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### **“Two day Capacity Building Workshop for Editors of Research Journals at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi (January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023)**

“Two day Capacity Building Workshop for Editors of Research Journals” was held at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi on 31<sup>st</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023. The workshop was jointly organized by the Research and Innovation Division of Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan and the Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Karachi for officials of ORIC and editors of research journals of Universities of Sindh at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU. Highly skilled speakers focused their talks on specific topics: HEC’s recognition policy of research journals, funding opportunities for them, up-gradation, review process and their quality enhancement.

Honorable guests Mr. Javed Memon, Regional Director of Sindh HEC, Mr. Habibullah Nasir, Director HEC Islamabad, Dr. Azizur Rehman, Deputy Director HEC spoke on the occasion. They highlighted importance of quality research journals and the role of editors of research journal emphasizing that they must have command on the language in which journals are published and also on the editing skills.

Vice Chancellor, SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presided over the concluding session of the workshop. He said the capacity building workshops promote quality of research work and strengthen research culture in universities; as research work serves as a backbone of universities, thus it must be given priority. He also said that research journals are very important to get published research work of academia.

The workshop was attended by faculty members of Sindh Madressatul Islam University and other universities. In the end souvenirs were presented to the guests and Certificates were distributed to the participants. Associate Editors of Pakistan Journal of Nematology. Dr. Firoza Kazi and Dr. Erum Iqbal attended the workshop.



Vice Chancellor, SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai speaking at the concluding session



**Snap of honorable guests, speakers and participants at two day Capacity Building Workshop for Editors of Research Journals**

**PROF. DR. TARIQ MUKHTAR BECAME DEAN SCIENCE, PMAS-ARID AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY, RAWALPINDI**

Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, President, Pakistan Society of Nematologists recently assumed charge of Dean, Faculty of Crop and Food Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. Pakistan Society of Nematologists and its members giving heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Tariq on this new assignment of professional career.

**CIEC EXPERT TEAM VISITS NNRC, KU FOR INSPECTION**

Charter Inspection & Evaluation Committee (CIEC) expert team headed by Prof. Naheeda Kaka, Chairperson, Department of Zoology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro visited NNRC, KU on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 for inspection and evaluation.

**• Visit to NNRC**

Four students of class X from Happy Home School visited NNRC during February, 2023 with their head, Ms. Shanaz. During the visit Dr. Saboohi Raza, Director NNRC, teachers, research and technical staff members welcome them. The students were shown the videos about the importance of nematodes, their damages and management through EPN and other biopesticides to create awareness and provide knowledge. Dr. Erum delivered an informative lecture on plant parasitic nematodes. Dr. Tabassum Ara Khanum furnished information on

entomopathogenic nematodes (EPN) and Dr. Salma Javed briefed them about the molecular work conducted on nematodes which helped participants to learn recent advances in the field of Plant Nematology. They visited the labs and were also briefed about the research accomplishments of NNRC.

### • **Internship Program**

Internship program was arranged for **twenty** students of BS 4<sup>th</sup> year of Department of Zoology, University of Karachi. They completed their internship of two weeks during February, 2003 on the basic morphology and identification of plant parasitic nematodes under the supervision of Dr. Saboohi Raza, Director, National Nematological Research Centre, University of Karachi. They were shown movies on different aspects of nematodes, their sign and symptoms and diseases caused by them to create awareness. Teaching staff, Dr. Tabassum Ara Khanum, Dr. Salma Javed and Dr. Erum Iqbal delivered the lectures and demonstrated the basic techniques for the identification of plant parasitic nematodes, insect parasitic nematodes and free-living soil nematodes. Molecular procedure for the identification of nematodes was also demonstrated to them.

All internees visited agricultural field of NNRC to collect the soil and root samples for the study of nematodes. They completed their internship successfully. All the students were very happy and showed keen interest to learn about the study of nematodes, the latest techniques and technology for identification and achieved good marks. Prof. Dr. Saboohi Raza, Director, NNRC distributed the certificates to all students for the successful completion of the internship.

### **M. Phil thesis submitted**

- ❖ **Ms. Bushra Nawab:** Ms. Bushra Nawab submitted her M.Phil. thesis in Nematology to Advanced Studies and Research Board, University of Karachi. Her research work was based on “Assessment of different species of entomopathogenic nematodes (Heterorhabditidae and Steinernematidae) as biocontrol against *R. dominica* and *T. granarium*” under supervision of Dr. Salma Javed, Research Officer, NNRC, KU.

### **Future events**

- **12-13 July, 2023**

International Conference on Phytopathology and Plant Protection ICPPP on July 12-13, 2023, Ottawa, Canada.

#### **Contact**

Website URL: <https://waset.org/phytopathology-and-plant-protection-conference-in-july-2023-in-ottawa>.

Program URL: <https://waset.org/conferences-in-july-2023-in-ottawa/program>

Contact URL: <https://waset.org>

Location: Ottawa, Canada

Date: July 12-13, 2023

Final Submission: June 11, 2023

- **9-14 July, 2023**

62<sup>nd</sup> Annual SON Conference on 9-14, July, 2023 in Columbus, Ohio.

The SON2023 meeting will be hosted in Columbus, Ohio and will be held at The Ohio State University campus Ohio Union Hall.

#### **Contact**

Website URL: <https://www.nematologists.org/>

Program URL: <https://www.nematologists.org/event-5094096>

Location- Columbus, Ohio

Date: July 9-14, 2023

Final Submission: April, 30, 2023  
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- **16-17 August, 2023**

International Conference on Phytopathology and Plant Pathogens (ICPPP) on 16-17 August, 2023, Tokyo, Japan.

**Contact:**

Website URL: <https://waset.org/phytopathology-and-plant-pathogens-conference-in-august-2023-in-tokyo>  
Program URL: <https://waset.org/conferences-in-august-2023-in-tokyo/program>  
Contact URL: <https://waset.org>  
Location: Tokyo, Japan  
Date: August 16-17, 2023  
Final Submission: July 16, 2023

- **20-25 August, 2023**

12<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP) - 2023 Lyon, France.  
“One Health for all Crops and Trees”

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- **9-10 September, 2023**

International Conference on Agriculture, Agronomy and Crop Sciences ICAACS, Tokyo, Japan

**Contact**

Website URL: <https://waset.org/agriculture-agronomy-and-crop-sciences-conference-in-september-2023-in-tokyo>  
Program URL: <https://waset.org/conferences-in-september-2023-in-tokyo/program>  
Contact URL: <https://waset.org>  
Venue: Tokyo, Japan  
Date: September 9-10, 2023  
Deadline for abstract submission: August 09, 2023

- **24-29 September, 2023**

53<sup>rd</sup> (LIII) Annual Meeting ONTA Cairo, Egypt

**Contact**

Website URL: <https://ontaweb.org/meeting2023/>  
Venue: Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo, Egypt  
Date: September 24-29, 2023  
Deadline for abstract submission: July 15, 2023

- **1-2 December, 2023**

International Conference on Forestry Food and Sustainable Agriculture (ICFFSA), Singapore

**Contact:**

Website URL: <https://wrfer.org/Conference/24683/ICFFSA/>  
Email: [contact.wrfer@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wrfer@gmail.com)  
Venue: Singapore  
Date: December 1-2, 2023

Deadline for abstract submission: November 23, 2023

- **1-5 July, 2024**

XX International Plant Protection Congress (IPPC), 1-5 July, 2024, Athens, Greece.  
“Healthy Plants Support Human Welfare”

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- **19-20 July, 2024**

ICPPNM 2024: 18. International Conference on Plant-Parasitic Nematode Management, Paris, France

**Contact**

Website: <https://waset.org/plant-parasitic-nematode-management-conference-in-july-2024-in-paris>

Conference Code: 24FR07ICPPNM002

Abstract/Full-Text Paper Submission: July 31, 2023

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection: August 30, 2023

Final Paper and Early Bird Registration: June 19, 2024

Conference Date: July 19-20, 2024