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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.

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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IEEE Student Conference on Engineering, Science & Technology (SCONEST) 2014

“Research is the need of today and it is the tool that innovative students use. For this reason the importance of conferences like SCONEST today is greatest than ever,” such was said by Prof. Dr. Mujeeb-uddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam while acting as the chief guest of Student Conference on Engineering Sciences and Technology (SCONEST) 2014 held on 13 September at Isra University, Hyderabad under the banner of IEEE International organized by IEEE Isra student branch.

SCONEST is the most vital series of research paper competition

fundamental aim of this conference is to inculcate the culture of research and innovation among the students and to utilize the intellect of these young minds in fostering technological advancement.”

This year around 350 students from Lahore, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Islamabad, Khairpur, Nawabshah, Swabi, Karachi, Jamshoro and Hyderabad participated in the national competition sponsored by Isra University, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), IEEE Karachi Section and RASTEK. Out of a total of 70 full research paper submissions, 30



held annually in different universities across Pakistan conducted by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International that aims to familiarize new scientists and engineers with the field of purposeful research.

Inaugurating the competition Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Chair, SCONEST 2014; Head of Executive Council, IEEE Isra Student Branch and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences, Isra University, Hyderabad welcomed the authors, dignitaries, guests and participants and expressed, “The

were finally accepted, addressing different areas including Electrical, Electronics, Telecommunication, Civil, Mechanical, Computer Science, Software Engineering and IT.

The chief guest of the closing ceremony Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Department of Health Sciences, Isra University presented awards and shields to the organizers and the authors. The top three paper presenters were awarded with shields and cash prizes.



SCONEST 2014 Pictorial



One Day Seminar on “Prevention of Iatrogenic Fistula”

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Isra University Hospital and United Nation Funding Population Agency (UNFPA) jointly organized a one day seminar on “Prevention of Iatrogenic Fistula” on 13 September 2014 at Isra University, Hyderabad. The one day seminar was conducted for gynecologists, obstetricians and post graduate trainees from all public and private hospitals of Hyderabad and Nawabshah.

Urogenital fistula - one of the major health problems of developing countries - is an abnormal communication between genital tract (vagina, cervix, and uterus) and urinary tract (bladder, urethra, and ureter) secondary to obstetrical trauma or iatrogenic insult, causing continuous urinary leakage.

The program started with recitation of verses from Holy Quran, followed by scientific presentations, and video demonstrations. About 200 doctors attended the seminar that aimed to refresh their knowledge about surgical anatomy, highlight the iatrogenic causes of urogenital fistulae, and observe the preventive measures to minimize the risk of developing iatrogenic fistulae during simple and complicated surgical procedures. Professor Emeritus Dr. Aftab

other medical morbidities in the form of limb contractures, amenorrhea, bladder and vaginal calculi and sub fertility. Most of these women are socially out casted and disliked by their husbands leading to marital disharmony and divorce. The negative social behavior deprives them of their right to live a healthy life.

She informed that the reported incidence of urinary fistula is 1% in Ethiopia and India. The World Health Organization estimates more than 2 million women around the world are suffering from urogenital fistulae. In Pakistan about 5,000 to 6,000 cases of urinary fistulae occur each year. The exact prevalence is very hard to estimate since majority of the sufferers are from low resource areas having no or poor access to health care facilities. The myths of having an incurable illness and unawareness about treatment centers often lead to delay in seeking treatment.

The problem remained unaddressed until November 2005 when UNFPA took the initiative as a campaign to end fistula in Pakistan. At present there are 7 main centers and several referral centers for fistula patients in Pakistan. The fistula referral center was established at Isra University Hospital in December 2011, and



A. Munir, Isra University warmly welcomed all the distinguished guests at the occasion. Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi who was invited as the chief guest of the seminar observed in his speech that the attention of developing countries is essentially concentrated on the reduction of maternal mortality, however, attention also must be focused on complications of child birth which are not fatal, the most disabling of which, is obstetric fistula. He further said that the condition had been virtually eliminated in most of the developed world, persisting only in some developing countries, like Sub-Saharan Africa and parts of the Indian subcontinent. Following him the Guest of Honor of the seminar, Pro-Vice Chancellor & Director, Isra Hospital, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi expressed his hope that if proper attention is paid iatrogenic fistulae can be prevented and promised to extend free treatment to the suffering women.

The focal person of Fistula Project of UNFPA Hyderabad Centre and Professor of Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Isra University Hospital, Prof. Dr. Pushpa Srivastava said that the victims of this condition lead a miserable life, the constant soakage with urine leads to severe local excoriation and dermatitis and

since then it is providing free treatment facilities, and conducting awareness and training programs. The enormous support from the administration department and UNFPA has made possible to treat more than 100 patients free of cost and provide them rehabilitation support.

The previous studies from Pakistan show obstructed labor as the main cause of urogenital fistula, but recently Isra Hospital received an increased number of patients after gynecological and obstetrical surgeries mainly hysterectomies and caesarean section, which might be due to lack of proper surgical training of doctors performing these surgeries. For this reason a hands-on session on “Bladder injury Repair” was conducted to improve the surgical skill of doctors to deal with common complication of bladder trauma encountered during gynecological and obstetrical surgery.

The seminar concluded with the vote of thanks presented by the Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Isra University Hospital, Prof. Dr. Nishat Zohra who also distributed certificates among the participants.

Independence Day Flag Ceremony

To look back and recall a fresh start of Pakistan on its 67th birthday a flag hoisting ceremony took place at Isra University Hyderabad, Sindh on 14th August 2014 where the Chancellor Isra University Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi hoisted the flag of Pakistan. Pro-Vice Chancellor (Health Sciences) and Director Isra University

Hospital (IUH) Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro Vice Chancellor (Engineering & Management Sciences) Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Director QEC Abdul Qadir Memon and other officers and staff members of Isra University and Isra Hospital also participated in this event.



How to Succeed in Exam – A One Day Seminar

Keeping in view the importance of exam as a measure of progress, Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences (IIRS), Karachi organized a seminar on "How to Succeed in Exam" on 9th May 2014 at its Campus. Students from the department of physiotherapy (DPT) along with faculty of IIRS attended the session.

The event was facilitated by Dr. Muhammad Saad Khan, Certified Hypnotherapist™, Licensed Practitioner of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP™), Transformation Mind Technologies Practitioner and visiting faculty at IIRS. Mr. Khan highlighted the general obstacles and hardships students confront while preparing for exams and how they can overcome such hurdles, the sort of



mental and physical strengths they require and the recommended activities during exams to avoid fatigue and stress.

The session was designed to assist students in developing confidence in their own ability to achieve by emphasizing the skills and techniques they can make use of to attain success in exams. The interactive session also included activities for students' participation making it a lively learning experience.

Closing the event, the facilitator was presented with traditional Sindhi Topi and Ajrak as a symbol of affability and respect and was also awarded a certificate.

Training and Development International Research Workshop



The Medical education and Physiology department of Isra university in collaboration with Research Center for Training and Development (RCTD) organized a two-day workshop on "Program for capacity building in Inferential Statistics and Inferential Analysis" from 18 to 19 July 2014 at Isra University, Hyderabad via high definition (HD) video-conferencing, marking-off their first ever collaboration.

RCTD renders a wide range of training and development services to postgraduate researchers particularly assisting them in planning, conducting and publishing high quality research. The joint workshop was organized for capacity building of postgraduate students in basic medical, clinical and dental science in inferential statistics, majority of who are engaged in their M Phil and PhD thesis work. The aim of the workshop was to educate participants on the conditions for using inferential statistics, analysis, interpretation of the data and publishing the results using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS™).

On the first day, the workshop divided into three two-hour sessions focused on the discussion of key concepts and methods of inferential statistics required for conducting research as a requirement for thesis/paper writing or research project. The first two sessions conducted by Mr Muhammad Akram Naseem focused on understanding the role inferential statistics can accomplish to help participants interpret the data and draw conclusion, population sampling including techniques, errors and sampling mean, testing hypothesis testing, avoiding type I and II errors, concept of p value, and significance of using Bi-variate and

Multi-variate statistical methods. According to Mr. Naseem, "The researcher must be critical in their approach towards choosing population sample size in order to derive meaningful research." At the end of each session, participants including Dr. Fatehuddin Khand, Dr. Hanif Lakho, Dr. Haji Khan Khoharo, Dr. Sajjad Kazi, Dr. Hussain Bux Kolachi, Dr. Suhail Ahmed Bijarani, Dr. Nudrat Zeba, Dr. Shaukat Memon, Dr. Umair Soomro, Dr. Sajjad Almani, Dr. Tufail Memon, Dr. Mashkoor Ansari, Dr. Shomail Saeed Siddiqui, Dr. Shagufta Memon, Dr. Zaheer Memon, Dr. Salman Kazi, Dr. Ali Akbar Shah, Dr. Farkhunda Nadeem, Dr. Ghulam Shah, Dr. Navaid Kazi, Mr. Munaza Kadri, Dr. Uzma Tariq, Dr. Mashal Rasheed, Dr. Madiha Khalid Memon, Dr. Rafiq Solangi, Dr. Kiran Shaikh, Farooque Bozdar, Dr. Sumaira Awan, Dr. Azra Rajpar, Dr. Khadija tul Kubra, Dr. Anila, Dr. Naila Qureshi, Dr. Humaira Bukhari, Dr. Shahab, Mr. Murad Memon, Ms. Salma Khand and Dr. Maria Dhahri discussed the issues facing them in their PhD and MPhil program thesis and dissertation with the facilitators online. Dr. Schehar Bano facilitated the final session on 'Inferential Statistics of the day for publishing research in Impact Factor Journals'. She provided participants with tips and insider knowledge for maximizing the chances of getting published in high quality journals and encouraged participants to go beyond



publishing, towards book review and editorial roles.

Second day of the workshop facilitated by Mr. Muhammad Akram provided a hands-on training for using SPSS software and work exercises. During the session, randomly selected participants were asked to perform the tasks online. Between the sessions, a foreign speaker Prof. Muralikrishna discussed on Data Sampling Techniques – Meaning and Different Types of Techniques. In his discussion, he also answered several questions pertaining to established sampling methods mentioned in the literature. Given the hands-on nature of the workshop the participants particularly enjoyed the second day.

At the end of the workshop, Dr. Kabir Dherwani, Chief Organizer of the workshop and Dr. Din Muhammad Shaikh, Organizer for the Basic Medical Science, thanked RCTD on behalf of Isra University acknowledging the meaningfulness of the workshop. Also, they humbly acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Danish Vassan and Mr. Akbar Memon from the IT department, Mr. Razaullah, Mr. Moinuddin and Mr. Amjad Shah from Multimedia department, and Mr. Hassan Chandio from the VC Secretariat for their efforts towards running the session smoothly.



Sports Gala 2014



The annual Sports Gala 2014 was organized from September 5th 2014 to September 19th 2014 at Isra University Hyderabad, Sindh. Students throughout the university from all the faculties participated in the event with great zest and zeal. The event lasted for two weeks, initial week for female participants and the final week for male participants. The gala comprised of vast variety of games namely cricket, basketball, football, throw ball, badminton, volleyball, squash, table tennis and chess. From all over university 16 teams participated in cricket tournament marking it as most significant game of all. Matches were held from 4:30PM to 8:30 pm were organized at university sports ground.

Tournament for Females were held at female sports area. In Cricket the team of MBBS IV with a sweep of 6 wickets beat MBBS II and stood winners. The chief guest on the occasion was Dr. Afroz Kazi, Professor, FM&AMS, who distributed certificates and shields among female students. In the events of Badminton Almas Nasir beat Aida Khan 1-0 in the finals and last but not the least event Table Tennis, Almas Nasir won the tournament by scoring a point against Anza Khawaja. Maham Khan was the winner of chess competition where as in the throwball, team of Zackies beat Throwers 2-1, while in Basketball the winner was MBBS 4th year beat BDS XI 2-1.

Final week of gala for male participants was a week of struggle and excitement. After their endless efforts and hardwork 'Alumni XI' After beating 'BDS XI' by 20 runs was declared winner. Player of

the tournament was Dr. Hassan Ali, from Alumni XI, Best Batsman was Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, from Alumni XI and best bowler was Ubaid Rajput from BDS XI. Winners and rest of the participants were awarded with certificates and trophies by the Chief Guest on the occasion, Dr. Ghulam Qadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University.

Table Tennis, Chess and Badminton were held which concluded the second week. In the final of Table Tennis event Faizan Hashmi beat Bilal Aatif 3-0, while in Badminton the winner was Shan Ali who beat Shahzad Khan 15-7 and in Chess Ahsan Aslam scored a point attaining victory against Muhammad Qais. winners as well as participants were appreciated and given prizes by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences.

For Football tournament Afghan XI beat GM XI by 5-4 goals in the final to lift the championship. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prof. A. G. Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University who gave away the trophies.

Sports gala is the most awaited event of the year because it not only gives them a break from their studies but also increases their mental and physical stability. To facilitate students with a healthy environment and to look after their physical and mental growth Isra University has always played a vital role and aims to provide students such activities in future as well.



Sports Gala 2014 Pictorial



World Physical Therapy Day 2014



World Physical Therapy Day is celebrated worldwide on 8th September. The day is an opportunity for physical therapists from all over the world to raise awareness about the crucial contribution the profession makes to keeping people well, mobile and independent.

Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences (IIRS) Hyderabad celebrated World Physical Therapy Day on 11 September 2014 at the Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University Hyderabad with professional zeal and zest.

The day started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the welcome note by Dr. Sajjad Kazi who invited the chief guest and faculty members for the cake cutting ceremony to formally initiate the celebrations.

The chief guests at this occasion were Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor Health Sciences and Director, IIRS along with Dr.

Sajjad Kazi, Administrator, IIRS.

Students of final year and third year DPT highlighted the importance of the day by describing the relevance of World Physical Therapy Day and answered the questions of the participants. Dr. Naveed Ahmed Khanzada, Lecturer of Physical Therapy presented a tribute in honour of late Dr. Muhammad Salabat Khan, the father of Physical Therapy in Pakistan. In his tribute he enlightened the services and tremendous efforts of Dr Muhammad Salabat Khan towards the physical therapy profession.

After the tribute of Dr. Naveed Khanzada, students presented tableau on the awareness of Physical Therapy and concluded the day by marking the unity and solidarity of the global physical therapy community.



World Physical Therapy Day (IIRS Karachi)

In connection with the World Physical Therapy Day Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Isra University Karachi celebrated the World Physical Therapy Day on 8th September, 2014. The event started with the cake cutting ceremony followed by a free seminar on Leprosy. The facilitator of the event was Daniel Karamat, Health Education officer MALC (Marie Adelaide Leprosy Center) Karachi.

A Poster and Mini Project Competition were also organized on that day. The posters and projects exhibited were based on scope of Physical Therapy in different domains. The event was graced by Dr. Muhammad Asif, Principal of IIRS, Karachi Campus who visited all the exhibits and encouraged the students to indulge themselves more into such kind of practical learning experience.

Lastly, Dr. Muhammad Asif distributed certificates and shields among the winners and runner-ups.

Second Position Secured at Second All Sindh Tri-Lingual Declamation Contest 2014.

Second All Sindh Tri-Lingual Declamation Contest was held at Latif Auditorium, Liaquat University of Medical And Health Sciences (LUMHS) Jamshoro. This contest was the sequel of the first season held in 2013 and was organized on 15 September 2014. Nearly 25 educational institutions (universities, colleges and schools) participated in the competition. Each institution participated as a team comprised of three members for three different languages including English, Urdu and Sindhi.

Isra University also partook in the event with its talented and

dynamic trio of speakers including Ms. Madiha Baloch for English language, Ms. Fizza Ali Bhatti for Urdu language and Mr. Dharmendar Kolhi for Sindhi language. Ms. Madiha Baloch stood victorious by securing 2nd position for English language. She was highly appreciated by the management and administration of Isra University for her exceptional performance at the provincial level. The chief guest at the occasion was Prof. Dr. Noshad A. Shaikh, Vice Chancellor LUMHS. The jury members were from different universities including professors from University of Karachi, University of Sindh and LUMHS so that the results could be fair and transparent.



Charity At Home - Ration Distribution Among IIF Staff



Islam teaches humanity and brotherhood to build a stable and prosperous society. The month of Ramadan brings great opportunities for us to implement our religion's teachings and contribute towards the welfare of our society. Availing such an opportunity, Isra Islamic Foundation (G) Limited, parent organization of Isra University distributed rations among the lower salaried staff of the Isra Islamic Foundation (IIF), Isra University, Isra Hospital, Isra Welfare Hospital and its associated organs.

Ration distribution is IIF's 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 fulfill their extra needs of the month and to somewhat share their financial burden. Such act of charity is very important and should be practiced often and every organization should realize its responsibility to help its humble staff members.



CCNA Certificate Distribution Ceremony



A certificate distribution ceremony of CCNA certification (Cisco Certified Network Associate) was held at Isra University, Hyderabad on 8 August 2014.

CCNA is a certification program for entry level engineers that helps maximize their investment in foundational networking knowledge. At Isra University this course was organized by the recently established Isra Cisco Academy, Department Of Computer Science with the collaboration of Cisco Net Academy. A total of 4 students were enrolled in the 1st batch of CCNA. The enrolled students were required to clear a series of tests that included Cisco module test, chapter exams and recommended labs

from Cisco net academy. All of the 4 students cleared these tests and were awarded with Cisco academy certificates and congratulatory letter. Moreover, they were also awarded with a discount voucher of 58% for the CCNA certification.

Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences, Isra University Hyderabad, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi was invited to distribute certificates among the successful students. Dr. Kazi while addressing the ceremony congratulated the students as, "I am very happy for all of you for completing the CCNA course from Isra Cisco Academy, I wish you the very best for your future endeavors."

IU Scholar Makes It to NUS

The talented and gifted student, Nimra Saleem Shaikh, in her second year of studying Bachelor of Business Administration, Isra University, Hyderabad filled with pride when she, the first ever scholar from Hyderabad, along with 14 other students from reputed Universities across Pakistan got selected for the bursary offered by Mahvash and Jahangir Siddiqui Foundation (MJSF), Pakistan and Sajjad Foundation, Singapore to attend the National University of Singapore (NUS) Summer Program on Economic and Enterprise Development 2014 from 14 July to 25 July.

NUS Economic and Enterprise Development Program is a global annual event conducted by the NUS Entrepreneurship Center, which has been running for the past eight years. The two-week program comprises of lectures conducted by professors from NUS, serial entrepreneurs and angel investors, workshop, dialogue and networking sessions with entrepreneurs as well as company visits and leisure trips. The objective of the program is to illuminate the economic development of Singapore and its journey through thick and thin. In addition, the program seeks to inculcate entrepreneurial insights in the participants by engaging them in

different activities throughout the course of study.

During its visit the Pakistani delegation was also invited to a meeting where the High Commissioner of Pakistan, H.E. Tanveer Akhtar Khaskheli, other dignitaries from the Embassy; Mr. Ali Hussain, Founder, Sajjad Foundation and his wife, and Pakistani entrepreneurs residing in Singapore were also present. The meeting was designed to learn about the experience and entrepreneurial aspirations of the Pakistani delegation and also to extend the students' connections by introducing them to people in the corporate sector.

"To be selected for this program and visit the impressive city of Singapore was a life changing experience and proud moment for me," said Nimra adding "but my personal achievement scale rose another notch when my team, including scholars from China, Hong Kong, Hungary and India pursuing my business idea, 'My Personal Scanner' won the runner up title of 'The most Innovative Business Idea' in the Business Idea Competition held prior to the Closing Ceremony on 25 July 2014 making the unwanted ending a happy ending."

Workshop on Prime Minister's National ICT Scholarship Program 2014



To create awareness about Prime Minister's National Information and Communication Technologies (PMNICT) fund, a workshop was held in Isra University, Hyderabad on 6 July 2014. The workshop was arranged by Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. It was organized with the objective of learning, motivating, facilitating and guiding different colleges across Sindh province regarding PMNICT 2014.

The national ICT program was initiated with the objective to provide access to the deserving talented youth, from Pakistan's rural, non-metropolitan and marginalized areas to upward social mobility through ICT education.

This year Isra University has also been short listed by national ICT R&D fund for participation in PMNICT Scholarship Program

2014. It includes the disciplines of electrical, electronics, telecommunication, computer science, software engineering and BBA (IT).

The guest speaker for the day was Mr. Atiq Hassan Shaikh who with his profound knowledge gave a detailed description of PMNICT 2014. He also defined and elaborated the techniques and ways by which a student may achieve the ultimate goal. The event was attended nearly by 50 principals of different colleges across the province.

The workshop also included a question answer session facilitated by the speaker. Feedback regarding the seminar reflected constructive ideas and positive outcomes which proved it to be a success.



Endowment Scholarship Interviews

The Government of Sindh conducted interviews for endowment scholarship at Isra University, Hyderabad from 18 to 25 September 2014. Students from Sindh University, Jamshoro; Sindh University, Dadu; Mehran University of Engineering and

Technology, Jamshoro; Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro and Isra University, Hyderabad participated in the interviews.

The Brien Holden Vision Institute Australia & Isra School of Optometry Join Hands

The Brien Holden Vision Institute Australia has graciously offered Isra School of Optometry training programs scholarship for the 2015 session in optometry faculty development and the academic leadership developments. This is accordance to their mutual understanding to the Human Resource Development and improvement planning, four faculty members (two for each

category) will be visiting Australia for their training. The organization hopes that such coordination will increase in frequency and will result in further improvements. It should be noted that all the graduated batches of Isra School of Optometry have at least one student in the Pakistan Optometry Society Role of Honor.

Seminar on Stock Trading and Bloomberg



Isra University Economics and Finance Society organized a seminar on "Stock Trading and Bloomberg" on Tuesday September 16, 2014 at Isra University, Hyderabad. The aim of this seminar was to familiarize the students with the tools and techniques used in selecting stocks and making portfolios of them through critical analysis of risk return tradeoff. The session also aimed at boosting the investment culture among the students. The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi appreciated the efforts of team IEFS for organizing such an informative session. The seminar initiated with his inspiring and motivating words of wisdom "These constructive activities not only aid in building knowledge of students but also play crucial role in uplifting their cognitive, analytical, risk management, entrepreneurial skills". He added "In this highly competitive world posing job scarcity,

students need to build their entrepreneurial skills. This is not too late that they should run their own portfolios by utilizing their knowledge, tools, techniques and competitive skills learned in class rooms and interactive session like this".

The first session of seminar presented by Ms. Nida Shah, Lecturer, Department of Management Sciences focused on tools and techniques used for analyzing several investment avenues including stocks and constructing an optimal portfolio. However, in the second session Ms. Kinza Yousfani, Lecturer, Department of Management Sciences introduced the concept of Bloomberg as a tool for analyzing various financial instruments including stocks and bonds, elaborated the features of its terminal and importance of its certification for career growth.



Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Dr. Muhamad Qasim Chachar, Consultant Physiatriist, Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro delivered a lecture at Isra University, Hyderabad on 19 September 2014 on the topic of 'Positive Psychological Change Building of Resilience

and Self-esteem'. Many students and faculty members from the Department of Medical Sciences attended the enlightening lecture to upgrade their medical knowledge.

Pakistan Cardiac Society Meeting

The Clinical Rotatory meeting of Pakistan Cardiac Society, Hyderabad Chapter was held on 25 September 2014 in which

interesting cases and practice essentials were presented.

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universities including professors from University of Karachi, University of Sindh and LUMHS so that the results could be fair and transparent.

Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences Debate Competition 2014



Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences (IIRS) organized a debate competition on 15 August 2014 at University Club on the topic, "Independence Day and Its Importance". Active participation was seen from different batches of Department of Physiotherapy (DPT) who voiced their thoughts both in favor of and against the topic.



The chief guest of the competition was Mr. Muhammad Salabat Khan who in his speech shared his ideas and thoughts on the topic and also expressed his desire to see more such competitions in the future.

In the competition, students were evaluated on the content of their speech, delivery style and body language. Based on these criteria, Hira Waheed and Muhammad Talha from DPT batch III were the winners of the competition while Rabia Siddiq, Summaiya Rajar, Sayma Alam, Sajjad Abbasi, Zubair and Madiha Sheikh were



declared as runners-up

After the declaration of results, Principal of IIRS, Dr. Muhammad Asif expressed his views as, "Debate is a very healthy activity; it reinforces your knowledge and strengthens your speaking power." Continuing he said, "I heartily appreciate all the participants' efforts and ideas put forth in the competition and the performance of IIRS faculty for your untiring efforts that were seen throughout the competition." Towards the end he distributed shields and certificates among the winners as well as faculty members.

Workshop on Dental Implants



On 15 August 2014 a lecture along with live surgery and hands on workshop on Implantology was conducted at Faculty of Dentistry, Isra University, Hyderabad in collaboration with Megagen International.

The well-known implantologist, Dr. Ninette Banday was the speaker of the event who spoke about dental implants, an option for people with a lost tooth or teeth. He highlighted the proper procedure to conduct dental implants by demonstrating a live surgery and also shed light on the advantages of implants.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Zahid Iqbal, Chairperson and Assistant Professor, Department of Operative Dentistry, Isra University. The informative session was attended by senior faculty members, post graduate and undergraduate students from Isra Dental College as well as Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro. At the conclusion of the event, Prof. Abdul Qadir Khero, Dean, Isra Dental College presented the vote of thanks while Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University, Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi awarded the speaker with a shield.



Faculty Publications

An article on "Mean Platelet Volume in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus" by authors Haji Khan Khoharo, Ghulam Shah Nizamani and Din Muhammad Shaikh was published in Magazine Issue dated 16 June 2014.

An article on "Curcuma Longa: A Coloring Agent or A Miracle Spice" by authors Abroo Fatima Qazi, Shaikh DM and Hamid Zia Shaikh was published in Magazine Issue on 23 October 2014.

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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

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- 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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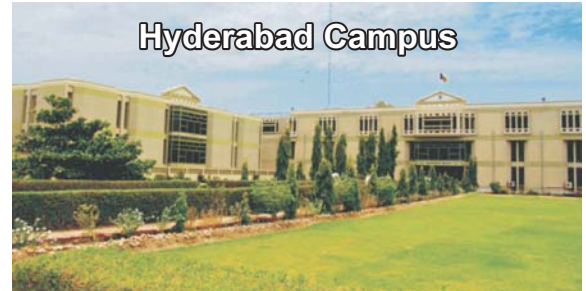
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- Isra Ta'leemul Quran Program

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