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UVAS, Glasgow University ink MoU



The MoU signing ceremony at the University of Glasgow.

The University of Glasgow, UK, and the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on academic cooperation. Under the MoU signed during the visit of Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz to the UK, the two universities will exchange students, faculty members and researchers for education, training and joint research. During his visit, Prof Nawaz discussed

with University of Glasgow Vice-Chancellor Sir Muir Russell matters of mutual academic interest and signed the MoU to develop and promote educational cooperation and mutual understanding between the two universities. About the benefits of the MoU, Prof Nawaz said this linkage with University of Glasgow would specially be useful in strengthening our academic programs in veterinary sciences, fisheries, aquaculture, ecosystem and dairy

technology. He said improvement of dairy technology discipline in Pakistan was important to meet the national milk requirement. Under the MoU, a delegation of the University of Glasgow will visit the UVAS in November, another in December this year and yet another delegation in February next year to work on the areas of cooperation between the two universities. Some faculty members from the UVAS also intend to go to the University of Glasgow later this year to undertake training programmes. During his stay in the UK, the Vice-Chancellor also visited a livestock and dairy show in Stoneleigh Park Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, UK, interacted with the office-bearers of the Dairy Association and discussed the areas of mutual collaboration in dairy sector.

Pharm-D classes at UVAS

Admission to Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm-D) degree program has been started in the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. There are 50 seats each for morning and evening classes while five seats are reserved for foreign students. The fee and other charges for the Pharm-D program are the same as of DVM classes in the university. The current building of the faculty of Bio-sciences has been specified for the Pharm-D classes and competent faculty is being hired for the purpose.

Bird show attracts people of all ages in large number

A national bird show was arranged in the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in collaboration with the Pet & Wild Animal Club and the Cage Bird Society of Pakistan. Provincial Minister for Revenue Haji Muhammad Ishaq was chief guest in the opening ceremony of the show. Focus of the show was on competition of budgerigars, cockatiel and

golden finches class. Bird lovers from various parts of the country participated in the show and presented their birds for competition. Experts judged the champion birds. Schoolchildren, bird fanciers and the general public took keen interest in the show. The show created awareness about bird keeping among the public as well as the students of the university. There were

about 120 bird entries. At the end, a prize distribution ceremony was arranged in the seminar room where shields and medals were given away to the winners by MPA Arfa Khalid and Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz. Prof Dr Muhammad Arif Khan was convener of the show committee and his team members included Syed Saleem Ahmad and others.





Orientation of new students at CVAS, Jhang

An orientation ceremony for the third batch of 60 students at the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Jhang was held on 08-10-08. The senior-most professor, Dr Sheikh Abdul Majeed, welcomed the new students and changed the mood in the house by saying that he also did not know the meaning of word "Veterinary" when he joined the veterinary college at Lahore 60 years ago.

Prof Majeed said that CVAS had emerged from nothingness two years ago and today its classrooms, laboratories, clinics, equipment and facilities were a reality for all to see. He lauded the efforts of pioneer teachers and students and assured the participants that CVAS was growing on strong and solid foundations.

The compere, Mr. Muhammad Atiq Chishty, introduced the chief guest, Dr Abol Hassan Ansari as a foreign-qualified and an accomplished physician, who has given up medical practice in favour of politics. Dr Ansari informed the students that they had joined a noble profession. He said the variety and opportunities for specialization in veterinary medicine are great and its image and prestige are growing among the public.

Dr Ansari gave valuable tips and hints on how to study effectively. He said the most important lesson was to be attentive in the classroom. "Just listen to the teacher, there is no need to take notes because it diverts your attention," he said. He advised the students to read technical books as many as possible, especially for appearing in the examination.

Principal Prof Dr Ashiq Hussain Cheema congratulated the newcomers. He stressed that CVAS was committed to maintain the highest standards of veterinary education. He explained that we will transport the students to other labs for demonstrations and even beg or borrow if something is lacking, but we will not compromise on the quality of education at CVAS.

The students were given detailed briefings on the semester system, use of library and computer / internet services, Virtual University courses and disciplinary rules, including attendance and teacher evaluation by the concerned supervisors.

Workshop on laboratory instrumentation



The workshop participants with the Vice-Chancellor and Dean FVS.

The Institute of Continuing Education and Extension with the collaboration of Quality Operation Lab arranged a training workshop on "Introduction to Laboratory Instrumentation" for faculty members, researchers and veterinarians working in laboratories of diagnosis, molecular biology and biotechnology. Faculty members and researchers from the University of Health Sciences, University of the Punjab and UVAS participated in the workshop. The main purpose of the workshop was to introduce the participants to advanced instruments, documentation, working principles, parts, maintenance, servicing, etc. The main instruments about which the training was imparted were PH Meter Water Purification System, Incubator Oven Drying Cabinet, Microscope Micro plate (ELISA) Reader Autoclave Centrifuge, Chemistry Analyzer, Hematological Analyzer, Digital Fluorometer Column Chromatography System, HPLC, GC and HPTLC. On completion of the workshop, a certificate-distribution ceremony was arranged for the participants. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz and Dean Veterinary Sciences Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Chaudhry distributed certificates.

Medicine Dept arranges snake show



The Vice-Chancellor and students visit the snake show.

The Department of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore in collaboration with the Reptiles Hunting Club Lahore arranged a snake show on its City Campus. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz inaugurated the show, in which various species of snakes were exhibited. Prominent among them were rat snake, cobra, krait, carter, viper and earthy snakes. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said that the show was arranged to create awareness among the

students about venomous and non-venomous snakes and teach them about the steps for safety from snakes. He called for conducting research on specific antidotes of different venoms. The exhibitors told the visitors about the ways of coping with a situation when a venomous snake is found. They said that one should immediately put a piece of cloth on a snake to avoid a snake bite. Students and teachers visited the snake show in large number and took keen interest in various types of snakes. The show continued till the evening.

Orientation Program for postgraduate students



The inauguration ceremony.



L&DD Secretary Jehanzeb Khan addresses the certificate distribution ceremony.

The Directorate of Advanced Studies and Institute of Continuing Education and Extension arranged a 12-day orientation program for newly-admitted postgraduate students of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore.

Punjab University's School of Biological Sciences Director Prof Dr AR Shakoori was chief guest in the inaugural ceremony while Livestock and Dairy Development Department Secretary Jehanzeb Khan chaired the concluding session and distributed certificates among the program participants. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz, Dean Veterinary Sciences Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Chaudhry Director Advanced Studies Prof Dr Makhdoom Abdul Jabbar and heads of

departments were also present. Speaking at the certificate distribution ceremony, the livestock secretary said that today was the era of knowledge and technology and there was urgent need to keep pace with the emerging technologies to meet the challenges of this high-tech age. He lauded the quality of education, research and training programs of the university and assured the government's all-out support in its academic and research projects. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz said that the university had been arranging the orientation program for its postgraduate students to train them in communication and information technology skills, statistical softwares, laboratory practices and

research techniques in the very beginning of their courses. He said the UVAS was attracting a large number of students and only the talented, hardworking and serious students were admitted to postgraduate classes on merit. He asked the scholars to be serious in their studies and make the most of their stay on the campus by spending more time in laboratories.

Prof Dr AR Shakoori called for developing interdisciplinary research with focus on molecular biology. He also stressed on honesty and impartiality in collection and presentation of research data. Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Chaudhry said that it was the mandate of universities to generate knowledge through research while the UVAS had state-of-the-art labs and other teaching and research facilities for the purpose. He said that 90 per cent attendance was a must for the students participating in the orientation programme. Director Advanced Studies Prof Dr Makhdoom Abdul Jabbar also spoke on the occasion.

Workshop on Techniques in Transgenics



The inaugural ceremony of the workshop on Techniques in Transgenics.

The Departments of Livestock Production and Molecular Biology & Biotechnology of the UVAS arranged a national workshop on "Techniques in Transgenics". Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz chaired the inaugural session of workshop in which scientists from Balochistan, NWFP, Sindh, Punjab and Azad Kashmir participated. The vice-chancellor said transgenics was a vast field and the UVAS was already conducting DNA tests of animals. He said the university scientists/professors were keeping pace with modern technologies and actively involved in research in transgenics and forensics. Prof Dr Ashraf Tahir from the US delivered a lecture on "Forensics and its Application". In technical sessions Prof Dr Masroor Elahi Babar spoke on 'Transgenic: Science of Future', Prof Abdul Waheed on 'Transgenic Techniques', Muhammad Imran on 'Ethical and Legal Issues in Transgenics', Prof Dr Irshad Hussain on 'Transgenics and Knockout' and Dr Moeen-ud-Din on 'Practical Problems in Transgenics'.

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