



ISRA NEWS

January-March 2014



03

Graduation of
345 Students at
11th Convocation,
2014



Isra University Inter-Collegiate
Debate Competition 2014

09



Promise To Continue Collaboration
and Cooperation in Medical Education-
AEME Conference 2014

13

US Delegation Visit To Isra University Hyderabad

06



Learning with fun at 'The 10K-Challenge 2014'

07



Colors & Festivity in the Air –Isra University Meena Bazar 2014

11



Learning By Case Method 04 Day Workshop

12



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.

Best Regards,
Irfan Haroon
isra.news@isra.edu.pk

ISRA NEWS

Patron in Chief
Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi

Chief Editor
Dr. Hameedullah Kazi

Director Public Relations & Editor
Mr. Irfan Haroon

Associate Editor
Ms. Syeda Ifra Naqvi

Assistant Editor
Ms. Nimra Saleem

Liaison Officer
Ms. Noor-us-Saba M. Aslam

Graphics Designer
Mr. Yasir Shaikh

Graduation of 345 Students at 11th Convocation, 2014

Everything changes with time, except the change itself. We live in an age of innovation and change, and in such an age, the universities have a special obligation. They must hold fast to the best of the past, and do more for the best of the future, said Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University while presiding over its 11th Convocation of Isra University held on 25 January 2014 at its main campus in Hyderabad.

Isra University conferred degrees to around 345 students

yourself ready to address the challenges of the future.' He went on and reminded the students their goal as educated citizens, 'to uphold the image of your country, by letting the world know that we are a peaceful nation.'

Further in his address, he highlighted the importance of education and said that learning is a lifelong process that continues from the cradle to the grave. He urged the students to be competitive and participative in order to extend their knowledge. 'There can be no



belonging to Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing, Vision Sciences, Physical Therapy, Management Sciences, Electronics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Software Engineering and Telecommunications.

While talking about change, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi said that we must get ready for globalization, which is like the river that has burst its banks. He advised that we must learn swimming or else we will be drowned. As a parting message to the students, he said, 'Work hard to achieve your goals. I want you to become great, as we are optimistic in you. You are the leaders of tomorrow, so get

development without participation; and there can be no participation without communication, in this age of digital literacy,' he said.

On this felicitous occasion, Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University in his address said that the main purpose of such events is not only to confer degrees on the students but also to honor those who have performed meritoriously.

In the light of a verse from The Holy Quran he said, 'Knowledge inculcates in a person sense of responsibility and accountability.' While expressing his expectations of the graduating batch he said,



'I hope that the graduating students of this University will demonstrate this purpose of the knowledge and will emerge as torch-bearers of truth and be paragons of virtue.'

In his address, he also shared the tremendous progress shown by Isra University and the various achievements made over the years. In his closing remarks, he congratulated the graduating students and expressed his good wishes for their future endeavors.

At the convocation, out of 345 graduates, 142 received degree for Bachelor in Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing, Physical Therapy and Vision Sciences whereas, 45 post graduate degrees



were awarded in different programs of medical and allied medical sciences. In addition, 89 received degree for Bachelor and 15 for Master in Business Administration, Computer Science, Electronics, Information Technology, Software Engineering and Telecommunications whereas 8 M. Phil degrees were awarded in Management Sciences. Apart from this, one student was also conferred upon a PhD. in Electronic Engineering.

At the end, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi awarded Gold and Silver Medals to the outstanding students for securing positions in their relevant Faculties and Departments. This year, Irrum Aftab, a graduate of MBBS program received a Gold Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences whereas, she also received a Silver Medal in the Division of Basic Sciences; Quratul Ain Maqsood, a graduate of BDS program, received a Gold Medal in the Faculty of Dentistry & Allied Sciences whereas, she also



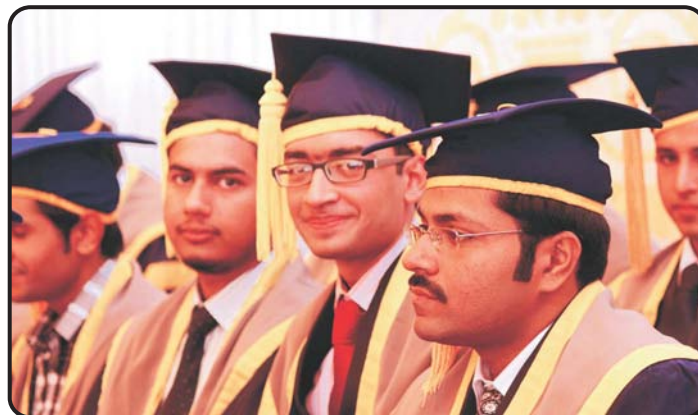
received Silver medal in the Division of Basic sciences and Anusha Rathi received a silver medal in Clinical Dental Sciences; Muhammad Moiz ullah Khan, a graduate of MBBS program received a Silver Medal in the Division of Clinical Sciences; Dilshad Khatoon, a graduate of BS (Nursing) program received a Silver Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences, Suhail Wahab Khalil, a graduate of BS (Vision Sciences) received a Silver Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences and Mukhri Pasham Memon, a graduate of DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) received a Silver Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences. In addition, Zainab Irfan, a graduate of BS (Software Engineering) received a Gold Medal in the Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology



whereas, she also received a Silver Medal in the Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science; Syeda Ifra Naqvi, a graduate of BBA program received a Gold Medal in the Faculty of Commerce, Economics & Management Sciences whereas, she also received a Silver Medal in the Department of Management Sciences; Bilal Karim Mughal a graduate of BS (Telecommunication) program received a Silver Medal in the Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science.

At the convocation besides the dignitaries other faculty members, parents and a large number of students were present who were invited for lunch after the Chancellor declared the convocation closed.

Convocation, 2014 Pictorial



US Delegation Visit To Isra University Hyderabad

Isra University (IU) welcomed the second delegation from Ball State University (BSU) Indiana, USA on 18 March 2014 as a part of the Isra University & Ball State University Partnership Program. The alliance involves collaboration on building research capacity of the host institute and faculty & research students' exchange as key ingredients of the partnership.

The delegation consisted of Dr. Kenneth Holland, Project Director IU-BSU Partnership Program and Director of Center for International Development BSU, Dr. Shaheen Borna, Professor of Marketing, Miller College of Business, BSU and Mr. Huso



Selimovic, Project Coordinator IU-BSU Partnership Program. The delegation stayed for 5 days from 18 March 2014 to 22 March 2014 at the beautiful city of Hyderabad and got engaged in various research seminars, workshops and meetings that primarily focused on the research collaboration and faculty development of Department of Management Sciences, Isra University.

The topics of the seminars included Research Methods, Business Ethics & Philosophy of Ethics that were open to all the students and faculty members of Isra University whereas more intense topics such as how to prepare grant proposals, funding issues and more comprehensive means of strengthening and extending the



partnership program were discussed among the focus groups of the department. The dialogue also included the mechanism of enhancing library resources and curriculum development opportunities at Isra University.

Apart from these activities, BSU delegation was also taken out on a cultural excursion to Sindhology Dept. of University of Sindh Jamshoro. The IU-BSU Exchange Program Alumni who visited Ball State University USA in the summer of 2013 under the same partnership program hosted an exclusive dinner for the delegation and key members of the program.

In the farewell dinner to the BSU delegation Dr. Hameedullah



Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Engineering & Management Sciences, Isra University presented cultural souvenirs to the delegation and also expressed his profound gratitude to the delegation and anticipated that frequent exchanges and visits will not only be instrumental in strengthening the ties but will also expose the coalition to diverse collaborative avenues. Dr. Kenneth Holland, on this occasion not only affirmed the future cooperation but also open-heartedly welcomed the next delegation from Isra University that will visit Ball State University Muncie IN, USA in this summer of 2014.

Learning with fun at 'The 10K-Challenge 2014'

The student based Isra University Entrepreneurial Society (IES) organized a two-day business fair named '10K Challenge –Invest & Earn' – a sequel of 2013's mega hit event, 5K Challenge – from 19 February to 20 February 2014 at the Isra University Campus. The theme of the event was inspired by the 'Pakistan Vision 2025'; to infuse entrepreneurial culture among nation's youth for economic and human development of Pakistan.

"Isra Entrepreneurial Society holds true to its promise of promoting entrepreneurial activities within the campus by coming up with ideas like 10K Challenge," said Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University while addressing as the chief guest. "This 10K Challenge will foster entrepreneurial skills in the students and prepare them ahead of time for the challenges awaiting them in the much competitive market," he added.

The motive of 10K Challenge was to encourage a healthy competition among the students along with enhancing their entrepreneurial, problem solving and management skills. The students were required not merely to conceive and implement a business idea; but rather to simulate a large business venture

up a 'Technology Park' that featured technology-oriented booths that included projects like The Technos, Innovative Computers and Bot-Techs. Moreover, students were also motivated to come up with technological ideas by offering them free booths.

The prodigious event with Express News as its exclusive Media Partner was inaugurated by the chief guest, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University who was accompanied by Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Asandas Manwani, Chairperson, Department of Management Sciences; Mr. Javaid Dars, Patron, IES and Ms. Paras Bhatti Co-Patron, IES.

The 10K-Challenge promotes the idea of 'Be your own Boss'; it allows the participants to gain firsthand knowledge of setting up a business with limited resources, making them more independent and self-reliant. Such was said by Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences at the Prize Distribution Ceremony of 10K-Challenge on 28 February 2014.

The event was judged by Mr. Rizwan Ali Shah, Core Network Engineer, Mobilink; Mr. Ikhtiar Ahmed Khoso, Assistant



backed up by heavy marketing and advertising with a maximum initial investment of PKR 10,000.

At this occasion, representatives from Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) were especially invited to witness the small-scale business ventures set up by the young, energetic entrepreneurs. As many as 50 booths were set up by around 240 participants pertaining to different faculties of Isra University. From traditional handicrafts to latest gadgets and fresh made food to games and grooming services, the event displayed a library of ideas conceived by the zealous youngsters. Some eminent business projects included Be Funky Photo Booth, Gaming Galaxy, Battle Station, Chacha Peru, Tidbits, Crazy Mix-Up, Culture Glory, Bar BQ Two Day and Thandai Express exhibiting diversity and innovation.

As the business world is becoming excessively automated over the years, 10K Challenge attempted to promote technology by setting

up a 'Technology Park' that featured technology-oriented booths that included projects like The Technos, Innovative Computers and Bot-Techs. Moreover, students were also motivated to come up with technological ideas by offering them free booths.

The prodigious event with Express News as its exclusive Media Partner was inaugurated by the chief guest, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University who was accompanied by Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Asandas Manwani, Chairperson, Department of Management Sciences; Mr. Javaid Dars, Patron, IES and Ms. Paras Bhatti Co-Patron, IES.

The 10K-Challenge promotes the idea of 'Be your own Boss'; it allows the participants to gain firsthand knowledge of setting up a business with limited resources, making them more independent and self-reliant. Such was said by Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences at the Prize Distribution Ceremony of 10K-Challenge on 28 February 2014.

The event was judged by Mr. Rizwan Ali Shah, Core Network Engineer, Mobilink; Mr. Ikhtiar Ahmed Khoso, Assistant

'The 10K-Challenge 2014' Pictorial



Isra University Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2014



Technology has seen rapid developments in the past few decades. While it's true that advances have brought ease for us in our day to day tasks, they have in many domains of life, reduced the amount of physical exertion which is much needed for a healthier society. Such was said by Former Information Minister of Sindh and Member of National Assembly, Ms. Shazia Atta Mari, as she addressed the participants at the Isra University Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2014, held at Isra University Hyderabad on Thursday.

The competition was organized by the Isra University Youth Development Forum. As many as 100 students from 30 different colleges of Hyderabad and interior Sindh participated in the competition. The debate was held on trilingual basis under the topic "Technology: A cause of decline in physical activities". Participants raised noteworthy points both in the favor of and against the motion.

"In past, children would go out in the sunlight and play street games, fresh air and sunlight are as necessary for the humans as they are for vegetation", a participant was quoted as saying, "nowadays, children spend more of their time socializing on the Internet, far from the reach of free Vitamin D", he added. Another student was of the view that if technology has reposed us from excessive work, why not welcome the change with open arms. "I think that if we can have everything in our palmtops, it is not something that will make us obese, rather our dietary habits will", she maintained, "we should not blame technology for our laziness, drawing benefits from the technological advancements in no way can be held responsible for decline in physical activities", she went on saying. One contestant noted that increasing penetration of technology in daily lives was making people more fragile. "To me, it seems that technology is making us dependent so much, that in its absence, we are not able to do certain tasks, which we could do

easily when the technology was not available at all", he said, "take example of walking to your destination, our immediate forefathers could go miles without losing their breath, now you won't find someone who can go even a mile with ease", he added, terming the technology as prime reason behind what he called a "flimsier lifestyle".

The chief guest at this occasion, Ms. Shazia Atta Mari, in her concluding remarks balanced the opinions from both sides. "Technology has enabled us to do months' task in days, and days' task in minutes, but this easiness should not be allowed to influence our lives so much, that humans are turned in breathing robots", she said. "Overwhelming utilization of technology by minors, needs to be time-regulated by their parents and guardians, who should also ensure a sufficient outdoor activity time for their kids", she maintained. "It is not the use of technology which causes decline in physical activities rather it's the abuse of technology", she noted.

In English language category, Muhammad Umais Kaimkhani from Superior College of Science Hyderabad and Dua Ibrahim from Pakistan Pilot College Hyderabad were declared winner and runner-up respectively. In Urdu, Umaima Ali from Fauji Foundation Higher Secondary School Tando Muhammad Khan secured 1st position whereas Osama Khatri from HiAST College Hyderabad was pronounced runner-up. In Sindhi, Shazia M Ahsan from Govt. Nazareth Girls College Hyderabad stood at 1st spot, whereas Sibghatullah from Cadet College Petaro was adjudged to be runner-up. Professor Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University, distributed shields and cash prizes among the winners and runner-ups from all three categories. He lauded the efforts of the students and appreciated the quality of the opinions put forward by the contestants. "I am happy to see that our country's youngsters are brimful of talent, their insight on this growing concern about technology is highly commendable", he said.

Isra University Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition 2014 Pictorial



Colors & Festivity in the Air –Isra University Meena Bazar 2014



Hyderabad: Consistent with its tradition of holding Meena Bazaar every year for female students and their families, Isra University organized 'Meena Bazaar 2014' on 28 March 2014 where female students from all the faculties of Isra University actively participated.

The colourful event featured various food and fun stalls set up by the zealous and energetic female students, displaying an array of unique ideas. The appealing stalls which were beautifully adorned and decorated by the team members offered a variety of food, games, beverages, frozen desserts and accessories along with nail art, mehandi and hairdo services made the colourful event more enjoyable and fun. The spontaneous commentary, musical chairs, riddles, tongue twister competition, song dedication and similar activities conducted by the student volunteers for the visitors of Meena Bazaar proved to be another attraction of the event. A huge crowd making up of teachers and students visited to relish the offerings of the joyous event. To invoke the sense of competition, Isra University Meena Bazar also offered prizes to the stalls

keeping in view the presentation of the kiosks, cleanliness and quality of the products offered.

The first prize was secured by Ashba Marwa as the team leader and Ramsha, Bisma, Rukhsar, Hiba, and Saba as the team members for their stall, 'Refuel with Frugoz' that offered delectable and soothing juices and smoothies. Second prize was won by Ramsha as the team leader and Soonha, Salma, Warda, Mahnoor, Maryam, Gulzar, Roomana, and Almas as the team members for their stall 'Zackies.' Asna Rajput with her team members Paras Shaikh, Urooj Rajput and Maham Rajput stood third for her stall named the 'Pirates of Taste.'

Dr. Afroze S. Kazi, Chairperson, Department of Anatomy was invited as the worthy chief guest who distributed prizes among the winners and lauded the extraordinary efforts put up by the participants and organizers that marked the remarkable success of the event. Ms. Sumbul Khawaja, Assistant Professor, FES&T and Dr. Syna P. Singha, Assistant Professor, FM&AMS were the judges at the occasion.



Learning By Case Method - 04 Day Workshop

Case studies have a long history in business, law and medicine. The case study learning method is said to be the most trusted, flexible and efficient mean of creating strong decision making, analytical and problem solving skills. In its efforts to provide quality education with hands on learning experience Department of Management Sciences, Isra University hosted an exclusive 04 day workshop under the name of Learning by Case Method held from Friday 14 February 2014 to Wednesday 19 February 2014.

The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Wahid Umrani, an aspiring scholar of PhD in Management Sciences.

The 04 day intensive learning program included case studies from various areas of business and each day was dedicated to one domain. The first day included the introduction to case classes and importance of incorporating the exclusive learning method in the conventional classes to orient the students followed by a case study on entrepreneurship. The second day and third day was dedicated to case studies related to leadership and decision making respectively that involved rigorous discussions and conflicting views regarding the case presented. The trainer not only efficiently guided the discussion but also encouraged out of the box solutions from the participants.

The last day of the workshop was especially designated for the faculty in which the trainer presented some common challenges that the case instructor is most likely to face while administering the case class and methods of carefully choosing the case studies



that perfectly fits with the teaching objectives of the instructor. The day ended with yet another meticulous discussion on the case presented on the topic of human resource tools and techniques in which the faculty was invited to observe the case class as the trainer engaged the participants in fruitful dialogue.

The session concluded with a vote thanks by Dr. Asandas Manwani, Chairperson Department of Management Sciences (MS) in which he expressed his heart-felt gratitude and lauded the efforts of the trainer and appreciated Mr. Jawed Dars, Assistant Professor MS and Mr. Qamaruddin Mahar, Assistant Professor MS for coordinating and managing the event well. He anticipated that improving on the learning methods can surely improve the quality of deliverance of education at the university.

Isra University Students Make Their Mark at One-Nation Corruption -Free Future Generation Workshop



Competing brilliantly and making their mark wherever they go, Isra University students once again prove themselves by securing third position at One-Nation Corruption -Free Future Generation Workshop organized under Transparency International Pakistan (TIP) on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at Regent Plaza Karachi.

The student representatives included Ms. Syeda Ifra Naqvi and Ms. Aisha Mahmood from Department of Management Sciences and Mr. Sagar Kumar Anandani from MBBS accompanied by faculty coordinator Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Lecturer FES&T. The workshop included presentations from various motivational

speakers, briefing on Anti-Fraud Hotline by TI Pakistan, brainstorming and idea sharing activities followed by other group activities.

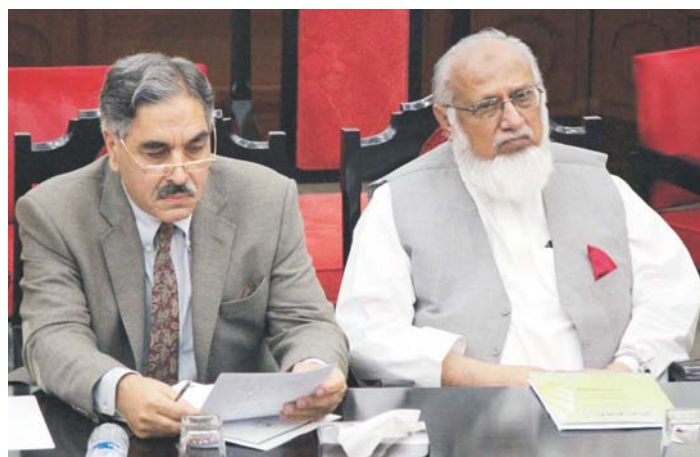
A total of 23 universities from across the Sindh participated in the workshop out of which Isra University stood third in the group activities where the students presented their suggestion of how to implement transparency mechanism in education sector. The students were appreciated for their suggestion and were given individual prizes by Mr. Adil Gilani, ex-Executive Director, Transparency International Pakistan.

Promise To Continue Collaboration and Cooperation in Medical Education-AEME Conference 2014

'Medical universities and colleges should come up with reasonable recommendations and training models to improve health care delivery systems,' said the chief guest at the concluding day Mr. Khawaja Asif, Adviser to the Chief Minister on Health. He was speaking at the occasion of concluding day of the 3-Day conference held from 6 March -9 March 2014 at University of Health Sciences, Lahore organized by Association for Excellence in Medical Education (AEME) in collaboration with Isra University.

Addressing at the inaugural ceremony of the 3-Day international conference that primarily focused on improving an existing model of medical education framework, acting Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC), Syed Imtiaz Ali Gilani said that health professionals needed to speed up the progress in improving people's health. "The poorest people suffer from ill health but much of the suffering could be prevented by using existing treatments and by applying the latest knowledge and research about what works," he maintained.

The core discussions at the conference revolved around the themes such as continuing professional development, competency-based



curriculum and performance-based assessments, medical writing and research, teaching and learning, leadership and capacity building, globalisation of healthcare and technology in medical teaching. There were 58 poster presentations, 87 paper presentations, 9 state-of-the-art lectures and 32 workshops on major aspects of medical education.

The event was attended by more than 600 health professionals that included physicians, administrators, nurses, allied health professionals, researchers, policy-makers and students. Various international speakers including Dr. Janet Grant, Professor Open University UK, Dr. John Norcini, President and Chief Executive Officer (FAIMER), Dr. Ara Tekian, Associate Dean, University of Illinois and Dr. Stefan Lindgren President of World Education Federation delivered informative lectures on CME and CPD models and activities. They shared their experiences on improving an existing platform towards establishing a fair and productive process for revalidation and recertification of doctors in Pakistan along with twenty parallel pre-conference workshops that were arranged in the morning and evening of the opening day.

Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University urged that



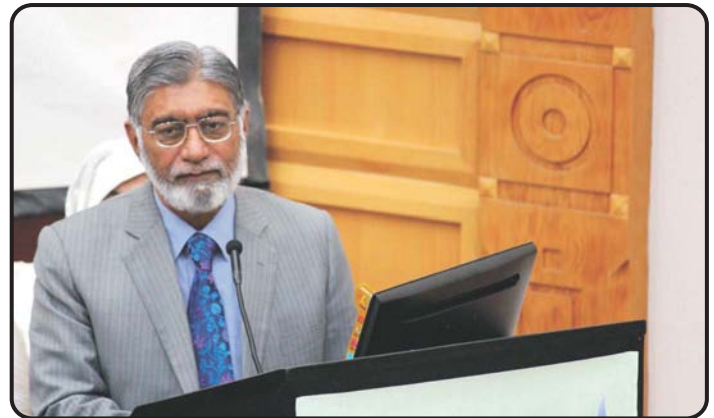
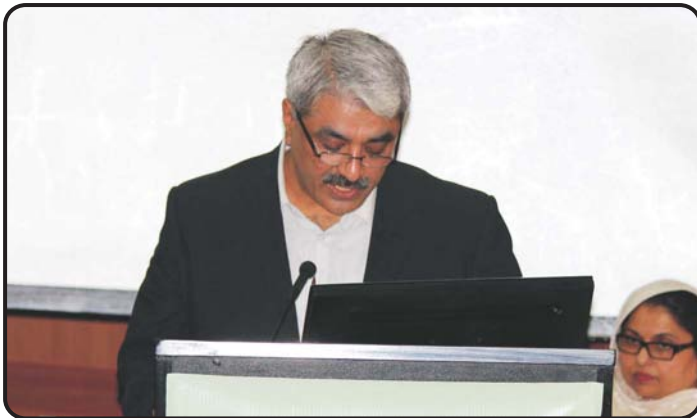
the medical institutions should allocate the major portion of their resources towards research for the benefit of next generation. "The pyramid of medical knowledge that we see today and from which we benefit has been erected brick by brick by the research of our peers in medical education,' he said adding that health professionals of today needed to harness the potential of information technology in advancing the cause of medical education.

Dr. Umar Ali Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Islamabad Campus Isra University said that "AEME working with other organizations, supports teachers and institutions in their current educational activities and in the development of new approaches to curriculum planning, teaching and learning methods, assessment techniques and educational management, in response to advances in medicine, changes in healthcare delivery and patient demands and new educational thinking and techniques.'

The basic medical and clinical science faculty members from all three campuses attended the workshops. Participating faculty members from the Hyderabad campus included Dr. Aamir Memon, Dr. Farzana Junaid, Dr. Kabir Dherwani, Dr. Ghulam Shah Nizamani, Dr. Hussain Bux Kolachi, Dr. Izhar Parekh, Dr. Junaid Bhanbhro, Dr. Navaid Kazi, Dr. Salman Kazi, Dr. Palwasha Abbasi, Dr. Saeed Sattar Sheikh, Dr. Sadia Tabassum, Dr. Saif-ur-Rehman, Dr. Sana Arain and Dr. Shams Solangi.



AEME Conference 2014 Pictorial



17th Annual Symposium of Pakistan Hypertension League

Pakistan Hypertension League (PHL) conducted its 17th annual symposium this year in Larkana from 7 February to 9 February 2014. Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon, Professor of Cardiology and Vice Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences, Isra University, Hyderabad along with Dr. Shahid Hussain Memon, Dr. Mohammad Zaman Baloch, Dr. Owais Shams, Dr. Faraz Farooq Memon, Dr. Abdul Qadir Bhutto, Dr. Anna Qureshi and Dr. Shamsher Mardan from the Cardiology Department of Isra University Hospital, represented Isra University at the Symposium.

At the symposium, five presentations were presented by the postgraduate representatives from Isra University which were as follows, "Pitfalls In Blood Pressure Measurement In Daily

Practice" and "Home Blood Pressure Monitoring Include Sleep" were presented by Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon and Dr. Muhammad Zaman Baloch, "Adherence To Anti-Hypertensive Therapy Prior To The First Presentation Of Stroke In Hypertensive Adults" and "Hypertensive Emergency and Severe Hypertension: What to Treat, Who to Treat and How to Treat" were presented by Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon and Dr. Owais Shams, and "Pearls Of 2013 ESH/ESC Guidelines For The Management Of Arterial Hypertension" was presented by Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon and Dr. Faraz Farooq Memon. The participation and presentations of Isra University postgraduates were particularly highlighted and appreciated by the organizers of the symposium.

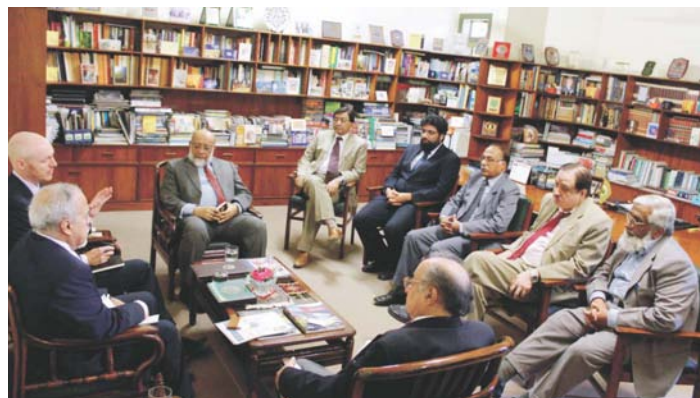
ISWS Conducts Its First Social Activity For 2014

Holding true to the Society's purpose of spreading smiles on the faces of the impoverished sector of our community, Isra Social Welfare Society (ISWS) paid a visit to a secluded, slum town near Jamshoro, Sindh on 26 January 2014, which marked its first social activity for the year. The visit was arranged to distribute warm clothes, jackets, blankets and other winter necessities among the town dwellers to help them shield against the cold, tough weather of winter season.

Later, Mr. Muazam Memon, President, ISWS celebrated his birthday with the town members, an experience that was entirely new for them. The team members of ISWS derived great contentment and fulfillment from the happiness and gratefulness of the town members for the few hours spared for them.



Visit of Patrick Kearins, Trade Commissioner Australia



Senior Australian Trade Commissioner for South Asia Region Patrick Kearins has said that a huge potential exists to enhance Pak-Australia cooperation in the areas of Energy, Livestock, Agriculture, Mining, Advance Manufacturing and Education. On his visit to Isra University on 19 February 2014, the trade commissioner discussed upon several topics regarding Australian education system and how students at undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels can make the most out of it. In the exclusive meeting with Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor Isra University, he extended a warm hand of friendship to the host institute and anticipated that collaboration in diverse fields will lead to

remarkable success for both of the parties. At the occasion, Dr. Kazi maintained that Isra University always looks forward to bond with its international contemporaries and strongly believe in enhancing the linkages to achieve the glorious purpose of provision of quality education at the varsity. The meeting was attended by all the dignitaries of Isra University Hyderabad including Dr. Abdul Qadir Memon, Director QEC, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Engineering & Management Sciences, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences, Dr. Feroz Memon, Vice Dean Clinical Sciences along with others.



One-Day Talk on Fountain Magazine



“Our sacred aim is to fill the universe with virtue and to keep the position of Ahsan-e-Taqweem rather to raise this position to Ala-e-Illiyeen that is why we want to serve humanity in the best manner whether it is education, training, or other basic services that is essential to all mankind,” stated Mr. Ahmed Kaya, Principal Pak-Turk School, Isra University Campus on the occasion of one day talk on “Fountain Magazine” held on 30 January 2014 at Block-A Auditorium.

Mr. Kaya briefed about the importance of foundational humanitarian issues covered in the periodical and discussed about

the glorious purpose that the journal seeks to accomplish by maximizing its reach to the local readers. “The Fountain is an effort to provide something which really deserved to be read by opening new vistas to the mind and the heart and bringing about positive change in various avenues,” he added.

The speaker was then decorated with traditional Sindhi Topi & Ajrak as token of hospitality as the session concluded. The seminar was attended by students of various programs along with the faculty of Isra University.



Two-Day Medical Education Workshop by Dr. Ara Tekian



A workshop on the theme of 'Challenges in Medical Education' was organized from 11th to 12th of March 2014 at Al-Tibri Medical College and Hospital, Karachi. The key speaker on the occasion was Dr. Ara Tekian, an eminent medical educationalist and consultant for Isra University currently working as Associate Dean at University of Illinois, USA. The session aimed to explore and identify the learning needs of faculty members in relation to academic activities of medical undergraduates with a view to devise a learning plan to cover those gaps.

Consequent with the fruitful discussion with participants, a topic of designing an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) was selected for further discussion. During the selected session, Dr Ara Tekian particularly emphasized on the principles of

designing checklist and rating scale for measuring student's competence during an OSCE exam. Moreover, he suggested that such an assessment strategy could be introduced during mid-clinical rotations to familiarize students with an exam setup and to provide opportunity for students to reflect, learn, and obtain feedback on their performance. During the group activity, the participants watched a video of OSCE exam in-action recorded for academic research purposes at the University of Southern California.

Lastly, the discussants participated in the in-group activity of designing OSCE stations using the framework provided by the speaker, after which the session concluded with certificate distribution exclusively by Dr. Ara Tekian.



Mini-Project Competition 2014

The Department of Electrical Engineering, Isra University organized a Mini-Project Competition on 13 February 2014. The projects exhibited were based on the design and assembly of prototypes of various electronics applications the enthusiastic aspiring engineers. The event was graced by Professor



Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences who visited all the exhibits and encouraged the students to indulge themselves more into such kind of practical learning experience.

Students of Isra University participate in MUNIK V

A delegation comprising of seven students of Isra University, Hyderabad with Ayesha Mehmood as the Head Delegate accompanied by six talented members Aarsal Khan Memon, Hina Baloch, Madiha Baloch, Nida Ali Nizamani, Paras Shaikh and Syeda Mahin Rizvi visited IBA, Karachi to participate in the four-day Model United Nations (MUN) conference, MUNIK V, held from 30 January to 2 February 2014.

With around 1200 delegates, 18 Committees and Committee



Directors from more than 12 countries, MUNIK V was an international competition portraying global diplomacy and striving for global development. On the one hand, the conference engaged the participants in arduous committee sessions and intense debates to diversify their political interests and knowledge while on the other, it organized exhilarating and entertaining social events to create a forum where students from around the globe could mingle and interact informally.

Workshop on Basic Life Support (BLS)

The department of Cardiology of Isra University, Hyderabad organized a two-day training workshop on Basic Life Support (BLS) course for the House Officers of Isra Dental College from 12 February to 13 February 2014, the academic services of which were delivered by Bosch Pharmaceuticals.

BLS is the most primitive level medical care that is used in cases of

emergencies for victims in pre-hospital settings and involves simple techniques to boost the blood circulation and breathing of the victim without making use of any medical equipment. As many as 40 House Officers participated in the short course and around 80 pct of the participants acquired expertise in BLS after the workshop.

Students of Isra University visit LUMS for YLES' 14

A team of five students from Isra University, Hyderabad participated in the annual Young Leaders' and Entrepreneurs' Summit (YLES) organized by the Entrepreneurial Society of Lahore University of Management Sciences from 4 January to 7 January 2014. The representative team from Isra University-Biz Techies, included Anum Saleem, Areej Qureshi, Safia Memon, Santia Akhtar and Tariq Hussain Wafai from Department of Management Sciences.



YLES is an international level, annual competition that aims to encourage innovative thinking and contemporary business ideas among the participants to hatch the customary business approach. YLES 2014 revolved around the theme of 'Creative Destruction', exposing the participants to the transformation of the business world over the passage of time and stimulating unconventional, creative thinking.

Chancellor, Isra University becomes a member of Shams-ul-Ulma Mirza Kalich Beg Chair, University of Sindh

Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University, Hyderabad was appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of Shams-

ul-Ulma Mirza Kalich Beg Chair, University of Sindh, Jamshoro on 25 February 2014.

Computer Gaming Competition 2014



Directorate of Student Affairs, Isra University organized a computer gaming competition that was held on 30 January 2014 to 31 January 2014 for girls & boys respectively. The games included were Counter-Strike & Need for Speed. The victorious girl of the game 'Need for Speed' was Priya Rajani from Department of Management Sciences whereas Noor-Ul-Huda from Department of Electrical Engineering was the runner-up. In the boys section, Team Elite XI from Department of Electrical Engineering secured

1st position whereas Team Defenders from Department of Computer Science stood as runner-up in the game of 'Counter Strike.' For the game 'Need for Speed' Waleed Saeed from Department of Computer Science triumphed and Syed Faizan from Department of Electrical Engineering was the runner-up. The gaming competition was enthusiastically attended by the students and was organized by Mr. Irfan Haroon, Director Student Affairs & Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Senior Lecturer, FES&T.



Inter University (Zone-H) Net Ball Championship 2014

Isra University students participated in Inter University (Zone-H) Net Ball Championship 2014 at Sindh University, Jamshoro on 24 March 2014.

Inter University (Zone-H) Basketball Championship 2014

Isra University students participated in Inter University (Zone-H) Basketball Championship 2014 at LUMHS, Jamshoro on 10 March 2014.



Inter University (Zone-H) Volleyball Championship 2014

Isra University students participated in Inter University (Zone-H) Volleyball Championship 2014 at Sindh Agricultural University, Tando Jam on 16 March 2014.



Inter-University (Zone-H) Football Championship 2014

Isra University students participated in Inter-University (Zone-H) Football Championship 2014 at Sindh Agricultural University, Tandojam on 29 January 2014.

Paper Presentations by Isra University's Faculty Members

Dr. Zain Islam Arain, a postgraduate of Department of Cardiology, Isra University, Hyderabad presented two papers – “Water-Pipe Smoking And Metabolic Syndrome: A Population-Based Study” and “Prevalence Of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus In Hepatitis C Virus Infected Population: A Southeast Asian Study”- at the 17th National Health Sciences Research Symposium on “Non Communicable Diseases” held at Aga Khan University, Karachi from 25 February to 27 February 2014.

An article entitled “Some Thoughts on Autobiography of Mirza Kalich Beg Gurji (1853 – 1929)” by Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi was published in Sindhi Adab Aeen Mirza Kalich Beg, pp. 36 – 54, by Mirza Kalich Beg Chair, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.

Dr. Syna P. Singha, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, FMAMS, Isra University Hyderabad presented a scientific paper entitled as "Histological Analysis Of Oral Treatment Of Tobacco On Ovaries Of Non-Pregnant Female Swiss Albino Rats" in the International Conference Of Anatomists held in CMH Lahore Medical College & Institute of Dentistry on 21st -22nd March 2014. The research work was conducted under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Afroz S. Kazi, Chairperson, Department of Anatomy, Isra University.

Faculty Participation at Academic Forums and Workshops

Mr. Abdul Ghani Rajput & Mr. Saad Khan Baloch represented Isra University by participating in a workshop on “National Skills Information Systems” held at NED University, Karachi on 03 March 2014.

Mr. Saad Khan Baloch & Mr. Mumtaz Kazi represented Isra University by participating in a workshop on “Outcome Based Accreditation and Education System” held at Pakistan Naval Engineering College (NUST), Karachi on 23 February 2014.

PROJECTS OF ISRA ISLAMIC FOUNDATION GUARANTEE LIMITED (IIF)

Educational Programs

Isra University (Main Campus), Hyderabad

- Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences
- 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

Markaz Islami Sindh

Isra Quran Academy Programs

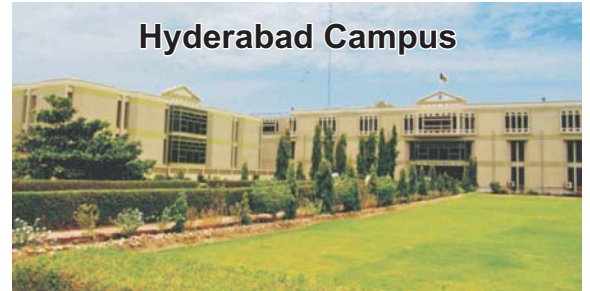
- Isra Quran Fahmi Program
- Isra Ta'leemul Quran Program

Madaris-Masjid Support Program

Rural Community Support Program Translation,

Publication and Distribution of Islamic Literature

Hyderabad Campus



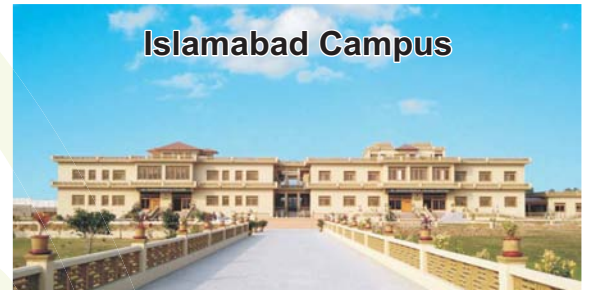
Karachi Campus



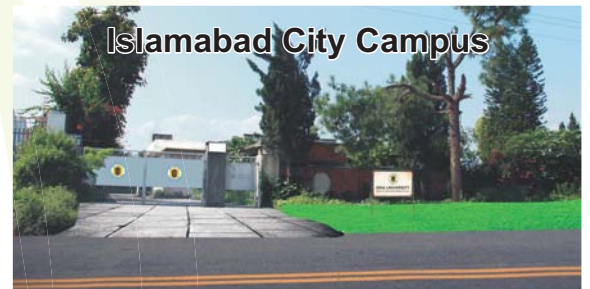
Karachi City Campus



Islamabad Campus



Islamabad City Campus



ISRA UNIVERSITY

P.O. Box 313, Hala Road, Hyderabad, Pakistan.

Phone: +92-22-2030181-4 Fax: +92-22-2030185 <http://www.isra.edu.pk>