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#### **EDITORIAL**

Dear Readers,

Assalamu Alaikum! Isra News is an official organ of Isra University. This quarterly newsletter is designed to keep the Isra affiliated community well connected, and at the same time bring the readers up to date with the various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities taking place at the University along with the educational and social welfare programs. pursued by the parent organization, Isra Islamic Foundation.

In order to keep Isra News well populated, we rely on contribution of news items. from the community members. When sending news items, please make sure to include the essential elements of an event: what took place, whom it concerns the most, where and when it took place. You are encouraged to send your news items by email to the address given below.

Last but not the least, your news contributions are important to us, so help us keep the Isra community connected by contributing regularly to Isra News. We appreciate your interest and contributions, and hope that you will find Isra News to be informative and pleasant to read.

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## Isra University Receives Grant from U.S. Department of State

On 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Isra University successfully received grant from U.S. Department of State for the year 2016 – 2017. The project will be implemented by Ball State University, USA and Isra University,



Hyderabad, Sindh. The aim of this grant is to strengthen career and entrepreneur centres in ten Pakistani Universities from Sindh, Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. A number of institutes will be covered through this project. These institutes will include Sukkur Institute of Business Administration, Sindh; Karakoram International University, Gilgit Baltistan; Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; University of Science and Technology, Kohat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, University of Science and Technology, Bannu, University of Balochistan, Quetta, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences, Quetta, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, Quetta, University of Peshawar and Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar.

Moreover, both the universities will host symposium, development workshop series, entrepreneurship courses, business plan competition and community career fair. They will also provide entrepreneurship training and mentorship courses that will ensure to open entrepreneurship and career advising centres.

IPC'16 - Ideas of Programming and Circuit Design Competition



On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 Department of Computer Sciences organized 'Ideas of Programming and Circuit Design Competition-IPC'16' at Isra University, Hyderabad. It consisted of Programming Competition, Circuit Design Competition and Poster Presentations.

It was a great opportunity for students and participants from department of computer sciences to implement their knowledge of respective field to help them learn techniques and experience the challenges on practical grounds.

The event was successful with more than 80 participants from Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology. The winners from each competition were awarded a cash prize of Rs 10,000.

Winners from Programming Competition, Circuit Design Competition and Poster Presentation were Mr. Muhammad Ali Jamali and Mr. Muqalid Baloch; Mr. Aamir Ahmed, Mr. Basit, Mr. Syed Faizan Ahmed and Mr. Syed Aun; and Mr. Muhammad Farman Rao, Mr. Hamza Ashraf, Mr. Nayyar Abbas, Mr. Jahanzaib, Mr. Muhammad Faisal and Mr. Ahmed Bilal

respectively.

Students were gratified to be a part of this event and they hoped for similar opportunities in future as well.



#### MoU Signing Ceremony between Isra University and ICRC



Isra University, Islamabad signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Pro-Vice Chancellor of Isra University, Islamabad, Professor Dr. Umer Ali Khan and Mr. Reto Stocker, Head of delegation of International Committee of the Red Cross signed the MoU, while the ICRC members and the faculty of Isra University including Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed, Head of Surgery department and Associate Prof. Dr. Salman Tipu, Vice Dean of Clinical Sciences were also present at this remarkable ceremony.

ICRC will offer training to surgeons serving in Pakistan to tackle clinical management of weapon wounded patients and will also support the initiative of Isra University to introduce a training study at postgraduate level that will deal with clinical management of weapon wounded patients. This postgraduate training aims to promote a surgical module with an objective to improve the knowledge and skills of surgeons on the comprehensive clinical management of patients injured by fire arms and explosive weapons with a focus on surgical techniques, related procedures and protocols.

This MoU being the first of its kind, involving a leading private sector higher education institution in Pakistan, is a milestone for both Isra University and ICRC and will ensure a professional

environment and learning to the students joining this particular postgraduate training at Isra University. Isra University by this MoU will obtain the required professional corroboration from ICRC in the form of lectures from the ICRC specialists which together with the lectures of Isra University's professors of surgery will strengthen learning.

While addressing the participants, Mr. Reto Stocker said that the ICRC has worked in different parts of the world over the past 150 years through which it has developed expertise in different fields of humanitarian services. He further maintained that ICRC has decided to transfer its capabilities to the local communities by engaging the local institutions. "The institutions and people of Pakistan are incredible when it comes to their commitment towards philanthropy," he added.

Mr. Stocker praised the efforts of Isra University in the field of Health Services and said that it is an honor for the ICRC to work with such a reputed institute.

The ICRC is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence, and to provide them with assistance. Since the 1970s, it has set up a variety of programmes to ensure adequate surgical care for such victims.

## International Nursing Day



The Isra School of Nursing organized International Nurses' Day 2016 (IND) celebrations on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Asadullah Qazi Auditorium, Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad.

The theme of IND this year was 'Nurses: A Force for Change – Developing System's Resilience'. Based on the theme, student nurses presented a skit under the direction of the Principal of Isra School of Nursing. The skit dramatized the theme i.e. Stress and the Resilience of Nursing force. The UNO' 17 Sustainable Development Goals were also demonstrated to show the responsibility of nurses in creating a better world for all by 2030.

Ms. Rebecca Wilson John, the Principal of Isra School of Nursing was the key speaker on this occasion. In her speech she said, "May 12, 2016 is the 196<sup>th</sup> Birthday anniversary of Ms. Florence Nightingale who was the founder of modern nursing. The Resilient Health System will respond effectively to the UNO's 17 Sustainable Development Goals identified after reevaluating Millennium Development Goals for another 15 years." She further said that nurses can contribute in many ways to develop strong and resilient healthcare system locally, nationally and globally putting 17 Sustainable Development Goals in their everyday practice for a

better society. She added that a resilient health system requires flexibility, adaptability and ability to transform itself with ever changing needs of consumers.

She concluded her speech by encouraging nurses and all health care personnel to develop resilience, bridge the gap and proactively achieve Sustainable Development Goals to make the world a better place for all.

Professor Dr. Kolachi highlighted the role of female health work force in health delivery system of Pakistan and making it resilient. This was followed by articles on Women's Education by two faculty members .Final year BSc. Nursing students displayed their research work as poster presentation. A final Year medical student, Mr. Sagar Kumar, also spoke briefly on the collaboration between Nursing and Medicine. Prof. Dr.AG Kazi appreciated the contributions of Ms. Rebecca Wilson John, faculty and students in strengthening the resilience of the Health Care System.

The program was 3 hours long, which was attended by 200 participants including dignitaries, directors, HODs, nurses, medical students of Isra University and nursing institutions outside Isra.





## IIRS Joins Hands with Seoul National University Bundang Hospital

The Department of Rehabilitation Medicine of Seoul National University Bundang Hospital (RM-SNUBH) and Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences of Isra University (IIRS-IU) signed the Memorandum of Understanding on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016, in Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, South Korea to engage in academic and research activities in line with the enforced laws and regulations of both universities.

Both Universities agreed to encourage the following activities to promote international academic and research cooperation: exchange of teaching and research personnel, exchange of facilities governed by each institution, joint activities in academic and research, collaborative research project and studying, exchange of books and literature for teaching and research purposes, exchange of students for internship and research projects, co-operative development of courses and academic programs, development of joint scientific and/or technological





research projects, and any other activity of mutual interest regarding academic or scientific and technological research matters.

Seoul National University is the 8<sup>th</sup> best university of Asia and Seoul National University Bundang Hospital Is considered to be the Rehabilitation paradise in Asia.

Chief of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine SNUBH, Prof. Dr. Jae-Young Lim and Principal IIRS, Isra University, Dr. Muhammad Naveed Babur signed this MoU on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, South Korea.

Isra University is the first Pakistani university to sign an MOU with this world's best Korean University. Isra University is the 5<sup>th</sup> best university ranked by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in Medical category. This close collaboration will help both universities to strengthen their knowledge and understand best practices in rehabilitation education and research.

#### Seminar on 'Islam in America'

Isra University, Hyderabad with the collaboration of U.S. Consulate General, Karachi organized a one day seminar on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Ms Marcia K. Hermansen was the guest speaker of the day who spoke on the topic of 'Islam in America'. A number of students as well as faculty members of Department of Management of Sciences participated in the event.

The seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran after which the speaker was invited for her presentation. Ms Marcia shed light on different aspects of an American Muslim's life. She said,





"Muslims in America are free to follow and practice their religion". She further said, "Non-Muslim Americans consider Islam as a religion of peace and tranquillity. We respect each and every religion".

The presentation of Ms Hermansen was followed by a question answer session in which the audience shared its queries with the speaker. The session was a great success with active participation and interaction.

#### World Health Day 2016



World Health Day program, presided by Dr. A.G Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor of Isra University Hyderabad was organized at Isra University on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 by the Community Medicine department, Basic Medical Sciences and Clinical Allied Medical Sciences at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium.

The theme of this year's world health day w 'Beat the Diabetes and Halt its Rise'. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> world health day celebrated at Isra University, with the previous two celebrated in 2014 and 2015, on the theme of vector borne diseases, small bites with problem; and food borne diseases, food safety from form to plate. The program was attended by some prominent figures of medical profession: Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon, Associate Dean; Dr Salman Kazi, Vice Dean; Prof. Mumtaz Qureshi; Dr. Sajjad Kazi; Dr. Naveed, Vice Dean; Prof. Dr. Tufail Ahmed, Asst. Prof.; Assistant Prof: Nurdrat Zeba Shaikh, Asst. Prof. Suhail; and Assistant Professor Jamil Ahmed. The chief guest, Prof. A.G Kazi appreciated the theme by WHO on non-communicable disease namely diabetes which is engulfing almost 9 to 12% population of the world and health system is under pressure to treat this long duration but preventable health problem. He further told that if the health system of Pakistan fails in preventing diabetes, Pakistan will become the 5<sup>th</sup> largest diabetic country in the world. Dr Salman Kazi, Vice Dean, welcomed the participants and appreciated the efforts of Community Medicine department for making this day a regular annual, academic and research feature.

Later, invited speakers delivered their lectures in the CME Session, Prof. Safi Muhammad Jatohi delivered on Diabetes and Blindness,



Prof. Rashid Ahmed Shaikh delivered on Diabetic and Nephropathy, Prof. Pushpa Sirichand on Gestational Diabetes and Pregnancy and Dr. Jaweed on Diabetes on Cardiac prevention. Following the speakers, some students also presented on the topic of Diabetes: Mr.Hussain Ahmed on Diabetes and Hypertension, Mr.Adil on Diabetes and Prevention, Miss Fariha on Prevention of Blindness in DM, Miss Sidrah on Towards A Global Diet and Physical Activity for Diabetes, Miss Lata Kumari Bheel on DM and Obesity, and Miss Haleema Urooj on Prevention of Hypertension in Diabetes.

The key note address was delivered byProf. Dr. Hussain Bux Kolachi, who told that pre-risk factors-overweight, obesity, and physical inactivity- are important to be communicated to the public. In Pakistan 24% of the people are physically inactive, 4.8% are obese and 20.8% are overweight and are likely to develop diabetes while 9.8% adult population has diabetes.

The program kicked off with a health walk and a visit to Nephrology patients, and concluded with prize distribution to the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students for the best poster presentation. First position was secured by Ms. Atia Farooque, Ms. Quratul Ain, Mrs. Sidra Yar Muhammad, Mr. Hussain Ahmed, and Mr. Waqas Arshed. Special winners were: Ms. Rena Luhana, Mr. Adil, Ms. Fariha, Ms. Urooj Soomro, Ms. Haleema Urooj, Mr. Hamza Memon, and Ms. Bakhtawar Ghouri while stage secretary prizes were given to Ms. Sara Fazal and Mrs. Sidra Yar Muhammad. Over 300 students and other experts and community representatives were a part of this program.



## Isra University Participates in GETEX Educational Expo World Trade Centre, UAE



Dr. Muhammad Naveed Babur, Principal of IIRS Islamabad Campus; Dr.Sajjad Kazi, Vice Dean of Allied Medicine & Health Sciences, Hyderabad Campus; and Dr. Anum Aftab, in-charge of DPT, along with four students from the Department of Physiotherapy, Islamabad campus went to Dubai to participate in GETEX 2016 UAE on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

GETEX (Gulf Education and Training Exhibition) offers educational institutes and professional training providers opportunities to enrol and reach out to the next batch of aspiring students. From 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> April, representatives of Isra University Pakistan, provided information to parents and students approaching GETEX 2016. The prime focus of the representatives was to highlight and enforce the following key areas over the event: General Education, Under-Graduate Education, Post-Graduate Education, Professional Development and Continuing Education, and Student Counselling and Career Advisory.

Students and parents from Dubai (UAE) interacted with the representatives and asked details of the programs offered by Isra University at their three campuses. The students of DPT enthusiastically participated in the event and worked hard in the distribution of brochures and booklets among visitors of the Expo and representatives from other universities. The students also gathered information about other universities representing in the expo from all over the world. The most beneficial part for the students was their interaction with different agents who are involved in sending students from UAE to different countries for graduation programs. Many agencies agreed to sign MOU with Isra University for student and faculty exchange programs especially for rehabilitation sciences.

At the end of the seminar a souvenir presentation ceremony was held in which Ms Marcia was presented with Sindhi Ajrak and a group photograph was taken.



## CME / Orientation Program on Sterilization

Department of Allied Medical Sciences, Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad organized a CME/Orientation program on 'Surgical Disposability and Importance of Sterilization' on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Mr. Muhammad Salman Rizvi, Director Hospital Supply Corporation, Karachi and Mr. Jahanzeb Ali briefed the audience regarding latest surgical disposable items and importance of sterilization. Research suggests that diseases don't only transfer





due to unconsciousness of patients but also because of negligence of medical practitioners. Awareness of sterilization and surgical disposability, therefore, is indispensible. Sterilization tends to kill and remove all forms of life and other biological agents that are present in an instrument and facilitates health care. The program was a success and well attended by nursing and paramedical staff of Isra University, Hyderabad.

## World Hypertension Day

Every year 17<sup>th</sup> May is dedicated to "World Hypertension Day". Isra University, Hyderabad also observes this day each year. This



year the theme of the day was 'Know Your Blood Pressure'. Subsequently, a 1000 meter blood pressure awareness walk was organized at Isra University by Vice Dean and Head of Department of Cardiology of Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad, Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon.

This day provided an opportunity to emphasize and to improve prevention and control of hypertension. The walk started from Isra University Hospital and covered adjoining areas of the hospital. A number of senior and junior cardiologists participated in this walk. As the procession proceeded, doctors from different departments and local residents also joined. Pro-Vice Chancellor of Isra University, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi showed his gratitude and walked shoulder to shoulder with other doctors. This awareness program was an effort to decrease the overall burden of this highly prevalent disease among residents of Hyderabad.

### Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program 2016-Phase-3



Isra University was shortlisted to organize Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase III at its Hyderabad Campus from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 for 06 months. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences serves as the Head of the Program and Mr. Saad Khan Baloch Assistant Professor, was nominated as Focal Person. Isra University believes in training and development especially from the less privileged areas.

The three trades in which Isra University is offering the trainings are Auto CAD, Graphic Designing and Book Keeping & Accounting. In total 75 students were shortlisted after interviews on 06 May 2016. Ms. Nabila Umer, Director, NAVTTC, Sindh and Mr. Abdul Qadeer Sohu, Assistant Director, NAVTTC, Sindh visited Isra University to conduct the said interviews. Nearly 450 applicants had applied in the program. 25 students each were selected in each trade. Each student is also being paid monthly stipend. The training is functioning smoothly at Hyderabad Campus. The top position holders after their training will be selected to represent the region at provincial level. Prime Minister

Youth Skills Development Program 2016 - Phase-3 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of the already running Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Programs. In the end the students after their completion of their trainings will get certificates, just like in the 2<sup>rd</sup> Phase, where top students got certificates & awards from Mr. Mamnoon Hussain, President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan.



#### **Mock Test Preparation**



Isra Career Development Centre organized a seminar on 'How to Prepare for a Mock Test' on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Wednesday at Isra University, Hyderabad campus.

Students were explained about the professional challenges they might face when looking for career opportunities. They were apprised with the dos and don'ts of one such challenge, the assessment test and were advised to be well prepared and groomed

before they attempt it.

The speakers of the session Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh and Mr. Faraz Ahmed Shaikh briefed students regarding what to expect in the assessment test and how to ace it.

With more than 50 participants from the faculty of Management Sciences, and Engineering Sciences and Technology, the event was a great success.



## Surgery Preparation Course at Isra University

A 3-day oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Preparation Course for FCPS, MDS and MSc Trainees was organized with the collaboration of CPSP Hyderabad, LCMD Karachi, DIKIOHS Karachi and Isra Dental College from 30 April to 2 May 2016 at Isra University.

## Certificate Distribution Ceremony of CCNA 5<sup>th</sup> Batch

A certificate distribution ceremony of CCNA 5th Batch was held at Isra University on 30 April 2016. The Pro-Vice Chancellor of Isra University, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi distributed certificates among the successful students and lauded their efforts.

#### **Faculty Picnic**

A picnic to Karachi for the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology and Faculty of Commerce, Economics and Management Sciences was organized on 02 April 2016. Nearly thirty faculty members participated. The Spots that were visited were Port Grand, Hyper Star and Sea View. The Picnic was organized by Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Assistant Professor, FES&T and Mr. Ayub Laghari, IT Services.

#### Alumni Day

In an attempt to reinforce its relations with the graduating students, Isra University organized Alumni Day on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Friday at Isra University, Hyderabad.

Alumni day was organized to facilitate graduating students of Isra University to strengthen their roots in Isra so that their affiliation with it continues even after they graduate. They were briefed regarding opportunities waiting to welcome them as well as how they can utilize them and create channels for the benefit of all.

Dr. Mashqoor Ansari, Vice President of Isra Alumni Association gave an overview of the association and its objectives. He said, "Alumni are a family to us and the purpose of this association is to bolster the precious bond they share with Isra University."





An audience of about 350 males and females from final year including Faculty of Commerce, Economics and Management Sciences (FCE&MS), Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences (FM&AMS), Faculty of Dentistry (FD) and Faculty of Engineering Science & Technology (FES&T) was addressed by Dr. Ahmed Waliullah Kazi, President of Alumni Association and Pro-vice Chancellor of Administration, Ms. Hummaira Jabeen, Secretary of Alumni Association and Mr. Irfan Haroon Director Public Relations, Event Management and Students' Affair.

At the culmination of the session a detailed question answer session was conducted following which students were briefed about the upcoming Yearbook.

#### Student Picnic 2016

Every year Isra University organizes picnic for its students to give them a break from their tiring academic routines. Students from different departments were taken to Dreamworld Resort, Karachi from 9 April to 7 May 2016, where they could avail various attractions.

#### Isra University Students Visit Pakistan Stock Exchange

Isra Career Development Centre organized a visit to Pakistan Stock Exchange on 28th April 2016. As much as 40 students from the department of Management Sciences participated in this event. The main organizers of the event were Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh and Mr. Faraz Ahmed Shaikh.

The participants were warmly welcomed by the officials of PSE and a short presentation was given by Mr. Sani-e-Mehmood Khan, General Manager Product Development. The topic of his





presentation was history, operations and functions of Pakistan Stock Exchange. During his presentation Mr Khan enlightened the students with informative real time examples to maximize their understanding. After a brief refreshment session, the students were shown around the Trading Hall where all the trading transactions take place. The visit helped the students to see first-hand the operations of a stock exchange which they had previously only studied in books.

## Clinical Rotatory Meeting of Pakistan Cardiac Society (Hyderabad Chapter)

The Department of Cardiology of Isra University in collaboration with Pakistan Cardiac Society Hyderabad Chapter organised the first clinical monthly meeting of 2016 on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad.

Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon welcomed all the respected faculty members and participants. A large number of faculty members attended the program from Isra University Hospital, Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Red Crescent Institute



of Cardiology, and Government Taluka Hospital Qasimabad including post graduate students, medical officers and house officers.

The first case presentation on In-Stent Restenosis was given by Dr. Owais Shams (Postgraduate student Department of Cardiology Isra University Hospital) which was followed by an interesting case on multi vessels PCI by Dr. Fasih A. Hashmi (Associate Professor of Cardiology Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences).

The third case presentation on Myocardial Bridging was presented by Dr Abdul Rab Shaikh (Consultant Cardiologist Red Crescent Institute of Cardiology), whereas the 4<sup>th</sup> case presentation on unusual 80 years old ToF was delivered by Dr. Lachman Das (Consultant Cardiologist Government Taluka Hospital Qasimabad).

Dr. Khalil Almani also conducted a workshop on Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) and delivered a detailed lecture regarding its usefulness in cardiac emergencies. It was followed by hands-on practice on IABP.

There was an active discussion amongst the participants including Dr Fazal Rehman Memon, Dr. Muhammad Zaman Baloch, Dr. Nandlal Rathi, Dr. Muhammad Kashif Shaikh, Dr. Mashooq Dasti and Dr. Gul Hassan Brohi. The program was well appreciated by all the faculty members and the session was concluded by Dr. Fazal Rehman Memon with a vote of thanks.

#### Job Recruitment Drive by Hero Soft Company

Hero Soft Company organized a Job Recruitment Drive on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016, at Isra University Hyderabad for the students of Department of Computer Science and Department of Management Sciences. The event was coordinated and managed by Ms. Amber Baig, Assistant Professor and Ms. Shadia S. Baloch, Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, Isra University, Hyderabad.

Hero Soft Company, working for software and data protection, initiated this program to help students to reap benefits from the career opportunities they had. The official panel from Hero Soft Company conducted on spot interviews and also collected résumés from candidates, for the offered positions of ERP/CRM Developer, Mobile App Developer and Marketing Executive. The panel consisted of V.P. Marketing Department, Ms. Nuzhat Memon; Marketing Executive, Ms. Shagufta Anwar; Head of I.T.





Department; Mr Muhammad Waqas; Software Engineer, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal; and HR Manager, Mr. Tufail Jeelani. They met with Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences, and Director of Career Development Center, Isra University, Hyderabad; Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Bhatti, Dean, FCMS and FEST; and Prof. Dr. Ahsanullah Baloch, Chairperson of Department of Computer Science; and discussed issues of mutual interest.

Graduates and students of final year participated in the event with great zeal and also appreciated this initiative by Hero Soft. Hero Soft Company's officials acknowledged the talent and enthusiasm of students and were pleased to be a part of the event. At the end, Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi presented shield and souvenirs to the guests.

## CME on Management of Benign Prostate Hyperplasia

Department of Surgery in collaboration with the Department of Urology and Department of Radiology organized a one day CME program on the 'Management of Benign Prostate Hyperplasia' on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at main lecture hall in the main OPD of Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad. The program was accredited for 2 credit hours

The program started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Prof. Shafi Muhammad Jatoi. Welcome address was given by Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon which was followed by a presentation on Management of Benign Prostate Hyperplasia. Dr Rajab, Assistant

Professor of Urology talked on the Surgical Management of Benign Prostate Hyperplasia. Dr. Hamaliya, Assistant Professor of Radiology talked on the role of radiology for diagnosis of carcinoma of prostate.

The session concluded with a question answer session. 25 participants attended the program including faculty members, house surgeons and postgraduates of department of Surgery, Urology and Radiology. Lunch was served by GSK Pharma to all the participants.

#### CME Workshop on Cytopathology



A cytopathology CME workshop was organized by Prof. Dr Shankarlal Rathi and Prof Farkhunda Nadeem from pathology department of Isra University, Hyderabad on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The chief speaker was Dr. Saira Fatima from Aga Khan University, Karachi. 34 participants from Isra University, LUMHS and CMH Hyderabad attended the workshop.





#### CME on Management of Urinary Incontinence







Department of Surgery in collaboration with the Department of Urology and Department of Radiology organized a one day CME program on the 'Management of Urinary Incontinence' on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad. The guest of honor for the program was Dr.AG Kazi, Director IUH. The program was accredited for 2 credit hours.

The program commenced with recitation of Holy Quran by Dr Sidra, House Officer at IUH. Dr. Javaria Memon (post graduate) presented a case from the Department of Urology. Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon after welcome address gave a presentation on 'Overview of Urinary Incontinence' in surgical patients. In his talk

Dr Rajab Ghirano, Assistant Professor from Department of Urology Isra University addressed 'Evaluation and Management of Overactive Bladder'. Prof. Pushpa Sirichand presented paper on the 'Changing Etiology and Management of Urinary Fistulae'. Question answer session was conducted as a final part of the session. Prof. M.H Laghari distributed certificates to the presenters. 80 participants thronged the program including faculty members, house surgeons and postgraduates of Department of Surgery, Gynecology & obstetrics, Anesthesia and Radiology department. At the end, lunch was served by CCL Pharma\_to all the participants.





### Director NAVTTC Sindh Visits Isra University

Ms Nabila Umer, Director, NAVTTC, Sindh visited Isra University in connection with the NAVTTC Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase III that had started at Hyderabad Campus from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016. She also called on Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Head of the Program. She also met with students of Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase III and encouraged them.





Moreover, Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences and Head of the Program; Mr. Saad Khan Baloch Assistant Professor and Focal Person, Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase III visited Karachi Head office of NAVTTC on 03 May 2016 to sign MoU between Isra University and NAVTTC to conduct 06 Month Training at Hyderabad Campus.

#### Ration Distribution among IIF Staff



Ration distribution is Isra Islamic Foundation's (IIF) calendar event and is organized every year in the sacred month of Ramadan. Under this program a decent amount of groceries is provided to the employees to fulfil their extra needs of the month and to somewhat share their financial burden.

Keeping with tradition, this year as well, IIF- parent organization of Isra University -distributed ration among the lower salaried staff of IIF, Isra University, Isra Hospital, Isra Welfare Hospital and its associated organs on 24 June 2016.

### Free Medical Camp: An Initiative for the Deprived

Isra Social Welfare Society (ISWS) organized its first ever medical camp at a rural area Lakhra, Jamshoro with an objective to provide the poor and needy residents with medical facilities and accommodate them with health improvement opportunities.

The camp aimed to facilitate people with free medical care and also bring awareness regarding major diseases. The team serving for the camp comprised of renowned physicians and general practitioners from Isra University Hospital including Dr. Aashique Ali Arain, Dr. Mashkoor Ahmed, Dr. Naveed Jamali, and Dr. Zubair Baloch, who worked for the cause without any remuneration.

Each patient was examined and provided with prescribed medicines by ISWS team. Examination was based on general tests





such as blood pressure, sugar level, functioning of heart and general examinations. The patients with severe medical conditions were referred to concerned doctors in Hyderabad. The process was free of cost and did not imply any terms and conditions, moreover, it included medical advice and sessions. The camp services and treatments were not limited to general diseases but extended to anaemic problems, skin problems, stomach problems and other diseases, for which patients received free medicines from the free medicines' compound.

The camp was a great success as more than 175 patients visited and benefited from it. The patients lauded the efforts of the ISWS team. Team ISWS acknowledged the volunteer participation of the doctors and expressed gratitude for their services.

#### Meet & Greet by Gen. (R) Zulfigar Cheema, Executive Director, NAVTTC

Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences and Head of the Program; Mr. Saad Khan Baloch Assistant Professor and Focal Person, Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase III visited Karachi Head office of NAVTTC on 03 June 2016 to a meet and greet of the Institutes of Sindh in the Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase III.

Gen. (R) Zulfigar Cheema, Executive Director, NAVTTC, was the





chief guest on the occasion. He shared his experiences and also discussed issues of mutual interests. Further he highlighted the importance of trainings at Institutes. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, also spoke on the occasion and shed experiences of Career Development Center at Isra University and its role in the society. Attendees on the occasion appreciated the ideas put forward by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi and hoped that the same may be also implemented at their institutes.

### Isra University Gets Best Ambassador Award & Positions in PROCOM

PROCOM Competition 2016 was held at FAST University Karachi on 06 & 07 April 2016. PROCOM is a national level multi-level competition which attracts thousands of students from across the country. This year 30 sub-competitions were held. Eighty Seven (87) students from FM&AMS, FES&T & FCE&MS participated.

It was a proud moment for Isra University when it received the Best Ambassador Award from the Chief Guest, Rector, FAS&T, Dr. Aamir Muhammad. Apart from Best Ambassador award Isra University students secured 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in two events i.e. Idea to Product (I2P) and Programming Competition in the two day event. The event was coordinated and managed by Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Asst. Prof., Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology.



#### IEEE Isra Student Branch Organizes Arduino Workshop 2016

IEEE Isra Student Branch, Pakistan organized a workshop on "Arduino" on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The Guest Speaker was Engr. Shahbaz Ali from IEEE Karachi Section Young Professionals, Karachi, Pakistan. Students from Isra University participated in the event.

The participants were given hands-on practice and techniques on controlling Arduino. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Head of





Executive Council, IEEE Isra Student Branch, Prof. Dr. Rafiq Abro, Chaiperson, Electrical Engineering Department and Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Counsellor, IEEE Isra Student Branch, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, attended the workshop. Dr. Kazi presented certificates and shields to the participants and guest speaker respectively. He also congratulated the team of IEEE Isra Student Branch on organizing the above said workshop at Isra University, Hyderabad.

#### National Internship Program (NIP)

Isra University Career Development Center conducted a meeting session with the interns of Prime Minister Youth Training Scheme (PMYTS) - National Internship Program (NIP) on 27th June 2016. The main purpose of this meeting was to focus on resolving different issues and problems of interns. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor presented the detailed description and highlighted the main goals and objectives of this program. He also added that this program reflects the Isra University and PMYTS interest for a long term relationship that would not only ensure the progress of both but also result in opening the new ways of excellence. The program was attended by over 40 interns. A gainful and beneficial Question - Answer session was conducted by Mr. Zafar Siddiqui, Focal Person – NIP. The meeting come to an end with a group photograph.



#### Seminar on Consumer Behaviour



The Centre for Entrepreneurship of Isra University, Hyderabad organized a one-day seminar on Consumer Behaviour on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The chief guest of the day was Prof. Hameedullah Kazi, Provice Chancellor of Isra University, Hyderabad while the speakers for the day were Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, Mr. Faraz Shaikh and Mr Ikramuddin Junejo.

After recitation of Holy Quran, the chief guest was invited for welcome remarks. He said, "With today's accelerating competition, understanding consumer behaviour has become crucial than ever before. If a businessman understands his consumers' behaviour he can rule the world."

Following the chief guest, the speakers took over. The session was



split into three segments with the first segment conducted by Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh. During the first session, students were kept engaged by conducting different activities. The second segment conducted by Mr. Ikramuddin Junejo focused more on theoretical perspectives of consumer behaviour and highlighted the present trends being followed by marketers to study consumer behaviour. The third conducted by Mr. Faraz Shaikh involved real time examples and videos for better understanding. He discussed the implications marketers can face if consumers' behaviour is ignored.

At the end of the session certificates were distributed among the participants, organizers and speakers.



## All Pakistan Inter University (Zone-H) Cricket Championship 2016

Isra University participated in All Pakistan Inter University, Zone-H, Cricket Championship 2016 at Sindh University, Jamshoro on 20 April 2016. The team was led by Aamir Ali Lakho.

Isra University played against Liaquat University of Medical and





Health Sciences, Jamshoro. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Director Finance, Sindh University, Jamshoro. The team was managed and coached by Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Asst. Prof., Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology.

### All Pakistan Inter University (Zone-H) Badminton Championship 2016

Isra University participated in All Pakistan Inter University, Zone-H, Badminton Championship 2016 at Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam on 25 April 2016. The team was represented by Faizan Hashmi as its Captain while team members were Babar Mumtaz and Shahbaz Ali.





Isra University played against SALU, Khairpur. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Engr. Mujeeb Memon, Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam. The team was managed and coached by Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Asst. Prof., Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology.

#### All Pakistan Inter University (Zone-H) Basketball Championship 2016

Isra University participated in All Pakistan Inter University, Zone-H, Basketball Championship 2016 at Mehran University, Jamshoro on 05 April 2016. The team was led by Captain Baduruddin Memon.

Isra University played against QUEST, Nawabshah. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Engr. Prof. Dr Khan Muhammad Brohi, Dean, Mehran University, Jamshoro. The team was managed and coached by Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Asst. Prof., Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology.



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#### Isra University (Main Campus), Hyderabad

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- Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology
- Faculty of Commerce, Economics & Management Sciences
- Faculty of Dentistry & Allied Sciences

Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad

Isra Dental College & Hospital, Hyderabad

Isra College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Isra School of Nursing, Hyderabad

Isra School of Paramedics, Hyderabad

Isra Schools Network, Hyderabad & Nasarpur

#### Health and Welfare Programs

Isra Blindness Control Programs

- Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital: Malir, Kunri & Kharan
- International Eye Camps
- National Eye Camps

Isra University Welfare Hospital, Hyderabad Isra General Medical Camps, Rural Areas Al Tibri Medical College Hospital, Karachi Al Nafees Medical College Hospital, Islamabad

#### Isra University (Karachi Campus)

- Al Tibri Medical College & Hospital
- Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences
- Isra Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology
- Isra School of Optometry

#### Isra University (Islamabad Campus)

- Al Nafees Medical College & Hospital
- School of Engineering & Applied Sciences
- Isra School of Rehabilitation Sciences

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