation of national research content, standardization of journals repository and development of visualization model to review research trends by providing free journal hosting, data import and backup services, financial assistance for digitization and capacity building.

The training session began with a recitation of The Holy Quran. Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) PASTIC Karachi, extended a warm welcome to Project Director, Resource person & all participants. In her welcome address, she provided an insightful overview of the services offered by PASTIC, emphasizing its commitment to supporting researchers

and academics in Pakistan and also highlighted the significance of the workshop.

Mr. Saifullah Azim, the Project Manager at PASTIC Islamabad, introduced the project titled "National Digital Archive of Research Published in Pakistani Journals" emphasizing its pivotal objectives, notable achievements, and ongoing strategic plans. During his presentation, he underscored the project's profound significance for the research community in Pakistan. Additionally, He elaborated on the training component of the project, which focuses on capacity building for journal publishers and the scientific community, aiming to enhance skills in digital content development and utilization.



*Mr. Saifullah Azim, the Project Manager giving introduction about Project Plans.*



*Dr. Adnan Amin, resource person gave training on OJS.*

Dr. Adnan Amin, resource person & faculty member at the Centre for Excellence in Information Technology at the Institute of Management Sciences in Peshawar, conducted hands-on training on OJS.

He provided practical guidance on the application of OJS, catering to the specific needs of editors. Throughout the



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session, he actively engaged with participants, addressing their queries and providing insightful solutions. This training equipped participants with valuable knowledge and skills to utilize OJS effectively for publishing needs.



*Glimpses of training participants.*

During the closing session, Prof. Dr. M. Raza Shah (T.I), Professor & Editor at ICCBS University of Karachi, served as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Raza acknowledged the efforts of the Project Manager, and praised the expertise of Dr. Adnan Amin.



*Chief Guest addressing at closing session.*



*Dr. Syed Tufail Hussain Shah giving vote of thanks.*

The Chief Guest acknowledged the efforts of the organizers and the resource person by presenting them with shields. Additionally, certificates were distributed among participants.



*Chief Guest presented shield to Project Manager PASTIC.*



*Chief Guest presented certificates to participant of OJS training.*



*Chief Guest presenting shield to resource Person.*

### EVENT/ WEBINAR /MEETING ATTENDED

a. On March 1st, 2024, Ms. Afsheen Tariq A.D (STI) held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Farzana Shaheen, the Director of ICCBS. The purpose of the meeting was to organize an



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OJS (Open Journal Systems) Training Workshop scheduled for March 7th, 2024, at LEJ University of Karachi.

### First All Pakistan University Libraries Convention held at Bahria University Karachi

The PASTIC Sub Centre Karachi, in collaboration with Bahria University Central Library Karachi Campus and the Pakistan Library Federation Association (PFLA), organized the "First All Pakistan University Libraries Convention" on April 22, 2024, at the Al-Beruni Auditorium, Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC). The convention focused on the theme "University Libraries: Highlighting Their Role in Research, Education & Learning."



Group photo of panelists & organizers along with DG, BUKC.

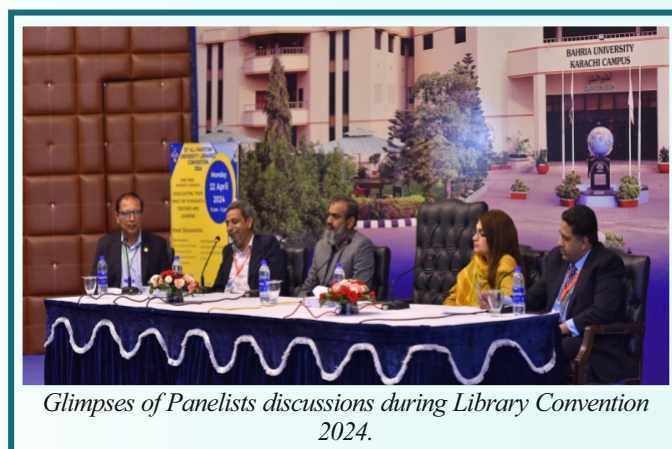
The event attracted over 200 registrations and was attended by 150 university librarians from 90 universities & organizations spanning from Kashmir to Sindh. Representatives from all major professional library associations, college and school libraries as well as researchers, educators, and students across the country participated in this event.

The Convention was started by the Holy Quran and welcome address by Ms. Saima Syed, Chief Librarian, Bahria University, Islamabad. The distinguished chief guest Mr. Saleem Uddin, Director of QA at Sindh HEC highlighted importance of this convention. Vice Admiral (R) Khawaja Ghazanfar Hussain HI (M), Director General of Bahria University, Karachi Campus, added prestige to the event.

Two panel discussions were held during this Convention.

Panelists from various institutions such as Madam Malahat Kaleem Sherwani, Dr. Zainab Bhutto, Mr. Saleem Uddin, Mr. Umar

Farooq, Dr. Yusuf, Mr. Nooruddin Merchant, Mr. Ashraf Shareef, Mr. Rashid Rao, and Mr. Javed Iqbal, covered a wide range of important topics themed around research, education, artificial intelligence etc. Library representative from Mehran University delivered a presentation on artificial intelligence (AI). He addressed the challenges faced by libraries, discussed the effectiveness of AI in supporting academic success, and highlighted its role in enhancing user learning.



Glimpses of Panelists discussions during Library Convention 2024.

Ms. Mahjabeen Ali, Additional Librarian, Sindh Madressatul Islam University and founder and Director of the Pakistan Federation Library Alumni, emphasized the importance of collective effort in upgrading and ensuring the smooth functioning of libraries to meet the demands of the modern digital age in her closing remarks. Director General of Bahria University, Karachi Campus appreciated PASTIC, Bahria University Central Library and PFLA for organizing such a successful and fruitful convention for the library community.



Capt Zaheer Ahmed, Deputy Director Academic, BUKC presented shield to Ms. Afsheen Tariq, A.D (STI).



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## PASTIC SERVICES S&T AWARENESS STALL

a. PASTIC Karachi arranged a PASTIC S&T Awareness Services stall during International World Book & Copyright Day celebration at Bahria University Karachi Campus on April 22, 2024. It's noteworthy that over 200 Library professionals, faculty members, researchers and students visited the PASTIC Service Stall.



*PSCK officials presenting PASTIC services at PASTIC stall.*



*Afsheen Tariq, AD (STI), briefing about the activities and facilities of PASTIC.*

of Pakistan. She invited all academic libraries across Pakistan to join PASTIC consortium to play their role towards knowledge and resource sharing.

b. Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director of PASTIC Karachi, delivered a presentation on PASTIC Services for Libraries in Pakistan during the "First All Pakistan University Libraries Convention" on April 22, 2024, at Bahria University Karachi Campus (BUKC). She briefed several key initiatives, of the National Consortium of Science & Technologies and Research & Development of Libraries including the PASTIC KOHA Cloud (An Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs) of various libraries), the PakCat (Union Catalogue of Pakistani Libraries), and the Digital Repository of Indigenous Literature



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