

Accreditation visit of Departments of Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics (PBG) and Plant Pathology at University of Sargodha

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University of Sargodha is a major public sector university in the province of Punjab, Pakistan. It started its journey in 1929 with the establishment of De'Montmorency College, later renamed as Government College which was awarded the University Charter in 2002. With its main campus located in Sargodha city, Agriculture College and Medical College in its suburbs, three institutes, one school, five constituent colleges that came under the 7 faculties of Agriculture, Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Medical & Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Sciences and Social Sciences. The university has 260 affiliated government and private colleges spread across the province and has presently around 24,000 students, 800 faculty members including 300 PhDs in 21 departments.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC as a convener and Dr. Basharat Ali Saleem, Deputy Director Agriculture (Technical), Horticulture Extension, Lahore, Dr. Raheel Anwar, Assistant Professor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Department of PBG, UAF, Dr. Waqas Malik, Associate Professor, Department of PBG, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam Malghani, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of departments of Horticulture, PBG and Plant Pathology at University of Sargodha.

Dr. Farooq Anwar, Director ORIC, University of Sargodha received the guests and welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha chaired the inaugural session and initiated the proceedings by reciting few verses from Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sargodha presented an overview of the university. Mr. Waqar Ahmad Registrar, Dr. Saira Azhar, Director QEC and Chairman of all three departments were present in the inaugural session. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC presented NAEAC activities and highlighted the previous actionable recommendations of each department. Accreditation certificates were distributed among the Chairman of department of Agronomy and Forestry accredited last year by NAEAC.

Afterward, AICs moved to the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about the department working and achievements in terms of student graduation, current faculty position and research projects. AIC's also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the exit meeting, program evaluators and Chairperson NAEAC shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and other officials. Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sargodha thanked NAEAC team for their two days deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by each AIC would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.

