

Chairman HEC inaugurated the Tree Plantation Drive

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed (Hilal-e-Imtiaz), Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum, Executive Director HEC inaugurated "Tree Plantation Drive" at HEC H-8/1, Islamabad on July 25, 2024. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC took an initiative in collaboration with Dr. Umer Habib, Department of Horticulture, Dr. Amir Saleem Mirza, Department of Forestry, Continue on page 5



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July 3, 2024

The establishment of Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (AWKUM) is an act of historical significance by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Being located at the focal point, the area has witnessed the rise and fall of the famous civilizations that inspired the world with the glorious culture and civilized traditions devoted to learning and scholarship. The university has 5 faculties including Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences. AWKUM is offering 65 undergraduate, 26 M.Phil and 18 PhD degree programs. Currently enrolled students is more than 16,000.



Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC, Dr. Ghulam Qadir, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Muhammad Asif Aziz, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Muhammad Abid, Associate Professor, Department of FST, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Imran Hassan, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, FST & Horticulture degree programs and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Dr. Tariq Mahmood, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Wildlife & Fisheries, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Animal Sciences and Fisheries & Aquaculture degree programs at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan. Mr. Zafar Ali, Software Engineer/Web Developer, NAEAC also accompanied the AIC.

Mr. Hassan Khan, Registrar, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM, HoDs and other faculty members of the respective department received and welcomed the NAEAC delegations. The inaugural session was held in the VC Conference Hall where Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain chaired the session and briefed about the university. Later, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC briefed about LOI with GAIN. Further, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented the overview of NAEAC activities including previous visit recommendations.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed



presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were discussed by the respective departmental Heads. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.



Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Horticulture and PBG at Hazara University, Mansehra

July 10, 2024

Hazara University (HU) is the public sector university established under the Act of Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa titled, "Hazara University Act 1997" on 29 April 1997. The then Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa took the bold step of initiating Hazara University activities in 2001 in the old buildings which were vacated from Neuropsychiatry Hospital, Dhodial and Agriculture Department etc. The university consists of 04 faculties and 37 departments including Department of Agriculture. There are more than 400 faculty members including 200 PhDs. Currently enrolled students are more than 12,000. The university have 17 constructed building, 150 classrooms and 100 teaching research labs.



Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC, Dr. Ghulam Qadir, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Department of Horticulture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (currently Member Coord, PARC) and Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, Ex-Member, PSD/CSO, PARC, Islamabad as members conducted accreditation visit of Agronomy, Horticulture and PBG degree programs. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Malik Arshad, Deputy Director Admin & Finance, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.

Prof. Dr. Inamullah, Dean, Faculty of Biological and Health Sciences, Dr. Sajid Ali, HoD, Department of Agriculture, Dr. Munsif Ur Rehman, Lecturer/Secretary of the visit, Hazara University, Mansehra (HUM) received the NAEAC delegation on July 9, 2024. After arrival, NAEAC delegation visited the pheasantry at the Hazara University, Mansehra containing a rich diversity of pheasants and few wild animals including leopard etc. Accreditation visit started on July 10, 2024, Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, HUM along with Prof. Dr. Amanullah, Dean, Faculty of Biological & Health Services, Lt. Cdr (Retd). Dr

Mahmood Khan, Director QEC, HoD and other faculty members welcomed NAEAC and AICs team in the inaugural session which was held in conference room of VC Secretariat. Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, HUM chaired the inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented the overview of NAEAC activities including previous visit recommendations. Dr. Sajid Ali, HoD, Department of Agriculture also presented a brief about the department.



Then AICs moved to relevant sections where detailed presentations of sectional accomplishments as per itinerary were discussed by the respective departmental Heads. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz, Vice Chancellor, HUM chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Mohsan Nawaz thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.



Accreditation Visit of Agronomy, Environmental Science, Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Molecular Genetics and Plant Pathology at University of Poonch, Rawalakot (UPR)

August 08, 2024

The University of Poonch is a public university located in Rawalakot, Azad Jammu Kashmir, Pakistan. The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) has 3 different campuses: The main campus in Rawalakot, the Kahuta campus and the Mong campus. Currently, the main campus has 6 faculties including of Faculty of Agriculture and more than 25 departments. According to THE ranking 2023 university fall within 401-600 for 3 SGDs. In the QS Asian University Ranking UPR is at 143.



Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Ghulam Qadir, Department of Agronomy, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (AAUR), Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Institute of Food and Nutritional Sciences, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Imran Hassan, Department Horticulture, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, Ex-Member, PSD/CSO, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad, Dr. Amjad Shahzad Goundal, Department of Plant Pathology, BZU, Multan as members conducted accreditation visit of Agronomy, Environmental Science, Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Molecular Genetics and Plant Pathology degree programs at UPR

Prof. Dr. Nasir Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UPR, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Awan, Director QEC, UPR, Dr. Imtiaz Hussain, Controller Examination, UPR, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr.

Dr. Abdul Rauf, Registrar, UPR chaired the inaugural session where Dr. M. Amjad, Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences, UPR briefed the AICs about the accomplishments of UPR. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared NAEAC criteria for degree program evaluation along with the significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to respective departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After lunch and prayer break the accreditation process continued. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



In the exit meeting of the visit, held at Committee Room of VC office the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Registrar, Deans, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Registrar/Dean, Faculty of Basic & Applied Sciences, UPR thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to enhance the standard of education and to ensure the skills of the graduates. Before returning to Islamabad a very short recreational tour of Banjosa Lake was arranged by UPR where delegates witnessed the man made beautiful lake at the site. It is a very good picnic point.



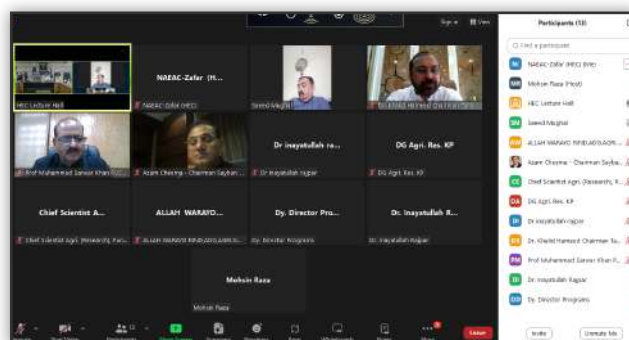
National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Board approved the Work Plan and Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-25

August 13, 2024

National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Board approved the Annual Work Plan and Budget for the Fiscal year 2024-25. The 23rd Council Board meeting was held on August 13, 2024 at Lecture Hall, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad. After recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson, NAEAC formally welcomed all members attending the meeting in-person/online. After a brief introduction of all participants, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman HEC formally inaugurated the 23rd NAEAC Council Board meeting. He emphasized that councils should work with HEIs to improve the quality of education in HEIs across the country by following HEC policies in true letter and spirit. He also advised to issue a circular to all HEIs stating that non-accredited institution's degree would not be attested after some (1-2) years. Earlier, Chairperson NAEAC briefed the audience regarding the accomplishments of last fiscal year and challenges faced by NAEAC. After the inaugural session, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Council Secretary presented the agenda items in a phased manner. Council members approved all agenda items after thorough discussion including accreditation rating of different programs of

various universities awarded in last fiscal year (2023-24), annual work plan and budget for the year 2024-25.

Lastly, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC thanked all the members for the participation and valuable suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of accreditation of agriculture and allied education in different HEIs across Pakistan. At the end a modest lunch was offered to all participants at HEC Cafeteria.



Agri Scientists appointed as Members of Board of Trustees of Pakistan Science Foundation

August 30, 2024

The President Islamic Republic of Pakistan appointed following 3 scientists from Agriculture field along with other members from different disciplines as members of Board of Trustees (BoT) of Pakistan Science Foundation for the period of 3 years with immediate effect. Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of Pakistan, Notification No. 1(7)/2023-PSF, dated 30th August, 2024,

1. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson, NAEAC
2. Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Department of Plant Pathology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi
3. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Director, Institute of Agriculture Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore

This is a great honor for the agricultural scientists and University Professors.

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PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Mr. Waqas Malghani, Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA), Rawalpindi and Mr. Tahir Khan, Muhammad Sabir Junagadh Wala Welfare Foundation (MSJWF) to enhance green matrix area at the HEC Complex. About one thousand saplings were planted in July & August 2024. This will help to cope with changing climate conditions in Islamabad.



Accreditation Certificates Distribution Ceremonies at different HEIs

NAEAC accredited different Programs during fiscal year 2023-24 and accreditation certificates were dispatched to Director QEC the request to award there certificates to concerned HoD/Chairman by the worthy Vice Chancellor in a simple but dignified ceremony. Some institutes/HEIs held these ceremonies whose glimpse are shared below:



PMAS AAUR



BAC, Quetta



UVAS Ravi Campus, Pattoki



CUVAS, Bahawalpur



KFUEIT, Rahim Yar Khan



UCP, Lahore