

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (PBG and Soil Science) at University of the Punjab, Lahore

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University of the Punjab, Lahore established the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Currently, there are 10 departments including department of Plant Breeding & Genetics (PBG) and department of Soil Science. In Agricultural Sciences faculty, there are more than 25 faculty members.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FAS), University of the Punjab (PU), Lahore. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Dean, FAS, PU, Lahore welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC.



The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, FAS, PU, Lahore presented an overview of the university and especially emphasized on quality. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC delivered a comprehensive talk on significance and need of accreditation and quality assurance. The speaker emphasized that many institutions are offering agriculture-related degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC is entrusted responsibility by HEC to accredit agriculture and allied disciplines in higher education. Dr. Rajwana illustrated in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also discussed four major criteria including strength & quality of faculty, curriculum design & development, infrastructure & learning resources and students support & progression and three minor criteria including research & consultancy activities, governance & leadership and best practices considered in the accreditation process.



Students and faculty members of the department of PBG and Soil Science attended the seminar. In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, FAS, PU, Lahore thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

