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Editorial

There were days when wisdom was spread through dialogue of the sages of the era. Human race has now grown to such an extent that dialogue is too limited a medium to reach the human beings at large. A classroom is a good alternative but it is for a very specific purpose and for specific people with a specific background. Public addresses and special lectures have their own limitations. Print and electronic media are effective within certain domains. A researcher needs a mix of all these, that is, dialogue, lecture, address, demonstration and certain level of freedom of expression. A conference or a workshop best suits the needs of the researchers to share their knowledge and results with other scholars.

Conferences and workshops are essential for the promotion of educational culture and for providing opportunities to academicians from different institutions to meet each other and share their views on areas of common interest. Their deliberations and talks evoke interest among younger scholars and inspire their creative sense to enable them to choose the proper path for their research. These conferences and workshops provide effective platforms for the announcement of new results, for the indication of new trends and for bringing long outstanding problems related to various disciplines and aspects of practical life before the visionary people for finding their solutions.

However conducting a workshop or organizing a conference is an expensive activity. It is only with the help of industrial and business enterprises that universities can organize workshops and conferences. In return, participants of such conferences identify solutions to problems faced by those organizations, suggest solutions, help them identify human resources with adequate skill and suggest ways of improving the quality of their products. Provision of generous funds for organizing conferences and conducting research projects in the universities is in fact a step in the direction of improvement of quality and cost reduction.

Workshops and conferences provide opportunities for the display of products with manifold benefits. Publishing houses can sell their existing stock and even assess the need of students for their future publications. Book stalls at conferences provide an opportunity to students to buy books in their own institutions. It saves them time and money. Conferences create awareness which is the first step in the direction of solving problems.

From the very beginning human beings are in search of truth and research is a tool for this purpose whereas conferences are platforms for the announcement of the findings. It is a chain process where one researcher or a group of researchers initiate work in some direction and others follow the line or suggest different lines of action. From its very day of inception, BUITMS has endeavored to conduct conferences and workshops in all domains of knowledge including Management Sciences, Biotechnology and Informatics, Information Technology, Economics and Mathematics, the most recent one was held on April 21-22, 2005 with Information Technology as its central theme.

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Faculty of Management Science holds the 2nd Boot Camp for the PhD Scholars

Report by: *Dostain Khan Jamaldini,*
PhD student, Faculty of Management Sciences

The innovative program of PhD Boot Camp was conceived in 2004 with the long term objective of inculcating and strengthening the academic vision of PhD students of BUITMS. Under this program renowned academicians and researchers of Pakistan are invited to deliver lectures on important and emerging topics being explored in the research world. The Boot Camp sessions are held during semester breaks for scholars of PhD in Economics and Management. The first Boot Camp was held in summer 2004 semester break and the focus was on Economics. Business Management topics were chosen for the 2nd Boot Camp held during February 21-26, 2005.



Participants of the Boot Camp

The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Mohammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor BUITMS who in his inaugural speech stated the purpose and benefits of the program. He said that the idea of holding PhD Boot Camp was taken from the traditions of some American Universities where such opportunities are created for young researchers who get together with senior researchers day and night for a week long period in a learning environment. PhD students are encouraged to discuss, identify and explore their areas of research during different sessions of the program. For the 2nd Boot Camp, the following renowned scholars and practitioners were invited:

1. Prof. Dr Abdul Wahab,
President Mohammad Ali Jinnah
University, ex-Vice Chancellor Karachi
University / ex-Director IBA.
2. Prof. Dr A.Z Memon,
Professor, Pak-AIMS.
3. Prof. Dr Abuzar Wajdi, Dean Social
Sciences, Karachi University.

4. Prof. Dr Zia-ul-Hassan Shamsi, Associate
Professor, Pak-AIMS.
5. Dr Nadeem Bashir,
Assistant Professor, Pak-AIMS.
6. Mr. Afnan Karim Kundi,
KUNDI & KUNDI Advocates & Legal
Consultants.

The program continued for six days and daily 3 sessions were held starting at 9.00 in morning and continuing till late evenings. PhD students of the first and 2nd semester in Economics and Management took great interest in the topics and sought guidance from guest academicians in areas of their interest. Prof. Dr Abdul Wahab lectured on "Management Models" and "Business Management Model". He shared his research on the Pakistan Management Model. Dr A.Z Memon's lectures on "Decision Analysis", "Inventory Management Models" and "Network Models" generated great interest amongst the students. Prof. Dr Abuzar Wajdi, a popular advisor amongst the PhD and M.Phil students of Balochistan delivered valuable lectures on topics of Human Resource Management like "Recruitment" and "Job Analysis". Prof. Zia-ul-Hassan Shamsi discussed "Advanced concepts in Accounting" and "Management Accounting". He specially shared his professional experiences with respect to the Accounting theories. Interesting topics like "Leadership" "Motivation" and "Employee Relations" were taken up by Dr Nadeem Bashir. He explained the latest models and researches in these fields. Business Law Consultant Mr. Afnan Karim Kundi gave a presentation on "Social Management". He touched upon the theoretical framework of social management and related it to the business practices in Pakistan.

The closing session was held on 26th February in which besides the guest speakers, Prof. Dr Zafar Yab, then Dean Faculty of Management Sciences and Prof. Barkat Ali Chairman, Management Science Department also participated. This time the number of participants was 35-23 PhD students and 12 senior MBA students.

NCITA-2005 National Conference on "Information Technology & Applications" April 21-22, 2005

Report by: *Prof. Dr. A. H. S Bukhari*
Professor, Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences

The Faculty of Computer and Emerging Sciences of Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences, Quetta organized a National Conference on "Information Technology and Applications" NCITA-2005 on April 21-22, 2005 at Takatu Campus.



NCITA Conference in Progress

Honorable Governor, Balochistan/Chancellor BUITMS Mr. Owais Ahmed Ghani and the Worthy Vice Chancellor BUITMS, Quetta Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary were the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor of the conference respectively.

After recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, the Convener of NCITA 2005, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hussain Shah Bukhari, delivered the welcome address and stated the aims & objectives of the conference. Welcoming the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, Participants, Session-Chairs, Members of Organizing and Advisory Committees, Guests, Faculty, Students and Officers, he said that the aim of organizing this National Conference is two fold:

First, to open vistas of new emerging fields of Information Technology through discussion and exchange of ideas in order to get concrete results for their practical implementation. Second, to provide a proper forum for the scientists and technologists of the country in a bid to extend opportunities to the industrialists to utilize their work and talent for updating approaches towards excellence, quality and refinement.



Participants of NCITA

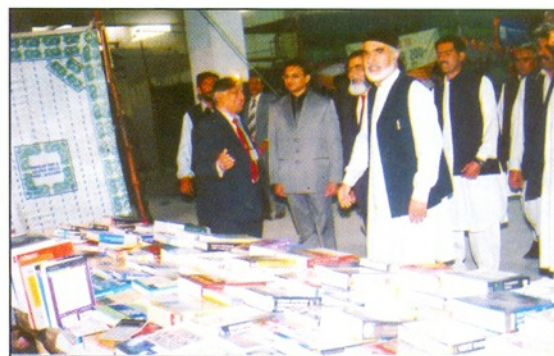
The Vice Chancellor's and the Chancellor's address followed Dr. Bukhari's address. Both of them stressed the need of organizing such conferences regularly for the interaction of scientists and technologists throughout the country and discussing their research activities at such forums. At the end of the inaugural

session, the Vice Chancellor presented conference mementoes and copies of the program of the conference to the Chancellor.

Messages of congratulations, goodwill and appreciation on organizing NCITA-2005 were received from:

- Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shaukat Aziz.
- Federal Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Owais Ahmed Khan Leghari.
- Governor Balochistan/Chancellor of BUITMS, Owais Ahmed Ghani.
- Provincial Minister of Information & Information Technology, Government of Balochistan, Syed Matiullah Agha.
- Chairman Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman.
- Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary.
- Dean, Computer and Emerging Sciences BUITMS, Dr. Sabir Usmani.
- Dean, Engineering and Applied Sciences BUITMS, Syed Abid Hussain.

The response from the scientists and technologists was tremendous. More than 100 abstracts were received. After scrutiny by the Technical/Advisory Committee, only 50 top class abstracts were selected for presentation of the research papers at the conference. During presentation of research papers, 35 papers were recommended by the expert session-chairs for publication in the proceedings of the National Conference on "Information Technology and Applications".



Governor Balochistan visiting a book stall at NCITA Conference

Paper reading was split up into 13 sessions. Every day there were 2 to 3 parallel sessions during this two-day conference. The session-chairs were renowned experts in their fields.



The research paper reading took place under the sessions:

- *Data Warehousing, Data Mining and Grid Computing*
- *Databases and Information Systems*
- *Programming and Algorithms*
- *Telecommunication, Network and Security Systems 1 & 2*
- *Neural Network and Applications*
- *Computer Vision 1 & 2*
- *Linguistics*
- *Bioinformatics and Biometric Systems*
- *Digital Techniques and Industrial Automation*
- *Miscellaneous*

The following experts chaired the respective sessions:

- Prof. Dr. A.Q.K Rajput, Vice Chancellor, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro.
(Computer Vision 2)
- Prof. Dr. Qaisar Durrani, Director FAST, Lahore *(Databases & Information Systems)*
- Prof. Dr. Imdad Ali Ismaili, Professor, Institute of Information Technology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.
(Computer Vision 1; & Telecommunication, Network and Security Systems 2)
- Prof. Dr. Abdul Karim Baloch, Co-Director, Institute of Information Technology and Telecommunications, MUET, Jamshoro.
(Telecommunication, Network and Security Systems 1)
- Prof. Dr. A. H. S Bukhari, Professor Faculty of Computer and Emerging Sciences, BUITMS, Quetta.
(Digital Techniques and Industrial Automation; & Neural Network and Applications)
- Prof. Dr. Syed Jamal Hussain, Dean Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi.
(Data Warehousing, Data Mining and Grid Computing & Linguistics)
- Prof. Dr. Naveed Ikram, Dean Riphah University, Islamabad.
(Programming and Algorithms)
- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younus Javed, Professor NUST, Rawalpindi.
(Bioinformatics and Biometric Systems)
- Prof. Dr. S. H Usmani, Dean Faculty of Computer and Emerging Sciences, BUITMS, Quetta. *(Miscellaneous)*

The research papers presented were of high quality and the speakers were well prepared. Detailed discussions were held in question answer period. Dr. Qaisar Durrani delivered a lively lecture on "Biometrics of Software Engineering" followed by the paper reading session.



VC, BUITMS along with participants of NCITA Conference

In addition to the inaugural and paper-reading sessions of the conference, an exhibition of books, equipment and computers was also arranged. At this exhibition, book companies from Lahore, Karachi and Quetta participated. On the other side INTEL, Microsoft, SISCO, IBM and Quick Marketing participated.

The concluding session was presided over by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor BUITMS. Dr. Bukhari in his winding up speech thanked all the faculty staff, members of the organizing and Advisory committees, session-chairs, officers, students, and volunteers who worked hard day and night to make this conference a success. The vice Chancellor in his concluding speech felicitated the Convener Prof. Dr. A. H. S Bukhari and all the participants on successful completion of the conference and announced to hold another conference next year in 2006.



VC, BUITMS presenting shield to Dr. A.Q.K. Rajput, Vice Chancellor, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro.



At the end, shields were presented to the members of the organizing committee, session chairs, convener and to the vice Chancellor.

The two day National Conference NCITA 2005 was a great success in respect of organization, paper reading quality and highly academic atmosphere. It is safe to say that on the one hand, the conference provided many vistas to the researchers of the country, and on the other, it proved to be a landmark in the history of BUITMS, Quetta.

SAARC Debate Competition held at BUITMS

Report By: *Rehan Zafar*
MBA (Reg) - 5th Semester

A debate competition was organized by Radio Pakistan, Quetta at the City Campus of Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences, Quetta. Students from Iqra University, Quetta and BUITMS participated in the debate competition. The topic of the debate was "SAARC has achieved its objectives".



Mr. Haris receiving the winner certificate from VC, BUITMS

The university auditorium was fully packed when the competition started. Students and faculty members from Iqra University and BUITMS witnessed the memorable event. The ceremony started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran followed by a brief address by Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Balochistan University on the objectives and modalities of the competition.

In the SAARC debate competition first and fourth prizes were clinched by BUITMS and second and third prizes were won by Iqra University. The first prize was won by Mr. Haris Rehman a student of BUITMS. After winning the debate contest in Quetta, Mr. Haris is expected to take part in All Pakistan Inter-universities debate contest to be held in Islamabad in June under the SAARC Radio-Visual Exchange Programme. The first and second position holders of

the All Pakistan debate contests will represent their respective countries in the All SAARC inter-universities debate contests to be held in Dhaka in August, 2005.



VC, judges and guest of SAARC debate competition

The Worthy Vice Chancellor BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary was the chief guest on the occasion. He appreciated the efforts of Radio Pakistan in conducting such an informative contest. He added that the participants must read daily newspapers for updating their information. He also advised the students to participate in co-curricular activities because it would help them in their practical life.

At the end of the debate competition, certificates and prizes were distributed among the participants to encourage them continue their efforts in future as well. Refreshments were arranged for the guests, students and participants by the university. Events like this can really enhance the skills of the students and they must be arranged more frequently.

Prof. Inam-ul-Haq's lecture on "Philosophic Preference of the Quaid towards the Development of Balochistan"

Report By: *Mr. Ashfaq Hussain Soomro*
Research Associate, Center of Modern Languages.

BUITMS had the privilege of listening to Dr. Inam-ul-Haq Kausar on the topic of "Philosophic Preference of the Quaid towards the Development of Balochistan". Prof. Sultan Mehmood Niazi, Director, Center of Modern Languages BUITMS, presided over the function. In his welcome note he stated: Dr. Inam needs no introduction in the academic and literary circles of Balochistan as his contributions to education and literature are enormous in quantity. Dr. Sahib is a born researcher. In his quest for material he went to every nook and corner of the province in those days when means of communication were far from satisfactory. He spent days and nights at the various libraries in the country and explored those facets of



the emergence of Pakistan as a free country which lay hidden from the eyes of the common man before. It is a matter of pride and honor for us that we are going to have the unique experience of listening to "history" talking to us in person. Dr. Inam-ul-Haq spoke on "Quaid-e-Azam" commitment to the development of Balochistan. The gist of his address is as under:



Audience listening to the lecture

"Quaid-e-Azam remained concerned about Balochistan. Past Governments have kept Balochistan deprive. We want Balochistan to come ahead and keep pace with the pace of other provinces".

Quaid's affiliation to Balochistan can be traced back to March 29, 1927 when he demanded the implementation of reforms in Balochistan.

Baloch nation can take pride in the fact that Quaid-e-Azam was the first soldier of Balochistan's political, economic and educational independence.

Some of the major events regarding Balochistan which took place during Quaid's leadership are:

1. Election of Nawaz Mohammad Khan Jomezai to the Legislative Assembly.
2. Referendum in Balochistan on creation of Pakistan.
3. Accession of Kharan, Makran and Lasbela states with Pakistan.
4. Unconditional merger of Kalat with Pakistan.

All these developments best reflect the Quaid-e-Azam's devotion, sincerity and deep rooted affiliation with Balochistan and its people.

**Provincial Seerat Conference held at BUITMS
"Life Pattern of Holy Prophet(PBUH) provides
complete guidance for living a good, pious life"**

Report By: Ms. Afsheen Nighat Naqvi, PRO

Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) organized a Provincial Seerat Conference at its City Campus,

Jinnah Town, Quetta, on Tuesday.



*Opening speech by VC, BUITMS in
Provincial Seerat Conference*

The Vice Chancellor BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary was the chief guest on the occasion while Member Provincial Assembly (MPA), Ms. Samina Saeed presided over the conference.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor BUITMS said that the life of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAWS) is the source of guidance for the entire humanity, especially for the Muslim Ummah.

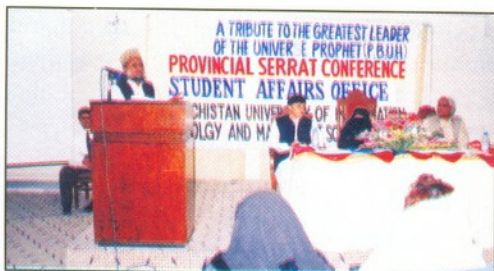


Provincial Seerat Conference in progress

He said that the Holy Prophet was the perfect human being and with the implementation of Islamic principles and teachings of Holy Prophet, a universal human society could be created, which was the main thrust of each religion and a mission of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) too.

He said "It is our faith that the whole life of our Holy Prophet is the practical rendering of the teachings of Holy Quran and his every action provides clear guidance to us in all matters of life. He said it is also our belief that Islam is the only religion which is a complete code of life given by Allah to mankind leading towards the peaceful existence of humanity.

Mrs. Samina Saeed and other speakers, Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman, Prof. Dr. Ashraf Shaheen Qaisrani, Professor Aftab Masroor Alam, Ms. Farzana Rahat Malik, Ms. Bushra Batool and Qari Arshad Yameen said that it is a unique status of our Prophet (PBUH) that he is the source of peace for the entire universe "Rehmat-ul-Almeen".



Guest speaker at Provincial Seerat Conference

They said every Prophet had a limited mandate which conveyed the message of Allah for a particular society or a territory, but our Prophet (PBUH) was sent to guide all the humanity without discrimination of color, creed or race to guide them.

They said the Holy Prophet always adopted the way of logic while preaching Islam and it was his character that the people were attracted towards Islam and embraced Islam in large numbers. They said that expression of love for our Holy Prophet (PBUH) beyond our love for our parents is the very basis of our faith and this faith calls upon us to strictly adhere the teachings of our Holy Prophet (PBUH) and get guidance from his individual and collective life which is the only way for our salvation here and hereafter.

They said that it is our belief that the life pattern of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) provides complete guidance for living a good and pious life. It also provides the very basis of an Islamic welfare society.

They called upon the people to adopt the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in their practical lives and the character through these teachings as the only way to prominence in the comity of nations and the people will take interest in Islam which will pave the way for the establishment of a universal human society based on the principles of peace and tolerance.

Second World Conference on 21st Century Mathematics, 2005

Report By: Syed Ejaz Bukhari Student of Ph.D Mathematics

The school of Mathematical Sciences of Government College University, Lahore, organized the Second World Conference on 21st Century mathematics, 2005, from 4th to 6th march, 2005. The school has been set up in 68-B, New Muslim Town Lahore, to provide opportunities of advanced studies to students of Mathematics. The conference provided a forum to the participants for the presentation of their knowledge and research to scholars from all over the world. Dr. A.D.R Choudhary, Secretary General, SMS was the convener while Dr. Faqir Muhammad Bhatti (LUMS) was the chair person for the conference. The opening ceremony of the conference was held on 4th march, 2005; Dr. Atta-ur-Rehman, Chairman, Higher Education Commission, was the Chief Guest.

The academic programme was attended by International Scholars, national Scholars and Ph.D students. The morning session on 4th March, 2005 was

Chaired by the Dr. Muhammad Nawaz whereas Dr. Ansaruddin Syed chaired the morning session on 6th March, 2005.

Research papers based on Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Computational Mathematics and industrial/ Actuarial Mathematics were presented during the conference by keynote speakers, guest speakers and other speakers. The keynote speakers included C. Norman, Mark Bashmakov, B.A. Saleemi, Stephen Glasby, Laurentiu Puanescu, Alexander Kondratyev, Sever-Angel Popescu and Alexander Dimca. Dr. Muhammad Nawaz, Dr. Ansaruddin Syed of BUITMS and Dr. Imdad Hussain of Mathematics Department of the Balochistan University, also presented their research work on "Boolean Algebras, Excluded Middle and Quantales", "A set of spherical polar coordinates for Minkowski spaces" and "on characterizing Qusai-near fields", respectively. Syed Ejaz Bukhari, a Ph.D mathematics student of BUITMS also attended the conference. Lieutenant General Khalid Maqbool (Retired), Governor of Punjab, was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony. He appreciated the role of Government College University in the promotion of Mathematics and hoped that this Conference would be a step forward in meeting the expectations of the Mathematics community of Pakistan. The Chief Guest awarded shields and prizes to the University National Mathematics Olympiad, 2004, and winners of the conference prizes. Dr. Abdul Majeed was presented life time achievement award.

Workshop on Recent Trends in Mathematics April 1, 2005 Takatu Campus

Report by: Dr. Mohammad Nawaz

Chairman, Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences

The Mathematics department of Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) organized a one-day workshop on the recent trends in mathematics on 1st April, 2005 at Takatu Campus Baleli. Prof. Dr. ADR Choudhary from the school of Mathematical Sciences Government College University Lahore and Prof. Dr. Faqir Muhammad Bhatti from Lahore School of Management Sciences were the key speakers. There were two technical sessions, one on the scope and structure of SMS GCU Lahore conducted by Dr. A.D.R Choudhary and the other on Graph Theory conducted by Dr. Faqir Muhammad Bhatti. The duration of each session was 2 ½ hours including 20 minutes break for refreshments.

The Workshop was inaugurated with the opening remarks of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nawaz and welcome address by Dr. Sabir Hussain Usmani to the participants and speakers. Dr. Nawaz appreciated the desire for the promotion of research in this vital domain. He emphasized that discussed, dialogues and special lectures about various aspects of Mathematics help bring insight on the subject and evoke interest of students and researchers in different areas. With



VC and guests listening to the lecture

special reference to Balochistan, Dr. Usmani expressed his gratitude to the learned guest speakers and hoped that distinguished mathematicians of Pakistan will make such visits to Balochistan more frequently.



Conference in Progress

In his key note address, Dr Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor BUITMS spoke in a lighter mood and related some interesting stories involving mathematical concepts. One of them was about snakes who won't multiply (double meaning mathematics multiplication and breeding) without logs (again double meaning, logarithms and pieces of wood). The second story was about the exponential function e^x which stood unharmed despite all threats from nasty operators, the differential operator and the integral operator. He welcomed the guest speakers who provided a good opportunity to mathematicians



Dr. ADR Choudhary delivering his lecture

of the province to learn about the recent trends in Mathematics. He proposed further strengthening of the linkage between BUITMS, SMS GUC Lahore and LUMS.

Dr ADR Choudhary described the structure and activities of SMS GCU Lahore where research is carried out in almost all the disciplines. Mathematicians at SMS are working for skill development of young researchers from various parts of Pakistan and International Mathematics Olympiad Mexico for which untiring efforts of SMS have recently won membership for Pakistan. He said that the researchers at SMS are working on more than ten research projects with each project involving 2-3 students.

Dr Faqir Muhammad Bhatti was the speaker at the second technical session. He started with basic concepts of Graph Theory and smoothly lifted his session towards the latest research in this domain. He described some recent results of his research obtained through combination techniques.

Dr. Ansaruddin Syed concluded the workshop with vote of thanks at 5:30.p.m. He said "I am very happy to see that this workshop has served its purpose and I thank you all for making it success. Of course, it could not have been held without the active and valuable cooperation of our learned guests from Lahore and we are extremely grateful to them for taking some time off their busy schedule and travel all the way to Quetta. I take this opportunity of thanking the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary who encourages us to arrange this event and supported us throughout, as well as the Dean Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences, Dr. Sabir Usmani, who provided all the facilities needed for the workshop. My thanks are also due to all the participants who not only spent the whole day with us but also took active part in the discussions concerning Mathematics teaching at all levels. In the end I would also like to thank the members of the Organization Committee and Mr. Shahid Siddique whose persistent efforts during the last three weeks made the holding of this event possible. Thank you."

Vice Chancellors' Meeting at BUITMS

Report by: *Afsheen Nighat Naqvi, PRO.*

A joint meeting of the Vice Chancellors of all the four public sector universities in Balochistan was held in BUITMS. The honorable guests including Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Taj, Vice Chancellor of University of Balochistan, Brig. Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor of Khuzdar University of Engineering & Technology, Dr. Shahida Jaffery, Vice Chancellor of Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University were



warmly welcomed by Dr. Mohammad Abbas, VC BUITM on their arrival.



Vice Chancellors of BUITMS, KUET, SBKW and UOB

The objective of the meeting was to discuss the program, strategies and future plans for the delegation proceeding on a visit to American Universities under the leadership and guidance of VC, BUITMS. The American Universities invited VC of BUITMS for discussion regarding building up linkages. They discussed possibilities of cooperation in research, students and faculty exchange, scholarships and other fields of mutual understanding. They all agreed on starting new programs.

Mehfil-e-Eid Millad-ul-Nabi

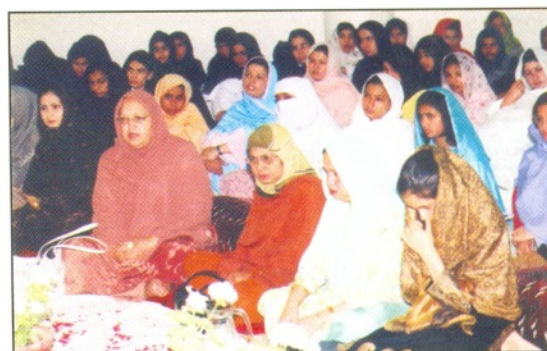
Report By: *Miss. Tayyaba Akram*
Student of MBA (Regular) 3rd

The Islamic month of Rab-e-ul Awal is the month of great spiritual inspiration for Muslims, as the last prophet of Allah, Muhammad (PBUH) was born in this holy month.



University students & guests listening the NAATS

Muslims celebrate the day of 12th Rab-e-ul Awal with traditional Islamic enthusiasm. In this regard, a Mehfil-e-Eid Millad-ul-Nabi was held on 29th April, 2005 at BUITMS City Campus. The Mehfil was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. The participants presented very beautiful Naats turn by turn. Some guest Naat Khawans also presented Naats in the said sacred Mehfil.



Mehfil NAAT in progress

The audience were properly seated in a very respectful manner and listened to the Naats very attentively. During the Mehfil, rose petals were showered on guests and on the presenters, showing the traditional spirit of the Mehfil.

Ms. Huma Shams, one of the guest speakers appreciated this step by BUITMS administration and she emphasized the real essence of the love of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). She said that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) gave due rights and respect to females, which did not exist before Islam. We should follow the teachings of Islam in the real sense. In Meelad, Mrs. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, wife of Vice Chancellor, Mrs. Sarwer Javaid wife of Director Public Relations Balochistan, Mrs. Israr Hussain wife of Secretary IT, Mrs. Kausar Agha, Principal Govt Girls Degree College, Quetta, and other prominent ladies from all walks of life were present. Every one present in Mehfil found the occasion as a source of spiritual exaltation.



University students & participants presenting the NAATS

The Mehfil ended with joint presentation of Darood and Salaams on Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Visit to Habib Ullah Coastal Power Plant, Quetta by the Students of BS (EE)-4th

Report by: *Mohammad Jehanzeb Shahid*
Student of BS (EE)-4th

It was no doubt an exhilarating experience for the students of Electronics Engineering BUITMS, as the



authorities allowed them to pay a visit to **Habib Ullah Coastal Power Plant**. The students were facilitated by the University bus service for pick and drop to the site and back to the campus.

There were two groups and the first of them consisting of 20 students paid a visit on 17th April and the other on 18th April 2005, along with six faculty members.



Students are attending the presentation session at Habib Ullah coastal Power Plant

During the visit they were taken to the various parts of the site and the tour guides briefed them about the working of the power plant.

The students were told about the site and its history in the conference room & were also served with tea. It was a presentation in which the guide told the students about the salient features of the building. All the necessary precautions were being followed strictly, as these were same for everyone without the discrimination of an employee or a visitor. Afterwards, there was a briefing to the students during which the working of the Power Plant was explained.

The second part of the visit consisted of a thorough lookup at the site in real. The management split the students into two batches. Both the groups then visited all the important locations including *Control System, Computer section, Gas turbine, water treatment plant, main supply control room and Administration block*.

The environment of the power plant was fascinating and all the students admired it. The students were



Group photograph at Habib Ullah Coastal Power Plant

told that the plant was capable of holding complete load of electricity requirements of Balochistan Province in emergency.

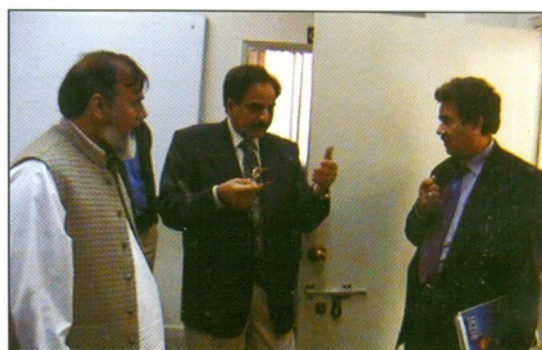
It was in fact a great experience for the students and indeed very informative as well. The students were extremely grateful to the Dean, Faculty of Computer and Emerging sciences and the Faculty members who spared their precious time for the visit.

Visit of Aurat Foundation

Report by: Ms. Afsheen Nighat Naqvi, PRO.

The evaluation team of the Legislative Watch Program of Aurat Foundation visited the BUITMS.

The visit by Mr. Zaheer Ahmed Gillani and Ms. Rehat Hannan Advocate, actually the consultants of the Norwegian Embassy, had the object of being acquainted with the views of the younger generation about the women rights.



Dr. Malghani briefing the delegation about the campus

The visiting delegates held a detailed meeting with the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mohammad Abbas Choudhary who briefed them about the academic activities, future plans and the programs through which education is being imparted to the students in the university. Dr. Ayaz Malghani, Dean Faculty of Biotech & Informatics showed the various lab facilities to the visitors.

The Aurat Foundation's LWP evolution team lauded the educational facilities available at the university. They also praised the vision of the Vice Chancellor



Delegation attending the presentation session



Dr. Choudhary for his dedicated approach to the promotion and development of higher education in the province.

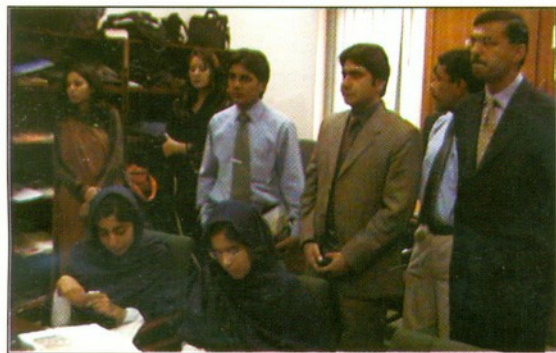
The team members also met the students (both male & female) of the university and posed questions to them regarding the rights of the women and the gender biases. They commended the feedback they got from the students.

Resident Director Aurat Foundation Mr. Younis Khalid was also present on the occasion. He said that the Aurat Foundation would send their publications to the University for reading and awareness of the students on regular basis.

Visit of Officers of Civil Service Academy, Lahore

Report by: Prof. Sultan Mehmood Niazi
Director, Centre of Modern Languages

Officers of the Civil Service Academy Lahore paid a study visit to BUITMS. The visiting officers were taken for a round of the different departments of the university.



Delegation visiting the library of BUITMS

They were shown facilities, library and laboratory of the City Campus later Dr. M.AK Malghani Dean Research briefed the delegation about the courses being taught in the university. They were also shown a documentary about the activities being held in BUITMS.

Address by French Attaché for Higher Education and Sciences

Report by: Ms. Afsheen Nighat Naqvi, PRO.

A two member delegation comprising Dr. Sonia Darraeq, Higher Education and Scientific Attaché French Embassy, Islamabad and Mr. Inam Qureshi, Director Alliance Francaise, Karachi, paid a visit to the city campus of BUITMS on May 10, 2005. The objective of the visit was to apprise the students and the faculty of the University of the various higher educational facilities available in France. Prof. Sultan Mehmood Niazi, Director Languages introduced the French delegation to the audience and shed light on the objective of the visit.

Dr. Mohammad Abbas Choudhary, VC, briefed the French delegation on the various phases of establishment and growth of the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences and described the status of building up linkages of collaboration with certain foreign universities. He expressed the desire of including the French Universities in this network of linkages.



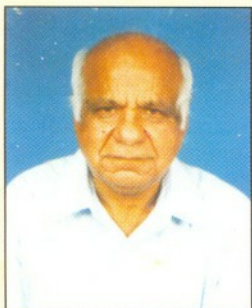
Prof. Sultan Mehmood Naizi briefing Dr. Sonia Darraeq

Dr. Sonia Darraeq thanked the Vice Chancellor for the warm welcome and cooperation afforded to the delegation. She said that France is the 4th major economic power in the world. France is the gateway to European markets and the first trade partner of Pakistan, she maintained. She gave a detailed briefing on the educational facilities available in France and the mode of applying for utilizing those facilities. She informed the audience that HEC had launched a scholarship scheme for those students who aspired to proceed to France for higher studies. She pointed out that the French Government offered free education at public sector institutions all over the country; however, she clarified that free education in France could only be availed in French Language and those who intended to be taught in English would have to pay for such arrangement.



Audience Listening to the presentation

Mr. Inam Rehan Qureshi from Alliance Francaise Karachi responded to the queries made by the audience about various aspects of programs of study and visa processing.



Dr. Syed Abdul Malik

Syed Abdul Malik did his M.Sc from University of Karachi, in 1963, specializing in Inorganic Chemistry. He joined University of Karachi as Assistant Lecturer. In 1966, he proceeded to Queen College, University of St. Andrews, Dundee as a Research Scholar and complete his PhD under the guidance of Dr. T.J.R. Weakley in 1969. His research topic was synthesis and characterization of heteropoly ions. Then he joined Cardiff University as a Post-Doctoral fellow (1969-1970) to work on ESR spectroscopy. In 1970, he joined University of Karachi as Assistant Professor and became a full Professor in 1982. Retired as Chairman Chemistry Department in 2002. He is working at BUITMS since the start of Spring 2005 semester.



Prof. Dr. Tashmeem Razzaki

Prof. Dr. Tashmeem Razzaki is a Molecular Biologist with an academic career spanning forty years of post graduate teaching. She got her M. Sc. In Microbiology from the University of Karachi and was awarded two gold medals by the same institution. Later, she studied at Purdue University for her Ph.D on a fellowship from the American Association of University Women. This was followed by research in Molecular Virology at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, U.S.A. She has also been a visiting Associate Professor at the University of Alberta (Canada) and a visiting Scientist at Rutgers State University. As a faculty member of Karachi University she was instrumental in establishing the Department of Microbiology at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur. In 1995 she became the Founder Chairperson of the Department of Biotechnology at the University of Karachi. In the year 2000 she was given the Best Teacher award by the HEC. Her current research interests are in the field of production of industrial enzymes and application of molecular technique to problems in medical and agriculture Biotechnology.



Syed Abdul Manan

Syed Abdul Manan holds a Masters Degree in English literature and linguistics from National University of Modern Languages (NUML) Islamabad. In 2004, he embarked on his professional career as a Research Associate at BUITMS in October, 2004.

Prior to Masters, he did his advanced diploma in English Language from Challenger Academy Quetta, in 2001. For extraordinary achievements and distinguishing performance the academy honored him with a teaching job. There, he taught English to students of different levels for a period of one year.

Presently, he teaches functional English and Technical Report Writing in the Departments of Computer & Emerging Sciences & Textile Engg.

He is highly motivated to do his research and specialization in areas of linguistics. His major areas of interest are:

- ! Socio Linguistics
- ! Phonetics
- ! Teaching of English as a Foreign Language.



Mrs. Robina Ansar

Mrs. Robina Ansar got her early education from Rawalpindi. She did her Bachelor and Masters from the University of Punjab, Master in History (Punjab University) and M.Sc in Health and Physical Education (Iqra University, Karachi). She joined Govt. Degree College, Kaller Sayedan (Rawalpindi) in 1987. She was transferred to Rawalpindi Post Graduate College for women, Satellite Town, in 1997, where she worked in the Physical Education Department. After 3 years she joined Islamabad Post Graduate College for girls F 6/2 Islamabad as DPE on deputation. With her concerted efforts Islamabad Post Graduate College for Girls f6/2 Islamabad was nominated as the best college in Federal Board Islamabad consecutively for 3 years. She has over 18 years of experience in Physical Department/ Sports. She joined BUITMS on September 27th, 2004.