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The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in collaboration with Pakistan Dairy Association organised a 'Dairy Farm Management Training' to strengthen dairy sector. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and PDA Chief Executive Officer Dr Shahzad Amin co-chaired the concluding session of the training and distributed certificates among the participants and resource persons. Director PDA Dr Muhammad Zubair, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, representatives from dairy industry, farmers and PDA officials were present. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that UVAS is working actively for the development of livestock sector by using its trained human resource, knowledge and skills. Dr Shahzad Amin said such trainings are necessary for capacity building of human resource to cope up the challenges facing dairy sector.

UVAS foreign qualified faculty members Dr Naveed-ul-Haq and Dr Hifzur Rehman were the resource persons. Earlier in June, UVAS and PDA signed a memorandum of understanding to train investors and progressive dairy farmers. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and Dean Faculty of Animal Production and Technology Prof Dr Anjum Khalique from UVAS and Senior Vice-Chairman PDA Syed Mazhar Iqbal and Director Dairy Association Dr Zubair signed the MoU. Minister for Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Sardar Husnain Bahadur Dareshak chaired the MoU signing ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Sardar Husnain Bahadur Dareshak said that it is direly needed to develop trained human resource, adopt best innovative farm practices and curb bottlenecks for the development of dairy sector.

## Brainstorming session of dairy stakeholders on milk value chain

The Department of Dairy Technology of UVAS in collaboration with Livestock and Dairy Development Department Punjab arranged a brainstorming session for module development under the project titled "Capacity Building of Dairy Farmers and Industry Stakeholders on Milk Value Chain".

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the meeting and asked for developing a module in English and Urdu for understanding of wider audience. Project Director Dr M Junaid gave a presentation on the concept, innovations, target audience, selection criteria, implementation plan and focus areas of the project. Dr Anjum Khaliq said we need to focus on practical skills enhancement. Participants recommended global certification trainings on pre milking practices regarding health management, disease control, milk transportation and storage.



## Virtual Summer Fiesta at UVAS

The Senior Tutor Office of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences arranged a weeklong "1st Virtual Summer Fiesta 2021".

Competitions of Qiraat & Naat, scientific models/posters, cooking/food art, quiz, environment documentary, debate, calligraphy/sketching, bait bazi, Urdu ghazal, English poems, music, photography/short film and stand-up comedy were arranged virtually.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that such extra-curricular activities are as important for students as the curricular activities for their character building and imparting social training. Principal Officer Students Affairs Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf and Senior Tutor Prof Dr Ali Raza Awan encouraged the students to participate in these competitions.

## UVAS celebrates Independence Day with zeal



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences celebrated the 74th Independence Day of Pakistan with zeal. Flag-hoisting ceremonies, walks, seminars, patriotic songs & tree plantation featured the day at all UVAS campuses.

The day began with Quran Khawani and special prayers in the university mosque for the martyrs and the progress of the country and university.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad hoisted the national flag at Ravi Campus Pattoki while Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani at City Campus Lahore. VC Prof Nasim led a walk from Oval ground to the Prof Dr Muhammad Akram Educational Complex after taking a round of A Block. Later a seminar was



held where Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad congratulated the university employees and students on celebrating the Independence Day. He said, "We must remember the services of our elders who had sacrificed their lives for the achievement of our motherland." He also paid homage to Kashmiri martyrs and said their sacrifices would not be wasted. At the end, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad along with Range Forest Officer Jawaid Alvi and senior faculty members planted saplings at the Botanical Garden, C-Block with the theme of 'lets give earth a brighter future'

Similar flag-hoisting ceremonies and walks were also held at CVAS Jhang, CVAS Narowal and Para-Veterinary Institute Karor Lal-Eason, Layyah.



## Probiotic Research Lab set up



The Institute of Microbiology of the UVAS established a "Probiotic Research Lab" to develop indigenous probiotics and evaluate imported probiotic products for human, poultry and livestock sector. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad inaugurated the 'Probiotics Research Lab' while Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Director Institute of Microbiology Prof Dr Tahir Yaqub were present. Probiotic Research lab is currently running two research projects for development of probiotics funded by HEC. It will also execute another recently awarded project "Metagenomic analysis of udder microbiome and development of indigenous probiotics for control of bovine mastitis" from PHEC.

## Conference on zoonosis as threat to global health

The Department of Veterinary Medicine of UVAS in collaboration with University of Minnesota, USA, organized a virtual international conference on "Zoonosis as Threat to Global Health". More than 300 professionals from 13 countries, including the USA, Turkey, the UAE, India, Zambia, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Mexico, Sweden, Spain and Kazakhstan, participated in the conference. Prof Dr Sagar M Goyal (Co-Organizer) presided over the inaugural session. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad warmly welcomed the international guest speakers and appreciated the organizing committee for providing a platform for sharing knowledge on zoonoses. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani and others joined the conference through video link. Prof Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani spoke about the objectives of the conference. The conference ended with vote of thanks by Vets Care Club President Quratul Ain.

## UVAS inks MoU with Dairylac



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and Dairylac (Private) Limited Pakistan signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to train the company staff and progressive registered farmers to enhance their professional capacity.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and Director Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization Dr Farhan Jamil from UVAS and Dairylac Chief Executive Officer Mr Naushirwan Merchant and Director Muhammad

Irshad signed the MoU in a ceremony held at the UVAS City Campus. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that UVAS is focusing on the promotion of industry and academic collaboration for the development of livestock sector. Under the MOU, both the organisations will work jointly to conduct training activities for all employees and farmers to enhance their knowledge and skills in technical as well professional development.

## Training workshop on value chain analysis

The Dairy-Beef Project Team of UVAS organised a three days training workshop on "Value Chain Analysis-Identifying Opportunities and Helping Farmer". Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the inaugural session of the training while Project Manager Dairy-Beef Project Team Dr Humera Iqbal and 35 participants from public and private sector organizations, livestock farmers, meat processors, feedlot fattening professionals and Dairy-Beef Project Team members were



present. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said smallholder farming community has been playing its vital role especially in the enhancing of milk and meat production inspite of limited available resources. The workshop was aimed to provide farm advisers with an understanding of principal concepts of beef value chains.

## Faculty, staff demand disparity allowance



The faculty and staff of University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences on the call of Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Association observed August 4 as a black day and demanded provision of 25% disparity/special allowance without any discrimination. President Academic Staff Association Prof Dr Aneela led a protest rally while a large number of members from the ASA, Officer Staff Association and Non-Teaching Staff Association participated in the rally wearing black armbands. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad supported the UVAS employees' demand for the provision of 25% disparity allowance. Faculty and staff in other campuses in Narowal, Pattoki and Jhang also staged protests to press their demand.

## Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



*The Vice-Chancellor inaugurates birds care drive by the Vets Care Club.*



*The Punjab Livestock Minister receives donation of vaccines and medicines for dogs' castration.*



*The Vice-Chancellor chairs a meeting of ORIC Steering Committee.*



*The Vice-Chancellor speaks at a workshop on advances in metabolomics & plant research by IPS.*



*The Vice-Chancellor speaks at a training on biorisk management.*



*The Vice-Chancellor chairs a training on Slaughterhouse Operations & Veterinary Public Health.*



*The Secretary Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries visits the zoological museum at Department of Wildlife, UVAS.*



*HEC Director General Sports Javed Ali Memon calls on Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad.*

## Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



Officers from the National Bank of Pakistan call on the Vice-Chancellor.



The Punjab Livestock Minister and the Vice-Chancellor witness an MoU signing ceremony at UVAS.



The Vice-Chancellor addresses a one-week hands-on training on complete blood count and its interpretation.



A hands-on training on Stray Dog Birth Control through Neutering at UVAS.



The Vice-Chancellor administers oath to office-bearers of SAVERS.



The participants of workshop on equine distal limb lameness diagnosis with the Pro Vice-Chancellor.



Dr Munawar Raza Kazmi from Dairy-Beef Project meets Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad.



The participants in a workshop on Intellectual Property Protection in Academia.

## Monsoon tree plantation campaign launched



University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad along with Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani planted a sapling outside of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition under the 'Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign'.

A few faculty and administrative staff members including Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf, Principal Officer Estate Management Dr Liaquat Ahmad, Prof Dr Memoona Caudhary and Registrar Sajjad Hyder were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said, "We will try to improve environment for new generation and during the campaign a large number of saplings would be planted on all campuses of UVAS to promote greenery and contribute to the Green Pakistan Programme."

## One- minute silence in solidarity with Kashmiris



University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, faculty and staff observed one minute silence to express solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiri people on completion of two years Indian military siege of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The Vice-Chancellor condemned the deployment of a large number of Indian army in Kashmir to suppress Kashmiris independence movement. He said they always stood with the Kashmiri people. He also paid homage to Kashmiri martyrs.

## UVAS, CMH Medical College ink MoU



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and the CMH Lahore Medical College signed a memorandum of understanding to promote academic and research cooperation.

UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and Dean Faculty of Biosciences Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman from UVAS while Principle CMH Medical College Maj Gen (R) Naeem Naqi and Director ORIC Prof Dr Rabiea Bilal from the CMH signed the MoU in a ceremony held at UVAS City Campus.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said faculty development

training is key to enhancing their capacity building regarding innovative knowledge, skills and latest methodologies.

Principle CMH College Maj Gen (R) Naeem Naqi acknowledged the role of UVAS and said this cooperation would be very beneficial for both the institutions.

According to the MOU, both the institutions will collaborate on exchange of academic, administrative staff and students for joint scientific research and studies. Both the parties will facilitate their students for internship.

## Faculty development workshop on knowing cancer in small animals



The Institute of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Department of Pathology and College of Veterinary Animal Sciences in collaboration with Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC) arranged a three-day faculty development workshop on 'Knowing Cancer in Small Animals to Improve Their Quality of Life'.

Federal Joint Secretary Ministry of Inter-provincial Coordination Mr Usman Sarosh and Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad co-chaired the concluding session of the workshop and distributed certificates among participants and

resource persons. UVAS Pro Vice-Chancellor/ PVMC President Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, President Pakistan Veterinary Medical Association Dr Muhammad Arshad, Prof Dr Asim Aslam, Prof Dr Waseem Shahzad were also present.

The training objectives were to impart better understanding of the latest trends in animal cancers to the training participants, to update them on the latest molecular and histopathological tools for cancer pathogenesis and also to promote the awareness and importance of animal cancers.

## Induced breeding of Pangasius fish

The University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and the Department of Fisheries Punjab jointly conducted successful induced breeding experiments on pangasius first time in public sector at Sindhuwan Fish Hatchery, Kasur. This is another great breakthrough in the history of Pakistani aquaculture industry after successfully developing and disseminating induced fish breeding technology of carps in 1960s and sex reversal technology of Tilapia in 2013.

The UVAS and Punjab Fisheries Department scientists worked on local as well as exotic commercially important and high value snakehead and catfish species and successfully developed protocols of induced breeding. This work has been done under two research projects won by Dean Faculty of Fisheries and Wildlife Prof Dr Noor Khan from HEC and PARB with the partnership of Punjab Fisheries Department.

## Free treatment camp for sacrificial animals

The Department of Veterinary Medicine of UVAS in collaboration with a private pharmaceutical company and laboratory arranged a free treatment camp for sacrificial animals at the Outdoor Hospital. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani along with Chairperson Department of Veterinary Medicine Dr Jaweria Ali Khan inaugurated the free camp. Total 1,200 large and small animals were treated.



## Avian conservation seminar

The Department of Wildlife and Ecology of UVAS in collaboration with University of Padjadjaran, Indonesia and University of Lucknow organised a virtual seminar on "Avian Conservation: Issues and Options". Dean Prof Dr Noor Khan said many birds are currently declining with 1,200 species facing extinction. Prof Dr Arshad Javid also spoke

## Chinese business delegation discusses collaboration with UVAS



An eight-member Chinese business delegation led by Royal Group China President Mr Chen Yiyi visited the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and discussed the possibilities of collaboration in livestock sector, especially import of buffalo semen and embryos and setting of semen and embryo labs in Punjab.

Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development Punjab Sardar Husnain Bahadur Dareshak chaired the meeting. UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor University of Education Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha and officers from Livestock Department were present. The Chinese delegates desired collaboration with UVAS in processing of buffalo milk

products, establishment of joint semen and embryo labs in both Pakistan and China and exchange of scientists.

Speaking on the occasion, the livestock minister said the Punjab government welcomes the Chinese investors in Punjab and help them in import of buffalo semen, embryos and other dairy products. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said the university is keen to play a facilitative and catalyst role in national and international collaborations for the establishment of labs and exchange of human resource and other related areas. Prof Pasha spoke about investment opportunities and challenges in livestock sector. Earlier Prof Dr Amjad Riaz gave a presentation on buffalo development and possible areas of collaboration.

## UVAS inks MoU with UMT



The Department of Parasitology of UVAS and School of Textile and Design of the University of Management and Technology Lahore signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote collaborative relationship in Research, Development & Innovation. UVAS Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf and Director ORIC Dr Farhan

Jamil from UVAS and Dean School of Textile and Design Prof Dr Mumtaz Hasan Malik, Dr Mudassar Abbas and Director ORIC Abid Sherwani from UMT signed the MoU. Under the MOU, the School of Textile and Design will collaborate with UVAS for laboratory testing and field trials of vector protective textiles, particularly the mosquito-repellent cloth.

## UVAS trains Education University researchers

The Center for Educational Policy and Administration (CEPA) of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences arranged a three days research methodology workshop for University of Education (UE) investigators engaged in academic research.

UE and UVAS Vice-Chancellors Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha and Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the inaugural session while UE Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Arshad chaired the concluding session and distributed



certificates among the participants and resource persons. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Arshad thanked UVAS for

capacity building of UE staff. He said only winning a research project is not success, the real thing is that to complete the project successfully. Pro-VC Prof Dr Masood Rabbani presented vote of thanks.



### Vision of UVAS

The university aspires to be the nation's leading public sector university with global recognition due to its quality in teaching and research, civic engagement and economic development.

## UVAS begins Vets' CPD training: 1st hallmark certification in S Asia

The Faculty of Biosciences of UVAS initiated continued professional development (CPD) training and certification of veterinarians under the supervision of the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, UK.

Seven UVAS faculty members completed this 6-month rigorous online training of Post Graduate Certification in Higher Education Learning and Teaching (HELT) under the supervision of Royal Veterinary Collage, UK, and this certification is first of its kind in South Asia.

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid presided over the certificate-awarding ceremony and distributed certificates among the seven faculty members who completed their training and five RVC qualified tutors.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad spoke about



various development projects, national and international linkages and UVAS achievements.

Prof Dr Masood Rabbani said UVAS regularly updates its curriculum according to the modern day needs.

Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman said this certification programme is first of its kind in South Asia and is highly appreciated by the Royal Veterinary Collage. Prof Dr Hafsa Zenab spoke about the objectives of the training programme.

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