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Two Days Training Workshop on "KOHA: Problem Based Session for Practitioners & Online Databases: Access & Usage".

PASTIC Sub-Centre, Karachi in collaboration with Bait-ul-Hikmah Library, Hamdard University, organized two days training workshop on "KOHA: Problem-Based session for Practitioners & Online Databases: Access & Usage" from October 11 to 12, 2023, at The Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences (FHMS), Hamdard University, Karachi. The workshop was participated by more than 75 participants from various universities of Pakistan.



View of participants during the workshop at Hamdard University, Karachi



Prof. Malahat Kaleem Sherwani delivering her speech

The workshop commenced with the recitation of The Holy Quran. Prof. Malahat Kaleem Sherwani, Director of Bait al Hikmah Library at Hamdard University, delivered a welcome address to the participants. In her address, she emphasized the significance of KOHA software, the importance of using digital databases, and introduced PASTIC services to the participants of the workshop. The Chief Guest, Registrar, Hamdard University, appreciated for

organizing this workshop for Library professionals.



Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PSCK briefing about PASTIC Services.

Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI) at PASTIC Karachi, introduced various PASTIC services and its role in capacity building. She highlighted the importance of PASTIC KOHA Cloud, PakCat, the digital repository of indigenous S&T material, Union Online Public Access Catalogue (Union OPAC), and newly developed databases and portals for scientific research and innovation.



Glimpses during the interactive sessions of the workshop

Dr. Muhammad Wasim Zia, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Library & Information Sciences, University of Karachi and resource person of the workshop conducted training on various aspects of KOHA, such as interface navigation, cataloging, acquisitions, circulation, patron management, OPAC searching, and retrieval etc. The session was concluded by Prof. Dr. Raza Ur Rehman, Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences, Hamdard University and presented shield to Resource Person.

The second day featured training on online databases. The Resource Person Mr. Attaullah, Chief Librarian at Ziauddin University, covered databases like PubMed and Turnitin, while Dr. Laila Anwar, Assistant Professor,



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Faculty of Pharmacy, Hamdard University, gave training on EBSCOhost and Cochrane Library Application databases. Ms. Fatima Iqbal, Assistant Librarian at Bait al Hikmah, gave detailed presentation on HEC Digital Library databases. This workshop provided valuable insights and practical training in library and information sciences, helping participants to enhance their skills and knowledge in managing library resources and utilizing online databases effectively.



Prof. Dr. Raza Ur Rehman presenting certificates to participants.



Prof. Malahat Kaleem Sherwani, Director Hamdard University presenting souvenir to Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI).

Ms. Alia Nasir, Principal and Associate Professor at Rufayda Hamdard College of Nursing, Hamdard University, delivered closing remarks. She appreciated the efforts of PASTIC for organizing such a successful workshop and also thanked to resource persons for delivering the valuable sessions for faculty members, researchers, and scholars. In the end Prof. Dr. Abdur Rehman, Head of Department Dental Sciences & Prof.

Malahat Kaleem Sherwani, Director, Bait al Hikmah Library, Hamdard University

distributed shields and certificates among the resource persons & organizers.

AWARENESS SEMINAR ON BREAST CANCER

PASTIC Sub centre, Karachi in collaboration with ORIC, Hamdard University, and Shoukat Khanum Hospital organized awareness seminar on Breast Cancer on October 4th, 2023, at the Bait-ul-Hikmah Auditorium, Hamdard University Karachi. Raising awareness about breast cancer is crucial for early detection and prevention, and such events play a vital role in educating the public on this important health issue.



Group photo of the participants of seminar at the Bait-ul-Hikmah Auditorium, Hamdard University Karachi



Dr. Anum, oncologist from Shoukat Khanum Hospital sharing her views about breast cancer.

Dr. Anum, a renowned oncologist from Shoukat Khanum Hospital, shared invaluable insights into the latest advancements in breast cancer treatment, emphasizing early detection and its crucial role in improving survival rates. Speaker Dr. Tabiba Syma Ghayas, an esteemed Professor in Eastern Medicine at Hamdard University, shed light on complementary and alternative approaches



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to breast cancer care.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Saima Fahad Tanwiri, Manager Fundraising Shoukat Khanum Hospital and the Shields distribution to speakers and organizers. Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director, PASTIC sub centre, Karachi, and Ms. Aiman Taj, Assistant Director, ORIC, Hamdard University played crucial roles in organizing and coordinating the seminar.

EVENT/ WEBINAR /MEETING ATTENDED

a. PSF/PASTIC officials including Prof. Dr. Shahid Mehmood Baig Chairman PSF, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh DG PASTIC and Dr. Saqib Nasir Director P&D PSF attended Third Think Tank Moot on Reform Synergy organized by PIDE on Oct 05, 2023 at Islamabad.



Group photo of the participants of 3rd Think Tank Moot.



DG PASTIC Dr. M. Akram Shaikh presenting agenda at 3rd Think Tank Moot.

b. Syed Shabib Zaidi, Carvan Assistant at PSCK visited & collected Industrial data at the "12th IEEE Fair 2023" on 5th October 2023 in Expo Centre Karachi. This event was organized by the Institution of Electrical & Electronics Engineers Pakistan

(IEEEEP) and Badar Expo Solutions. Mr. M. Zubair Motiwala, CEO of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), Mr. Khalid Pervez, Chairman of IEEEEP Karachi Centre, and Mr. Zohair Naseer, Managing Director of Badar Expo Solutions etc. visited the exhibition.



PSCK official briefing about PASTIC services.

c. Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PSCK visited to the "20th Health Asia International Exhibition & Conferences" on October 20, 2023 at Expo Centre Karachi. She also attended the Seminars on Breast Cancer & Boosting Medical Devices Development in Pakistan. This event organized by the Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd. Farhan Anis, Vice President of Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan, highlighted the critical importance of the healthcare sector. Nearly 50 exhibitors from 150 different companies participated in the three-day trade fair including foreign delegates from six countries.



Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assist Director (STI) PSCK briefing about PASTIC during exhibition.

d. A seminar entitled "Health Literacy and Poster Competition" was held on October 31, 2023, at the University of Karachi and attended by Syed Shabib Zaidi, Caravan Assistant at PSCK.



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