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

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Isra University Celebrates its 13th Convocation



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 13th Convocation of Isra University held on 30 January 2016 at its main campus in Hyderabad.

The Isra University conferred degrees to around 375 students belonging to Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing, Vision Sciences, Physical Therapy, Management Sciences, Electrical Engineering, 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 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 emphasized 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 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 honour 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 endeavours.

At the convocation, out of 375 graduates, 190 received degree for Bachelor in Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing and Physical Therapy whereas, 25 post graduate degrees were awarded in different programs of medical and allied medical sciences. In addition, 105 received degree for Bachelor and 50 for Master in Business Administration, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Electronics, Information Technology, Software Engineering and Telecommunications. Apart from this, five students were also conferred upon a PhD in Management & Medical Sciences.



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, Sana Hassan Rajpar, 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 and Division of Clinical Sciences; Salwa Shoukat Ali Memon, 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 dental sciences and Clinical Dental Sciences; Afshan Abdul Aziz, a graduate of BS (Nursing) program



received a Silver Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences, and Zohra Valliani, a graduate of DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) received a Silver Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences. In addition, Aamir Khan Sahtio, a graduate of BS (Computer Science) received a Gold Medal in the Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology whereas, he also received a Silver Medal in the Department of Computer Science; Iqra Aslam Memon, 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; Kainat Soomro a graduate of BS (Telecommunication) program received a Silver Medal in the Department of Computer Science; Farheen



Abdul Karim a graduate of BS (Software Engineering) program received a Silver Medal in the Department of Computer Science; Faraz Ahmed Khan a graduate of BS (Electronics) program received a Silver Medal in the Department of Computer Science, Amir Ahmed and Shoaib Raza Gopang a graduate of BE (EE) program received a Silver Medal in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

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 2016 Pictorial



Isra University, Karachi Campus Celebrates its First Convocation



"We live in a time frame, where knowledge is more vital than ever before. All schools of thought agree that education is a lifelong process of learning and universities are there to facilitate this process of learning," said Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleh Memon, Founder Chancellor of Isra University and chief guest of the first convocation of Isra University Karachi Campus held on 27 February 2016 at its Karachi campus.

The Isra University Karachi Campus conferred degrees to around 161 students belonging to Medical Sciences, Vision Sciences and Physical Therapy. While talking about education, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleh Memon said that knowledge is essential and much to be admired and appreciated, nevertheless it must be remembered that no human being can know or acquire, all that is there to know, in the world. He went on and said that this does not mean that one should give up the quest for knowledge and encouraged the students to work hard to achieve their goals. As a parting message to the students he said, "I want you to become great, as we are optimistic in you. You are the leaders of tomorrow, so get yourself ready to address the challenges of the future."

Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor of Isra University, Hyderabad, also present at the occasion while sharing his views emphasized the importance of education and said that learning is a lifelong struggle 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 development without participation and there can be no participation without communication, in this age of digital literacy," he said.

Further advising the students he said, "Opportunities are waiting for you; this day marks the commencement of your new career. You must have confidence in yourself. I am sure that each one of you has different dreams and those aspirations will drive you to higher levels of achievements." He prompted the students to make their lives purposeful and prove to the society that they have worked honourably and diligently to the best of their capability in uplifting the image of their country and alma mater.

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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 endeavours.

At the convocation, 120 graduates received degree for Bachelor in Medical Sciences, Vision Sciences and Physical Therapy whereas, 41 post graduate degrees were awarded in different programs of medical and allied medical sciences.

At the end, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleh Memon awarded Gold and Silver Medals to the outstanding students for securing positions in their relevant faculties and departments. This year, Syed Abdul Qadir, a graduate of MBBS program received a gold medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences, whereas he also received a silver medal in the Division of Basic Sciences and Mr.



Naqibullah received a silver medal in the Division of Clinical Sciences; Ms. Komal Jameel, a graduate of DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) received a silver medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences and Mr. Taimour Khan a graduate of Vision Sciences received a silver medal in the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Medical Sciences.

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 Chief Guest declared the convocation closed.



AEME Conference 2016



Association for Excellence in Medical Education has established itself by bringing excellence in the field of medical education and research for both the private and public institutions of our country. AEME conference provides the platform for connecting the growing network of professionals interested in medical education. Standardizing Medical Education “A National Agenda” held on 4-6 March 2016, was the fifth international conference organized by AEME (Association for Excellence in Medical Education). This prestigious event was hosted by Khyber Medical University Peshawar. The conference brought together over 400 professionals from all over the country and various prominent speakers across the globe, North and South, to share their experiences, to learn from one another and to debate the future development of medical education. The AEME conference 2016 was held for three days to

discuss key issues and innovations in research related to various areas of medical education.

The inaugural ceremony was held on March 05, 2016 at the Khyber University Auditorium; it was attended by dignitaries and five hundred participants from all over the country. The Welcome Address was given by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hafizullah the Vice Chancellor of Khyber Medical University. The Chief Guest of the conference was His Excellency Zafar Iqbal Jahgra Governor of KPK and Prof Mohammad Daud Khan Principal of Pak International Medical College, Peshawar. Prof Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi Vice Chancellor Isra University and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hafizullah the Vice Chancellor of Khyber Medical University addressed the closing ceremony.



Isra University Holds 2nd Annual Isra Medical International Conference



The '2nd Annual Isra Medical International Conference' was organized by Isra University Hospital (IUH) on 23rd January 2016 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium of Hyderabad campus. The theme of the conference was "Evolving Concepts in Patient Management".

The inaugural ceremony commenced with the custom of lighting lamps by group of dignitaries, the chief guest Prof. Muhammad Saleh Memon; Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor of Isra University; Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, Vice Chancellor, Isra University; Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi, Director, Isra University Hospital and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Isra University; Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon, Chairman Organizing committee; and Dr Nandlal Rathi, Secretary Organizing Committee. The program was preceded and followed by scientific presentations.

Prof. Dr. Feroz Memon formally welcomed all the dignitaries present on the dais and participants from various parts of the world. He mentioned about the significance of the conference and its aim of bringing together the core group of researchers from various parts of the world with a significant participation from Pakistan.

Prof. Muhammad Saleh Memon highlighted the importance of conducting such conferences in the field of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences. He motivated everyone to actively participate in

the scientific sessions and workshops.

In their addresses, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi and Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi briefed about the importance of the selected theme. They wished for the success of the conference and inspired the participants for an academically rewarding stay in Hyderabad, Pakistan.

The scientific sessions were divided into two main categories, Medicine & Allied and Surgery & Allied where 85 oral and 35 poster presentations were displayed and presented by renowned international and national speakers. In addition to scientific sessions, the faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences also arranged one-day pre-conference workshops on nineteen different disciplines. The workshops were conducted by experienced facilitators. The entire conference was attended by more than 950 participants owing to its scientific sessions and international level workshops.

The conference was concluded by Dr. Nandlal Rathi who offered a vote of thanks to all. He thanked all the invited guests and participants for gracing the occasion with their presence. He also thanked Isra University Hospital for providing the facilities needed to conduct such international conferences and workshops.



HEC Review Panel Visits Isra University Hyderabad



A rigorous review panel of HEC headed by Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Director QEC, University of Arid Agriculture Rawalpindi and consisting of Dr. Taimur Khan, Ex-Director QEC, University of Peshawar; and Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Bazai, Director QEC, University of Baluchistan along with HEC focal person Mr. Nasir Shah Director QAA (HEC) paid an official visit to Isra University Hyderabad Campus on 12 January 2016.

The panel was welcomed by Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Engineering & Management Sciences and Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon, Director of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC). The delegation met with the Vice Chancellor before being briefed on the parameters including the establishment of the Institution, programs being offered, implementation of HEC Policies, rules and regulations duly prepared by the University for its Smooth Operation.

Dr. Hameedullah Kazi conducted a presentation and responded to the delegation's questions. The Vice chancellor of Isra University, Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi was also present during the presentation. In the presentation the delegation was informed about the progressive development of a small institution starting with a modest figure of

27 students at undergraduate level in MBBS in 1997 to more than 4,500 students enrolled in various disciplines such as medical, dental, allied medical sciences, engineering, management sciences and computer science at both undergraduate and post-graduate level in just eighteen years. The Vice Chancellor added that the university is solidifying its existing programs and focusing more on producing scholars instead of initiating new programs to avoid compromising quality. Later, the delegation also interacted with the students and faculty members.

The delegation was very appreciative of the efforts of the university in providing quality education and producing qualified scholars. Members of the delegation devoted considerable time in verifying documented evidences about rules and regulations that were being followed in the university. In the end the delegation highlighted the role of QEC in an institution and appreciated Isra QEC for systematically maintaining documents for their review.

At the end of its visit, the delegation was presented traditional Sindhi Topi and Ajrak and handbooks of the University along with souvenirs as a gesture of gratitude.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony at CCNA

Certificate distribution ceremony of 4th batch of CCNA was held on 13th of February 2016 at Isra University, Hyderabad. The certificates were distributed among the students who were enrolled in the Course of "Routing and Switching". This course was organized by Isra Cisco Academy, Department of Computer Sciences with the collaboration of Cisco system, NetAcad Academy. Pro-Vice Chancellor of Faculty of Engineering &



Management Sciences, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, was the chief guest of the ceremony and he distributed certificates among the successful students. These students also received congratulatory letters from Cisco and a 58% discount voucher for CCNA certification. The Pro-Vice Chancellor appreciated the participation of the students and wished them for their future.

Speech Competition 2016

The Director of Student Affairs of Isra University, Mr. Irfan Haroon organized a tri-lingual Speech Competition (English/Sindhi/Urdu) in collaboration with Isra University Debate Society on 20 January 2016. This speech competition was the first qualifying round for Allama Iqbal Shield. A number of 40 students from different departments of the university participated in the competition. The chief guest on the occasion was Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi Pro-Vice Chancellor of Isra University Hyderabad.

The topic for English was 'Freedom is Earned Not Begged', the topic for Urdu was 'Ganwadi Humne Islaaf Se Jo Meeras Pai Thi', the topic for Sindhi was "Dehshatgardi Ja Taaleem Ayen Maashrat Tey Asraat". A panel of three judges comprising of Dr. Abdul Subhan Kazi, Ms. Yasra Aslam and Dr Syna was set up to evaluate and judge the participants.

The competition started with the recitation of the Holy Quran



followed by the announcement of rules and regulations for the competition. Following that each speaker came up on the stage to present his/her speech. At the culmination of the speeches the chief guest was invited on the stage to declare the results and award the winners.

The winner in English was Ms. Hina Muhammad Ismail and the runner up was Ms. Kiran Siddiqui, in Urdu Mr. Muhammad Ahmed Qureshi secured first place while second place was secured by Ms. Khairunnisa Noonari, and in Sindhi first position was obtained by Mr. Dharmendar Kumar and the runner up was Mr. Sagar Kumar. After the prize distribution ceremony, the worthy chief guest was invited on the stage for closing remarks. In his remarks he appreciated the efforts of Isra University Debate Society and encouraged the students to participate in such competitions to become more informed individuals.

Workshop on Manuscript till Publication

The Department of Physiology, Isra University, Hyderabad in collaboration with Pakistan Physiological Society (Sindh Chapter) organized a workshop titled "Manuscript till Publication" on 13th January, 2016. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Rehana Rehman Ph.D (Physiology), Assistant Professor, Aga Khan University, Karachi; and Miss. Mehwish Hussain, Senior Lecturer in Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi.

The facilitators enriched audience with knowledge on preparation of manuscript till publication. The facilitators discussed on various ideas from selection of topic, writing objectives, rationale, introduction, methodology, interpretation of results to discussion



and conclusion. Different referencing styles were discussed and awareness regarding plagiarism along with its dire consequences was raised among the participants. The workshop was thronged by 20 participants from Hyderabad and Karachi all of whom received certificates for participation.

The chief guest for the workshop, Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Shaikh presented shields to the facilitators: Dr. Rehana Rehman and Miss. Mehwish Hussain.

Dr. Navaid Kazi, Joint Secretary, PPS and organizer of event, concluded the event with vote of thanks to all participants, facilitators and the chief guest.

Alumni Annual Dinner 2016



For welcoming new alumni in the Association, an annual dinner was organized by Isra University Alumni Association (IUAA) on 30th January 2016 which was held in the Sports Ground at Isra University. In the welcome address, the president of IUAA, Dr. Ahmed Waliullah Kazi stressed upon developing lifelong relation with one's alma mater and serving it for reciprocating the service it provides.

At this formal dinner, a new alumni portal was launched and its features discussed. The new alumni were given an opportunity to share their memories and life at campus during their stay at Isra

University in the form of videos, songs and speeches which the audience found very amusing. The Vice Chancellor of Isra University, being also present at the occasion, further lightened the mood by sharing his student life memories and experiences with the audience. Towards the culmination of the dinner, the patron of IUAA, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi endorsed the address by the president of IUAA noting that students should stay connected with their alma mater throughout their lives to acknowledge the role they play in their career. Finally, souvenirs were distributed among the alumni of 2016.



Computer Gaming Competition

The Directorate of Student Affairs of Isra University, organized a two-day computer gaming competition in collaboration with IEEE Isra student branch. This competition was held from 23 to 24 February 2016. Students from the departments of Engineering Sciences and Management Sciences participated in this



competition. As many as 50 students participated in the competition. The competition entailed a numbers of different games including sports games, technical games, poster designing games and graphical games. The award distribution ceremony was held on 24th February 2016.

Seminar on IEEE Endurance 2016

IEEE Isra student branch conducted a one-day seminar on IEEE Endurance on 22nd February 2016, at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium. The main aim of the seminar was to apprise the new students regarding the operations of IEEE. Almost 200 students participated in this seminar. The seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by the national anthem. This seminar was divided into two sessions, the first half was conducted by Mr. Ahsan Saeed, Chair IEEE Academic Pakistan. He gave a detailed presentation on IEEE Endurance and highlighted the main tasks, aims and goals of IEEE. The second half of the session was conducted by



Mr. Tahir Saleem, CEO of United Engineering Services. He presented on the topic 'Rules for Safety' in which he discussed the safety measures that electrical engineers should take while performing a specific risky task. After the presentations the chief guest of the day, Prof. Dr. Bhawani Shankar, Dean of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro and Chair IEEE Karachi Section was invited to the stage to share his thoughts and ideas. He was highly delighted by the efforts of IEEE Isra student branch and appreciated their work. The seminar came to an end with a group photographs.

Fluid and Electrolyte Management in Surgical Patients

Department of Surgery in collaboration with the Department of Gynecology & Obstetric and Department of Anesthesia organized a one day CME program on 'Fluid & Electrolyte Management in Surgical Patients' on 26th March 2016. The program, which was accredited for 2 credit hours, was conducted in the main lecture hall main OPD at Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad.

The program started with recitation of Holy Quran by Dr Sidra (H.O). This was followed by presentation of cases by Dr. Huda Memon and Dr. Javaria Memon (PGs) from the Department of Surgery and Gynae & Obs. Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon gave the welcome address followed by an overview on the Fluid & Electrolyte Management in Surgical Patients. A talk on 'Management of Ante-Partum Hemorrhage' was given by Dr. Farhana Anjum, Associate Professor from Department of Gynae & Obs of Isra University. Prof. Pushpa Sirichand presented paper on the 'Management of Massive Obstetrical Hemorrhage'. Dr. Jawaria Fareed, Assistant Professor of Surgery, presented paper on the



'Peri-Operative Management of Fluid & Electrolyte in the Surgical Patients. Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon, Associate Dean, presented paper on the 'Recent Advances in the Management of Peri-Operative Fluid & Electrolyte in the Surgical Patients. Prof. Aftab A Munir and Prof. M.H. Laghari gave their valuable comments and shared their experiences about the topic. Question answer session was conducted as the final part of the session. The program was attended by 60 participants including faculty members, house surgeons and PGs of Department of Surgery, Gynae & Obs and Anesthesia.

Dr. A.G. Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, concluded the session with his valuable comments, suggestions and recommendations on the topic. Dr. A.G. Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, distributed the certificates to the presenters. Prof. Aftab A Munir and Prof. M. H. Laghari distributed certificates amongst the participants. Lunch was served by OTSUKA to all the participants.

Khushhali Bank Recruitment Program



The team of Khushhali Bank Limited visited Isra University Hyderabad on 26th March 2016. Khushhali Bank Limited's Human Resource Business Partner (HRBP) and talent acquisition Manager Mr. Ijaz Ahmed along with his team had a meeting with Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Faculty of Engineering and Management Sciences and Director of ORIC to discuss their recruitment process and present their abstract regarding job offerings.

Khushhali Bank Limited is initiating an idea according to which it

aspires to provide students of Isra University a career initiative through offering different positions at the bank. By employing fresh graduates as well as internees they would not only be able to update their information resource but also to improve their technical processes and human resource quality.

The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) in Isra University will start the recruitment drive for Khushhali Bank Limited program from April 2016.

Business Description Workshop



On 4 February 2016, Isra Career Development Centre and Isra Center for Entrepreneurship organized a one day 'Business Description Workshop' for the students of final year of Management Sciences. This workshop was the second in the series organized to assist the final year students in writing their business plan projects. The resource person at the occasion, Dr. Abdul



Subhan Kazi provided the students with information on how to initiate their project reports and write a succinct business description. He highlighted the key principals to be considered when embarking on an entrepreneurial career. In the session he also engaged the students in different activities like logo designing.



Study Tour to Root Work Foundation

A study tour was arranged by the Department of Management Sciences of Isra University to Root Work Foundation (RWF), Hyderabad. Facilitated by Ms. Wafa Pathan and Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, the tour was a one-day trip to inspire the students with a vision of societal wellbeing through development programs and to make them realize their responsibilities towards the empowerment and development of marginal sectors of our society.

Root Work Foundation initiated in 2002 and is a non-profit government organization working extensively in the provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan addressing and helping children, women and youth with social problems of health, gender equality, physical infrastructure, building capacity, education, emergency response and several others through developmental programs.



The session was conducted by Mr. Sartaj Abbasi, CEO of Root Work Foundation, where he discussed the importance of community initiatives, development plans and humanitarian work, and stressed upon individual contributions that strengthen a society and help it progress and flourish. He said that students should not only acquire knowledge but must use it for the wellbeing of the community. He also highlighted the career opportunities in INGOs and NGOs that await Business students. "Such trips motivate students to contribute and work voluntarily for the deprived groups and promote community interests leading to a society of empowered individuals," said one of the students.

CPC on Obstructive Jaundice

The Department of Surgery of Isra University, Hyderabad organized its first CPC on 'Obstructive Jaundice' for undergraduate students under the chairmanship of Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon on 29th March 2016 at Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad.

The program started with recitation of Holy Quran by Dr. Abdul Qadir Memon. It was followed by presentation on case of obstructive jaundice by Dr. Muzammal Dal. Dr. Faisal Mehmood discussed introduction and etiopathogenesis of obstructive jaundice. Dr. Abdul Qadir Memon presented a talk on clinical presentation and complications of obstructive jaundice. Investigation of obstructive jaundice was discussed by Dr. Naveed Jamali and differential diagnosis was presented by



Dr. M. Aqib Shaikh.

The session was concluded by remarks of Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon who appreciated the hard work and the enthusiasm of students who prepared their presentations. The hard work of Dr. Javaria Fareed who had trained and prepared the students for the first CPC was acknowledged by Prof. M. H. Laghari and Prof. Shafi Muhammad Jatoti who distributed certificates of presentation to the speaker students.

High tea was served to all participants with cooperation of Messers Searle Pharmaceuticals. The program was attended by 50 participants including the faculty members of Department of Surgery and the students of final year MBBS.

Isra University Signs MoU with ICMAP



Isra University, Hyderabad signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Research, Development and Innovation with Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMAP) on 10th February 2016.

Research, Development and Innovation Agreement is an approach taken by parties to collaborate for RDI and publication efforts done. The scope of the MoU entails working for mutual interests, exchanging scholastic material, ideas and development material in means of research as well as undertaking publications, framing meetings, providing resources and initiating projects. According to this MoU, mutually decided objectives, assignments, tasks, study,

survey, feedback, opinion seeking and other works related to research, development, innovation and publications within the country and abroad on non-financial terms shall be called "Research Collaboration", whereas mutually decided objectives, assignments, tasks, study, survey, feedback, opinion seeking and other works related to research, development, innovation and publications within the country and abroad on financial terms shall be called "Joint Project".

This MoU highlighted Isra University and ICMAP's interest for a long-term relationship that would not only ensure the progress of both but also result in opening new pathways of excellence.



Business Idea Generation Workshop

This workshop was the first in the series planned to assist the final year students in planning their business plan projects. The resource person at the occasion, Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh provided the students with the preliminary information for their upcoming Final Year Projects. He highlighted the key principals to be considered when embarking on an entrepreneurial career. In the session he



also apprised the students of the prospective areas where an opportunity could be identified. On 11 January 2016, Isra Career Development Center and Isra Center for Entrepreneurship organized a one day 'Business Idea Generation Workshop' for the students of final year of Management Sciences.

Making a Lasting Impression: Seminar on How to Draft an Effective Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Isra Career Development Center organized a one-day seminar on 'How to Write a Curriculum Vitae (CV)' on February 15th, 2016, at Isra University, Hyderabad. The resource person at the occasion was Mr. Nauman Kazi. The seminar intended to facilitate the students in drafting their image in black and white.

The speaker of the event Mr. Nauman Kazi initiated the seminar by elaborating the importance of a CV and its format. The fundamentals included prioritizing the matter, the font used, templates and most importantly usage of effective language. Speaking from experience he defined the standards of a CV and the dos and don'ts to consider while drafting it.

According to Mr. Nauman Kazi, "Creating a CV is very critical;



while writing it you should adopt an analytical approach and must align yourself with the job description." He went on advising, "Be confident through your chosen phrases but do avoid bragging." Accentuating the importance of an effective CV he said that making an effective CV is as essential for an applicant as his qualifications, as it ought to be his first impression to a recruiting team.

During the session the students were engaged in an activity to write a CV so that they could implement the learned techniques. The best performer was recognized with a certificate of appreciation. This event, which was facilitated by Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh and Mr. Faraz Shaikh, was thronged by more than 90 students.

Study Tour to Sir Cowasjee Hospital

On 21st January 2016, the Department of Management Sciences of Isra University Hyderabad arranged a one-day study tour to Sir Cowasjee Mental Hospital Hyderabad. This tour was facilitated by Ms. Wafa Pathan and Ms. Humaira Jabeen in order to give their students an opportunity to know about psychological disorders, particularly those which are caused by stress, anxiety and depression. Students were given a detailed presentation with respect to academic stress and professional life depression by Dr. Humayun and Dr. Saba. Later, students also visited different wards of the hospital to familiarize themselves with the management mechanism and also attended a two-hour interactive session with the doctors to understand different disorders, their causes and treatment mechanism.



Workshop on MS Project



On 11 February 2016, Isra Centre for Entrepreneurship organized a seminar on Microsoft Project, a software from the Microsoft Office Suite. The resource person on the occasion was Syed Feroz Aziz, Executive Officer at Sui Southern Gas Company and visiting faculty at Punjab Group of Colleges, College of Modern Sciences, and IFAS College. The session was attended by students from the departments of Management Sciences and Engineering Sciences. The session was organized to acquaint the students with the software MS Project, an indispensable software in many of the large organizations. Mr. Syed noted that to thrive in today's project

and team based working environment, learning MS Project is a must.

During the session he provided the participants with a hands-on experience of the software and briefed on its various functions. Mr. Syed apprised the students of the fundamentals of the software and took their queries. Each student was given access to a personal computer to maximize learning.

At the conclusion of the workshop, Dr. Qamaruddin Mehar, Chairperson of Management Sciences presented his vote of thanks and distributed certificates among the speaker and organizers.



UBL Fund Manager Recruitment Drive and Awareness Seminar

Isra Career Development Centre in collaboration with UBL Fund Manager organized a one-day Recruitment Drive and Awareness Seminar on 17th February 2016 at Isra University, Hyderabad. The event constituted of two sessions, UBL Fund Manager Recruitment Drive and Awareness Seminar. The first session involved interviewing applicants to provide them an opportunity to initiate their career with the well reputed firm. More than 90 students from the Faculty of Commerce, Economics and Management Sciences (FCE&MS) participated in the session in which 16 were interviewed while 4 were shortlisted for jobs. It was



a chance for the students to showcase their talent and interact with the professionals.

UBL Fund Manager Awareness Seminar was the second and last session of the event that was conducted by Mr. Malik Khuwaja and Mr. Muhammad Raheel from UBL. The purport of the seminar was to aware students regarding investments that not only maximize wealth but also contribute to progressive economy. They familiarized students with several investment means, such as Mutual Funds and Pension Plans so that they can reap greater benefits from their pays and also discussed about Tax Rebate.

Lecture and Live Demonstration on Compoener

PM&DC approved CDE hours accredited lecture, live demonstration and hands-on workshop on Compoener (Direct composite veneering system Coltene Germany) was organized on 16th March 2016 at Isra Dental College, Hyderabad.

The guest speaker of the event was Dr. Salman Zafar, Associate Professor and Consultant Medident Dental Specialist Clinic DHA Karachi; and Dr. Zahid Iqbal, HOD and Assistant Professor was the program facilitator. The chief guest of the program was Prof. Abdul Qadir Khoro, Dean of Isra Dental College who addressed the importance of continuing dental education in his welcome



speech. Dr. Salman Zafar delivered the lecture on Cosmetic Dentistry, smile analysis and treatment planning for esthetic restorations in esthetic zone. He also highlighted about Compoener, Components of Compoener system and its application technique. Live demonstration of Compoener placement in patients and hands-on opportunity were given to all participants. Shields were given to Dr. Salman and Dr. Zahid by Madam Amtul Qazi. At the conclusion of the workshop, certificates were distributed to all participants.

One Day Study Tour of State Bank of Pakistan

"One day Study Tour was organized by Department of Management Science with the coordination of Career Development Center for BBA and MBA students. 53 students and 5 faculty members visited State Bank of Pakistan. A brief session



was given on the role of State Bank in economy of Pakistan. Students also visited Museum and art gallery of bank. The visit took place on 17th March, 2016".

NAVTTC Team Visit 2016



National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) team visited Isra University, Hyderabad on 7 March 2016 with regard to an Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted by Isra University for organizing Vocational Trainings at its Hyderabad Campus. The team met with Dr Abdul Ghani Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences; Prof. Dr M. Iqbal Bhatti, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology; and Dr. Sajjad Kazi, Vice Dean, Faculty of Medical and Allied Medical Sciences. The team visited labs and classrooms of Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology and the Faculty of Medical and Allied

Medical Sciences of Hyderabad Campus. The trades which were finalized for submission in Expression of Interest (EOI) are Accounting, Auto CAD, DIT and Hardware & Network Technician. NAVTTC team was very happy to see the facilities being offered by Isra University, Hyderabad. Isra University is expected to be approved for conducting the above mentioned trades for Vocational Training in Summer 2016. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi was nominated as head of this program and Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, who coordinated the NAVTTC visit was nominated as the focal person.

Final Year Project Competition 2016



A Final Year Project competition for the students of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Department of Computer Science was organized on 28 January 2016 at the Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology. In total ten projects were on display from the areas of Electrical, Telecommunication, Software and Computers. This event was organized by Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology; and Ms. Sehrish Abrejo, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology.

Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering and Management Sciences, along with Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Bhatti, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology; Prof. Dr. Rafiq Abro, Chairperson, Electrical Engineering Department; and

Prof. Dr. Ahsanullah Baloch, Chairperson, Computer Science Department visited the competition to encourage and appreciate the students for their efforts.

In the competition, 1st position was secured by students Aamir Ahmed, Ghulam Mehdi and Basit Saleem for the project of MEMS based Control of Robotic Locomotion from the department of Electrical Engineering, 2nd position went to Ammara Zainab for the project of Islamic Automated Computer Database Systems from the department of Computer Science and the 3rd position went to Mouzam Memon, Nabeel Abid, Haris Shaikh and Safdar Abass for the project of Aerogen from the department of Electrical Engineering. Certificates and cash prizes of Rs. 10,000, 7,000 and 5,000 were given to the three position holders by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, who was also the chief guest on the occasion.



All Pakistan Inter University (Zone-H) Table Tennis Championship 2016

Isra University, Hyderabad participated in All Pakistan Inter University, Zone-H, Table Tennis Championship 2016 held at Mehran University, Jamshoro on 18th January 2016. The team was led by Mr. Sarosh Kareem. Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Asst. Prof., Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology was the manager



and head coach of the team. The team comprised of six players who one by one faced the opponents. Isra University played matches against Sindh University, Jamshoro and Mehran University, Jamshoro. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Engr. Tauha Ali, Registrar, Mehran University, Jamshoro.

Sindh Sports FEST 2016



Isra University students participated in Sports FEST at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Nawabshah on 15 February 2016. Sports FEST was an event organized by Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Nawabshah in collaboration with HEC to promote sports among the youth of the region. The chief guest in the opening ceremony was Ms. Nafeesa Shah, Minister, Sindh Government.

In this regard nearly 15 Universities, Institutes and affiliated units of the region participated in a two-day event. Isra University participated in two events i.e. Badminton and Cricket. The Cricket team was led by Aamir Lakho and the Badminton team was led by Faizan Hashmi. Isra University played its Cricket Match against Lyari University, Karachi while in Badminton Israians came up against Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur. Ms. Nafeesa Shah, Minister, Sindh Govt. along with Vice Chancellor, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Nawabshah thanked all the participating teams of the region.

Both teams were coached and managed by Mr. Saad Khan Baloch, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology.



Pakistan Cables Factory Visit

Isra University organized a visit to Pakistan Cables Factory, Karachi on 22 March 2016. The visit was managed and coordinated by faculty members Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Assistant Professor ; and Ms. Shadia S. Baloch, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering Science & Technology.

Forty five Students from the Faculty of Engineering Science & Technology witnessed the making of cables for transmission, distribution & utilization systems. Students were firstly apprised about the company's portfolio after which they were shown different sections i.e. raw copper material section, plates conveying and melting process, cable diameter reducing section, stranding section, bedding & sheathing, insulation section, rolling section and aluminium section. This visit facilitated the students in understanding how the Copper, Aluminium and Steel cables were made from raw materials and then used for low and high voltages.



IEEE Isra Student Branch Gets IEEE Karachi Section Awards

IEEE Isra Student Branch received two awards for its performances during the year 2016 with regard to activities organized under the umbrella of IEEE Karachi Section. Prof. Dr Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences and Head of Executive Council, IEEE Isra Student Branch along with Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Counselor, IEEE Isra Student Branch and Asst. Prof., Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology attended the ceremony at DHA Sunset



Club, Karachi on 21 January 2016.

Prof. Dr Hameedullah Kazi received the Shield of Appreciation for his dedicated services by playing an effective role in IEEE Karachi Section while Mr. Haji Khan, Student Member, IEEE Isra Student Branch, Computer Science Department, received the award for the Best Young Professional Award for his amazing designing for IEEE Karachi Section Congress that was held in the month of December 2015.

All Pakistan Inter University (Zone-H) Football Championship 2016

Isra University participated in All Pakistan Inter University, Zone-H, Football Championship 2016 at Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam on 19 February 2016. The team was led by Taufeeq Ali.

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



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Isra University (Main Campus), Hyderabad

- Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences
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- 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
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