

# NEWS-BULLETIN

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## Indonesian Ambassador seeks UVAS collaboration



Indonesian Ambassador to Pakistan Mr Adam M Tugio paid a visit to the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore and desired collaboration for the promotion of veterinary education in Indonesia. The visiting ambassador called on Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani and senior faculty members and sought research collaboration in the area of vaccine production, herbal pharmaceutical, students/teachers exchange and different degree programmes for skill enhancement regarding practical lab related work. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said UVAS has already strong liaison with some Indonesian institutions for the promotion of education. He hoped that with the assistance of Indonesian Ambassador next year a number of students from Indonesia will come to

Pakistan for getting education at UVAS. The Ambassador, Mr Adam M Tugio, also showed keen interest in exchange programmes for undergraduate / postgraduate students & faculty members for sharing their knowledge and experience with each other. The ambassador also planted a sapling at the Rest House of UVAS City Campus. Mr Adam M Tugio along with Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad also visited different sections of Veterinary Academy. Earlier, in the meeting Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani briefed the Indonesian Ambassador on UVAS academic, research national & international collaborations and industry linkages, community services, online teaching during COVID-19 etc. Prof Dr Tahir Yaqub said UVAS scientists successfully isolated SARS-CoV-2 from sewerage that may help in identifying hotspots for smart lockdown.

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## UVAS Academic Staff Association office-bearers sworn-in

The new office-bearers of the Academic Staff Association (ASA) of UVAS were sworn in by Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad.

The office-bearers are Prof Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani (President), Prof Dr Aamir Ghafoor Bajwa (Vice-President), Prof Dr Rana Muhammad Ayub (General Secretary), Dr Arshad Javid (Joint Secretary) and Dr Muhammad Junaid (Finance Secretary). Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad congratulated the new office-bearers and urged them to work for the welfare and development of the academic staff and the university. Earlier



Prof Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani spoke about the welfare steps of the Academic Staff Association. Barrister Ms Nudra

Abdul-Majeed spoke about various aspects of human rights/duties for the uplift of any association

## 4 UVAS uplift projects okayed in Punjab ADP

The Punjab government in its Annual Development Programme (ADP) 2021-22 has approved four development schemes of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore. The projects are "Provision of Urgently Needed Male and Female Hostel Facilities at UVAS Ravi Campus Pattoki" of Rs of 187 million, "Establishment of a New UVAS Sub-Campus at Chichawatni" of Rs of 2.85 billion, "Strengthening of Capacity Building Facilities at Para Veterinary Institute Karor Lal Eason Layyah of Rs 123.650 and "Capacity Building of Dairy Farmers and Industry Stakeholders on Milk Value Chain" of Rs 75 million. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad thanked the Punjab government for inclusion of the UVAS development projects in ADP. He said that livestock sector having enormous potential for economic growth is a real source of livelihood of the poor livestock farming community.

## UVAS inks MoU with Danish college

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and Kold College Denmark signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the fields of Dairy Production, Dairy Farm Care, Dairy Processing, Milk Value addition and support services. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and Head of International Kold College Mr Soren Dehn signed the MoU at a virtual ceremony. This initiative was arranged by Ambassador of Pakistan in Denmark Mr Ahmad Farooq. The collaboration include but not limited to exchange of students, faculty, trainees and technical assistance in curriculum revision and distance learning.



## UDL to test animals being imported, exported

The University Diagnostic Lab of UVAS has been selected for testing all animals which will be imported or exported to and from Punjab. The lab has received first testing assignment (worth Rs 0.9 million) of 100 animals being exported to Bahrain. UDL Director Prof Dr Aamir Ghafoor thanked Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani and Director IoM Prof Dr Tahir Yaqub for their leadership, support and guidance in this regard

## UVAS disburses Rs. 28m Ehsaas Undergraduate scholarships

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore with the support of the Higher Education Commission and Benazir Income Support Programme distributed the cheques of worth over Rs. 28 million to its 338 needy/talented students under the Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship Project.

The Directorate of University Advancement and Financial Aid (DUAFA) arranged scholarship disbursement ceremony. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the ceremony and distributed scholarship cheques among students. Dean Faculty of Biosciences Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman, Registrar Sajjad Hayder, Deputy Treasurer Ch Muhammad Shafique, Assistant Director Financial Aid Qaiser Hussain and students were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that the UVAS has been distributing a heft amount among the needy and talented students every year.



## Webinar on 'diarrhoea and electrolytes imbalance'

The Department of Veterinary Medicine of UVAS organized a webinar entitled "Diarrhoea and Electrolytes Imbalance in Ruminants." Representatives from the Livestock and Dairy Development Department Punjab, dairy industry, researchers, faculty members and students attended the webinar. Pro Vice chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani chaired the inaugural session while Prof Dr Sohail Saqlain, Member (Health, Nutrition & Population Welfare), Planning & Development Department Punjab was the chief guest. Director Advanced Studies Prof Dr Sarwar Khan, Prof Dr Aneela Durrani, Prof Dr Asim Khalid, Prof Dr Yasin Tipu, Dr Abdul Qayyum from Islamia University Bahawalpur and Dr Syed Saleem Ahmad also attended the webinar. Prof Rabbani said private sector collaboration is necessary for the development of livestock sector. Dr Sohail lauded the initiatives of UVAS and the Department of Veterinary Medicine. Dr Jawaria Ali Khan was chief organizer.

## Seminar on 'COVID-19 Pandemic'

The Para Veterinary Institute, Karor, Layyah, arranged a seminar on "Exploring and Understanding COVID-19 Pandemic". MPA Malik Ahmad Ali Aulakh chaired the seminar. Two doctors from THQ Karor spoke about the current status of the pandemic. Malik Ahmad Ali Aulakh shared his experiences during the pandemic. He appreciated the PVI team on making implementation of COVID-19 SOPs on the campus. Principal Dr Absar Ahmad briefed the audience on PVI.

## NCEP Studio Training

Dr Rehan Ul Haq, Assistant Professor, Department of Wildlife and Ecology, participated in 7th Annual Studio "Retooling your Classroom: Active and Evidence-based Teaching for Conservation Educators". The Center for the Biodiversity and Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History organized the training.

## UVAS arranges post-budget dialogue



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences arranged a 'post-budget dialogue focusing livestock sector' in which representatives from poultry, dairy and meat industries and senior university faculty discussed the budget implications especially on poultry, dairy and meat sectors. UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and Vice-Chancellor University of Education Lahore Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha co-chaired the session. The dialogue participants recommended that dairy, poultry and meat should be included in the zero rated sectors with focus on reducing the input cost of livestock related businesses. It was demanded that the general sales tax and duties concessions enjoyed by agriculture sector should also be extended to the dairy, meat and related industries in true letter and spirit. At the same time a great concern was shown by poultry industry stakeholders that the government has

started intervening in the price fixing of poultry/broiler meat which will have severe negative repercussions for this industry. The representatives from Pakistan Dairy Association stressed on the need for reverting back the increased sales tax on value added products which has been proposed to increase from 10% to 17%. They pointed out that heavy import duties/taxes on main feed ingredients are badly affecting the poultry feed industry of Pakistan. Prof Nasim said UVAS was playing the leading role of a think-tank and is arranging such debates. Prof Pasha emphasized on taking necessary steps to revive the poor farmer who is being crushed based on the fact that he is not being given due share out of long struggle of dairy farming. Earlier UVAS Business School Director Prof Dr Rana Ayyub explained the impact of the federal and Punjab budgets 2020-21 on dairy, poultry and livestock sector.

## Act as UVAS ambassadors, VC urges foreign students



University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad has urged the foreign students to play the role of an ambassador of the university and attract more students from their respective countries for getting education at UVAS. The Vice-Chancellor was chairing a meeting with the UVAS's foreign students. Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, Dean Faculty of Biosciences Prof Dr

Habib-ur-Rehman, Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf and Treasurer M Umar were also present. The UVAS foreign students are from Nepal, Somalia, Mauritius, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Benin. The Vice-Chancellor advised the foreign UVAS students to prepare for a better and successful professional life. He asked the foreign students to identify the areas needing any improvement in education.

## Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



The Livestock Minister Punjab chairs a meeting on Livestock and Dairy Development at UVAS.



The Indonesian ambassador plants a sapling on UVAS City Campus.



Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad gives away a shield to Dr Syed Saleem Ahmed on his retirement.



The Vice-Chancellor addresses a farewell ceremony in honour of Prof Dr Irshad Hussain & Prof Dr Abdul Shakoor.



A meeting of the Special Departmental Accounts Committee.



Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad plants a sapling in front of Pet Centre on Ravi Campus.



A Chinese delegation visits a UVAS farm at Ravi Campus.



Houbara Foundation President Brig Mukhtar Ahmad (ret'd) meets the Vice-Chancellor.

## Pictorial coverage of UVAS activities



*The Vice-Chancellor addresses international webinar on "COVID-19, What You Need to Know."*



*Abdul Wali Khan University VC Prof Dr Zahoorul Haq calls on Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad.*



*The PVMC President presides over the 48th meeting of PVMC.*



*The Vice-Chancellor chairs a meeting of Deans Committee.*



*Dua-e-magharat for the departed souls of university employees.*



*The Vice-Chancellor chairs the 51st meeting of Academic Council.*



*The Vice-Chancellor presides over the 42nd meeting of Finance & Planning Committee.*



*The Vice-Chancellor in a meeting with Sarena Agha, head of HR Maxim Agri.*

## Work on Baoo Arif Residential Block starts



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore has started construction of the 'Baoo Arif Residential Block' on City Campus. In recognition of his outstanding services for the UVAS, the university named the new block after former President Non-Teaching Staff Association (NTSA) the late Muhammad Arif. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad along with Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani performed the ground-breaking of the residential block. Project Director Mr Shahnwaz Bukhari, NTSA President Naeem Ahmad and staff members were present on the occasion. This project will approximately cost Rs 35 million and it will be completed in one year. The block will have 24 houses. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad directed the Project Director of Building and Works to complete the construction work in time and there should be no compromise on the quality of work.

## Condolence reference for UVAS alumni who passed away recently



Dr. Sher Muhammad



Dr. Muhammad Khalid



Dr. Muhammad Aslam



Dr. Zahoor ul Hassan



Dr. Masood Ahmed



Dr. M. Jameel Akhtar

The UVAS Alumni Association organized a condolence reference in memory of the alumni Dr Sher Muhammad, Dr Muhammad Khalid, Dr Muhammad Aslam, Dr Zahoor ul Hassan, Dr Masood Ahmed and Lt-Col (Retd) Dr Muhammad Jameel Akhtar who passed away recently.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad gave the opening address and paid tribute to the services of the deceased members. He also condoled with the grieved families. UE Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha spoke about some memorable instances he had with the departed alumni.

Dr Muhammad Arshad, Rector RCVS, Lahore, also shared his views with the gathering. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani presented vote of thanks to the audience which includes

family members of the late alumni, deans, chairpersons and directors from UVAS, members of Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council, alumni from Livestock & Dairy Development Departments of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, alumni from Remount Veterinary & Farm Corps of Pakistan Army and some distinguished alumni from the poultry & dairy industry of Pakistan. Also one family member of each departed alumnus was invited to share his/her feelings while online video messages and voice messages from the family members were also shared with the audience.

In the end Dua-e Maghfirat was offered for the late alumni. UVAS Alumni Association General Secretary Prof Dr Kamran Asharaf thanked those attended the reference.



## UVAS inks MoU with UM Enterprises Karachi

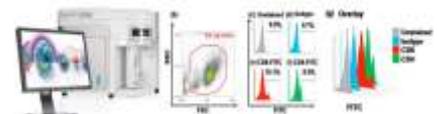


The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore and UM Enterprises Karachi (Diagnostics & Animal Health) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for 'Collaborative Research and Development Activities' in the field of Animal Reproduction. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad and Manager Sales and Services North Pakistan UM

Enterprises Karachi Mr Ahmad Masood Qureshi signed the MoU in a ceremony held at the UVAS City Campus. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that UVAS has always been focusing on the promotion of academia and industry linkages for the uplift of livestock sector to enhance milk and meat production in the country.

## UVAS researchers using flow cytometry technique

The University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences has published its 1st research article using flow cytometry technique for the evaluation of cell-mediated immune responses in bovines entitled "Humoral and cell-mediated immune responses in calves after a live-attenuated vaccine of Babesiabigemina" in Pathogens. Dr Muhammad Suleman, Assistant Professor, UDL, collaborated with Prof Dr Imran Rashid and Dr Haroon Akbar, Dept of Parasitology, to accomplish this aspect of anti-parasitic vaccine project. PARB and HEC provided financial help.



## UVAS signs MoU with Awami Lab

The Institute of Pharmaceutical Science of UVAS and Awami Laboratories Lahore Pakistan signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for co-operation in research, product development, problem solving, skill enhancement, training and internships. IPS Director Dr Tahir Mehmood Khan from UVAS and Chief Executive Officer Dr Irfan Shahid from Awami Laboratories signed the MoU. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said UVAS has always been focusing on the promotion of academia and industry linkages for the development of education and research. Earlier, Dr Tahir Mehmood spoke about the objectives of the cooperation.



## Study shows increase in milk production through genetically selected buffalo bulls

A research study conducted by the scientists from Institute of Biochemistry & Biotechnology (IBBT) of UVAS in collaboration with Cornell University and West Virginia State University, USA, has shown increase in milk production through genetically selected elite buffalo bulls. The researchers chose Nili-Ravi breed superior buffalo bulls how to increase milk production. Researchers from L&DD Dept Punjab and University of Agriculture Faisalabad also collaborated in the project. PARB financially supported the project. Collection of semen doses from these superior bulls and subsequent female offsprings led to increase through genotyping by sequencing in their study aimed at finding a method on in milk production, said Director IBBT Prof. Dr Wasim Shehzad.

## MoU inked to promote training, research on poultry



The Department of Poultry Production of UVAS and Chaudhary Poultry Services (CPS) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to promote education, training and research for the capacity building of students.

Department of Poultry Production Chairman Prof Dr Athar Mahmood and CPS Chief Executive Officer Hafiz Usama Farooq signed the MoU in a ceremony held at the Ravi Campus. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Animal Production and Technology Prof Dr Anjum Khalique, faculty members and CPS officials were present. Under the MOU, the CPS will provide services to the undergraduate and postgraduate students in terms of

paid internships leading to jobs and provision of day old chicks and feed for conducting research projects at UVAS. The CPS will also financially support technical trainings, workshops and national and international conferences organized by the Department of Poultry Production. The UVAS will allow the CPS the utilization of its facilities like labs, lecture rooms and model farms. The university will also provide training and technical sessions for the employees of CPS and interested farmers.

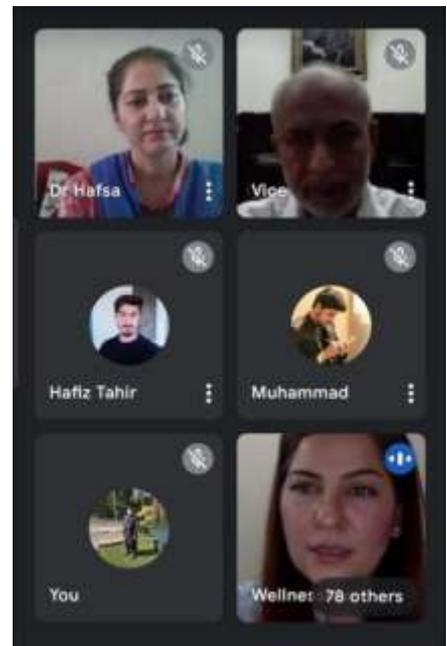
Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor stressed on collaboration with private poultry sector for field orientation and capacity building of students.

## Seminar on 'International Day against Drug Abuse'

The Anti-Drug Tobacco Committee (ADTC) of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore organised an online seminar in connection with 'International Day against Drug Abuse' to create awareness among students about issues related to drugs and strengthen action and cooperation to make the world free of drug abuse.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad presided over the seminar while Director Counseling Program Willing Ways/Founder of Wellnesshive Ms Uzma Sadaqat, Convener Anti Drug and Tobacco Committee/Chairperson Department of Anatomy and Histology Prof Dr Hafsa Zenab, Senior Tutor Dr Ali Raza Awan, Associate Senior Tutor Faiz Rasool and a large number of student proctors joined through video link.

Addressing the seminar participants, Prof Nasim said all UVAS campuses are smoke and drug free. Ms Uzma Sadaqat delivered a motivational lecture to UVAS student proctors to tackle the menace of drug abuse in youth. Prof Dr Hafsa Zenab said that UVAS students/proctors



and teachers are playing their key role in sensitizing the community regarding the harmful effects of drugs to save young generation. Dr Ali Raza Awan said some people use drugs to boost their potential/abilities but drugs made them mentally ill.

## UVAS syndicate approves Rs.2.968 billion budget

The Syndicate of University of Veterinary and Animal Science Lahore approved Rs.2.968 billion budget for the financial year 2021-22 with focus on innovation, applied research, development, improving facilities for quality of education, services and transfer of technology. Chairing the 66th Syndicate meeting, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that focus is on applied research and development projects for further improving the quality of education, research and services at the university. The value of the 88 ongoing research projects is Rs.1.082 billion. Prof Nasim told the meeting that Rs 713.299million have been allocated for development projects. Of the total development allocation, Rs 428.299million will be spent on ongoing projects while Rs.285 million on new projects to be initiated in the financial year 2021-22. The Vice Chancellor said



that Rs.200 million have been allocated for new project "Establishment of UVAS Sub-Campus at Chichawatni", Rs.50 million for new project "Strengthening of Capacity Building Facilities at Para Veterinary Institute, Karor Lal EasonLayyah", Rs.78.3 million for new project establishment of girls and boys hostels in university and Rs.35 million also allocated for new Project "Capacity Building of Dairy Farmers and Industry Stakeholders on Milk Value Chain". Earlier, presenting the budget before the Syndicate, Treasurer Mr Muhammad

Umar said that the university expects non-development income of Rs.2.064 billion from different sources during the year 2021-22 while non-development expenditure is expected at Rs.2.254 billion, so there is a deficit of Rs.190.357 million.

### 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.

## Training on financial & administrative management for livestock officers

The Veterinary Academy of University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore in collaboration with the Livestock and Dairy Development Department (L&DD) Punjab organized a one-month mandatory promotional link training on Financial and Administrative Management for livestock officers from across the Punjab province. Thirty officers participated in the training, which concluded at UVAS Veterinary Academy. Then Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development (L&DD) Department Punjab Capt (Retd) Saqib Zafar chaired the concluding session and distributed shields among the participants. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmed, Additional Secretary (Technical) Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Dr Iqbal Shahid, IVPD Project Director Dr Muhammad Ikram attended the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Livestock



Saqib Zafar advised the trainees to apply in the field their knowledge and experience learnt from this training. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad advised the participants to use their knowledge and skills and create an impact on their professional work while dealing with financial and administrative matters. The objective of the training was to impart advance competencies of administrative, financial communication and leadership skills to the livestock officers.

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