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ONE DAY SEMINAR ON “CONSORTIUM LAUNCHING AND AWARENESS OF PASTIC PROJECT”

One day Seminar on “Consortium Launching and Awareness of PASTIC Project on National digital archive of research published in Pakistan journals” was organized on August 25, 2023, at the City Campus of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK). Prof. Dr. Syed Nadeem Haider Bukhari, Chief Librarian AJK, and Muhammad Ghazi Jakrani, Additional Director PASTIC graced the occasion as a distinguished guest and keynote speaker. Dr. Abdul Rauf Janjua, Director of ORIC-UAJK, played a key role in coordinating and organizing the event. This seminar drew a notable audience, including Chief Editors, Editors, Assistant Editors, and relevant faculty members from the PASTIC, AJK Medical College and esteemed representatives from the partner institution, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.



Group photo of the participants of seminar “National Digital Archive of Research Published in Pakistani Journals” at University of AJK.

The seminar served as a significant platform for the exchange of ideas and insights regarding the national digital archive of research publications in Pakistan. It aimed to shed light on the transformative impact of this digital repository on the accessibility and visibility of research published within Pakistan.

Throughout the day, participants remained engaged in lively discussions, explored emerging trends in academic publishing, and gained valuable insights into the evolving landscape of digital archives. The event also emphasized the crucial role of academic institutions and research centres in fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing.

TWO-DAYS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON “AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) AND Skills FOR FREELANCE”

Two-Days training workshop on “AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Skills for Freelance” held on August 30-31, 2023 at National Textile University Faisalabad. Total 51 participants including Directors, HODs, Librarians, PhD researchers, and students from various organization participated.



View of participants of the workshop at National Textile University Faisalabad.

Session was started with the recitation from The Holy Quran followed by welcome address by Prof. Dr. Asif Habib, Chairman C.S. NTU. Remarks and introduction to PASTIC services was given by Muhammad Hasnain, Additional Director, PASTIC Faisalabad. The key note speaker/resource persons were Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Director Library COMSAT University, Lahore and Nadeem Sohail Director libraries City Schools System, Lahore. In the closing session, Chief guest, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Rector NTU, distributed souvenirs and certificates among the participants and resource persons. He also thanked and appreciated PASTIC efforts for capacity building of research community. Participants/Scientists also appreciated and paid thanks to PASTIC efforts for holding a successful event.

WEBINAR ON “EXPRESS THE POWER OF DATA MATLAB AND PYTHON FOR DATA ANALYTICS”

PASTIC Karachi organized a Webinar on “Express the Power of Data MATLAB and Python for Data Analytics” on August 22, 2023 at PASTIC Sub Centre, Karachi. The Webinar was participated by more than 99 Researchers



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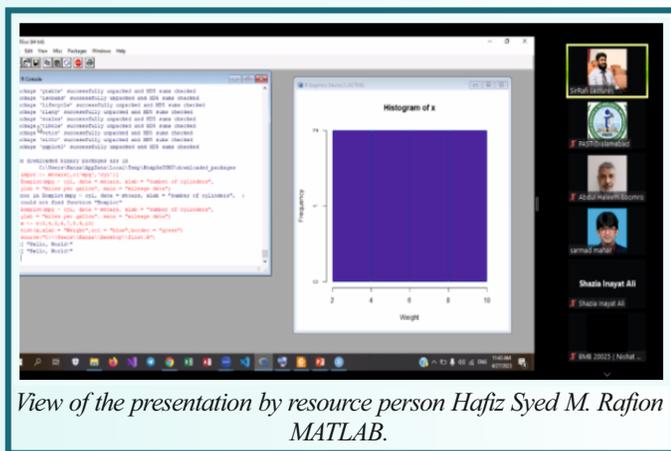
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including faculty members, PhD Students, Directors and HODs from different universities and R&D Institutions across different provinces of Pakistan.

The webinar was started with the recitation from The Holy Quran. Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PASTIC, Karachi introduced PASTIC services and its role in capacity building, and also explained PASTIC newly develop databases, portals etc. as well as Pakistan Science Foundation's role towards support of scientific research.

Hafiz Syed Muhammad Rafi, Expert/Senior Lecturer, Sohail University was the resource person of the webinar. He gave detailed presentation about MATLAB software, its programs, integration, implementations and scalable web and enterprise applications etc. He also explained Python data structures, analyzing and manipulating complex data sets for Data Analysis.



View of the presentation by resource person Hafiz Syed M. Rafiqon MATLAB.

In the end a productive Question/Answers session was held. Participants valued and appreciated efforts of resource person and PASTIC for conducting such a successful event. A.D (STI) PSC, Karachi appreciated the resource person and also paid thanks to participants from different provinces of Pakistan.

PASTIC collaborated with UNIVERSITY of KARACHI FOR ORGANIZING 9th ANNUAL NEUROSCIENCE CONFERENCE (ANC-23)

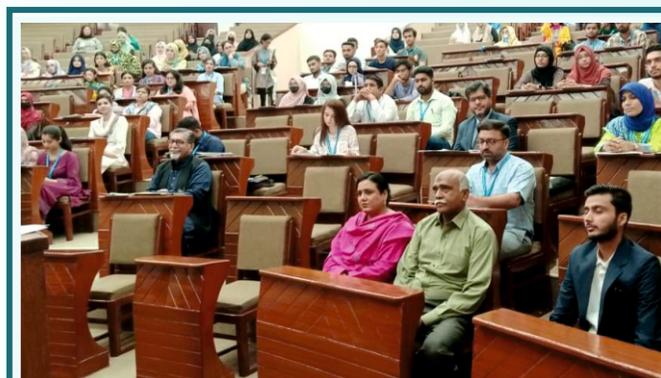
PASTIC collaborated with Pakistan Society of Basic & Applied Neuroscience (PASBAN) & Department of Biochemistry, University of Karachi for organizing of "9th Annual Neuroscience Conference (ANC-23)" on August 12-13,

2023 at Arts Auditorium, University of Karachi.



Cover page of the Abstract Book of "9th Annual Neuroscience Conference (ANC-23)" August 12-13, 2023 published & printed by PASTIC.

The conference aimed to empower potential learners and researchers to engage in the interdisciplinary fields of neuroscience through education, outreach and awareness initiatives. The conference provided a forum to students, professionals and researchers in academia to explore the recent researches in Neurosciences. Different departments of various universities across Pakistan participated in this event.



View of participants in the conference.

The conference was organized by Department of Biochemistry, University of Karachi in collaboration with PASTIC, ORIC-UoK, CHWB-UoK, AEIRC, MU, NSIG, IBRO, WWN, PASNO & PANS.

PASTIC collaborated in the said event by publishing 350 copies of Abstract Books. PSC Officers Ms. Afsheen Tariq, A.D (STI) & Mr. Shahid Jamil A.D (Admin) participated and represented PASTIC in this conference. During conference, A.D (STI) PSC, Karachi conducted meetings with faculty members/organizers for Promotion of PASTIC services.



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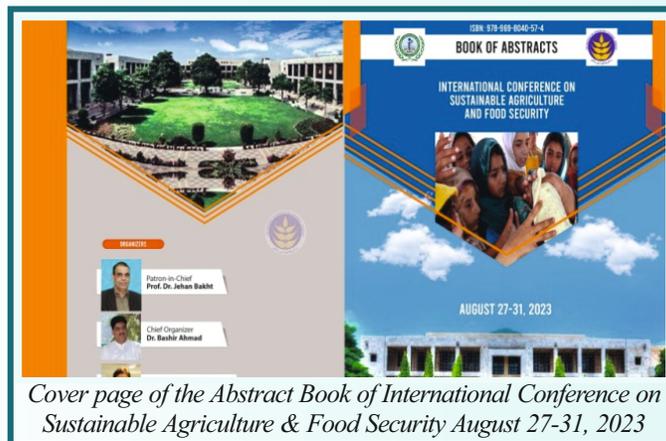


A.D (STI) PSCK receiving shield from VC, University of Karachi.

In the conference the chief guest was Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman, (FRS. NI. HI. SI. TI) ICCBS, University of Karachi. Inaugural Address was given by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood Iraqi, Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi, Karachi. Prof. Dr. Tipu Sultan, Chancellor, Malir University of Science and Technology, Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Ather Enam, Professor of Neurosurgery, The Aga Khan University Hospital & President PASBAN Prof. Dr. Farhat Batool, Chairperson Biochemistry, University of Karachi, Dr. Sadaf Ahmed, President PASBAN etc. addressed to the participants. About 26 National & International keynote speakers from different Universities presented their papers & posters.

PASTIC collaborated with University of Agriculture, Peshawar for organizing of International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security (ICSAFS-23)

Agriculture University Teachers Associations (AUTA), The University of Agriculture, Peshawar organized an International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security, August 27-31, 2023. The said conference aimed to bring together researchers and scientists from academia and industry in an effort to lay a ground work for future collaborative research. The conference will provide a forum for students, professionals and researchers in academia and industry to explore the emerging research in Agriculture and Food Security. Different departments of various universities from all over the Pakistan are going to participate in this event. PASTIC collaborated in the said event by publishing 150 copies of Abstract Book for this conference.



Cover page of the Abstract Book of International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security August 27-31, 2023

PASTIC Collaborated with Rawalpindi Women University for Organizing of Pre-Conference Workshop on Data Analysis

A one day training workshop on “Application of Statistics and Data Analyses through SPSS” was organized by the department of Zoology, in collaboration with ORIC as part of series of Pre conference workshops at Women University Rawalpindi on August 22, 2023. Dr. Maryum Ibrar Additional Director (STI) was invited as the resource person of this training workshop. More than 30 participants joined the workshop.



Group photo of the participants of SPSS training workshop

PASTIC SERVICES AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

PSCK organized PASTIC Services Awareness stall during “9th Neuroscience Conference (ANC-23)” on August 12, 2023 at Arts Auditorium, University of Karachi, Karachi. PSCK official gave briefing about PASTIC Services and distributed pamphlets to students and scholars. More than 150 faculty members & researchers visited PASTIC Service Stall. PASTIC Publications displayed & highly



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qualified scientist profile data were also collected.



PSCK official giving briefing about PASTIC services to students

EVENT/ WEBINAR /MEETING ATTENDED

a. PSCK Officers Ms. Afsheen Tariq, AD (STI) & Mr. Shahid Jamil AD(Admin) attended “23rdITCN Asia 2023” Exhibition & Conference on 31st August 2023 at Expo Centre Karachi. The Event was organized by Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd. in Collaboration with Ministry of Information Technology, Government of Pakistan. Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Dr. Umer Saif inaugurated the exhibition. Additional Secretary IT & Telecom, Aisha Moriani, representatives of IT and Telecom companies, officials from the Ministry of IT & Telecom and relevant organizations were also present at the occasion.



Group photo with Federal Minister IT, Dr. Umer Saif

Around 500 companies set their stalls in the exhibition to showcase solutions for various important fields of IT and Telecom sector including Cloud, Data Centre, Cyber security, ERP, Education, Banking and Finance, Health and Pharmaceutical, Ecommerce, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics with a

focus on networking, knowledge sharing and lead generation.

b. Evolution Pakistan and SBBU Sheringal-Upper Dir organized a three-day International Conference on Food & Applied Sciences (ICFAS), 2023 held on August 3-5, 2023 at Sheringal University-Upper Dir. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahab, Vice Chancellor, SBBU Sheringal graced the occasion as chief guest along with Prof. Dr. Faqir Anjum, Former Vice Chancellor, University of the Gambia, Prof. Dr. Javed Awan, Ms. Ghazala Ali Khan, Additional Director, PASTIC, Muhammad Ghazi, Additional Director PASTIC, Mr. Khurram Iqbal CEO Evolution Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Sakhawat Ali Ex-DG, PCSIR Lahore, Dr. Sadaf Javaria, Gomal University, Mr. Tariq Sarwar Awan Owner and CEO at SpiceX Food Industries & Nosh Food Industries, Dr. Aneela Yasmeen CEMB Lahore, Dr. Zia Shahid University of Lahore, Senior management of SBBU Sheringal & scientists from all provinces of Pakistan. PASTIC also published Abstract Book of the said Conference.



Additional director PASTIC Ghazala Ali Khan receiving shield from chief guest.

c. Agriculture University Teachers Associations (AUTA) organized 05 days International conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security held on 27-31 August 2023, at Bara Gali, Abbotabad. PASTIC on its part published Conference Proceeding.

d. On instruction of PSF, test for 20th International Junior Science Olympiads (IJSO) was conducted on 29th August 2023 at PSC Peshawar. A total of 70 students appeared in the test.

e. Written test of 20th International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) has been arranged at PASTIC Sub Centre Lahore on 29th August, 2023.



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