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### Pharmacy Council allows initiating Pharm-D classes



*The Pharmacy Council office-bearers in a meeting with th Vice-Chancellor (left) and during a visit to a laboratory (right).*

The Pharmacy Council of Pakistan has allowed the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore to initiate Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm-D) degree classes this year. The permission was granted at a meeting of the Pharmacy Council held in the UVAS's City Campus. Prof Dr Javed Iqbal, Vice-President of the council and Chairman Department of Pharmacy, University of Balochistan Quetta, Prof Dr Abdullah Dayo, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Sindh University Jamshoro, Dr M Haris Shoaib, Assistant Professor Pharmaceutics, University of Karachi, Dr

Khalid Saeed Bukhari from the WHO, Nazeer-ud-Din Ahsan, Secretary Pharmacy Council of Pakistan, Mr Muhammad Shamoon, Secretary Punjab Pharmacy Council, and Dr Ayaz Ali Khan attended the meeting. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz and deans of faculties of the UVAS were also present. Earlier, the vice-chancellor gave a presentation to the council on academic programs of the university and its planning and facilities already available for initiating the Pharm-D programme. He said that the UVAS had the best faculty and

state-of-the-art laboratories for teaching research. The council delegation also visited the site where Pharm-D classes will be held and inspected the laboratories, class rooms and other facilities for the Pharm-D programme. The council lauded the academic and laboratory facilities already arranged for the proposed Pharm-D programme. The Vice-President of the Pharmacy Council, Prof Dr Javed Iqbal, and other members appreciated what they called a positive approach adopted by the UVAS by seeking its permission before launching the Pharm-D classes. ■

## Flag-hoisting ceremony



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore arranged a flag-hoisting ceremony on its city campus to mark the 61<sup>st</sup> Independence Day on August 14. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz hoisted the national flag while the university staff and students attended the ceremony in large number. Addressing the flag-hoisting ceremony, the vice-chancellor urged the university staff and students to follow the principles of unity, faith and discipline given by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He called for remembering the services of those who sacrificed their lives for the achievement of independence and our motherland. He congratulated the university staff and students on celebrating the Independence Day and asked them to work hard with honesty and dedication for the progress of the university and the country. Earlier, Quran Khawani was held and Dua was offered for the integrity, solidarity and prosperity of the country. ■

## Peshawar vets trained

The Institute of Continuing Education and Extension arranged a workshop on "Dairy Products Technology and Clinical & Hospital Management" for the staff/instructors of the Animal Husbandry Inservice Institute Peshawar. The workshop was divided into two parts – Dairy Products Technology and Clinical & Hospital Management – each spread over six days. The workshop focused on dairy products manufacturing techniques, clinical & medical skills, management and pathological skills. The training workshop comprised lectures, demonstrations and practical work in labs. On completion of the workshop, Dean FVS Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Chaudhry distributed certificates. ■

## Sitara-i-Imtiaz for UVAS professor



*Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad*

The President of Pakistan has conferred Sitara-i-Imtiaz civil award on Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore for excellence in the field of Animal and Veterinary Sciences. Prof Dr Nasim is the first ever scientist to receive this award in this field in the country. The investiture ceremony will take place on forthcoming Pakistan Day (23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009) to give away the awards to the recipients. Prof Nasim was awarded with Best University Teacher Award on August 13 by the Higher Education Commission. The next day, August 14, he was fortunate to be conferred the Sitara-i-Imtiaz. Prof Nasim has to his credit 26 years of services in research, teaching and extension in the

animal and veterinary sciences field. He is a senior faculty in the Department of Theriogenology and also Director Research of the university. He is the first professor to be selected in the HEC's tenure track scheme in the UVAS. He is a pioneer in introducing the technique of ultrasonography in clinical, extension and research work in domestic animals in Pakistan.

Prof Nasim is a PhD from the West Virginia University, USA, and has published several research articles based on native domestic animals of Pakistan in high impact factor international journals. He is three times recipient of Research Productivity Allowance by the Pakistan Council of Science & Technology and was declared PARC Scientist of the year in 1999. He is reviewer of national and international journals i.e. Pakistan Veterinary Journal and Theriogenology. He conducted several national and international training courses in the area of animal reproduction. ■

## US company desires collaboration in dairy

A delegation of the Sweetwater International, USA, called on Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz and desired collaboration with the university in the areas of dairy farming and meat production and marketing. The delegation comprising Seetwater President/CEO Edward W Jackson, Country Manager Ahmad Iqbal Saeed, Group Manager Farm Operations Pakistan Boo Ali Younas and Manager Model Farms Lahore Amjad Hussain discussed with the vice-chancellor their areas of interest for assistance from the university and mutual collaboration. Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha was also present on the occasion. The delegates said that they wanted to initiate large scale dairy farming in Punjab and sought guidance from the UVAS for human resource development. They said that they were also planning to work in area of beef production and marketing. They informed the VC that initially they would farm 1,000 cattle and later this number would be increased to 5,000. The vice-chancellor assured the delegates of all possible technical assistance for setting up dairy and beef enterprises and human resource development for their projects. The VC also briefed the delegation about the academic and research activities of the UVAS. He said that the university was playing a key role in the development of livestock sector by producing competent human resource, which is badly needed to meet the growing market needs. ■



*The US delegation in a meeting with the VC.*

## Awarded PhD



Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani, Assistant Professor of Dept of Clinical Medicine, has been awarded PhD degree in clinical medicine. She completed her

thesis on "Epidemiology, Serodiagnosis and Chenoprophylaxis of Theileriosis in Cattle" under the supervision of Prof Dr M Sarwar Khan. She presented her work at international conference on Agriculture, Food & Animal Sciences in April 2008 at Tandojam and won the certificate of best presentation out of 125 papers presented in the conference. She also presented her work on herbal plant, calotropis procera at 1<sup>st</sup> international seminar on "Medicinal Plants: Isolation and Applications" in May 2008 at the LCWU. She presented part of her research on international symposium on "Biotechnology; Current Trends" in July 2008 at University of Malakand. Her work has also been accepted for oral presentation at Global Meet on Veterinary Public Health & Symposium in India in November 2008. Her research work has been published in Journal of Tropical Health & Production having impact factor. ■

## QAU scholars visit UVAS

A delegation of postgraduate scholars of Animal Sciences from the Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad visited the UVAS under the Inter-Provincial Exchange of Students Delegation Programme of the HEC. The scholars visited various departments, laboratories and clinical services of the UVAS, interacted with



*QAU scholars meet the Vice-Chancellor.*

teachers and students. They also held an interactive meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz at the VC's Secretariat. Later the scholars met Dean FVS Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Chaudhry and get a briefing on the academic programmes. ■

## Workshop on project management



*The workshop participants in an exercise session.*

The Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management of the UVAS with the collaboration of the Planning Cell of Livestock and Dairy Development Department Punjab arranged a four-day workshop on "Project Designing and Management" for senior professionals of the Livestock Department. Chairing the opening session of the workshop, Livestock Additional Secretary Ch Muhammad Mushtaq said that the Punjab government was giving priority to the development of the livestock sector and had increased its development funds to the tune of Rs 2 billion for the year 2008-09. He said that the workshop had been organised for those professionals, who had to manage development projects in the department. Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha told the participants that the university was striving hard for human resource development in the livestock and allied sectors. He said his faculty had conducted seven training courses and workshops during the last financial year and trained 150 professionals of the livestock department. The workshop participants were trained in project planning, development of project proposals, project appraisal, marketing aspects of projects, projects in public sector, powerful communication, project management and project designing in livestock sector. They were also given hands-on practice on project designing and management. On completion of the workshop, a certificate distribution ceremony was arranged in which Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz and Dean Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha gave away certificates to the participants. ■

## More seats for Balochistan, FATA students



*The Vice-Chancellor chairs a meeting of the Academic Council.*

The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore was held in the Syndicate Room. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz presided over the meeting. The Academic Council in pursuance of the directives of the government approved reservation of 5 per cent seats in addition to already reserved seats for the students of Balochistan and FATA for undergraduate DVM degree programme. Five per cent seats have also been reserved for postgraduate (MPhil and

PhD) degree programmes for the students of Balochistan and FATA in the University. The Academic Council on the recommendations of Advanced Studies and Research Board approved five seats for Bangladeshi students for the DVM degree programme and 10 seats for the postgraduate degree programmes for academic sessions 2008-09 and 2009-10. Initiation of evening classes at postgraduate level was also approved on the recommendation of the Advanced Studies and Research Board. ■

## Australian varsity, UVAS to exchange students



*The Australian delegation in a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor.*

The Charles Sturt University, Australia, and University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore have agreed to have collaboration in academic and training programmes. A two-member delegation led by David McGill from the Charles Sturt University held a meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz and discussed with him the areas of collaboration. Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha was also present on the occasion. Both the sides agreed that initially the two universities would exchange undergraduate students for internship and arrange joint training workshops, seminars and video conferences. They also agreed to work out possibilities for exchange of postgraduate students.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor briefed the Australian delegates on the academic programmes of the university. He said that 5-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) programme covered both the health and management aspects of animals. He said that the university initiated five new BS (Hons) programmes last year keeping in view the market needs and demand of the stakeholders.

About collaboration with the Charles Sturt University, the VC said that it would be the best learning opportunity for a foreign student to have practical training in Pakistan, where all types of clinical cases were found whereas such cases were hardly found in Australia or any other developed country. ■

## LFBA, UVAS agree on collaboration

The Livestock Farmers and Breeders Association (LFBA) Punjab and the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences have agreed on collaboration in research work in the livestock sector. An LFBA delegation comprising the association President Safdar Salim Sial; directors Hamid Malhi and M Amin Chatta visited the UVAS and discussed with university experts including Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha, Prof Dr Masroor Ellahi Babar and Prof Dr Makhdom Abdul Jabbar breed identification, registration and patenting issues of local animal genetic resources. Both the sides agreed to collaborate in all avenues of mutual interest to work for quality production and provision of food of animal origin for the nation. The LFBA delegates said that the association was determined to work for the DNA mapping and patenting of livestock breeds, assigning zoological names to the local breeds and setting standards for livestock management which would be named as Punjab Good Livestock Management Practices (PGLP), and passing on the latest research findings to the farmers for solving their problems on their doorsteps. The delegates also visited the Molecular Cytogenetics and Genomics Lab of the university, where they were briefed about the ongoing research activities, including DNA fingerprinting test in cattle for disputed ownership. About the work on breed identification, they were informed that mitochondrial D-loop analysis for genetic diversity in Pakistani buffalo was under process. Breed identification and parentage detection of horses by means of using STR markers, cytochrome B and mitochondrial D loop and genotyping of short tandem repeats (STR) in five breeds of buffalo can also be used for forensic purposes. ■

## Certificate course in English Language



*An English class in progress.*

The University of Veterinary and Animal Science Lahore has initiated a certificate course in English Language to improve the communication skills of students. On the directions of Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Nawaz, the Institute of Continuing Education and Extension of the UVAS has designed the course for the university students to improve their English Language and get them skilled especially in spoken English and communication. The focus is on four basics skills of English Language (speaking, writing, reading and listening), grammar and mechanics of writing. This will help boost students' confidence and also improve their skills in paper presentation, research and effective learning. The course is of 16 contact hours and 20 students have been trained in the first batch. On the completion of the course by the first batch, a simple certificate distribution ceremony was arranged on the institute premises. Dean Veterinary Sciences Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Chaudhry distributed certificates among the participants. ■

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