



# PASTIC

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### ONE DAY TRAINING ACTIVITY ON OPEN JOURNAL SYSTEM FOR PUNJAB REGION

PASTIC in collaboration with Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF) organised one day training activity on Open Journal System (OJS) on December 9, 2023 to empower the Journal Publishers community with modern Journal publishing tools and techniques. Dr. Adnan Amin, Lecturer IM Sciences, Peshawar was the resource person. Fifty two (52) journal editors as consortium members participated in the training activity from Faisalabad region. Activity was performed under development project titled "National Digital Archive of Research Published in Pakistani journals".



Group photo of the training participants with DG PASTIC.

Through this project, PASTIC is aimed to develop Networking of Journals Publishers, Preservation of National Research Content, Standardization of Journals Repository and development of Visualization Model to Review Research Trends by providing free Journal Hosting, Data import and Backup Services, Financial Assistance for Digitization and Capacity Building.

Project Manager, Mr. Saifullah Azim briefly introduced the project's current achievements and ongoing plans. During the closing ceremony, Director General, PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh briefly introduced the PASTIC services. He also described the project's aim and objective to provide single electronic-platform to Journals publisher's community for preservation and dissemination of research published in indigenous research Journals. Dr. Tanveer Shahzad, Director ORIC, GCUF graced the event during closing ceremony by distributing the certificates to the participants.

### PASTIC And COMSTECH Signed MOU

COMSTECH (Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation) an inter-governmental organization has been established to promote and coordinate scientific and technological activities among OIC member states.

PASTIC & COMSTECH joined hands towards building a common platform for launching collaborative activities in the relevant fields of mutual interest. Both organizations signed a memorandum of understanding for potential collaboration by facilitating in areas of combined growth for their beneficiaries.

Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation, Prof Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig (HI, SI) and Coordinator General COMSTECH, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary (Mustafa Laureate HI, SI, TI) signed the MoU in a ceremony held at COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad on December 5, 2023. Senior officials of PSF, PASTIC and COMSTECH attended this ceremony.



Prof. Dr. M. Akram Shaikh, DG PASTIC, Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig Chairman PSF & Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General COMSTECH during MoU signing ceremony with senior officials of PSF, PASTIC, & COMSTECH.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC said that PASTIC will extend the cooperation for resource sharing, and knowledge dissemination among libraries in member states through forming an alliance or consortium of libraries across OIC states.

### EVENT/MEETING ATTENDED

a. Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS), Islamabad organized an inspiring invited talk on "Mysteries of Quantum Mechanics" by a renowned Pakistani Physicist,



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Prof. Dr. Mohammad Suhail Zubairy (HI, SI, FPAS) on December 4, 2023 at the A.Q. Khan Auditorium of the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Islamabad.

The speaker, Dr. Muhammad Suhail Zubairy (HI, SI, FPAS) is a distinguished Professor of Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the Texas A&M University (USA). Prof. Zubairy has made pioneering contributions in the fields of Quantum computing, laser physics and quantum optics and has authored and co-authored several books and over 300 research papers on a wide variety of research problems relating to theoretical physics. His research work has been widely recognized by the physics community worldwide. He has received several awards and honours during his professional career. Presently, he is on a short visit to Pakistan to inspire young and enthusiastic students/researchers on the topic of mysteries of quantum mechanics.

Prof. Dr. Akram Shaikh, Director General PASTIC graced the occasion with valued presence accompanied by senior PASTIC officials.



Participants on the occasion of an inspiring talk on "Mysteries of Quantum Mechanics" at Pakistan Academy of Sciences.

b. PSCK Officer Afsheen Tariq Assistant Director (STI) attended Seminar on "DHA Tech Talk: Building the Future" on December 12, 2023 at the Convention Hall DHA Country & Golf Club Karachi. The event was organized by the Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd and DHA Karachi.

c. On behalf of Pakistan Science Foundation, Afsheen Tariq Assistant Director (STI), PASTIC Karachi attended a Seminar on "Tropical Cyclone and Tsunami Threats to Pakistan Coast and our Preparations" on the occasion of 50th anniversary of the PTC, PMD on December 13, 2023 at Pearl Continental hotel, Karachi. The event was organized by

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Society of Economic Geologists and Mineral Technologies (SEGMITE) and Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF).

### PASTIC S&T SERVICES AWARENESS STALL

A post conference workshop on the "Role of Microbes in Everyday Life" held on December 7, 2023, at the Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation and Medical Sciences (PIRMS) Karachi. The workshop was organized by Pakistan Society for Microbiology in collaboration with Government of Sindh Education Department, Pakistan Science Foundation, PASTIC sub-centre, Karachi (PSCK), and PIRMS.



Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) PSCK alongwith Dean Science, Minhaj University & Director PIRMS.

Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) PSCK highlighted the various activities & scientific projects of Pakistan Science Foundation & PASTIC regarding their role for the development and promotion of science. She also gave presentation on importance of prevention of infectious diseases in children's, promoting healthy habits for a stronger future, vaccination, immunization, good hygiene habits, healthy lifestyle and nutrition etc.

PASTIC Karachi organised a PASTIC services S&T awareness stall during the one day Hands on workshop on "Role of Microbes in every day life".



PSCK official gave briefing about the PASTIC services.



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