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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.

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ISRA ISLAMIC FOUNDATION “Excellence in Social Services - 28 Years Odyssey”

Isra Islamic Foundation (IIF) is a non-profit organization diligently committed to work for education, health and social welfare. With its successful completion of 28 years of professional glory, IIF stands tall with monumental acknowledgement from the business community of Pakistan. In connection with the celebrations of sealing 28 remarkable years, business executives were given a dinner in Pearl Continental Hotel in Karachi on 12 June 2014 by IIF.

On the occasion, Mr. Zakaria Usman, President of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry was invited as the

example. “In a country where people suffer because of insufficient medical facilities, unemployment and poverty, IIF has taken the lead by providing equal opportunities to the underprivileged in all the major sectors of the society. I humbly request all the members of our business community to extend their support and financial assistance to the organization so that together we can strive for a better and prosperous Pakistan,” he commented.

Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi shedding light on the journey of 28 successful years of commitment to social cause explained how Isra Islamic Foundation has shown stellar growth and served the

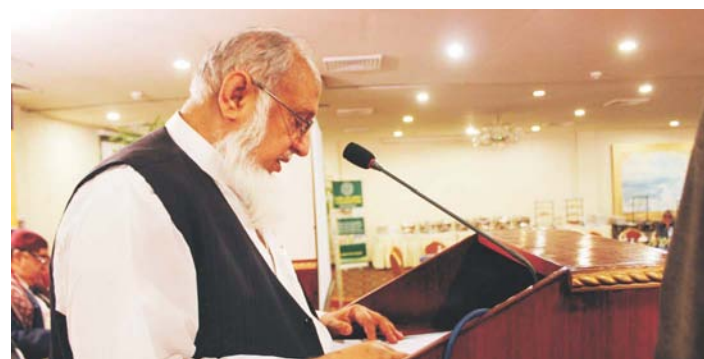


chief guest with other dignitaries of IIF and Isra University that included Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor Isra University, Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University & President of IIF, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Hussain Siddiqui, Secretary General IIF, Dr. Saleh Memon, Executive Director IIF, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Director Hospitals, Isra University, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Isra University, Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaikh, Medical Superintendent, Al-Ibrahim Hospital and other famous businessmen and capitalists from the financial hub Karachi.

Expressing his views on the memorable day, Mr. Zakaria Usman extended his heartfelt wishes on behalf of the entire business community to IIF and extolled the untiring and selfless efforts that the organization has put in all these years, in making its mission successful and leading the social welfare organizations by

humanity and pledges to do even more in coming years. “Isra University is not just working for education and health, its focusing on the general well being of the society. From religion to medical assistance and from education to employment, IIF overarches all the demanding and major sectors that need assistance. We as an organization are planning to include more segments to the IIF charter so that each and every individual can benefit from our services and use this magnificent platform,” he added.

The evening concluded with a presentation on the various programs of Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital and IIF's International Blindness Prevention Program by Dr. Saleh Memon. In the end, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khatri, CEO, Ittehad Chemicals Ltd expressed his gratitude to all the guests and extended warm wishes to IIF for coming years.



Federal Minister of State for Education visits Isra University

Minister of State for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education, and Interior and Narcotics Control, Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman accompanied by member of Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Raza Bhatti visited Isra University, Hyderabad on Sunday, 15 June 2014.

Meeting with the Chancellor of Isra University, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi; Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi; Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi and other officials of the University, the Minister lauded the educational efforts and contributions of the University. He also paid a visit to the Isra University along with the University officials and commended the huge set-up being run so successfully.

Reflecting on the Prime Minister, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's vision he expressed, 'The Prime Minister wants every nook



and corner of Pakistan to be shining with the light of education.' He further added that new schools will be constructed and the existing ones will be rehabilitated to make the PM's vision transform into reality.

He apprised of the latest programs undertaken by the PM of distributing free laptops among the students and provision of loans to the talented, jobless youngsters adding that the budget of HEC was being increased from 2% to 4%.

The Minister also assured the University of full cooperation by government in its educational endeavors. Later, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi presented the Minister with Ajrak, Sindhi Cap and Shield as a token of hospitality and showed his gratitude for his visit.

Mr. Mulazim Hussain Mujahid meets with Isra University Foreign Students

Mr. Mulazim Hussain Mujahid, Coordinator, Deputy Education Advisor, Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination Scholarship visited Isra University, Hyderabad on 5 May 2014 to meet with foreign students studying at Isra University.

The meeting agenda encompassed discussion regarding scholarships awarded to foreign students and any relating issues. Mr. Mujahid expressed his great delight on knowing that the University frequently and regularly confers scholarships without any delay upon the meritorious students.

Students from all the faculties of Isra University attended the meeting. Prof. Dr. Rahim Memon, Associate Dean, FM&AMS coordinated students from FM&AMS & FD&ADS while, Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Asst. Professor, FES&T coordinated students from FES&T & FCE&MS.



World Health Day Organized at Isra University: Half of World's Population Is Susceptible to Malaria and Dengue



Vector-Borne diseases continue to threaten lives of billions of people around the world even in 21st century. Although significant advances have been made in research to prevent and cure these diseases, the situation is not good in much larger part of the planet, especially in underdeveloped areas of the world where sanitation and community cleanliness is not up to satisfactory standards.

Such was said by the chief guest Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Isra University and Director Isra University Hospital at a seminar which was organized by Department of Community Medicine, Isra University Hyderabad, in connection with World Health Day on 7 April.

World Health Day is celebrated every year on 7 April to raise awareness about health concerns which continue troubling the humans around the world. Primary emphasis is given on diseases which affect people in great numbers.

Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi told that this year, the theme of WHD is "Vector-Borne Diseases-A Global Threat", diseases that results from an infection transmitted to humans and other animals by blood-feeding arthropods, such as mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas. Examples of vector-borne diseases include Dengue fever, viral encephalitis, Lyme disease, and malaria.

He informed that the Isra Hospital is providing excellent treatment to patients suffering from malaria and other vector-borne disease to large number but prevention is better than cure. He further told that

the Isra University starts Master of Public Health degree program (MPH) to trained public health physicians and researchers.

Dr. Abdul Rehman Pirzado, provincial MNCH officer, WHO, Hyderabad said that WHO will provide guidelines and technical knowhow for control and prevention of vector borne diseases the Isra University services in the private sector are laudable.

Dr. Salman Kazi, Vice Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences, Dr. Rukhsar Ali Shahani, Chairperson, Department Of Community Medicine, and Prof. Dr. Hussain Bux Kolachi, Coordinator Department of Community Medicine informed that more than half of the world's population is at risk from vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue. "Yet, we can protect ourselves and our families by taking simple preventive measures, including vaccination", he noted. "The incidence of dengue has grown dramatically around the world in recent decades; over 2.5 billion people – over 40% of the world's population – are now at risk from dengue", he informed, "WHO currently estimates there may be 50–100 million dengue infections worldwide every year", They said and appealed the public to take prevention measures at home and community level, in order to reduce the burden of diseases.

Third and fourth year students of MBBS program also gave their presentations on dengue fever and malaria. At this occasion a large number of faculty members and students were present.



Promise to Keep the Nightingale Lamp High Isra School of Nursing Celebrates International Nursing Day



Nurses enter our life from the moment we are born to the last moment of most of our lives and they provide emotional and physical care to the sick and disabled. This profession of Nursing requires real commitment and selfless hard work and a lot of love, passion and perseverance than most other jobs do.

To mark the contributions of nurses towards people's health, the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, born on the 12th May in 1820, is commemorated every year all around the world on 12th of May as International Nurses Day (IND). This year the theme suggested by the International Nurses Council (INC) was Nurses: A Force for Change – A Vital Resource of Health which was celebrated with utmost enthusiasm by the Isra School of Nursing on the same day as 12 May 2014.

In United States, Canada, Australia and other countries, International Nurses Day often is part of a weeklong celebration, usually referred as National Nurses Week and keeping up with the tradition nurses clad in white observed the entire week from 5 May

to 12 May 2014 at Isra University as well in true spirit of providing best health care services and care to their patients regardless of color, cast or creed.

Dr. Raisa Gul, Associate Professor and Director of MSc Nursing Program at Aga Khan University-SONAM graced the occasion as chief guest and heartily congratulated the ISON for their commendable efforts in making the day successful and fruitful and setting a benchmark for others to follow. She lauded and appreciated the nurses for their enthusiasm in celebrating the day and participating in the activities with zeal.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Rebecca Wilson Principal of Isra School of Nursing highlighted the core of nursing and shed light on the evolving nature of the profession since its birth. 'We are celebrating change- nurses, nursing leaders, nursing students and the nursing profession has seen immense growth from 1860 to 2014, from Florence Nightingale to you and me, from BSc to MSc and PhD degrees it has moved from general care to specialization,



from merely a helping hand to clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, nurse managers and nurse scholars' she declared. Congratulating the nurses on this day she advised them to be a ray of hope in a patient's life to be a kindle of light in the darkness of illness, to be loving and caring to the patients and their families as this the religion of a true nurse and this the core of this divine profession.

As part of the celebrations at Isra University many educational seminars were arranged to bring more awareness and knowledge, presents were distributed and themed color days along with designated days of different eras portraying the evolution of nursing were observed. All in all, the week entailed many non-academic and academic activities that marked the remarkable success of the IND.

Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University presented the shield of honor and shawl as token of hospitality to the chief guest and praised the ISON for their efforts.

Isra Young Traders' Challenge - Virtual Stock Trading Competition

Isra University Economics and Finance Society (IEFS) organized a seven day virtual stock trading competition under the name of 'Isra Young Traders Challenge 2014 (IYTC)' from Monday, April 28, 2014 to Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Isra University Hyderabad. In total 28 teams comprising of around 127 multitalented and skilled students from department of Management Sciences participated in the competition that aimed at boosting the investment culture among the youngsters.

The event was inaugurated with the inspiring words of wisdom by Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University who motivating the participants at the occasion maintained, 'These constructive activities play crucial role in inculcating the analytical, risk management, entrepreneurial and stress management skills, I hope to see all of you running your own portfolios one day by utilizing the knowledge and learning you will

competitions like these serve as a powerful tool for building skills, formulating, evaluating and tuning various strategies and gaining important investing experiences and that such competitions should be continued at university in the future. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Engineering & Management Sciences, Isra University added that these real-life simulations provide students practical exposure far beyond the theoretical learning in class rooms and provide an opportunity to deal with real-world risks tactfully.

At the end of the ceremony, cash prizes and shields were distributed among the winners by the guest of honor Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor Isra University and Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences. Asad Bachani, Saadullah Solangi, Abrar Dawach, Mir Zohaib and Ali Sufiyan of Stratton Oakmont won the competition by securing



gain here".

IYTC involved online simulation of live stock trading at Karachi Stock Exchange, based on real market closing prices of stocks in real market conditions. To begin the trading, each team was provided a virtual cash balance of PKR 500,000. The participating teams constructed diversified portfolios containing stocks from multiple sectors of Karachi Stock Exchange. The students employed fundamental and technical analysis tools and considered various economic, social, political and other exogenous factors in making buying and selling decisions. The participating teams traded stocks on daily basis and submitted investment report providing detail of the portfolio plan, selection and portfolio returns. In the seven days trading session, the teams earned maximum return of 1.5% on their portfolio and incurred a maximum loss of 2.9%.

The activity concluded with monumental success and fruitful learning experiences. The closing ceremony was held on Thursday 8 May 2014 in which Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University was invited as guest of honor along with Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Engineering & Management Sciences and other prestigious notables of the varsity. Sharing his thoughts Mr. Chancellor emphasized that

maximum profit. Pirbhat Abbasi, Manisha Bai Maheshwari, Hafsa Rehman, Musarrat Nazir and Hafsa Qureshi of Money



Seminar on Exploring IEEE



The IEEE Isra student branch organized an informative seminar under the head 'Exploring IEEE' on 24 April 2014 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. As many as 300 students and faculty members from the faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology attended the seminar that involved discussion pertaining to IEEE SIGHT, Robotics, and Scope and Trends of IT.

Mr. Nabeel Abid, chair, IEEE Isra Student Branch inaugurated the session with his welcome address followed by Mr. Ammad Soomro, Vice Chair, who recapped the past contributions and activities of IEEE Isra Student Branch. The seminar was split up into three sessions; the first session was conducted by Engr. Rabeet Sagri, IEEE Karachi Section Speaker who highlighted the role of IEEE as Special Interest Group on Humanitarian Technologies (SIGHT). The second session was conducted by Engr. Ahmed Mujtaba Chang who presented on the topic of Robotics elaborating the making and functioning of robotics model. He also displayed



some robotics models developed by his team and him which included Quad-Copter, Robo Sensors, etc. The following session was conducted by Mr. Jamil Kandhir and Mr. Azhar Kamal who shed light on the trends and aspects of Information Technology.

The seminar with AVINAZ Business Solutions & Laseefa as its exclusive event partner invited Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University as the chief guest who was also accompanied by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences; and Head of Executive Council, IEEE Isra Student Branch.

Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Counselor, IEEE Isra Student Branch concluded the event with his vote of thanks to acknowledge the presence of the worthy speakers and dignitaries. In the end, Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi presented the honorable guests with shields, souvenirs and certificates. The event was captured by Express News, Tech TV, Jeay FM 88 and FM 105, who were also present at the occasion.

A Multi-Round Contest - Intelli-Quest Competition 2014



The IEEE Isra Student Branch organized a multi-dimensional competition on 30 April 2014 at Isra University, Hyderabad which invited participation from all faculties namely, FM&AMS, FD&AS, FCE&MS and FES&T.

The event offered a variety of competitions aimed at enhancing the spontaneity and cognitive abilities of the contestants including IQ-Quiz, IQ-Riddles, Minute to win it, Puzzle Round, IQ-Maze and Treasure Hunt. In addition, different food stalls were also arranged for the participants. Two hundred participants grouped into fifty-four teams first went through two rigorous competitions, IQ-Quiz and IQ-Riddles, which were held at the Faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology. The contestants answered a series of questions and riddles and teams with the most informed contestants made it to the next two rounds, Minute to win it and Puzzle round that were organized at the Asadulalh Kazi Auditorium. These two rounds relied solely on the contestants' stress management abilities and team spirit; the qualifying fifteen teams of these two rounds entered the penultimate competition, IQ-Maze. IQ-Maze tested the promptness and endurance of the

contestants by engaging them to find their way out a grueling labyrinth of paths and passages. Finally, only five teams entered the decider round, Treasure Hunt. By furnishing useful inklings and clues, this round impelled the attendees to employ their intuition and intelligence simultaneously.

The high-spirited team, A Class Nerds, comprising of Farhat Jehan, Faryal Shabvani, Kazi Noushaba and Ameena Jumani was the champion of the event while, King Stars T-35, represented by Jahanzaib Ahmed, Noor-u-Din Abro and Sajjad Ali was the runner-up team in the event.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony of Intelli-Quest Competition 2014 held on 30 April 2014 was organized on 7 May 2014 at Block-A, Isra University, Hyderabad. At the occasion, the winners, runners-up and the organizers were presented with shields and certificates by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences.

The event with its diverse competitions and food counters was extensively enjoyed by the participants.



ICTR&DF Delegation Visits Islamabad Campus



A delegation from Information & Communication Technology Research & Development Fund (ICTR&DF) visited Isra University, Islamabad Campus on 17 June 2014. The delegation comprising of Mr. Wasim Hashmi Syed, General Manager Monitoring, Mr. Adeel Shaikh, Mr. Jawad Azfar & Mr. Asfand Yar

were given briefing on Isra University and its various programs by Dr. Altaf Shaikh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Islamabad Campus, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Hyderabad Campus and Mr. Rahim Bux Channa, Additional Registrar, Islamabad Campus.



66th Clinical & Scientific Meeting at Islamabad Campus

Pakistan Association of Pathologist's (Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter) 66th quarterly meeting was held on 24 April 2014 at Husnain Auditorium, Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital, Isra University Islamabad Campus.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Umer Ali Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor (HS), Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital; Prof Ashok Kumar Tanwani, Coordinator, Pakistan Association of Pathologist (Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter); Dr. Naghmi Asif, Secretary, Pakistan Association of Pathologist (Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter); and Prof Noor Khan Lakhnana, Head, Department of Pathology, Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital, Islamabad.

Around 60 pathologists, both civil and armed forces, attended the convention, which commenced with the recitation of Holy verses by Prof Qari Raiz Saeed followed by Dr. Naghmi Asif who rehashed the proceedings of past PAP (Pakistan Association of Pathologist) meeting held at PIMS (Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences), Islamabad.

Later, Prof Noor Khan Lakhnana in his speech warmly welcomed all the present participants. He further apprised the attendees of the



activities going about the campus, its state-of-the-art building, full-fledged laboratories, diligent faculty members, multidisciplinary research lab, and commodious lecture halls and auditorium. He also briefed the attendees about the on-going postgraduate program in Basic Sciences and the forthcoming postgraduate program in Clinical Sciences; hoping that this will create a new post graduation center in both the cities.

Following him, Prof Ashok Kumar Tanwani acquainted everyone with the affairs of the local chapter and their future strategies. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Umer Ali Khan gauged and reviewed numerous projects of the college and whole heartedly showed his gratitude to the attendees.

At the conclusion, Dr. Wardah Aslam, Hematologist, Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital presented an applaudable clinical presentation on 'Sea Blue Histiocytosis Secondary to Niemann Pick Disease', which stimulated a detailed discussion involving all the participants.

In the end, the speakers were presented with shields and the guests with souvenirs and the convention terminated with a formal dinner.



'Small Bites, Big Threat' –Seminar on Social Mobilization & Awareness for Dengue Fever & Malaria



As public health machinery gears up for the World Health Day that falls on Monday April 7, the focus is on preventing vector-borne diseases. This year's theme was 'Small Bites, Big Threat', as cautioned by World Health Organization (WHO).

In connection with the same, Isra University's Department of Community Medicine and DEWS (Disease Early Warning System) Program of WHO Hyderabad in collaboration with Health Department, Government of Sind jointly arranged a health walk and a seminar on Social Mobilization & Awareness for Dengue Fever & Malaria at Isra University Hyderabad.

The alert signified by the WHO is mainly for four diseases which are caused by mosquito bite — dengue, chikungunya, malaria and Japanese encephalitis. Explaining the basis for this year's theme,



Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor Isra University and chief guest at the occasion, said the WHO was cautioning countries since there was a threat of redistribution of disease-causing vectors with change in their geographical concentration due to climate change. Shedding light on the topic of the seminar, 'Vector-Borne Diseases' he said, "Increase in temperature changes the mosquito dynamics significantly. A small mosquito bite will indeed become a big threat. How to prevent it and protect ourselves from vector-borne diseases needs special attention."

There were various paper presentations and talks on the theme in the seminar. Dr. Wali Rahimoon, Provincial Coordinator DEWS Program and Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-vice Chancellor Health Sciences & Director Isra Hospitals were the guests of honor who talked about various vector-borne diseases and their prevention

and cure procedures. "We have to survive along with mosquitoes, but at the same time preventing diseases calls for a holistic plan by the Health Department," said Dr. Wali Rahimoon.

Stating that every region in the province had its own public health challenges, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi said effective vaccination and surveillance held the key to prevent outbreak of these lethal diseases.

The 3rd year students of MBBS made presentations on Leshmaniasis, Malaria, dengue fever specially clinical features and prevention of above diseases the Names of students, Mr. Faisal, Mr. Saleh, Mr. Naveed jamali, Miss. Payal, Miss Sadia Mishal, Miss, Sadia Khan and Miss, Karishma, Miss, Rukhsar chandio, and Miss. Mehak Fatima

Other speakers who shed lights on the above topics were Dr.



Ahmed Hyder Additional District Health officer, Dr. Shafi Kalhoro National Programme Officer Malaria Sindh WHO, Dr. Navaid Kazi, Dr. Salman Ahmed Farsi, Prof: Dr. Hussain Bux Kolachi, Dr. Rukhsar Shahni, Dr. Nudrat Zeba and Dr. Suhail Ahme Bijarani Concluding the seminar, Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi once again emphasized the importance of awareness about vector-borne diseases and encouraged the M. Phil and PhD students of Isra University to expend their time in research about organic means of mitigating and preventing these diseases. He also affirmed the collaboration of Isra University in providing Continuing Medical Education (CME) and arranging awareness seminars in this regard on and off the Isra University's Campuses until the burden of these diseases from our society and nation is reduced.



Isra University Students Excel at Procom.Net 2014



Nearly ninety students from the Faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology, and Management Sciences, Isra University, Hyderabad participated in Procom.Net 2014 organized by FAST-NUCES, Karachi held from 9 to 10 April 2014.

Students from Isra University under the supervision of Engr. Saad Khan Baloch enthusiastically participated in numerous

competitions including Painting and Sketching, English Essay and Creative Writing, Innovative Business Ideas, Gaming Competition and I-Quest. Two students from Isra University, Mr. Arsalan Shaikh along with Mr. Izhar Laghari, secured first position in the marketing competition.

Workshop on Faculty Development at Karachi Campus

Al-Tibri Medical College & Hospital, Karachi Campus in collaboration with Isra University arranged a one-day workshop on "Faculty Development" on 12th April, 2014.

The core purpose of the event was to improve the skills in faculty in context to medical education Dr. Rukhsana Ayoub, Associate Professor (Gynae/Obs), Al-Nafees Medical College, Islamabad Campus, facilitated the session. A large number of faculty members from Isra University, Hyderabad and Al-Tibri Medical



College & Hospital, Karachi Campus, participated in this session. On this occasion Prof. Ghulamaadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University Hyderabad and Prof. Umar Ali Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Al-Nafees Medical College, Islamabad Campus were also present. Workshop awarded 2.0 CME credits. The event was coordinated by Dr. Asad Raza Jiskani, Assistant Professor, Isra University.

Preparatory Workshop of SCONEST 2014

IEEE Isra Student branch organized an introductory workshop on 28 April 2014 to enlighten the students about Student Conference on Engineering Sciences and Technology (SCONEST) which will be held in September this year at Isra University, Hyderabad.

The session was conducted by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences who apprised the students of the proper research methods and how to



write a strong research paper. He also responded to the queries of the inquisitive students to promote participation in events like this. Later, Mr. Hanan Daudpota discussed the possible ways of acquiring funds from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). The session was attended by a large number of students from the faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology.

Exploratory Laparotomy & Tumor Removal at Al-Nafees Medical College Hospital, Islamabad



Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital, Farash Town, Islamabad has been involved in welfare medical services by rendering high quality patient care to its underprivileged population for a long time now. An exemplary case of such services is the recent surgical operation performed by Professor Asma Tanveer Usmani, Head of Obs/Gynae department of a 60 years old widow suffering from an

encapsulated ovarian tumor with septations. Exploratory laparotomy was performed on 29 April 2014 and a big tumor was removed with intact capsule. Postoperative recovery was quick and on the 9th postoperative day stitches were removed and patient was discharged adding another successful chapter to the relentless efforts of the welfare Hospital.

17th Annual Symposium of Pakistan Hypertension League



Department of Surgery Al Nafees Medical College, Islamabad organized workshop on laparoscopic surgery in collaboration with Surgical Unit II Rawalpindi Medical College, Holy Family hospital from 24 – 27th May 2014. Participants of the workshop were from different Institutions of Pakistan, including Saidu Medical College Swat and UAE. Participants spent first two days of workshop in MIS Virtual Lab Holy Family hospital Rawalpindi and practiced Basic Skills of Laparoscopy on Simulators before being demonstrated Live Surgical Procedures in the Operation theaters by Prof. Idrees Anwar, Prof Asif Zafar, Dr. Faisal Murad and Dr. Qasim Ali. 3 Laparoscopic Procedures were demonstrated in the Operation Theatre reviewing the Basic Laparoscopic Skills and detailed explanation of Laparoscopic instruments, energy devices and surgical techniques.

On 2nd Day of Participants spent time in the MIS Virtual Lab and were demonstrated technique of Roeder's knot, Clipping Techniques. These were practiced on Simulators. This was followed by supervised practice session followed by Video session demonstrating laparoscopic procedures.

Third and fourth days of workshops were designated for Live Surgical demonstration at AL-Nafees Medical College Hospital, Isra University Islamabad. 9 procedures including Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy, Laparoscopic Appendectomy and Endo Urology procedures were demonstrated.

Tea and Lunch breaks were utilized for Video Sessions, during which Laparoscopic surgery in Acute Abdomen and Gynecology videos were shown and discussed. All sessions were interactive providing ample opportunity for the participants to interact with the Master trainers.

The concluding Ceremony was held in Hasnain Auditorium Al Nafees Medical College, Islamabad. Prof. Umar Ali Khan Pro Vice Chancellor Isra University was the Chief Guest. The ceremony was attended by faculty members of Al Nafees Medical College and distinguished surgeons of the twin cities.

Prof. Ishtiaq Ahmed Head of department of Surgery AL Nafees Medical College in his welcome address stressed upon the need for attaining basic skills in Laparoscopic surgery before embarking upon Minimal Invasive surgery independently.

Prof Asif Zafar, shared his experience of setting up of MIS Virtual Lab in Holy family hospital and conducting 14 such National MIS

workshops, where he and his team trained 100 surgeons from all over the country and 72 Surgical Residents of RMC & Allied teaching hospitals. This was 15th MIS workshop of the organized and first one in Al Nafees Medical College hospital where he is currently working as Professor of Surgery. He also showed Video Clips of various procedures demonstrated during the workshop.

He thanked administration of Isra University especially Mr. Mustafa Minhas and IT team of Isra university Islamabad in linking up AL Nafees Hospital operation theaters to Skill Lab, auditorium and Conference room and with the PERN Network for live demonstration of these procedures to National and International

Dr. Arshad Ali, Principal SEECS, NUST University was special guest on the occasion and spoke upon developing links between Academia to develop new innovations for health purposes. His team of Smart Lab demonstrated the Smart Sim: A virtual reality simulator demonstrated by NUST & Holy family for training of Laparoscopic surgery.

Prof. Umar Ali Khan distributed certificates amongst the participants and organizers of the workshop. The participants gave very positive feedback about the workshop and said they have learnt a lot during the 4 day workshop which is definitely going to enhance their skills. Brig. Khokhar thanked the participants and organizers of the workshop.



Inaugurates Endoscopic Endonasal Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) at ANMC&H, Islamabad Campus

12 June 2014 marked the launching of Endoscopic Endonasal Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) at the Departments of ENT (Ears, Nose and Throat) and Eye, Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital, Islamabad when the surgical team comprising of Prof Dr. M. Azeem Aslam, Head, ENT Department; Prof. Dr. Syed Imtiaz Ali, Head, Eye Department; Prof. Dr. Faiz Tareen, Head, Anesthesia Department; Dr. Ayesha, Assistant Professor, Eye Department; Dr. Hammad, Assistant Professor, Eye Department; Dr. Mehreen Babar, Assistant Professor, ENT; and Mr. Zahid, Occupational Therapy Assistant performed its first case.

Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) is a surgical procedure performed to cure the persistent watering of eyes as a consequence of blockage of the nasolacrimal duct. Conventionally, DCR operation is performed by external route also referred to as 'open approach'. However, due to increasing technological advancement in the last



two decades, surgeries using endoscopic techniques have been introduced which are least invasive hence involve minimal blood loss, scar free, more comfortable, cost effective and require shorter hospital stay. Resultantly, there has been a gradual shift from open surgical procedures in favor of these least invasive endoscopic procedures.

The installation of Endoscopic Endonasal Dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR) at Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital is a progressive step towards technology in contrast to the traditional DCR which is still the norm in Pakistan.

The surgical team of ENT and Eye departments at Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital has commenced registrations for endoscopic DCR. The team also plans to share its experience at National Surgical Conference which will be held at Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital, Islamabad in November 2014.

Workshop on Group Dynamics at Karachi Campus

Al-Tibri Medical College & Hospital, Karachi Campus arranged a one-day workshop on "GROUP DYNAMICS" on 19th May, 2014. Prof. Umar Ali Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Al-Nafees Medical College, Islamabad, facilitated the workshop.

The worthy speaker highlighted the importance of group dynamics and important traits related to it. A large number of faculty members including professors, associate professors, assistant professors and postgraduate students from Al-Tibri Medical College & Hospital, Karachi Campus, participated in this session.



Participants were divided in groups for the session.

On this occasion, Prof. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University Hyderabad were also present who addressed the participants and lauded the efforts of the organizers.

The session was concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Umar Ali Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Al-Nafees Medical College, Islamabad. The session was coordinated by Dr. Asad Raza Jiskani, Assistant Professor, Isra University.

Clinicopathological Conferences in Collaboration with Islamabad Campus (Via Video-Conferencing)

Isra University Medical Education Department (IUMED) in collaboration with Al-Nafees Medical College and Hospital has initiated inter-campus clinic-pathological conferences from February 2014. The Clinicopathological conference, popularly known as CPC relies on clinical case method of teaching medicine. At present, 10 sessions have been conducted successfully.

The process during these sessions involve case presentation, presentation of diagnostic data, discussion of differential diagnosis followed by logical narrowing of the list to selected probable diagnosis and its brief discussion among attendee's. The case presentations vary from one specialty and sub-specialties of

medicine and surgery to other. The aim of these sessions is to provide a working platform for novices to learn from experts as an obligatory clinical skills learning in a consistent manner and establish a forum for intellectual interactions with updated information.

Faculty members from basic and clinical sciences take part in these sessions on regular basis. After the Holy month of Ramadan, the medical education department plan to initiate an in-house CPC, on fortnightly basis at Hyderabad, campus. Similarly, the sessions will be broadcasted at Al-Nafees campus and Al-Tibri campus in Islamabad and Karachi, respectively.

Foundation University Islamabad and AEME Sign Memorandum of Understanding at Islamabad Campus



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Foundation University Islamabad (FUI) and Association for Excellence in Medical Education (AEME) on 30 May 2014.

A delegation from AEME visited Foundation University where Registrar FUI Air Cdre. (R) Tanwir ul Islam and Secretary General AEME, Prof. Dr. Umar Ali Khan inked the MoU. Director

Foundation University Islamabad Campus, Maj. Gen. (R) Dr. Nasim-ul-Majeed HI (M) was also present on the occasion.

FUI and AEME has joined hands in organizing FUI-AEME Conference in March 2015 at Foundation University Medical College. The title of the conference will be "The Continuum of Education in the Health Profession: Enhancing the Quality".



Seminar on Medical Education at Isra University, Hyderabad.

Dr. Umar Ali Khan had been visiting Isra University, Hyderabad campus on monthly basis for the Academy for Educational Research (AER) meetings. During his visits, Dr. Khan had delivered presentations on “Group Dynamics”, “Leadership in



Medical Education” and “ABC of Medical Education” over the past three-months with a view towards capacity development. All his presentations have been influential for faculty members and raising awareness towards recent trends in medical education.

Appreciation Ceremony of Procom.Net 2014 and Transparency International Workshop Participants

Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences distributed certificates among the participants and position holders of PROCOM 2014 and Transparency International Workshop 2014 in the Appreciation



Ceremony held on 22 April 2014. This ceremony was organized by Engr. Saad Khan Baloch to acknowledge the efforts and input of the students to encourage future participation.

Isra University Student Gets Selected as TECH-Times Correspondent



Basim Brohi, a student from the Department of Electrical Engineering, Isra University was selected as a correspondent of Tech Times, a Pakistani media Powerhouse that covers technological events across Pakistan. His selection

was highly appreciated and acknowledged by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences; and Head of Executive Council, IEEE Isra Student Branch.

The 16th Allama Iqbal Shield Competition 2014

The 16th Allama Iqbal Shield Competition was organized on 3 April 2014 at NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi under the supervision of Higher Education Commission (HEC). After winning the Intra University round in Isra University, Ebbad Qureshi from Department of Engineering and Ayesha Amin from Department of Management Sciences qualified for the English language along with Fizza Bhatti from Department of Management Sciences for the Urdu language represented Isra University at the next round which is held on provincial level. The trio participated at the 16th Allama Iqbal Shield Competition and was awarded with the certificates by HEC.



The Education Expo 2014 powered by The News-Jang Media Group

Jang Media Group organized a three day educational gala under the banner of 'The News Education Expo 2014' at Karachi Expo Center from 6 to 8 July 2014. The expo featured many top-notch universities of Pakistan including Isra University. With a major focus on expansion and ease of access to education in Pakistan, the expo is regarded as a high profile event in academia.

The event was inaugurated by senior minister of Education, Mr. Nisar Ali Khuro who not only visited the stall of Isra University but also talked about the progress and outlook of the university in



detail with the representatives. He was presented with shield and traditional ajrak and topi as token of gratitude by the Isra University officials.

Ali Moin Nawazish, Youth Ambassador for Jang Group visited the Isra University stall. Talking with the large number of students present at the stall, he emphasized the importance of such events that immensely contribute to the awareness of education among the youngsters and enlighten them about the new avenues available for opting in the diverse arena of contemporary educational fields.



The expo concluded on 8 July 2014, with a warm response from the attendants and participating universities.



Team ISWS Distributes Grocery Packages in A Village



Team Isra Social Welfare Society visited a village near Tando Fazal, a town situated 50KMs south of Hyderabad on Saturday, 5 April 2014. The team ISWS had approximately 40 packages that included groceries, medicines and clothes. These packages were bought from the funds donated by the students of Isra University under the project called as THE COLLECTIBLE DRIVE. Having a cause to work in charitable field is always good for humanity but

a direction is always required. Mir Ali, the landlord based at the targeted village joined his hands with the team ISWS and guided them to the proper areas to find poor and needy people. OETEH, a welfare organization based in Matiari generously donated medicines for the cause and assured their future collaboration for upcoming projects.



Paper Presentations by Isra University's Faculty Members

A research paper entitled 'Significance of the Survival of Mangrove Forest Along the Coastal Belt of Sindh' by Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University was published in Pakistan Journal of Oceanography, Volume 7 (1):41-51, 2014.

A research paper entitled 'Pancytopenia; Study for Clinical Features and Etiological Pattern at Tertiary Care Settings in Abbottabad' by Dr. Atif Sitwat Hayat, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Isra University was published in The Professional Medical Journal 2014; 21(1): pp 060-065.

Dr. Atif Sitwat Hayat attended the symposium & presented the Paper on: "Study for Evaluation of Typhoid (IGM) In Early & Rapid Diagnosis of Typhoid Fever at Tertiary Care Setting In Abbotabad" at Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences.

Faculty Participation at Academic Forums and Workshops

Faculty members of Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad attended 9th annual symposium of Liaquat University Medical and Health Sciences Hyderabad, held on 24th & 25th April 2014.

Dr. Muhammad Naveed Babur visited Istanbul, Turkey to attend 8th World conference on Neuro Rehabilitation held on 8th-12th April 2014, where he met with top management of World Federation for Neuro Rehabilitation for conducting International conference on Neuro Rehabilitation in Pakistan and Presented his research paper on "Impact of GBS syndrome on Psychosocial functioning of Patient in Pakistan"

Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon along with his PG students of MD (Cardio) Dr. Faraz Farooq Memon, Dr. Ovais Shams & Dr. Abdul Qadir Bhutto represented the Cardiology Department of Isra University Hospital Hyderabad in the 21st Biannual International Cardiology Conference arranged by Pakistan Cardiac Society on 25th-27th April 2014 at Islamabad.

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Isra Dental College & Hospital, Hyderabad

Isra College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Isra School of Nursing, Hyderabad

Isra School of Paramedics, Hyderabad

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- 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

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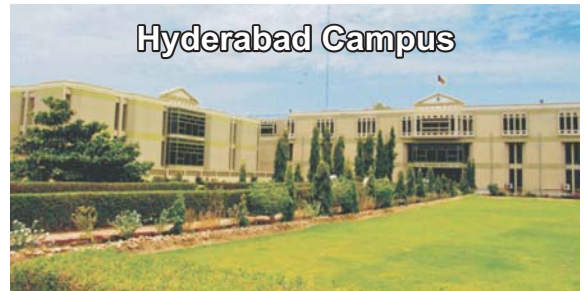
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