VC AUP VISITED TURKEY, MOROCCO

On the special invitation of Municipality of Denizli, Turkey, a two member delegation including Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Peshawar and Prof. Dr. Farhatullah, Director Advanced Studies and Research visited Turkey on May 18, 2011. Dr. Marwat delivered key note lecture on “Weeds as Medicinal Plants”.

They also visited Morocco where Dr. Marwat presented his paper on “Silybum marianum and Parthenium hysterophorus: Threat to biodiversity and crop production in North-West Pakistan” in the international conference on “Climate Change, Agrifood Fisheries and Ecosystems” at Agadir, Morocco on May 20, 2011.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2011 CELEBRATED AT AUP

The theme of the day was “Forests: Nature at Your Service”. The honorable Minister in his inaugural address emphasized the need of developing a national policy on environment. He admitted that deforestation in the country is taking place at an alarming rate and the Government must take necessary steps to stop it through alternative sources.

Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, AUP appreciated the efforts of the Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences and EPA of arranging the seminar on World Environment Day. In his remarks, Prof. Marwat pointed out that climatic changes and increased environmental temperature can cause rapid melting of glaciers. This promotes not only floods but also reduces water resources, thus we have to plan now to conserve water for future need.

Prof. Dr. Zahir Shah, Chairman, Department of SES and chief organizer of the conference thanked the chief guest and participants. He offered future collaboration with EPA.
MoU SIGNED BETWEEN AUP AND UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Agricultural University, Peshawar and University of Ballarat, Australia on May 06, 2011 in a ceremony at AUP.

The MoU is a result of the initiative and efforts of Prof. Dr. Parvez I. Paracha from AUP supported by Dr. Frank Vriesekoep and Professor Dr. Kim Dowling, Head School of Science and Engineering from the University of Ballarat, Australia. It envisages promotion of research through joint collaborative research activities, exchange of students and faculty for short and long term research, academic development, degree programmes, internships and mutual sharing and exchange of scientific information, research material and laboratory facilities.

The Vice Chancellor lauded the achievements of Dr. Paracha and congratulated him on being offered the Position of Adjunct Professor at the University of Ballarat. He said that the MoU would open new avenues of cooperation and collaboration between the two institutions where both students and faculty would take advantage of collective human and material resources for enhancement of teaching and research standards of the two institutions.

The signing of MoU is in line with the aspirations of the Higher Education Commission’s Medium Term Development Framework (MTDF) which envisages building of partnerships between the local and foreign universities for the socioeconomic development of the country.

BOOK FAIR ORGANIZED AT AUP

To motivate the students towards reading books and to provide opportunity to faculty to select useful books for the Library, a Grand Book Fair was arranged during April 14-16, 2011 at the AUP. About 20 Booksellers from throughout the country participated in the Fair and displayed more than twenty thousand books on various disciplines including Agriculture, Animal Health, Business and Computer Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and Islam, etc.

The Book Fair was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, AUP. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Deans, Chairmen, Faculty, Sectional Heads, Library Professional Staff, Librarians of other Universities at the Greater Campus and a large number of students of the University.

In his inaugural speech, the Vice Chancellor elaborated the benefits of buying and reading books. He urged upon students to read books which are the treasure of knowledge and source of polishing human behaviour. He said that the economic and social development of a nation is assessed by the education of its citizens. He advised the faculty to avail the opportunity as a blessing to select books for the Library. He appreciated the efforts of the Book Fair Committee, Library Staff and Booksellers for organizing such a productive event.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION HELD AT AUP

Agricultural University Alumni Association organized its first ever Alumni Home Coming Reunion on April 18, 2011 at the Main Auditorium. Qazi Muhammad Asad Khan, Provincial Minister for Higher Education was the chief guest on the occasion.

In his welcome address, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, AUP highlighted the aims and objectives of the association. He urged upon the members and government to join hands for the uplift of higher education in the country. He also stressed the need of financial and moral support. In his remarks, the Minister for Higher Education appreciated the efforts for the reunion of the AU graduates. He assured of all possible support from the available resources.

The Association was established under the Financial Assistance & Development Directorate with the aim to unite the Alumni on a platform with the core objectives to Provide: networking opportunities for the Alumni; provide a platform through which advice can be solicited; developing linkages with industries; resource mobilization; advice on curriculum development; provision of opportunities of joint research; scholarships for talented and needy students; internships for students and jobs for graduates.

VC AUP GOT GOLD MEDAL

In recognition of his meritorious services towards teaching, research and educational administration, Tehreek-e-Istihkam-e-Pakistan Council (Regd) declared Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Peshawar as National Asset and awarded him Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal in connection with Pakistan Day Awards in a ceremony held at Lahore on April 10, 2011.

FACULTY GOT RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY AWARD

In recognition of quality publications in impact factor journals, citations and excellent academic achievements, Pakistan Council for Science & Technology has granted Research Productivity Award 2010-11 to Prof. Dr. Zahir Shah (Soil & Environmental Sciences) and Dr. Muhammad Azim Khan (Weed Science).

DR. SHAH APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN

Prof. Dr. Zahir Shah, an eminent soil scientist has been appointed as Chairman, Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences, AUP. He is the recipient of several academic and national awards including two Gold Medals, President of Pakistan award, HEC's University Best Teacher Award and Distinguished Soil Science Service Award. Dr. Shah has successfully completed more than ten research projects and published his work in various high impact factor journals.
3rd International Weed Science Conference held at AUP

The 3rd International Weed Science Conference was held at the Agricultural University, Peshawar during April 18-20, 2011, under the auspices of Weed Science Society of Pakistan and AUP. The conference was inaugurated by Arbab Muhammad Ayub Jan, Pro Chancellor, AUP and Minister for Agriculture, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, AUP and President Weed Science Society of Pakistan, highlighted the importance of weeds in agriculture and the role of Weed Science Society of Pakistan in coordinating weed scientists within the country and abroad. He demanded the representation of weed science as a discipline in the research system on the analogy of Plant Pathology and Entomology.

In his address, Arbab Muhammad Ayub Jan envisioned the importance of agriculture sector and the efforts of the government to boost up this sector including public private partnership. He agreed to the proposal to launch weed science as independent discipline in the Research System.

The inaugural session of the conference was attended by about 400 delegates, faculty, students and guests. The technical sessions of the conference were attended by about 125 experts from all over the country. More than 40 research papers were presented in the technical sessions including two plenary lectures by Prof. Dr. Zahid Ata Cheema of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Mrs. Shahida Khalid of PARC.

Workshop on “Youth in Governance” organized at AUP

A two day workshop on “Youth in Governance” was organized at the AUP in collaboration with the Transparency International, Pakistan during April 26-27, 2011. The workshop was attended by the students of AUP and other universities.

The main theme of the workshop was to create awareness amongst the youth of various universities and institutes on various aspects of corruption prevalent in the public/private sector and the government bodies. The objective of the workshop was to enhance the skills to identify corrupt practices and to work for its eradication for the welfare of the future generations.

Dr. Khan completed Post Doc

Prof. Dr. Farmanullah Khan, Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Agricultural University, Peshawar completed Post Doctoral Fellowship from the College of Agriculture and Bio-Technology, Zhejiang University, P.R. China. His studies were sponsored by Higher Education Commission’s Fellowship Programme. He carried out research work on the “Fertility management of eroded lands”.

DR. MARWAT ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT PBS

Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Peshawar elected as Vice President, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter of Pakistan Botanical Society for a period of two years.

Dr. Marwat also remained President and Vice President, Asia Pacific Weed Science Society, Executive Member, Near-East Weed Science Society, Presently Member, International Weed Science Society; Weed Science Society of Japan; Weed Science Society of Philippine; New York Academy of Sciences; Research Board of Advisors, The American Bibliographic Institute; Weed Science Society of America; Core Group in Biological Science, HEC and The University of Peace Foundation UNESCO.

DIYA PAKISTAN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO AU STUDENTS

Diya Pakistan, a social welfare organization awarded scholarships @ Rs.5000 to 113 deserving students of Agricultural University, Peshawar belonging to flood affected areas.

A ceremony was arranged on June 07, 2011 for the distribution of cheques among the selected students. Mr. Gul Nawab of Diya Pakistan and Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor Agricultural University, Peshawar awarded cheques to the students.

CHART AND POSTER COMPETITION HELD AT AUP

The Youth Wing of Pakistan International Human Rights Organization (PIHRO) of AUP organized Chart and Poster Competition under the slogan “Human Rights Violation”. About 40 charts were presented in the competition.

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Naeem, Acting Vice Chancellor was the chief guest on the occasion, who gave away shields and certificates among the participants and winners. MS Aman Saeed got 1st, Mr. Adnan 2nd and Mr. Saeed got 3rd position.

In his remarks, Dr. Naeem appreciated the organization of such a healthy activity. He stressed upon the promotion of extra curricular activities on the campus. He also praised the organizers for successful arrangements.
INTERNATIONAL DAY ON BIOLOGICAL BIODIVERSITY CELEBRATED

Biodiversity in Pakistan”, while Mr. Asad Lodhi, Deputy Conservator, Wildlife Khyber Pakhtunkhwa delivered lecture on “The role of Wildlife Department in Biodiversity Conservation”.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Acting Vice Chancellor, AUP was the Chief Guest on the occasion. More than 200 students and faculty participated and showed interest in the Forest Biodiversity Conservation.

Poster Competition was also organized on the occasion. A total of 86 students presented their posters. Mr. Hayatullah, DVM 2nd year won first prize, Mr. Rahamad Khan, M.Sc (Final) Weed Science got second prize while third prize was given to Ms. Nazia Tahir, B. Sc (Hons) Part-IV Soil Science.

Dr. Haider Ali, Assistant Professor-TTS, Department of Weed Science was the Chief Coordinator.

TRAINING WORKSHOP ARRANGED FOR PROVINCIAL OFFICERS

Two Day Workshop on “PC-1 Preparation and appraisal Training Workshop for the Officers of provincial Agricultural Livestock Departments” was organized by the P&D Directorate during May 13-14, 2011 at the Agricultural University, Peshawar.

Mr. Muhammad Israr, Additional Secretary Agriculture was the chief guest in the inaugural ceremony. In his remarks, he appreciated the role of P&D Directorate in organizing such a useful workshop that would enhance the capacities of the human resources capital of the Agricultural and Livestock departments.

Mr. Waqar Toru, the leading trainer gave a brief introduction on projects, project planning, project cycle management, components of PC-1, budgeting and costing in detail. He also explained project appraisal and introduced the concepts of IRR, NPV and Cost Benefit Ratio.

The participants were then divided into groups and given assignments to prepare and present a PC-1 on any new project in the fields of agriculture and livestock.

Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor AUP was the chief guest in the closing ceremony, who gave away certificates to the participants.

AGRONOMY DEPARTMENT RANKED IN TOP CATEGORY BY NAEAC

The accreditation of Agronomy Department was held during May 13-14, 2011. The Accreditation Inspection Team thoroughly assessed the department teaching and research activities as well as laboratories, field and other infrastructural facilities. The department is ranked in the top category of “W” which reflect the great efforts and hard work of the faculty and students.
IBMS ORGANIZED PRESENTATION COMPETITION

The Skills Enhancing Society of the Institute of Business Management and Computer Sciences of Agricultural University, Peshawar arranged a Presentation Competition on May 10, 2011. A large number of students participated in the competition. MS Sarah got 1st, MS Nadia 2nd and MS Alhamrah Shuaib got 3rd position.

The main aim of the competition was to explore the skills and abilities of the students.

The Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Peshawar distributed prizes and certificates among the winners and organizers.

MR. SARTAJ SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED PH. D

Dr. Sartaj Alam, Lecturer, Department of Plant Pathology, AUP successfully completed his Ph. D degree, financed by HEC under Faculty Development Programme from Chiba University, Japan. He focused his research on “Biocontrol of Fusarium wilt diseases by a novel plant growth promoting fungus Penicillium sp.” During his stay in Japan, Dr. Alam participated in many national and international conferences and presented his research work. He also worked on a project involving the use of Polymer coated seeds in water-stress areas. Dr. Alam has submitted his findings for patent approval to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Japan.

DR. KHAN PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Prof. Dr. Munir Khan, Dean, Faculty of Rural Social Sciences, Agricultural University, Peshawar participated in the 3rd National IPR Conference, organized by the International Property Organization in IPO-Pakistan Headquarter, Islamabad on April 26, 2011. He also attended the workshop on "Strengthening Extension Skills of Young Professionals in Afghanistan and Pakistan" on June 13, 2011. The workshop was organized by four US universities in collaboration with the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

DR. HAMIDA JOINED AUP

Dr. Hamida Bibi joined the Department of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Agricultural University, Peshawar as Assistant Professor under HEC Interim Programme for Fresh Ph. Ds. She has recently completed Ph. D in Environmental Sciences from the University of York, UK.
DR. JAN PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Inayatullah Jan, Assistant Professor TTS, Institute of Development Studies, Agricultural University, Peshawar participated in the 14th International Business Research Conference held in Dubai during 28-30 April, 2011, sponsored by HEC. The conference was organized by World Business Institute, Australia. The theme of the conference was “Research for Re-thinking”.

Dr. Inayat presented his paper titled “Empowerment of Rural Women through Micro-Credit by Rural Support Programmes in Northwest Pakistan”. The paper investigated the role of Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) for women empowerment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. The main findings of his paper depicted that economic and socio-political conditions of women have substantially improved in the areas where micro-credit and micro-enterprises interventions of RSPs were in operation.

VETERINARY CAMP HELD IN AU AMKC

Agricultural University, Peshawar in collaboration with Livestock Training Consultants, Provincial Livestock Department and Livestock Department, Mardan organized a three-day Mobile Veterinary Clinic at its Amir Muhammad Khan Campus, Mardan during June 15-17, 2011. Huge number of livestock farmers of the area visited the camp in connection with the treatment of their animals and pets.

The doctors examined the animals and provided advice and free medications. The farmers were also briefed about various diseases, hygiene, feeding practices, prognosis and other precautionary measures. Mr. Ilyas Khan, Director, AMKC coordinated the programme who appreciated the support of VC AUP; DG Livestock; PD AMKC and Additional Director P&D. More than 1000 animals were treated during the camp.

AUP TEAM VISITED MONSANTO STATION, LAHORE

A delegation comprising of Prof. Dr. Hidayat ur Rehman, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arif Chohan, Prof. Dr. Farman Ullah, Dr. Muhammad Arif, Dr. M. Sayyar, Dr. Dawood Ahmad and Mr. Tahseen Ullah visited Monsanto Corn Breeding Station, Lahore during June 1-2, 2011, where they were briefed about producing seed brands in crops like corn, cotton, oilseeds (soybeans and canola) and vegetables.

AUP PERFORMED WELL IN SPORTS

Agricultural University, Peshawar participated in major events of the all Pakistan Universities Championships, including Volley Ball, Hockey, Basket Ball, Athletics and got overall second position in Volley Ball, while remained runner up in the zonal competitions of Hockey and Basket Ball. In Athletics, Mr. Fida Hussain got 3rd position in 200 meter flat race and 110 meter hurdle race.

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