BOUNDARY WALL OF BACHA KHAN CAMPUS INAUGURATED

The honourable Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Amir Haider Khan Hoti inaugurated construction of Boundary Wall around Bacha Khan Greater Campus, Mardan on September 3, 2011.

The Vice Chancellor, AUP, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat; Dr. Dawood Jan, Project Director and Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Khan, Director, AU Amir Muhammad Khan Campus, Mardan attended the ceremony.

The Campus, spread over 5000 kanal land, comprises of Abdul Wali Khan University, Bacha Khan Medical College and AUP Amir Muhammad Khan Campus.

DR. MARWAT ATTENDED CONFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA

A four member delegation headed by Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, VC AUP/President, Pakistan Weed Science Society including Prof. Dr. Farhatullah, Director, Advanced Studies and Research; Dr. Gul Hassan and Dr. Azim Khan, Department of Weed Science attended 23rd Asia Pacific Weed Science Society (APWSS) Conference at Sebel Cairns, Australia during September 2011.

Prof. Marwat is former President of APWSS and member of the Executive Committee. The delegates presented their papers and participated in the other activities of the society. Dr. Marwat and Dr. Hassan also chaired technical sessions. The activities and future course of action of the International Linkage Project on “Parthenium Weed” were also discussed with their counterpart, Prof. Dr. Steve W. Adkins of the University of Queensland, Australia. The academic progress of Ph.D scholars Ikramullah Khan, Zahid Hanif and split Ph.D Programme of Mr. Sadiq Ali was also reviewed with Prof. Adkins. On their way back to Pakistan, they met alumni of AUP in Sydney and attended a dinner hosted by Mr. Khurshid, an alumni of AUP.
TRAINING ORGANIZED FOR FRs FARMERS

Three training programmes on 'Enhancing Maize and Sunflower Productivity through Improved Production Technology' were arranged by the Department of Agronomy, AUP in collaboration with Agricultural Extension Department (FATA) for the farmers of FR Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, Lakki, Tank and D.I. Khan during July 2011. More than 100 farmers participated in these trainings.

A UP TEAM VISITED WBDC

A delegation led by acting VC, Agricultural University, Peshawar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem comprising of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jamal Khan, Director P&D; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal, Dr. Muhammad Zulfiqar, Registrar; Mr. Rizwan Ahmad, Additional Director P&D and Mr. Muhammad Ilyas, Deputy Director P&D visited the Women Business Development Center.

The team was given a warm welcome by Ms. Nabila Farman, Chairwoman. During their visit discussions were held on various aspects of mutual cooperation between the two organizations for enhancing empowerment and entrepreneurial development of rural and urban women.

TRAINING FOR THE UNIVERSITY STAFF ORGANIZED

A one week training workshop was arranged for the University’s support staff by P&D Directorate in August, 2011. The basic purpose of the workshop was to acquaint the staff of the University in understanding public procurements, maintenance of accounting books, reconciliation, etc. Training sessions in the areas of University Finance Rules and Regulations; Powers of Offices of Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Finance Directorate and Audit, Finance and Planning Committee, Syndicate; Basic accounting; Audit and Public Procurement Rules Act were arranged for the participants.

The training was conducted by Dr. Farzand Ali Jan, Director Finance, AUP and Mr. Muhammad Zakir, Director P&D, Kohat University of Sciences and Technology. The training was useful and the participants took keen interest in it. More than 60 staff participated in the workshop.

SEMINAR ON “EQUIPMENT FOR COLOUR ANALYSIS” HELD

A team of experts from BIRNASHEED (Pvt.) visited Agricultural University, Peshawar on June 10, 2011 and presented seminar and practical demonstration in main auditorium on the importance of colour and its measurement with Japanese Brand Konica Minolta Optical Technology. The equipments are widely applicable for colour measurement in the field of botanical/agriculture, food & biotechnology. Faculty and Lab staff of various departments attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Alam Zeb, Dean, Nutrition Sciences was the Chief Coordinator.
VC AUP VISITED TURKEY

Zahoor A. Swati, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production Sciences/Director, Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering (IBGE) AUP visited different Turkish Universities based in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir and Konia during August 2011 for placing of students for higher studies in the area of Animal Biotechnology, Recombinant DNA Technology, Plant Biotechnology and Bioinformatics under HRD component of HEC’s sponsored Strengthening of IBGE Project. They also discussed joint collaboration with their counterparts. The host Universities agreed to the proposal and students will be sent for Ph.D shortly.

A two member delegation comprising of Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor AUP and Prof. Dr.

DR. SHAH GOT BEST TEACHER AWARD

In recognition of excellence in academic and research, the Higher Education Commission, Islamabad has conferred “Best University Teacher Award 2011” on Prof. Dr. Hamidullah Shah, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, AUP.

Dr. Shah is Agricultural Chemist of international repute. During his career, he has not only excelled in academics, research and outreach activities but has also played a vital role in administration.

MR. RIZWAN VISITED ITALY

A team of experts from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa visited Italy during September - October 2011 under interchange programme of project on “Technical Assistance and Support to Fruit and Vegetable Growers in the Swat Valley (Pakistan) for the Improvement of Production and Marketing in the Horticultural Value Chain” sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy through Istituto Agronomico per l’Oltremare (IAO) with the aim to improve the living standards of the farming community at Swat Valley through a more rational development of the fruit and vegetable value chain.

The team was comprising of Mr. Muhammad Israr, Additional Secretary Agriculture, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Rizwan Ahmad, Additional Director (P&D), AUP; Mr. Fazal-e-Maula, Extension Department, Swat; Mr. Fazal-e-Maula (Jr.), Agricultural Research System, Swat and Mr. Bakh Biland Khan, General Secretary, Model Farm Services Centre, Kabal, Swat.

The team attended a number of practical and theoretical sessions with Italian government and other relevant institutions. They also participated in the agricultural trade fairs, livestock markets and meetings with farmer cooperatives and other public sector organizations.

This technical and cultural interaction was the first phase of an exchange programme that will be completed in 2012 with the visit of three experts from Italy to the project area.
DIRECTOR IDS VISITED JAPAN

Prof. Dr. Humayun Khan, Director and Prof. Dr. Mir Kalan Shah of Institute of Development Studies, AUP paid a six days visit to Tokyo, Japan during September 20-26, 2011 on the invitation of the Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University. During their visit, they jointly presented a paper on “Natural disaster, Relief aid and Household Vulnerability in Pakistan: Evidence from a Pilot Survey in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" in a two days international workshop on “Advancing Knowledge in Developing Economies and Development Economics”. The workshop was organized by the Department of Economics, the School of Oriental and African Studies, the University of London, the Center for Economic Institutions, Hitotsubashi University and Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research-S, “Poverty Reduction, Institutions, Markets and Policies in Developing Countries: Towards a Theory of Comparative Economic Development” (PRIMCED).

PLANNING COMMISSION TEAM VISITED AUP

The Monitoring Team from Planning Commission, Islamabad visited AUP during September 19-20, 2011 in order to monitor the on-going Developmental Projects of AUP.

Ms. Malikha Arif, M&E Officer visited different departments and held meetings with P&D Officials and Project Directors of various Developmental Projects and discussed various relevant issues. She also met the Vice Chancellor and briefed him on the related matters and appreciated the cooperation extended by P&D Staff during her visit.

SEMINAR ON “BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF DENGUE” HELD

The Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (IBGE), Agricultural University, Peshawar in collaboration with Islamia College University, Peshawar organized Seminar on the “Biological control of Dengue”. The speakers included Dr. Naeem Khattak from Khyber Medical University and Dr. Ijaz Ali from IBGE. Dr. Ali stressed upon the biological control of dengue vectors by transformation of the mosquito population with a bacterium Wolbachia which shortens the life span of the mosquito and renders it incapable to transmit the virus. According to Dr. Ali, if the biological control is not used by transformed mosquitoes, dengue will never be controlled and severe epidemics can be experienced in the coming years as fumigations and insecticide sprays could not eradicate the breeding sites of the mosquitoes.

FACULTY GOT TRAINING AT PARD

Dr. Shahen Shah and Mr. Asad Ali Khan, Lecturers, Department of Agronomy, AUP attended one week training on the “Livelihood Environment and Sustainable Development” at the Pakistan Academy of Rural Development during September 5-10, 2011.
DR. INAMULLAH COMPLETED JASSO FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Inamullah, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy, Agricultural University, Peshawar successfully completed JASSO Fellowship at Chiba University, Japan in August 2011. During his stay in Japan, he conducted experiments to study the drought stress tolerance mechanisms in Soybean (var. Nambushrome, Tachinagaha and Enrei) and Cotton (var. Xn-6, Xn-8 and Xn-10) and heat stress tolerance mechanisms in Japanese Rice (var. Koshihikari, Koshihikari, Yukinome, Yukinsel, Wasejiman and Todorokihara). The mechanisms were studied in terms of water potential differences, stomatal conductance, transpiration rate, chlorophyll fluorescence, SPAD value and CO2 assimilation rate.

MR. RAHIM DAD ATTENDED SEMINAR

Mr. Rahim Dad, Deputy Librarian, AUP/Vice President, Peshawar Universities Campus Librarians Association (PUCLA) attended a 5-day Seminar on “Emerging Challenges in the Field of Librarianship” at Bara Gali Summer Campus, University of Peshawar. He acted as Coordinator. The main themes of the seminar were IR, a model for Pakistan Libraries, Library Automation, Vesting the Human Resources in Libraries, OPAC and Attitude.

PRESIDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MET MEMBER

President AU Alumni Association, Prof. Dr. Jehangir Khalil met Mr. Abdul Qadir Jillani, Monitoring Officer, FAO on September 22, 2011 and discussed various related issues including enhancing interaction between the University and its Alumni. The President invited Mr. Jillani to the university on a goodwill visit. Mr. Jillani appreciated the formation of Association which will work as a bridge between the University and its old students. He donated an amount of 15,000 for the Association.

DR. AMANULLAH ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Amanullah, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy, AUP attended International Conference on “Prospects and Challenges to Sustainable Agriculture” held at Faculty of Agriculture, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir held in July 2011 and presented his papers on “Genotypic differences in maize profitability and yield as influenced by different source of N-fertilizers applied at variable rates”, “Interactive Effects of K x P on the yield and profitability of sunflower” and “Interactive Effects of P timing and levels on the yield and profitability of maize”.
DR. QURESHI APPOINTED AS DEAN, AHVS

The Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Chancellor, AUP has appointed Prof. Dr. Muhammad Subhan Qureshi as Dean, Faculty of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences, AUP for a period of three years.

After graduating from the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore in 1982, Dr. Qureshi joined the provincial Livestock Department of KP as Veterinary Officer. He introduced herd health programme for the peri-urban dairy farmers and assisted IUCN, WTO, SMEDA, FAO, Bank of Khyber, etc.

In 2005, Dr. Qureshi joined the AUP as Professor. He has been member of Academic Council, Board of Studies; University Industry Liaison Cell; PATA Development Committee; Technical Member, Public Service Commission; member Board of Studies and Selection Board of Gomal University, DI Khan. He facilitated the establishment of the Livestock Trainers and Consultants, an NGO of Young Animal Scientists which has been involved in many projects for community development in the region. Currently he is supervising a project on improving goats’ semen under Pakistan Science Foundation research grant.

Prof. Qureshi is assisting the Prime Minister’s Secretariat as Member Industrial Advisory Group. He also worked as Visiting Professor at Charles Sturt University, Australia as Adjunct Professor.

MR. SHAD COMPLETED PH. D

Dr. Anwar Ali Shad, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, AUP has successfully completed his Ph.D. He worked on biodiversity and phytochemical investigation of natural flora of the province under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Hamid Ullah Shah.

Dr. Shad remained a research fellow at the University of Bristol, UK under HEC-BC Link Programme. He also conducted part of research at the International Centre for Chemical Sciences, Karachi and NIFA, Peshawar. His Ph.D dissertation was evaluated by distinguished Professors from UK and Turkey. He published several research papers in various national and international reputed journals. He attended several national and international trainings, workshops and conferences. He is also Co-PI of HEC’s sponsored research project.

CONSULTANTS VISITED AMKC

Pre-qualified consultants visited the acquired land of AU Amir Muhammad Khan Campus, Mardan on September 17, 2011. Dr. Dawood Jan, Project Director; Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Khan, Director and Syed Lutfur Rahman, Director of Works were also present on the occasion.

The purpose of the visit was preparation for submission of financial and technical proposals for the AMK Campus, Mardan according to already shared ToRs with the consultants. The Director and PD explained the map of the acquired land and the progress so far made on establishment of the Campus.

DR. WAHAB APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN, FST

Prof. Dr. Said Wahab has been appointed as Chairman, Department of Food Science and Technology. He did his Ph.D from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Post doc from the College of Biosystem Engineering and Food Science, Zhejiang University, China. He is the author of more than 40 research papers in national and international journals.
DAAD ALUMNI CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

To establish a close network of young scientists who have completed their studies in Germany under DAAD/HEC scholarship, a three day DAAD Alumni Conference on “Biotech interventions for Sustainable Development” was organized in Islamabad in September 2011. About 30 scientists participated.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Meyer, University of Bonn; Dr. Thomas Ditt, Head of Press & Cultural Section, German Embassy, Islamabad; Ms. Ursula Saarbeck, DAAD Information Center, Islamabad and Prof. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Swati, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production Sciences, AUP were the guest speakers.

The conference will provide an opportunity to bring together the alumni into a common professional platform to establish close academic and research contacts and explore the opportunities for future joint research.

Dr. Muhammad Sayyar Khan, Assistant Professor, Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering (IBGE), AUP was coordinator of the conference.

DR. ZEB APPOINTED AS DEAN

The Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Chancellor, AUP has appointed Prof. Dr. Alam Zeb as Dean Faculty of Nutrition Sciences, AUP for three years. The Faculty has three departments (Food Science & Technology, Agriculture Chemistry and Human Nutrition).

Prof. Alam Zeb did his M.Sc (Hons) in Food Science & Technology from AUP while Ph. D and Post Doctorate in Food Science from the University of Leeds, UK. During his career, he supervised 30 M.Sc (Hons) and one Ph. D student.

FACULTY PUBLISHED PAPERS

Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, AUP got published research paper titled “Manipulation of quorum sensing regulation in Pseudomonas fluorescens NCIMB 10586 to increase mupirocin production” in Journal of Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology having 3.28 impact factor, while Dr. Mudassar Iqbal of the same Department got published two research papers titled “Studies on Transannulation Reactions Across a Nine-Membered Ring: the Synthesis of Natural Product-like Structures” and “Asymmetric Maitland-Japp Reaction: A Highly Enantioselective Synthesis of Tetrahydropryan-4-ones” in “Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry” and “Tetrahedron” having 3.76 and 3.23 impact factor, respectively.

MR. KHAH COMPLETED PH.D

Dr. Naeem Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Weed Science, AUP has successfully completed his Ph.D degree from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia under HEC’s sponsored Overseas Ph.D Scholarship Scheme. He carried out his research work on the sustainable management of Parthenium weed using non-chemical approach. In addition, he has studied the performance of C and C plants against Parthenium weed under elevated CO condition which is anticipated to be occurred by 2050.

Dr. Khan compiled his Ph.D dissertation on “Long term, sustainable management of Parthenium weed using suppressive plants approach”. During his stay in Australia, he orally presented his research work in several international conferences. He has also compiled few important research papers. His thesis abstract was nominated for Australian Higher Education Award.
MR. BILAL ATTENDED WORKSHOP ON PLAGIARISM

Mr. Muhammad Bilal, Assistant Director, Quality Enhancement Cell, AUP attended workshop on “Implementation of Plagiarism Policy & Plagiarism Detection Service (Turnitin)” organized by Higher Education Commission at its Regional Centre in Peshawar on September 26, 2011.

This workshop is a part of a series of such workshops conducted by HEC’s Quality Assurance Agency in each province of the country for focal persons of antiplagiarism services.

FACULTY-STUDENTS PUBLISHED PAPERS

Dr. Jaz Ali of IBGE, AUP and a group of his students including Najib Ullah Khan, Latif Ur Rehman and Khaliq Uz Zaman have got published 13 articles in international journals with a cumulative impact factor of 31 since December 2010. The major focus of the group is Molecular Virology.

MR. ILYAS APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR, AU AMKC

Mr. Muhammad Ilyas, Deputy Director, Planning & Development, Agricultural University, Peshawar has been appointed as Director for the Agricultural University Amir Muhammad Khan Campus, Mardan. He possesses tremendous management experience of working in the Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL) as well as working in Planning & Development Directorate of AUP.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DONATED VEHICLES

On the special interest of Honourable Chief Minister, Mr. Amir Haider Khan Hoti, the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provided one Hiace and two tractors for Agricultural University Amir Muhammad Khan Campus, Mardan with a total cost of Rs.7,00 million.

DR. HUSSAIN Authored Book

Dr. Zahid Hussain, Assistant Professor (TTS), Department of Weed Science, Agricultural University, Peshawar got his first ever book published through VDM Verlag Dr. Müller GmbH & Co. KG, Germany. The title of the 110 pages book is “Interference of Xanthium strumarium L. with Maize at various Densities” with ISBN 978-3-639-35163-7. The book is available online at: www.vdm-publishing.com

FACULTY GOT DOST GRANTS

On the basis of merit, Prof. Dr. Hamidullah Shah, Dr. Sahib Alam and Dr. Mudassar Iqbal, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, AUP earned Research Grants from the Directorate of Science and Technology, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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