

The Global Plant Council (GPC) is a global coalition of plant science research organizations. The GPC's goal is to promote plant science across borders and disciplines and to highlight its importance and impact on society. Started in 2009, the GPC supports plant scientists and anyone who has an interest in plant science, providing access to the wider plant science community and the public. The GPC provides an independent and inclusive forum, via social media, a newsletter, and scicomm webinars and other activities, to bring together those involved in plant research, training, and education. For further information please visit website: [www.globalplantcouncil.org](http://www.globalplantcouncil.org)

**Editor in Chief**  
**Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan**  
Chairperson, NAEAC  
Former-Vice Chancellor/Former-Pro Vice Chancellor  
PMAS - Arid Agriculture University,  
Rawalpindi

**Editor**  
**Dr. Abdul Ghaffar**  
Secretary

**Assistant Editor**  
**Malik Arshad**  
Deputy Director Admin & Finance

**Composer and Designer**  
**Zafar Ali**  
Software Engineer

**Email**  
[infonaeac@hec.gov.pk](mailto:infonaeac@hec.gov.pk)

**Website**  
[www.naeac.org](http://www.naeac.org)  
<https://twitter.com/NAEAC1>  
<https://www.facebook.com/naeac.official>

**Address:**  
14-016, N-Block,  
Higher Education Commission  
H-8/1, Islamabad, Pakistan  
Office: 051-90802680-82



# NAEAC

## e-Newsletter

Nov - Dec 2023 | Vol 5, Issue 3



<b>1<sup>st</sup> Region-wise Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators at The University of Agriculture- Peshawar</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Quality Assurance &amp; Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND at Royal College- Gujranwala</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Accreditation visit of Agriculture &amp; Allied degree Programs at BZU-Multan and 4<sup>th</sup> Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition &amp; Dietetics degree Programs at Iqra University- Karachi</b>	<b>09</b>

## 1<sup>st</sup> Region-wise Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators at The University of Agriculture- Peshawar

**November 2, 2023**

NAEAC was established in 2005 with the mission to improve the standard and quality of agriculture and allied education based on established policies, procedures and criteria prescribed by HEC to meet emerging challenges of knowledge economy. One of the function of the council is to develop and update the roster of program evaluators/subject experts. Since 2007-08, council has been maintaining the roster that consists of experts of more than 16 disciplines of Agriculture.



Four training workshops were conducted in 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2017 in which about 120 evaluators participated. The new Chairman, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan took an initiative to expand the program evaluators pool in each discipline of Agriculture and Allied Sciences. The public/private sector universities and research departments were requested to nominate senior teachers/researchers for participation in accreditation process as and when required. Consequently, NAEAC received more than 400 nominations across the country. It was difficult to accommodate/manage one training workshop at Islamabad. Hence it was decided that region wise training workshop may be arranged. In this regard, first region-wise workshop was arranged at The University of Agriculture, Peshawar on November 2, 2023. Four training modules were prepared as follows:

- Quality assurance and accreditation process of NAEAC.
- Program evaluation criteria/standards/sub-criteria (Tool kit).
- Introduction of Agriculture Accreditation Automation System (AAAS).
- Roles and responsibilities of Program Evaluators, SWOT analysis and AIC report writing.

Fifty four new program evaluators representing different disciplines of Agriculture and Allied Sciences from UAP, AWKU Mardan, BKU Charsadda and PFI, Peshawar participated in the training workshop.

The training workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Ahamd-Ur-Rahman Saljoqi, Dean, Faculty of Crop Protection Sciences, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar (UAP) and concluding session was graced by the Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht, Vice Chancellor, UAP. The Vice Chancellor appreciated this initiative and emphasized



that this type of training will not only facilitate the NAEAC but also add in quality education in the respective institutions. Accreditation certificates were distributed among HoDs/Chairman Department of Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology, Horticulture and Plant Pathology accredited during the last fiscal year. At the end the participants were served a modest lunch sponsored by NAEAC.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Region-wise Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators at PMAS- Arid Agriculture University- Rawalpindi.

**November 8, 2023**

The second region wise training workshop for newly nominated program evaluators was arranged on November 8, 2023 at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR). The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, PMAS-AAUR. The trainers included Chairperson, Secretary and IT Coordinator NAEAC. Four training modules were prepared and discussed in detail as below:

- Quality assurance and accreditation process of NAEAC.
- Program evaluation criteria/standards/sub-criteria (Tool kit).
- Introduction of Agriculture Accreditation Automation System (AAAS).
- Roles and responsibilities of Program Evaluators, SWOT analysis and AIC report writing.

About forty nominated program evaluators from PMAS-AAUR, University of Swabi, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), Islamabad



ad, National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi, The University of Haripur, National Agriculture Research Centre, Islamabad and Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi participated. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR graced the concluding session and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC to improve the quality of education across the country. In the end accreditation certificates were distributed among HoD/Chairman Department of Agricultural Extension and Plant Pathology accredited during last fiscal year. Furthermore a working lunch was served at the end of training workshop.



## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Dietetics and Nutritional Science degree Program at University of Sialkot

**November 15, 2023**

University of Sialkot (USKT) was established in 2018. It is the first provincial chartered private sector university in Sialkot region with the vision that aspires academic excellence and quality research by developing culture of creativity and innovation with focus on social and cultural values. It has produced more than 5000 graduates including 300 graduates in Dietetics and Nutritional Science (DNS) who are serving in the various public and private sector Dietetics and Nutritional related organizations in and outside the country. The annual intake in the institute has been kept at a level of 50-75 students to ensure quality of education, training and research. The infrastructure of the university is well-established and enforced with well-equipped laboratories, up-to-date library and well-trained qualified academic staff.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr.

Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Dr. Kashif Sarfraz, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Department of Dietetics and Nutritional Science (DNS) degree program at University of Sialkot.



Mr. Hamza Jan, Deputy Director QEC/Focal person and Mr. Furqan Ali, Assistant Director, QEC received the AIC team on November 14, 2023 evening. Ms. Sadia Ashraf, Director QEC, Dr. Rehamt Gul Khilji, Assistant Professor and the faculty of DNS received and welcomed NAEAC AIC team on November 15, 2023. Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, Registrar USKT briefed the AIC team about the mission, objectives, structure and salient achievements of USKT in research, short trainings and education. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC through a presentation shared the accreditation standards and sub criteria besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

Dr. Rahamt Gul, Assistant Professor, DNS delivered a detailed presentation on the important features of education system at University of Sialkot. After the presentation, student interaction was held to know the regularity of teaching staff and conduction of practicals. Students were also inquired about hospitals visited within last month. AIC visited DNS infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, hostels, sports facilities and examination hall. After the lunch and prayer the AIC committee held interaction with individual regular faculty members to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. A review of the curriculum was also carried out. The committee inspected the lecture schedules, examination schedules, results and other teaching related documentation.



In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluator/expert shared his observations with Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, Registrar, Prof. Dr. Aslam Dar, Dean Inter-Faculty, Ms. Sadia Ashraf, Director QEC and Prof. Dr. Tanvir Ali Shyrvani, Dean, Allied Health Sciences and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Aslam Dar thanked NAEAC team for their inspection visit, presented shields/souvenir to the AIC members and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to enhance the competence of our graduates.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND at Royal College- Gujranwala

**November 16, 2023**

Royal College Gujranwala is a private institute and has started BS HND from Fall 2022. It is affiliated with Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF).

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for HND at Royal College, Gujranwala. Ms. Amna Butt, Principal, Ms. Saliha Butt, Vice Principal, Dr. Hafsa Naseem, HoD of Nutrition Department, Dr. Farah Zulfikar and Dr. Warda, Royal College, Gujranwala received and welcomed the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC. Dr. Hafsa Naseem and Dr. Farah Zulfikar presented a brief overview of the institution including infrastructure about Human Nutrition & Dietetics department.



The seminar was started with recitation of Holy Quran by Ms. Ayesha Irfan (student of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester), Naat by Ms. Wajiha (student of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester). Later the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. He emphasized that agriculture and Food Science share a common entry point "food" and food is a key outcome of agriculture activities. He also discussed that many institutions are offering agriculture and allied 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. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 subcriteria and impact of accreditation on quality improvement through the accreditation data of last 14 years. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed in length to their satisfaction.

The seminar was attended by the college management, HoD, all faculty members and students of Human Nutrition and Dietetics. Seminar was ended with a vote of thanks by the management and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.





## Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at MNSUA-Multan and 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators

**November 20-21, 2023**

Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM) is public sector university chartered in 2013. The MNSUAM main campus is located at Old Shujabad Road in Multan. The main campus comprises 180 acres of land. The university also has a research and outreach station spanning 500 acres at Jalalpur Pirwala. The university offers 60 undergraduate and postgraduate programs and the current enrollment is about 7000. There are 5 faculties having 150 faculty members, most of them are PhD from various technologically advanced countries.



Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Arshad Mahmood Malik, Chairman, Department of Economics, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Samrah Masud, Associate Prof. BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman, Department of Food Safety & Quality Management, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Irfan Anwar, Chairman, Department of Pathobiology, BZU, Multan, Prof (Retd). Dr. Hafeez Ahmad Sadaqat, Department of PBG, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as member conducted accreditation visit of Agricultural Economics, Fisheries & Aquaculture, HND, Poultry Science, Seed Science & Technology degree programs and Dr. Muhammad Zafar-ul-Hye Gondal, Chairman, Department of Soil Science conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree program at MNSUA-Multan.



Prof. Dr. M. Hammad Nadeem Tahir, Director, QEC, MNSUAM

received NAEAC and AICs team on November 19, 2023. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, MNSUAM chaired the inaugural session held in VC office on November 20, 2023 and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On November 21, 2023, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. 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 end, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, TI, Vice Chancellor, MNSUAM chaired the concluding session on November 21, 2023 where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Dean, HoDs and other faculty members beside Executive Committee members of the university (online). Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, TI, VC, thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates. In this session, accreditation certificates were distributed among HoD/Chairman Department of Agricultural Biotechnology and Plant Pathology accredited during last fiscal year.

Furthermore, third region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at MNSUAM on November 22, 2023 afternoon. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor, MNSUAM. Forty four nominated program evaluators from MNSUAM and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan participated. Prof. Dr. Ish-tiaq A. Rajwana, Ex-Chairperson, NAEAC chaired the concluding session and distributed the training participation certificates among the trainee and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC for conducting region-wise training.





## Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at BZU-Multan and 4<sup>th</sup> Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators

**November 22-23, 2023**

The University College of Agriculture was established in Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan in 1989 with major subjects related to the Agricultural Education. Later on, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology was established in 2012 with the 10 major departments of Agriculture (Agronomy, Horticulture, Soil Science, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Entomology, Food Science & Technology, Forestry & Range Management, Plant Pathology, Agri. Business & Marketing and Agricultural Engineering). The Department of Food Sciences and Technology was upgraded with an independent Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition in 2022 with four departments (FST, HND, Dairy Technology and Food Safety & Quality Management). Faculty of Veterinary Sciences is also working as an independent faculty.



Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM), Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Nuzhat Huma, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, UAF, Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, UVAS, Lahore, Dr. Nasir Mukhtar, HoD, Department of Poultry Science, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of Entomology, FST, HND and Poultry Science degree programs while Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, MNSUAM and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Science Institute, NARC and Secretary NAEAC as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture Business & Marketing and Dairy Technology degree programs at BZU, Multan.

Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Sciences and Nutrition, BZU, Multan received NAEAC and AICs team on November 21, 2023. Inaugural session was held on November 22, 2023 at VC office. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Uzair, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Acting Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan chaired the inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor University of Layyah and Chairman Administrative Committee, Faculty of Agriculture BZU, Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Sciences and

Nutrition, Prof. Dr. Masood Akhtar, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Agronomy and Agriculture Business and Marketing along with the all administrative head and focal persons of the concerned departments attended the inaugural session. Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar gave a detailed presentation of the Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC also briefed the participants about the new steps taken by the NAEAC.



Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, poultry farms, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On November 23, 2023, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. 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 end, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah (S.I.), Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan chaired the concluding session on November 23, 2023 where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by QEC, Dean, HoDs and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah (S.I.), VC, thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates. In this session, accreditation certificates were





distributed among the HoD/Chairman Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, PBG and Soil Science accredited during last fiscal year.

Furthermore, 4<sup>th</sup> region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at BZU, Multan on November 23, 2023. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Sciences and Nutrition. About forty five nominated program evaluators from BZU, Multan and University of Layyah participated. Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor University of Layyah and Chairman Administrative Committee chaired the concluding session and distributed the training participation certificates to the trainee and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC.

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND at Royal Institute of Medical Sciences-Multan

**November 24, 2023**

Royal Institute of Medical Sciences- Multan is a private institute affiliated with Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF). The institute consists of 18 kanals. BS Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program started in 2022 and total students enrolled in the program are 18.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for HND at Royal Institute of Medical Sciences, Multan. Prof. Dr. Nisar Ur Rehman, Dean Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, RIMS, Multan and Dr. Syed Muhammad Ilyas Shah, HoD HND, RIMS, Multan received and welcomed the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC. Prof. Dr. Nisar Ur Rehman, Dean Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, RIMS, Multan presented a brief overview of the institution covering infrastructure and different activities performed by the students of HND department.

The seminar was started with recitation of Holy Quran. Later the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. He emphasized that agriculture and food science share a common entry point "food" and food is a

key outcome of agriculture activities. He also discussed that many institutions are offering agriculture and allied 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. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 criteria and 73 subcriteria and impact of accreditation on quality improvement through the accreditation data of last 14 years. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed in length to their satisfaction.



The seminar was attended by the Dean, HoD, institute administration, all faculty members and students of HND department. Seminar was ended with a vote of thanks by the management and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education. After the seminar infrastructure (classrooms, labs and faculty offices) were visited.



## Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied Degree Programs at Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS)-Bahawalpur

**November 27-28, 2023**

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS)-Bahawalpur was established in March, 2018 after realizing the immense need for professionals in the field of Livestock Sector. Total 1000 acre land was allocated to CUVAS-Bahawalpur on July 01, 2010. Currently, there are 3 faculties offering 15 undergraduate programs. Currently enrolled students in the university are 2800. CUVAS has 86 faculty members among them 70% are PhDs.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Dr. Abdul Waheed, Associate Professor/Chairman, Department of Livestock and Poultry Production, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman, Department of Food Safety & Quality Management, BZU, Multan and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as members conducted accreditation visit of three undergraduate degree programs Animal Sciences, Food Science & Technology and Poultry Science.



Prof. Dr. Faiz-ul-Hassan, Dean, Faculty of Animal Production & Technology (FAPT), Dr. Rana Muhammad Bilal, Director QEC and Dr. Kashif Akram, Associate Prof., Department of Food Science & Technology (FST) received the guests on November 26, 2023. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS, Bahawalpur along with other team members formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team on November 27, 2023 at VC Secretariat. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS, Bahawalpur chaired the inaugural session in the syndicate room and Dr. Kashif Akram, Chairman, Department of FST, CUVAS, Bahawalpur shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC through a presentation shared the previous AICs recommendation, accreditation standards and sub standards besides the importance and significance of accreditation. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Khan requested the NAEAC team to complete accreditation visit within the same day because he will be busy in the next day with other official work.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, poultry farms/livestock farms and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment



in the departments. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. 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. The university also arranged a visit of historical place (Noor Mahal) before dinner.

The program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS Bahawalpur at dinner. In this session, Prof. Dr. Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Faiz-ul Hassan, Dean FAPT, Dr. Rana Muhammad Bilal, Director QEC with their team members, Registrar, Controller, HoDs and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Khan 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 and to expand the skills of the graduates.



## Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied Degree Programs at University of Layyah

**November 29, 2023**

The College of Agriculture was established as BZU, Bahadur-Sub Campus Layyah in 2012 with 03 major subjects of Agriculture (Agronomy, Horticulture and Entomology). The sub campus was officially declared as University of Layyah in Fall 2022. Since the establishment of the College of Agriculture has produced more than 700 Agriculture graduates who are working in public and private sector. The annual intake in college has been limited to nearly 130 seats to maintain the standard of education and research.





Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, BZU Multan, Prof. Dr. Sajjad Hussain, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan, Dr. Muhammad Binyameen, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, BZU, Multan conducted the accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology and Horticulture degree programs.



Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor, University of Layyah, Dr. Umbreen Shehzad, Principal College of Agriculture, HoDs and faculty members received and welcomed the NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor chaired the inaugural session where Dr. Umbreen Shehzad, Principal, College of Agriculture shared the accomplishments of the College of Agriculture and the university with team members. Later Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC gave a detailed presentation about working of NAEAC and various standards and subcriteria to evaluate a program. He also shared the previous AIC recommendations.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of department achievements as per itinerary were shared by relevant HoDs. 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 the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and student exam results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction. AICs and NAEAC team also visited main campus at Hafizabad under construction.



In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor, University of Layyah, Principal, College of Agriculture, HoDs and faculty members. Prof. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor thanked the NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visits and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be considered to improve the education standards at the College of Agriculture, University of Layyah.

## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Hamdard University- Karachi

**December 26, 2023**

Hamdard University is a private research university with campuses in Karachi and Islamabad, Pakistan. It was founded in 1991 by the renowned philanthropist Hakim Said of the Hamdard Foundation. Hamdard is one of the first and the oldest private institutions of higher education in Pakistan. In Karachi, Hamdard University is the largest private research university with a campus area of over 350 acres. There are 07 faculties with 05 campuses.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Saima Saleem, Dr. A. Q. Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, University of Karachi and Prof. Dr. Rubina Hakeem, HoD, Department of Nutrition, Ziauddin University, Karachi as members conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Biotechnology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs at Hamdard University, Karachi.



Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman, Department of Applied Sciences, Hamdard University, Karachi received the guests and AICs team. First AICs team along with Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, visited the Mazar (Mouslim) of Hakim Muhammad Said, the founder of Hamdard University and offered Surah Fateha. After that moved to Vice Chancellor office where Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan, Vice Chancellor, HU, Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan chaired the inaugural session and presented the salient achievements of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of the accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant Chairpersons/HoDs. 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, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. 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 concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with the Vice-Chancellor, Hamdard University, Karachi. In this session, Dean, Faculty of Engineering Sciences & Technology, Registrar, Chairpersons and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan 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 and to expand the skills of the graduates.



## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree Programs at Iqra University- Karachi

**December 28, 2023**

Iqra University (IU) is one of the leading private-sector university in Pakistan. The university inception occurred in 1998 and was chartered by the Government of Sindh vide Sindh Government

Ordinance No.VI of 2000. The university has earned its name and fame in national and international ranks through best educational practices and stringent quality measures, evident by its placement among the top universities worldwide by the QS and Times Higher Education agencies. In addition, IU is placed in the highest HEC university category of W4. The university is well-equipped with qualified faculty members, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, professional administration and a current student count of more than 15,000 students.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Shahina Naz, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Karachi. Syed Ali Raza, Director Academics, Mr. Yousuf Jamil, Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masroor, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences and Dr. Tooba Mehfooz, Head of the Nutrition and Dietetics program received and welcomed the guest and AIC team. The visit started with the presentation given by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Masroor, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences regarding the attributes and major achievements of Iqra University, Karachi. After the briefing, Dr. Tooba Mehfooz presented on the distinguishing aspects of the Human Nutrition and Dietetics program being offered at the campus and constant up-grading for the best educational experiences for all the students. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

AIC visited the 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





two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluator/expert shared her observations with the Campus Director. In this session Director QEC, Dean, HoD and faculty members were also present. Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza, Director Academics, 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 and to expand the skills of the graduates.



## Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Food Science & Technology degree Program at Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology- Karachi

**December 29, 2023**

Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology is an Engineering University of Science and Technology (SSUET) founded in 1994, has grown phenomenally featuring distinctive strengths in both education and research. Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology is spiritually associated to Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India. The role of Muslim University Aligarh in the process of uplift and well-being of the Muslims of the subcontinent, stands in bold relief in the annals of history. Having a strong commitment and enthusiasm in advancing knowledge, SSUET remains a platform for superiority in teaching, learning, research and administration, utilizing state-of-the-art information technology that contributes to the globally holistic training of brushing of well-trained graduates who are poised to compete.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman, Department of Applied Sciences, Hamdard University, Karachi as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Food Science and Technology degree program at Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amir, Dean, Faculty of Electrical and Com-

puter Engineering, Engr. Dr. Sidra Abid Syed, Chairperson, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Dr. Bushra Jabeen Mehdi, Associate Professor (Program Coordinator), Food Science & Technology program received the guests. Prof. Dr. Vali-ud-din, Vice Chancellor, SSUET, Karachi along with other team members formally welcomed NAEAC and AIC team at VC Secretariat. Vice Chancellor, SSUET chaired the inaugural session in the conference room and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amir, Dean Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SSUET shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.



AIC moved to the department where detailed presentation of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by the HoD, Engr. Dr. Sidra Abid Syed. AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course files were checked for their contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

The program evaluator/expert shared his observations with Prof. Dr. Vali-ud-din, Vice Chancellor, SSUET, Karachi at lunch. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aamir, Dean Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SSUET, Engr. Dr. Muhammad Rehan, Director QEC, Director QEC, Registrar, Controller and HoD were present. Prof. Dr. Vali-ud-din, Vice Chancellor, SSUET, Karachi thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.



## Congratulations to Prof. Dr. Ijaz Rasool Noorka on publication of Book “The Food Security, Biodiversity and Climate Nexus” by Springer

Prof. Dr. Ijaz Rasool Noorka, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha. He is among the Editors of the book published by Springer entitled “The Food Security, Biodiversity, and Climate Nexus”. For further details: [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-12586-7\\_1#citeas](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-12586-7_1#citeas)

