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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agriculture Counselor Mr Christopher Rittgers along with Senior Agriculture Specialist Asmat Raza from the US Embassy Islamabad visited the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and desired expanding their collaboration during a meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmed. Vice-Chancellor University of Education Lahore Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha and representatives from the Pakistan Dairy Association Dr M Zubair, Prof Dr Aleem Bhatti, commercial dairy farmers, farm managers and stakeholders from public & private dairy industries, UVAS faculty members and deans were present. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Christopher Rittgers said that primary objective of his visit was to expand their collaboration with UVAS especially in the areas of dairy herd management, food safety & food security,

animal nutrition, food processing, poultry and beef. He wanted to know about the success stories of UVAS Holstein Dairy Project, challenges of herd management, heat stress and training of faculty, farmers, students and farm managers. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad gave an overview of UVAS research, development interventions, student strength and national and international collaborations. Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha shared his experiences as Project Director of the Dairy Training Research Farm project. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani said that UVAS has always been willing to collaborate with the USDA in the joint research projects for the development of dairy sector. Chairman Department of Theriogenology Prof Dr Amjad Riaz gave a presentation on embryology project and Dr Hifz-ul-Rehman on UVAS Holstein Dairy Project.

Lecture on 'Recent Trends in Veterinary Education'

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore arranged an awareness lecture on "Recent Trends in Teaching of Veterinary Education".

Honorary Council General for Pakistan in Philadelphia, the United States, who is a renowned veterinary clinician Dr Inayat Hussain Kathio delivered a lecture on recent trends in teaching of veterinary education. He spoke about new trends, modern research in veterinary education and use of scientific methods for the diagnoses of different diseases hampering the development of livestock sector of Pakistan. UVAS faculty members and students attended the lecture.



Seminar on Plant Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services

The Department of Biological Sciences of UVAS organized an international online seminar on 'Plant Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services' at Ravi Campus Pattoki. Dean Faculty of Fisheries and Wildlife Prof Dr Noor Khan welcomed the participants and speakers in the opening session of the seminar. Dr Rickard Sundin Jooste from Swedish Research Council delivered a lecture on the Linnaean context of biodiversity. Dr Muhammad Abdullah from the Islamia University Bahawalpur spoke about the flora of Cholistan desert, Dr Xiaohang Bai from Beijing Normal University China explained ecosystem services and research directions related to the topic. They spoke about the conservation efforts regarding plant diversity and ecosystem services worldwide.

At the end, Chairperson Department of Biological Sciences Dr Mubashrah Munir presented the vote of thanks.

UVAS to establish Genomic Centre



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore will establish a Genomic Centre at the Department of Parasitology under a project funded by the Higher Education Commission Islamabad.

The project entitled "Tackling food security by controlling ticks and tick-borne diseases in bovines" has been won by Prof Dr Muhammad Imran Rashid under the HEC scheme "Great Challenge Fund". The Board of Studies of Parasitology Department at a meeting discussed the project details and the establishment of the genomic centre. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the meeting while Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Chairman Department of

Parasitology Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf were also present.

Prof Dr Imran Rashid said the genomic center being developed under this project will provide sequencing service to medical and veterinary sectors for solving the issue of ticks and tick-borne diseases, saving life of the cattle and ultimately securing food in shape of milk and meat. He said the project will be completed in three years at a cost of Rs. 152.3 million. The Vice-Chancellor lauded the efforts of the project team comprising Prof Dr M Imran Rashid (PI) and Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf and assured fulfilling all the project needs.

Earlier, Prof Kamran presented the vision of the department and introduced the project team.

Workshop on Research Design at UVAS



The Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition of UVAS organized a two days training workshop on 'Research Design'. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the concluding ceremony of the workshop and distributed certificates among the participants and resource persons. Chairman Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition Dr Sanaulah Iqbal

was also present. Dr Qaiser Raza, Dr Azmat Ullah and Dr Muhammad Asif Ali were the resource persons of the training. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad lauded the organizers of the workshop. Various aspects related to exploratory, qualitative, descriptive, cross sectional, interventional, case control and randomized control studies, etc, were discussed during workshop.

UVAS project gets Austrian funding

Dr. Mubarak Mahmood Deerath, Lecturer Animal Nutrition, Jhang Campus of UVAS, has won Rs 8.71 million funding for a project under the Cooperation Development Research of Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation.

The project is titled 'Turning fruit and vegetable wastes into livestock feed: Sustainable feed resources with functional properties' while Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria, is the funding agency. The project is in UVAS collaboration with Vetmeduni, Vienna.

UVAS wushu team win medals



The Wushu team of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore participated in 'All Pakistan Intersarsity Wushu Championship' organized by the University of Peshawar with the collaboration of Higher Education Commission. The UVAS Wushu male team won one silver medal and six bronze medals.

UVAS basketball team stand third



The UVAS Basketball female team participated in Kashmir Sports Festival held at Lahore College for Women and won 03rd position trophy among Lahore universities.

UVAS, MCL team up for Vaccine Social Mobilization Programme, promotion of culture



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore, the Metropolitan Corporation Lahore (MCL) and City of Literature signed a memorandum of understanding for Vaccine Social Mobilization Internship Programme and promotion of culture, literature and language of Lahore.

UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and MCL Administrator/Lahore Commissioner Capt (Retd) Muhammad Usman signed the MoU in a ceremony held at Alhamra Hall. Minister for Health Punjab Dr Yasmeen Rashid, Minister of Punjab for Youth Affairs Rai Taimoor Khan Bhatti and vice-chancellors/rectors from different universities were present. According to the MoU, UVAS students will actively participate in the Lahore

Gets Vaccinated six-week Internship Programme. Sixty UVAS students will work under the supervision of Principal Students Affair, Senior Tutor Office and Dr Hammad Saleem. The students will create awareness among the general public about the benefits of vaccine to save their lives from deadly corona virus with the motive of save Lahore. The students will get three-day training at Alhamra before the launch of Vaccine Social Mobilization Internship Programme. Twenty-two other universities are also participating in this programme.

In the City of Literature programme, seminars, sessions and summits will be arranged to promote culture, literature and language of Lahore.

Dairy professionals, farmers trained at UVAS



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore in collaboration with Pakistan Dairy Association (PDA) trained dairy professionals and farmers on second module of "Dairy Farm Management Training Program" at its Veterinary Academy. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the concluding ceremony of the training and

distributed certificates among the participants. Manager Operations PDA Dr Muhammad Zubair Ahmad and Director Veterinary Academy Dr Muhammad Ikram were also present. The main topic of the training was "Profit and Loss Statement, KPIs and Forecasting". Dr Hifz-Ur-Rehman and Dr Naveed-Ul-Haq were resource persons.

Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



The Agriculture Counselor, USDA, speaks during a meeting at UVAS.



The US Agriculture Counselor visits the UVAS Pet Centre.



The Vice-Chancellor addresses the closing ceremony of Dairy Farm Management Training Programme.



The Vice-Chancellor in a meeting with Dr Inayat Kathio from the USA.



Dr Amanat from the Golf University Canada and Dr Shakhawat (a nutritionist) meet the Vice-Chancellor.



Heritage custodians and managers with the Vice-Chancellor during a workshop.



Dr Hanif Nazir Chaudhry, Senior Vice-President WPSA-Pakistan, meets Vice-Chancellor Prof Nasim Ahmad.



The Vice-Chancellor in a meeting with an auditor.

Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



The Dutch Commercial Counselor visits the picture gallery of UVAS.



The Vice-Chancellor in a meeting with the Dutch Commercial Counselor.



Qasim Ali Shah Foundation head Mr Qasim Ali Shah call on the Vice-Chancellor.



The Vice-Chancellor waters a sapling after planting it at CVAS, Narowal.



The Vice-Chancellor gets a briefing on the development work at CVAS, Narowal.



The Vice-Chancellor addresses Farm Planning and Design Training participants.



A Higher Education Commission officials team during a visit to CVAS, Narowal.



The UVAS Registrar plants a sapling at CVAS, Jhang.

Conference on Rabies Awareness and Control

The Department of Veterinary Medicine of UVAS organised an International Virtual Conference on Rabies Awareness and its Control.

More than 250 participants from five countries (Indonesia, the USA, Somalia, Kazakhstan and India) attended the conference. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the inaugural session of the conference while Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani and Prof Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani also joined the meet. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Nasim urged the need for effective control measures against rabies in animals as well as in human population. Prof Aneela said that integrated management approaches are the need of the hour to overcome the barriers of control. National and international experts, professors and professionals spoke about rabies facts, strategies and role of policy makers in rabies elimination, rabies status and legislative measures in the USA, rabies prevention and treatment in cats & dog, etc.

Online session on 'International Rankings'

The Quality Enhancement Cell of UVAS organised an online session on 'International Rankings'. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the online session. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, deans, directors, chairpersons from different departments and administrative officers joined the session physically and through video link.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Nasim focused on the importance of international rankings and future strategies to align the UVAS working as per international standards. Earlier, Director QEC Dr Dawar Hameed gave a presentation on different sustainable development goals including no poverty, zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, climate action and peace, justice and strong institutions, etc, for future improvement of UVAS rankings.

One Health Conference at UVAS



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore, in collaboration with World Poultry Science Association (WPSA) and Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC) organised fourth 2-day WPSA International (Virtual) One Health Conference.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the inaugural session of the conference while President Pakistan Branch of WPSA Mian JM Javid Rathore, Senior Vice President WPSA-Pakistan Dr Hanif Nazir Chaudhary, Pro Vice-Chancellor/President PVMC Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Chief Organizer/President WPSA Punjab Dr Asim Mahmood were present. A large number of academicians from different universities, researchers, veterinarians,

professionals/scientists from veterinary / animal sciences, medical sciences, public health/environmental sciences and stakeholders from poultry industries and national and international experts from different countries attended through video link. Addressing the inaugural session, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that one health is a collaborative, multispectral and transdisciplinary approach at the local, regional, national and global level to achieve precise health outcomes. Mian JM Javid Rathore said that the conference provided an opportunity for networking between the industrial and scientific community. Prof Dr Masood Rabbani said that various aspects related to the topic were discussed in the conference.

Workshop on Intellectual Property Protection



The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore organised a one-day workshop on 'Intellectual Property Protection in Academia' for faculty members at UVAS Veterinary Academy. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the concluding session of the training workshop and distributed certificates among the participants. Assistant Controller of Patents Ms Shakra Khurshid from Intellectual

Property Organization (IPO) Pakistan with having an experience of more than a decade in the domain of Intellectual Property was the resource person of the workshop. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Nasim encouraged faculty members to file patents. He extended his full support to the ORIC and faculty to excel in this area. The main objective of the workshop was to create awareness among the faculty members about Intellectual Property Rights and their significance in academia.

World Rabies Day observed at all UVAS campuses

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore observed World Rabies Day and arranged a walk to create awareness against rabies.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad led the walk while Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Deans, Directors, Chairpersons and students from various UVAS student societies and faculty members participated. The walk started from the VC Office and culminated at the Pet Centre after taking a round of City Campus.

The Pet Center also arranged a free rabies vaccination camp to mark the day. The Vice-Chancellor opened the camp by vaccinating a pet cat.

The purpose of the activity was to



educate people, vaccinate pets and eliminate rabies from the country.

Similar activities were also held at other campuses of UVAS; the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Jhang

and Khan Bahadur Ch Mushtaq Ahmad College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Narowal. Faculty and students actively participated in the Rabies Day events.



UVAS begins Poultry Advisory Services

The Department of Poultry Production has started an online portal 'Poultry Advisory Services' with the objective to make it convenient for everyone to get free-of-cost guidance regarding poultry production and related issues. The department is also initiating a Poultry Live Support Service in which experts will be online from 10 AM to 02 PM (excluding official holidays) for live chat to answer queries.

About these services, Chairman Department of Poultry Production Prof Dr Athar Mahmood said that the department has always focused on supporting the commercial and small-scale poultry industry through conducting problem-oriented research. It provides consultancy services to chicken, fancy birds, quails, ducks, turkey and ostrich farmers, he said.

The portal can be accessed through http://uvas.edu.pk/advisory_service/PAS/index.php

Wildlife Dept to facilitate CVAS students



Director General Wildlife and Parks Punjab Malik Sana Ullah visited the College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences Jhang. He was accompanied by Deputy Director Wildlife Faisalabad region Azeem Zafar, Incharge Sciences Section Wildlife and Assistant Director Wildlife Jhang Tariq Shah.

The agenda of his visit was to establish linkages between the university and wildlife department for the hands-on training and skills' development of students. The held a meeting with the

CVAS faculty and discussed areas of mutual interest. Prof Dr lahtasham Khan gave a presentation on campus facilities and services.

The DG agreed to affiliate the Wildlife Park Jhang to CVAS for training of students. The meeting also agreed to place students at various facilities of the Wildlife and Parks Department all over the Punjab for internship. The DG also agreed to provide birds and animals to CVAS for an aviary on complimentary basis.

Holland, Trouw Nutrition join hands with UVAS in dairy development

The Dutch Commercial Counselor Mr Paul Ederer and a delegation from the multinational company 'Trouw Nutrition' visited the University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and called on Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmed.

The Dutch Counselor desired collaboration with the UVAS in the areas of dairy related products (cheese & yogurt) processing, food safety and food security. Ms Sundas Munawwar from the Dutch Embassy, Islamabad, Dean Faculty of Animal Production and Technology Prof Dr Anjum Khaliq, Dean Faculty of Biosciences Prof Dr Habib-Ur-Rehman and faculty members from Animal Nutrition and Food Science and Human Nutrition departments were present. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Nasim briefed Mr Paul Ederer on UVAS's strong liaison and working relations with different Dutch institutions/organizations for strengthening livestock, dairy and



poultry sectors. He also spoke about NEDAP system for 'precision dairy farming' which is economical at dairy farms for using the technologies.

The Trouw Nutrition offered collaboration with UVAS regarding research & sustainability with first step of offering free services of NUTRIOPT, a nutritional database software used for food and feed analysis. Prof Anjum spoke about UVAS state-of-the-art laboratories for research on food, feed analysis and

especially in the production of dairy related items. Prof Dr Habib-Ur-Rehman stressed on short-term training programmes of veterinary education and research.

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, Qasim Ali Shah Foundation sign MoU

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore and the Qasim Ali Shah Foundation (QASF) signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding' for the award of scholarships to the needy/ talented students, academic cooperation and capacity building of faculty, staff and students.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim

Ahmad and Chairman QASF Mr Qasim Ali Shah signed the MoU in a ceremony. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, deans, senior professors and members of Scholarship Award Committee were also present. Addressing the MoU signing ceremony, Prof Nasim thanked Mr Qasim Ali Shah for providing 50 scholarships of worth Rs6 million per annum to the deserving UVAS students. UVAS & QASF also agreed to establish academic linkages and introduce programs such as inspirational



leadership, learning of e-commerce, personality grooming for excellence, learning of digital marketing, character building and entrepreneurship for faculty/staff and students of UVAS. Mr Qasim Ali Shah said that QASF is always willing to assist UVAS in creating awareness about quality education and leadership in community. Mr Qasim Ali Shah and Prof Nasim also distributed certificates among the members of Scholarship Award Committee for their outstanding performance.

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