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We are more than ecstatic to share with you the extended volume of our e-news letter for the second, third and fourth quarter of the year 2019-2020. This extended volume is being delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As well are cognizant of fact that this global pandemic has had inimical repercussions on our daily life as well as our Educational activities.

Council carried out a number of activities including accreditation visits, training of departmental focal persons, virtual accreditation of various institutes and virtual meeting of council. The details of these activities are mentioned in this issue.

Any and all recommendations for the amelioration of the e-newsletter would be greatly appreciated.

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## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Sub-Campus Depalpur, Okara

October 14, 2019



The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad has been striving to revolutionize agriculture by providing skilled and professional manpower to this sector. UAF sub-campus Depalpur, Okara following the footprints to accomplish the mission of UAF. Okara district needs precision agriculture to take farming to the next level. The sub-campus has a spacious building with a spectacular view of citrus gardens along the bank of Lower Bari Doab Canal (LBDC).

Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) under the convenership of Chairperson NAEAC Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana

visited the departments of Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Soil Science and Plant Breeding & Genetics. AICs visited the campus, labs, library and held meetings with faculty and students. Team eulogized the indefatigable efforts of Principal Dr. Tariq Aziz and his team to uplift and reinvigorate the image of sub-campus. AICs recommended training of faculty members as regular part of academic activities, library should be strengthened by purchasing more books and journals, internet facility must be enhanced along with development of experimental research area.

### Review Meeting-MNS University Agriculture, Multan

October 15, 2019



MNS-University of Agriculture, started its academic activities in 2012. During the short period of its existence, the University has made rapid progress in terms of expansion of its academic programs, students enrolment, infrastructure and hiring of experienced academic and administrative staff. The University has established agricultural farms at the main campus as well as at Jalalpur Pirwala comprising 500 acres of land.

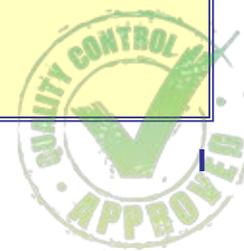
A review meeting was held at MNS University of Agriculture Multan jointly headed by Dr. Nadia Tahir MD Quality Assurance

Agency HEC and Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana Chairperson NAEAC.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Asif Ali received the team and briefed about the activities of the university. Later on the HoDs of each department presented and highlighted the improvements made since last visit of NAEAC team (2017-2018).

Review committee meticulously reviewed the performance of four Departments (Agronomy, Soil & Environmental Sciences, Entomology and Plant Breeding & Genetics.) based on the recommendations of previous AIC.

Review team also visited various departments of the university as well as research fields. The review committee suggested that there is a need to design strategic plan with well-defined operational targets, Industry-academia linkages need further improvement, and students should be encouraged to use library facilities. Faculty members should be exhorted to be involved in research activities aimed at solving farmers/industry problems.



## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-MNS University of Agriculture, Multan

October 16 2019.



Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) were formed by NAEAC comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana Chairperson NAEAC as convener These AICs visited Departments of Agri Economics, Agri Business, Plant Pathology and Agri. Biotechnology. HoDs of concerned departments apprised about the structure and working of their departments. The committee had a comprehensive briefing and visit of relevant departments.

During concluding meeting the members of the committee notified about their remarks and the vice chancellor thanked

the NAEAC Team for their visit and welcomed the suggestions put forward by the committee and furthermore assured that he and his team will leave no stone unturned for efficacious implementation of the propositions. Program evaluators urged that usage of digital library should be encouraged and existing library must be strengthened, the faculty members should be encouraged for Post Doctorate .There is need to establish one Green house for specific research purpose and to avoid environmental effects.

## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-Faculty of Agriculture, BZU Sub Campus Bahadur, Layyah

October 21, 2019

In order to equip the people from remote areas with research and higher studies, Bahadur Sub-Campus of Bahauddin Zakariya University was established at Layyah under the direction of the Chief Minister of Punjab in the year 2012. Layyah is one of those areas which is rich in human resource and blessed with one of the highest literacy rates among the districts of the Southern Punjab.

Accreditation Inspection Committee visited the Departments

of Plant Pathology and Plant Breeding & Genetics. Dr. Hassan Bucha Campus Director and Principal Dr. Ejaz welcomed the team later Chairmen of concerned departments briefed about the noteworthy achievements of their departments. AIC recommended to strengthen the Library by purchasing more HEC recommended books & journals, the facility of Glasshouse, Greenhouse, Growth Chamber should be established for proper experimentation. Faculty need to be further strengthened with the induction of senior members.





## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-UAF Sub Campus, Burewala October 22, 2019



District Vehari is one of the most important district of the Punjab Province in terms of Agriculture. Keeping in view the importance of agriculture in this region, Government of the Punjab established a sub-campus of University of Agriculture, Faisalabad in Burewala-Vehari. Initially the sub-campus started its services at Regional Agricultural Economic Development Centre (RAEDC) Vehari. Later on the classes were shifted in newly constructed building in February 2016.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees visited Departments of Plant Breeding & Genetics, Entomology and Food Science & Technology to carry out zero visit of accreditation academic process HoDs briefed about the progress. The Committee lauded the efforts made by Principal Dr. Sajid Nadeem and his team ameliorating the campus. The committee also put forth some suggestions for further up-gradation like induction of senior faculty for academic strengthening the campus and for effective running of the program. Faculty development should be prioritized by sending the existing faculty for Post Doc



and other training programs, Committee further added that the conferences at national and international level should be organized in the sub-campus.

## Follow-up Accreditation visit-Department of Agriculture, University of Haripur November 04, 2019



NAEAC constituted five Accreditation Inspection Committees to visit departments of Entomology, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Horticulture, Agronomy and Food Science & Technology. The Vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Anwar-Ul-Hassan Gilani welcomed NAEAC team and briefed about the history of the University.



AICs visited the classrooms, labs, library, farm area and held meetings with faculty and students. Team had a very positive and constructive discussion with Vice chancellor and his Team and panegyricized their efforts towards the improvement of the University particularly the department of Agriculture. NAEAC

team urged to strengthen the library by purchasing more HEC recommended books and journals, the senior and qualified faculty members shall be encouraged to submit research projects to different funding agencies. It was also suggested that high achievers amongst the faculty should be recognized and rewarded for better productivity.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar- Hamdard University, Karachi

November 12, 2019

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC, Pakistan, delivered a Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar in the department of Food Science and Technology on 12th November 2019, at the Conference room of Faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology (FEST), Hamdard University, Madinat-al-Hikmah, Karachi, Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Shabib-ul-Hasan, Vice Chancellor, Hamdard University and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwaar Manzar (TI), Dean FEST welcomed the Chairman NAEAC at Bait al-Hikmah, Hamdard

University. After the meeting, the Chairperson NAEAC visited the Idara-e-Said. Mr. Azhar Dilshad highlighted various areas of the City of Education, Science, and Culture. Chairperson NAEAC praised Hamdard University for their hospitality and predicted it as possible future leader in agriculture education in Karachi, especially in Food Science and Technology. The seminar was attended by the faculty and students.





## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-Dadabhoj Institute of Higher Education, Karachi

November 13, 2019

The Dadabhoj Institute of Higher Education (DIHE) was established in 2003, and received its charter as a degree awarding institute from the Government of Sindh, Pakistan through an act of Sindh Assembly.

NAEAC Accreditation Inspection Committee conducted pre accreditation zero visit of department of Food Science & Technology DIHE Karachi Dean of Science, Prof. Dr. Saad A. Khan received guests. Accreditation Inspection Committee proposed that experienced Food science experts should be hired as faculty member, faculty must be encouraged to develop projects and submit to the various funding agencies. Library to be strengthened with provision of HEC recommended books.



## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-University of Sindh, Jamshoro

November 14, 2019



Jamshoro is virtually the gate-way to the Indus Valley, now world famous for its civilization and rich cultural heritage, situated about 18 kilometers from Hyderabad on the right bank of River Indus. The University of Sindh, was constituted under the University of Sindh Act. No-XVII of 1947 passed by the Legislative Assembly of Sindh.

NAEAC Accreditation Inspection committee under the convenership of Prof, Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana Chairperson NAEAC conducted an accreditation visit of Department of Food Science & Technology. NAEAC team was warmly welcomed by the Vice

Chancellor Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat and Prof. Dr. Naseem Aslam Channa and briefed about the activities of the university. Later on the AIC team visited the relevant department. Accreditation team advised to motivate the faculty to write research projects as it is necessary for their personal as well as Department's growth. It was also suggested that students should be encouraged to make use of library and at the same time more books should be purchased.

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar- Sub-Campus, Umarkot, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam.

November 15, 2019

Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam Sub-Campus Umarkot is its first constituent sub campus. The Sub-Campus is located in Umarkot city. The aim was to provide opportunities to local agro based population and to develop a research environment in agriculture for the rural youth of Sindh Province. To simulate the intellectual participation of youth in the agriculture and professional development of Sindh.

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana Chairperson NAEAC was received by Campus Director Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad Murree who expressed his gratitude for the visit and stated that this seminar has been very beneficial for the faculty as well the students and has helped them to get first-hand information about the accreditation procedure.

After an exhaustive lecture on need and benefits of the accreditation process. Q&A session was held. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq



A. Rajwana thoroughly answered the queries of the students and faculty.

## Second Round Accreditation Visit-Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam

November 18-19, 2019

After the commissioning of the Sukkur Barrage in 1932, the need for an institution of agricultural education exclusively for Sindh was felt exigent. Thus, an Agriculture College associated with Agriculture Research Institute was established at Sakrand in District Nawabshah in 1939-40, and named as the King George-V Institute of Agriculture. With the advent of Kotri barrage in 1955, the Government of Sindh under a comprehensive plan shifted the college to Tando Jam in 1955 with added facilities of land, buildings and staff which was later evolved as Agriculture University in 1977.

To conduct the accreditation visit of Sindh University of Agriculture Tandojam. NAEAC constituted five AICs. These AICs visited departments of Plant Pathology, Plant Protection, Entomology, Agri.Economics & Agri. Extension. AICs visited the library, classrooms, playgrounds, labs and held meetings with faculty and students.

The AICs in an informal session with the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mujeeb-ud-din Sahrai Memon applauded the efforts he and his team is doing to provide the research & development facilities to the students and faculty members.



They suggested that in order to carry out advanced research activities more equipment must be purchased and library should be strengthened. Regular trainings of the faculty should be conducted in order to enhance their performance and capacity. The faculty should be facilitated to attend workshops & seminars at national and international levels.



## Follow-up Accreditation Visit-Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Agriculture College, Dokri

November 20, 2019

Shaheed Z.A. Bhutto Agriculture College is the constituent College of Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam. It started working in 1991 and so far has produced 15 Batches of graduates in Agriculture. It offers a four year B.Sc. (Hons.) degree in Agriculture. The college was formerly situated in the old buildings of Rice Research Institute at Dokri. It was shifted to its present buildings located at Muhrabpur link road in 1998.

NAEAC Team visited SZAB Agriculture College to conduct accreditation visit of three departments of Plant Pathology, Entomology and Plant Protection. The team was welcomed by Principal Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Magsi and briefed about the performance of the college. Later on NAEAC team visited the college and carried out the accreditation process. The AIC after thoroughly examining different departments of the college and suggested a dire need for the arrangement of the seminars, workshops in the college by inviting speakers to improve



quality of education and research. Some basic facilities like Green House & Glass House must be provided in order to conduct research and more books may be purchased for library.

## Pre-Accreditation / Zero Visit-Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology, Rahim Yar Khan

December 13, 2019



Rahim Yar Khan, situated extreme south of Southern Punjab, is a vibrant and progressive city. Rahim Yar Khan is one of the largest producers of cotton and sugarcane, and has an Agri-based economy of 65% population. Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology (KFUEIT) Rahim Yar Khan was established in 2014 under Punjab Assembly Act. Situated on Abu Dhabi Road Rahim Yar Khan, a beautiful and state of the art campus of KFUEIT is spread over 275 acres.

AIC was greeted by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Suleman Tahir and the concerned HoD, Department of Food Science and Technology precisely acquainted them with the department's activities. The team then visited the Department and got information about various facilities being provided to students.

AIC recommended to hire senior faculty members and felt the need to strengthen the library & Classrooms facilities for the students.

## Second Round Accreditation Visit-University College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, The Islamia University, Bahawalpur

December 18, 2019

Bahawalpur has always been a seat of higher learning. A religious University (Jamia Abbassia) was established in Bahawalpur in 1925 which was declared as a general university in 1975, and was renamed as The Islamia University of Bahawalpur.





Initially, it started functioning at Abbasia and Khawaja Fareed Campuses with Ten Departments. In order to construct a modern and self-contained campus, 1250 acres of land was allotted to the University on Hasilpur Road about eight kilometers away from the city center.

The College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences was established in 2005. The purpose was to produce graduates who are capable to contribute in the development of agriculture of the Southern Punjab.

NAEAC constituted two AICs with Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana Chairperson NAEAC as convener to visit the Department of Soil

Science and Forestry Range Management & Wildlife. The AICs visited the classrooms, faculty office, library, labs and held meetings with faculty members and students of the respective departments. NAEAC team appreciated the efforts of the University College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences team which they are doing for the betterment of students. AIC recommended that the faculty should be encouraged to get competitive research grants in order to inculcate research culture in their academic career as well as concentrating on producing impact factor publications and highlighted the need of new and latest edition of recommended text books in the departmental as well as main library.

## Review Meeting-Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan

December 23, 2019

Review committee comprising of convener Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana & Prof. Dr. Akbar Anjum conducted meeting at Ghazi University. HoDs of the departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Soil Science and Plant Breeding & Genetics informed about the performance of their departments.

The review committee observed that the administration is following the AICs recommendations but there is still a dire need for improvement. A Greenhouse must be established at the campus and the students must be involved in field work. The faculty must be facilitated to take part in national & international seminars, workshops and trainings. Transport & hostel facilities must be improved.



## Second Round Accreditation Visit-Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, BZU, Multan

December 26-27, 2019

Agricultural potential and specific ecological conditions of the region led to the establishment of Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology (FAS&T) of Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan in 1989. The construction of the FAS & T building was started in 1990. Agricultural Experimental Farm of 40 acres is attached with the Faculty for demonstration of crop production practices.

NAEAC team was greeted by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi. Two AICs visited the departments of Entomology and Food Science & Technology and were briefed about the working by the concerned Departmental Chairmen. NAEAC Teams conducted a thorough visit and held a concluding meeting with the officials of the BZU Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology and





lauded the untiring efforts being put together for the melioration of the institute and put forward some valuable proposal which would further improve the quality of education being provided to the students. The AICs suggested that participation of faculty members in symposiums, conferences, seminars and workshops need to be further enhanced so that the younger faculty may improve and interact with internationally recognized scientists to

broaden their concepts of research. There is dire need to develop collaborations with national organizations and in order to cater the needs of contemporary research, laboratory equipment must be purchased.