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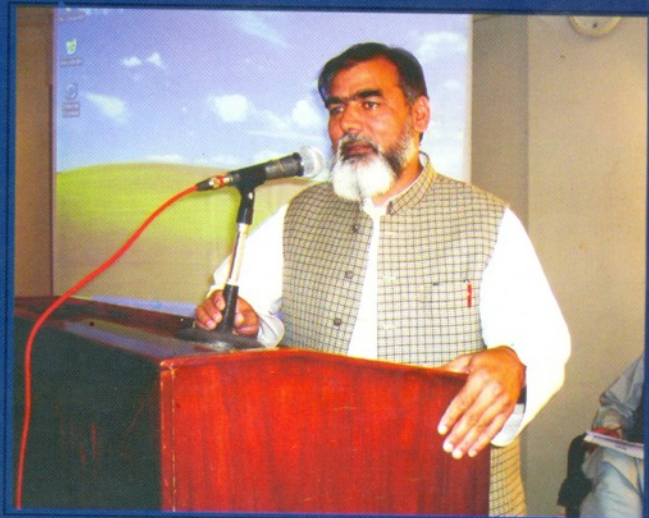
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It is gratifying to see that Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences has emerged as a prime institution of the province on account of its rapid pace of progress. The multi-dimensional growth of this institution is visible from all angles. The year 2006 will see the first and second batches of students graduate. These graduates are educated, trained and equipped with necessary tools to make a difference in the organization they will serve or create. The physical facilities at the University have multiplied; highly competent and qualified members have been continuously engaged; latest laboratories have been established; library facilities have been expanded; sports grounds and physical training arrangements have been adequately taken care of and linkages with renowned universities of USA and UK have been established.

This phenomenal progress is obviously measurable in quantitative and qualitative terms. The tangible proportion of growth is evident from the fact that the university is spread over three campuses measuring about 600 acres in area accommodating more than 2300 students. On the qualitative side, our mission of developing programs of study based on the philosophy of intellectual stimulation and cutting edge research is also materializing with the consolidation of our material and intellectual resources. Our passing out students have the capability of competing with the products of the most reputed institutions in the country and elsewhere in the world.

The challenge for the future is not only to sustain such efforts and the level of achievement, but to work harder and put extra efforts to consolidate the strengths. The students at BUITMS must keep in mind that their future depends on their merit. They must keep before them a perpetual vision of greatness and make all out efforts to distinguish themselves from the ordinary. They have to push ahead not only for their personal development but also for the honor of their Alma mater and the country.

I wish all my students and colleagues a very happy and rewarding new year.





## Glasgow University Scholars Visit BUITMS

Report by: Prof. Sultan Mehmood Niazi, Director  
Languages



*(Dr. Sharne Procter &  
Prof. Peter Meadows with the Vice Chancellor)*

In the quest of establishing linkages with the renowned and reputed educational institutions around the world, BUITMS invited scholars from Glasgow University with a view to getting information about a university which was established almost 500 years ago and is now recognized as a prime institution which produced prestigious inventors like James Watt, economists like Adam Smith and Anthropologist like Colvin. Prof. Peter Meadows who has been involved in world wide studies on Natural Disasters and his wife Dr. Ezra Meadow who is associated with the Higher Education Linkages Program at the Glasgow University happened to be in Pakistan to monitor the rescue and relief activities after the most devastating natural disaster in the history of the country i.e. the earthquake of 8th October, 2005.



*(Audience listening to Dr. Procter)*

The faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics of BUITMS took advantage of the presence of such eminent scholars as Dr. Sharne Procter, Professor Peter Meadows and Dr. Ezra Meadows from Glasgow University and arranged a one day seminar on "Natural Hazards, Biodiversity, Rural Communities and Sustainability on 12th of December, 2005."

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, BUITMS, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary presided over the function while prominent faculty members, elite scholars, scientists and students attended the seminar in great numbers.

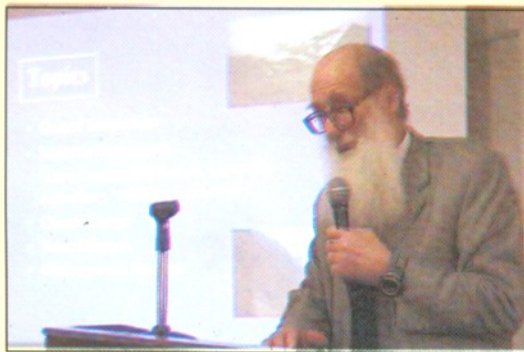


*(Dr. Sharne Procter introducing  
Glasgow University)*

Dr. Sharne Procter, Director International and Post graduate services, university of Glasgow gave a detailed introduction of her university which was established in 1554 and which has developed academic and research cooperation links with other varsities internationally. She described the academic achievements of the institution as being monumental since the varsity has the distinction of producing no less than six Nobel Prize winners in different fields. Her university is proud of having produced a number of inventors, writers, literary figures, economists, doctors and anthropologists. She pointed out that Biomedical and life Sciences, medical faculty including veterinary medicine and arts, including Languages and Literature were the strongest areas of the university of Glasgow, while law, education, physical sciences and all branches of Engineering and Information Technology could be cited as outstanding areas as her university enjoys elite 5 rating (ELL). She narrated the long line of establishment of linkages with other varsities world over and triumphantly mentioned that Glasgow University stood 101st in International ranking and was striving hard to rise to a ranking of within 50 universities of the world. She thanked the Vice Chancellor and the Management and faculty members of the BUITMS for affording her an opportunity to visit the new prominent institution in Balochistan and expressed the hope that BUITMS would go on making rapid progress as it gains more experience.

Prof. Peter Meadows, who has an international record of distinguished academic leadership in teaching and research in environmental science and related subjects particularly in developing countries and who has led many field expeditions in a number of countries,





*(Prof. Peter Meadows addressing the audience)*

especially in Pakistan had a recent visit to the earthquake affected areas of Pakistan. He narrated the awesome amount of destruction and the plight of those who were targeted by the earthquake and its aftershocks. Dr. Peter Meadows gave a detailed exposition of the under-level earth structures and described the causes of the tragedy with special reference to threats to biodiversity in the form of deforestation, melting of snow and glaciers as a result of global warming and the consequent landslides which buried large human settlements and clogged the normal flow of streams and rivers.

Dr. Azra Meadows has an outstanding record of leadership in Environmental Management, Biodiversity and Rural Communities, particularly in relation to coastal zones, rivers and mountains in developing countries like Pakistan. She has also been involved in a number of community oriented projects related to ethnic minorities in UK. Presently she has been instrumental in organizing the higher education linkage program of the University of Glasgow.



*(Dr. Azra Meadows addressing the audience)*

Dr. Azra Meadows gave a detailed briefing on the 25 years of Higher Education links established with the universities of the developing countries. She explained the services and facilities offered by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and offered to provide maximum collaboration in the academic development through research coordination, assistance in publication of the research papers, reports and theses and through arrangement of Staff Training Programs.



*(VC offering the university shield to Dr. Procter)*

Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary in his concluding address thanked the worthy visitors for their immense interest shown in the uplift of educational standards in the country, especially in Pakistan. He lamented that Muslim rulers of the subcontinent had done everything except establishing universities in the region as a result of which we lost the traditional domination in the field of research and development. He asked his students to imbibe in themselves a zeal to grasp the roots of information and to exhibit greatest curiosity in getting real knowledge and wisdom.

### **Chairman Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) Islamabad Visits BUITMS, Quetta**

Report by: Dr. Maqsood Ahmad



On December 14, 2005, the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences had the pleasure and privilege of welcoming the Chairman, Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Islamabad, Air Martial (Retd) Mr. Shahid Hamid and his entourage to address the faculty, students and staff of BUITMS.



*(Mr. Babrak conducting the seminar)*

In his address and presentation, he talked about the importance of Renewable Energy Technology in Pakistan with specific emphasis on Balochistan, and





the role of Alternative Energy Development Board. He told the audience that Pakistan, like other developing countries of the region, is facing a serious challenge of energy deficit. Renewable Energy (RE) resources can play an important role in bridging this deficit. More importantly, RE can take electricity to remote rural areas, where it is needed most.



*(Dr. Abbas Choudhary welcoming the guests)*

The chairman AEDB further added that realizing the importance of RE, the Government of Pakistan created the Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) in May 2003, to act as the central national body on the subject of Renewable Energy. The main objective of the Board is to facilitate, promote and encourage development of Renewable Energy in Pakistan with a mission to introduce Alternative/Renewable Energy at an accelerated rate (awareness) to achieve 10% share of RE in the energy mix of the country by the year 2015 (policies). The current initiative is directed towards creating a market-based environment that is conducive to private sector investment and participation. He hoped that it would help the country realize the objective of self-sufficiency.



*(Audience listening to chairman AEDB)*

He told the audience that one of the mandates of the Board is also to play a pivotal role in establishing international linkages and engaging in the transfer of the state of the art knowhow on renewable energy technologies to local research institutions and industries in Pakistan. Development of national plans and policies for AE is also included in the mandate of AEDB by proving tax holidays,

encouraging private sector, facilitating investment, fostering sustainable development, facilitating enhancement of technical skills, and by initiating & incubating projects.



*(Air vice Marshal (R) Shahid Hamid  
Chairman AEDB addressing the gathering)*

He also briefed the students, faculty and staff of BUITMS about the on-going projects such as:

Solar Cells Manufacturing (Solar Homes).

Solar Water Geysers/Cookers.

Solar Thermal Power Generation.

Solar Stilling Engines.

Wind Turbines.

Biogas/Bio Diesel.

Fuel Cells.

Micro Hydel.

After the presentation and address, the chairman and his delegation, held a detailed meeting with the worthy Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Dean Faculty of Engineering & Applied Sciences Dr. Abid Hussain, Dr. Maqsood Ahmad and other faculty members of BUITMS to discuss the establishment of Center of Excellence in Environment & Renewable Energy (CEERE) at BUITMS Takatu Campus.



*AEDB representative addressing the seminar*

The CEERE's proposed mission will be to administer and coordinate the Pakistan's standardization and conformity assessment system in the field of Renewable Energy Technology by providing laboratory facilities for Quality Standard Control/





testing to ensure compliance with products/ components and systems specifications, that would safeguard their integrity by making sure that they work/ perform as expected.



*Audience attending the seminar*

The proposed mandate of CEERE would include programs and procedures for Quality Standards Control of Renewable Energy Technology (RET) components and systems; on-job training and capacity building in RET implementation & operations; and laboratory facilities for Quality Standard Control (tests). The CEERE services would include: testing, training, advice, and research & development (R&D).

It was also proposed that the headquarters of the center will be located at Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences (BUIITS), Takatoo Campus, Baleli Quetta, with a branch office in Islamabad which would be CEERE's operations center and the point of contact for all available services and inquiries.



*VC presenting the university shield to chairman AEDB*

In the afternoon, the honorable guests visited the proposed site of the CEERE and the existing labs and other facilities at BUIITS Takatu Campus. The delegation was impressed by the state of the art computing and other digital laboratories of Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences and praised the faculty and staff of the university for the excellent maintenance of standards and high quality education.

## **BUIITS Student Wins All Balochistan Inter-Universities Essay Competition.**

Report by: Haris Rehman



Mr. Haris Rehman Student of BUIITS, won All Balochistan Inter-Universities Essay Writing competition held under the auspices of the English Language Center, University of Balochistan Quetta.

The competition consisted of two stages. In the first stage, an internal essay writing competition was held among the students of respective universities. The topic for this stage was 'My Vision of Pakistan'. Three best writers from each institution of this stage were to qualify for the final round to be held at University of Balochistan on October 29th, 2005. The students who qualified to represent BUIITS in the final round were:

Abdul Malik (MBA-6th)

Ahmed Waqas (MBA-4th)

Haris Rehman (MBA-2nd)

The final stage was competed by four universities i.e. BUIITS, UOB, SBKWU and IQRA University with three students from each university.

It is worth mentioning that no specific topic was given in advance for the final stage. As a matter of fact a broad subject 'Education in Balochistan' was announced as food for thought prior to the final stage. The random topic for the final stage, announced at the very moment of commencement of competition, read 'Higher Education in the context of Balochistan'. Two-hour duration was set for the completion of essays.

The results of the competition were announced in a special ceremony. According to the results Haris Rehman of BUIITS clinched the first position. Students of UOB and IQRA University secured 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Pro-Vice Chancellor UOB Mr. Asad Khan Looni, as chief guest of ceremony, distributed certificates and prizes among the competitors.

Salient features of Haris Rehman's essay, as described by the jury, were the points as to what are the realistic reasons of Balochistan's lagging behind in Higher Education like lack of infrastructure, lack of awareness and interest, low standard of basic education which is a must for higher education. The idea of linking the improvements in higher education sector with simple and straight concepts of demand and supply was also very much appreciated. The idea was to increase the incentives and benefits in employment for those who are highly educated; This would increase the demand for Higher Education





among the people for increased number would rise to acquire it and as demand creates its own supply, people would strongly endeavor to attain higher levels of education no matter how hurdled they may be. And the point which received most praise was the policy prescription laying emphasis on public and private sector partnership in attaining the goal of Highly Educated Balochistan highlighted by the phrase: "Together We Can, Together We Must".

### 3rd International symposium on Biotechnology

Report by: Dr. Shaukat Iqbal and Mr. Jamil Ahmad



The 3rd international symposium on Biotechnology was held from 15th to 18th December at Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Sindh, Pakistan. The main topics discussed were the

advancement and sophisticated technologies used in the field of Biotechnology for the development of scientific achievements.

Prominent speakers including Professor Dr. Xue Jun Chao from the National University of Beijing China, Professor A. Abdullah, Agriculture Research Institute Egypt, J. Chamani Islamic Azad University Iran and many other prominent scholars presented papers on their scientific work during different session of the symposium. Forty two participants from all over the world including Pakistan presented their scientific works. Many Pakistani young scientists and faculty members attended the said symposium. BUITMS was represented by Dr. Shaukat Iqbal (Associate Professor). His research paper, carried the title "Sister chromatic exchanges analysis in G2 lymphocytes premature condensed chromosome at cytogenetic assay for bio-monitoring Atrazine" where as Mr. Jamil (lecturer) presented his work under the title "DFNB48, a new nonsyndromic recessive deafness locus maps to chromosome 15q23-q25.1" and Mr. Nazeer (lecturer) benefited by attending the symposium.

In conclusion, the final agenda was discussed about the Future for improvement in the field of Biotechnology in Pakistan at graduate and postgraduate in the universities as well as in the research institute of the country. The chief Guest, Dr. Mazhar Siddique V.C. Sindh, University Jamshoro, emphasized that progress and development in Biotechnology will be the backbone in the development of emerging sciences in Pakistan. The participants and the organizing committee appreciated the scientific presentations of scholars.

### Initial Round of 10th "All Pakistan Inter University Allama Iqbal Shield"

Report by: Ali Zaman Shah students affairs



The initial round of 10th all Pakistan inter university Allama Iqbal shield declamation contest was held on 19th December, 2005, at the auditorium of the BUITMS. The contest was attended by a large number of audiences. This competition was purely held on

Extempore basis. The topic was given to the participants 30 minutes before the competition. The topic was "WE HAVE lost our national integrity". Dr. Professor Abdul Majeed Cheema Chairman, Department Biotechnology who was then the officiating VC presided over the contest.



(Mr. Ahmad Waqas, Best Speaker in Urdu)

The panel of judges comprised Mr. Dawood, Research Associate, Mr. Tariq, lecturer, Mr. Ghulam Ali Mashori, Research Associate, Faculty of Management Sciences.

Students delivered thought provoking speeches both in English and in Urdu. According to the jury's decisions, the first position went to Mr. Ahmed Waqas, 2nd position went to Miss Asma Tasleem and Miss Faiza stood third. All of them spoke in Urdu. In English Najeeb grabbed 1st position, 2nd position went to Mr. Yasir Tariq, while Mr. Nawab was given the third position. At the end Dr. Cheema gave away the prizes among the winners. Afterwards students were entertained with tea.



(Dr. Cheema awarding prize to Yasser)





## Establishment of Linkages with Glasgow University

Report by: Dr. M.A.K. Malghani  
Dean, Faculty of Biotechnology & Informatics



*Sir Muir Russell, VC-Glasgow University with the delegation*

A delegation led by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary which included Prof. M.A.K. Malghani, Dean Faculty of Biotechnology and Prof. Barkat Ali, Chairman Faculty of Management Sciences BUITMS, visited Glasgow University from 17th December, 2005 to 26th December, 2005.



*(Delegation busy in Discussion)*

The official visit started on the morning of Monday December 19, 2005 as the delegation was led by Mr. John Alexander Assistant Director, International and Post Graduate Service who initially took the visitors a general tour of the university. The delegation was then invited by Prof. Steve Beaumont, Vice Principal, Research and Enterprise, and Prof. Andrea Nolan, Vice Principal, Learning and Teaching in the Turnball room where the Vice Chancellor delivered



*(Prof. Steve Beaumont with the BUITMS delegation)*

introductory talk about BUITMS and its objectives. The hosts afterwards briefed about the teaching and Research carried out in the Glasgow University. The discussion lasted for more than an hour in a professional atmosphere. In the afternoon delegation had official meeting with Dr. Iadh Ounis in the Dept. of Computer Science where curricula and collaboration plans were discussed at length especially for PhD.

The same evening the delegation was invited by Sir Muir Russell, Principal and Vice Chancellor in the meeting room where all aspects of collaboration on modalities were discussed for about one and a half hour. In the evening the delegation was invited to an official dinner at the Bothy Restaurant. The VC emphasized the need of honoring the nominations made by BUITMS and desired preferential financial treatment demanding the application of fee rates applicable in case of native students.



*(BUITMS delegation with Dr. Alan Taylor)*

The second day 20th December, the meetings started with Prof. Angus Laing, Head of Business School in room 305. Next meeting was with Prof. Alan Taylor, Associate Dean Prof. Paul Hagan, Deputy Dean, and Prof. Alstair Whitelaw, Institute of Biomedical and Life Sciences. This continued with other staff from Bioinformatics.



*(Prof. Alan Ervine with the BUITMS delegation)*

Following these meetings detailed Visit of IBLS labs continued where delegation had the opportunity of communication with individual researches. On December 21st, the delegation had meeting with Prof. Alan Ervine, Water and Civil Engineering





Department. Institute of water resource for dev. Countries project on global network 'water and sustainable cities' invited briefings about the water problem of Quetta city, as is being done for cities of developing countries. Later on, a meeting was held with Prof. Lain Thyne of the Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering in the Rankine Building. This concluded the visit of the Glasgow University.

On 22nd December the delegation officially visited Royal Botanic Gardens London in the company of researchers and organizers to see the collections which comprised Herbaria, library including printed materials, Archives that is manuscripts and illustrations. Here too significant collaboration avenues were discussed in connection with Herbarium and Publications.



*BITMS Shield presented to VC-Glasgow Uni.*

Wrap up meeting took place in the office of Sharne Procter, Director International and Post graduate studies, University of Glasgow and the following common area of mutual cooperation were identified.

- \* Faculties of Management Sciences, Biotechnology and informatics, Electronic & Engineering, would each nominate 2-3 students for PhD in the light of requirements, terms and conditions of Glasgow University.
- \* Tuition fees would be charged as minimum as possible.
- \* Payment of stipend- teaching assistance for the research project.
- \* Sending formal invitation for faculty exchange programs to professors for short term.
- \* Special invitation to Prof. Russell for one week trip to Pakistan.
- \* Students working on HIV/ Hepatitis will be given an opportunity for skill development.
- \* Post doctorate projects.

### **Trip to Hubco power plant and Lasbella University of Marine Sciences**



*(Students with manager of Hubco Power Plant)*

A group of 28 Bio Technology 2nd semester students visited Gadani and Lasbella under the supervision of Mr. Ali Zaman Shah, Students co-ordinator who also teaches the subject of Pakistan studies to the BS (Bio) 2nd semester class. The objective of the visit was to give the students first hand information about those spheres of work which constitute an important part of the development of the province and which afford immense possibilities of providing jobs to the really qualified and competent youth.



*(BITMS group with VC Balochistan University of agriculture and marine sciences)*

The group departed from Quetta for Gadani on 25th December, 2005 by the university bus. For many students, their first journey by road opened new fields of experience. The students were thrilled by the landscape and noted that a little attention on the part of the authorities as well as on the part of the local people could turn the area to a region of high production and tourist value. At the Hubco power plant, the group was warmly welcomed and was given a detailed briefing on the plant and its different units. It was fascinating to learn that the model of the plant was being widely used in the Middle East countries which have registered an appreciable pace of development. The provision of electricity to the adjoining localities specially brought about a revolution in the lives of the people. After the briefing, the students were taken on a trip to various units of the plants where they could see the process of producing electricity with their own





eyes. They asked a number of questions to understand the operational process of the plant and got first hand information about the future development prospects.



*Mr. Shahid Mehmood Mech. Engineer HUBCO*

The students visited the Gadani beach, which is known for her sparkling sands and dazzling sunlight. It was an experience of fun and enjoyment. The students obviously noticed that with a little attention, this peaceful and calm beach could be turned into a top class tourist attraction.

The next day, the group proceeded to Lasbella to visit the Balochistan University of Agriculture and Marine Sciences there. The establishment of this new educational institution has recently been announced and it is in the process of taking its shape. The group was welcomed by the Vice Chancellor of the new university and the administrative staff. The group saw the different sections of the university and was enthralled to see an important institution rising before their own eyes. The group felt that they were witnessing an important phase of history as this institution, on account of its location and by virtue of its objective is going to mould the future of the province on progressive and prosperous lines.

### **Electronic Media Contents and Discontents: A Quest for Answers**

Report by: Ahmad Shah Durrani



Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences continuously endeavors to stimulate fresh minds to think in the context of new developments and new strategies, with equal respect

and value to the wealth of experience which goes a long way in disciplining and channeling the youthful energies. The one day workshop on Electronic media content and discontents "A quest for answers" was one such instance which provided the young university students an opportunity to give expression to their thoughts under the mature disciplining by the reputed elite in the field of mass communication.

The basic premise of the workshop was the generation of news and the mode of the presentation of the news. "If a dog bites a man it is not news, but if a man bites a dog it is news."



*Chief Guest with VC, BUITMS*

Media is an essential source of knowledge and it not only makes the people democratic in their outlook but also gives information to the people in order to keep them alive to the changes in the country and the world at large. It is media due to which the world has become a global village and an event which happened in one part of the world can affect the rest of the world within no time. In the same regard a workshop was held on "Electronic Media Contents and Discontents: A Quest for Answers" at the BUITMS as joint venture of the Faculty of Management Sciences and Students Affairs Section, on Wednesday, January 4, 2006. A number of students, Faculty members and various media representatives participated in the workshop. Before the formal inauguration of the workshop, Miss Seher Faiz, student of BS (ECO) 1 recited a few verses from the Holy Quran. On the other hand Ali Zaman Shah, Coordinator Student Affairs, was the Stage Secretary of the workshop.

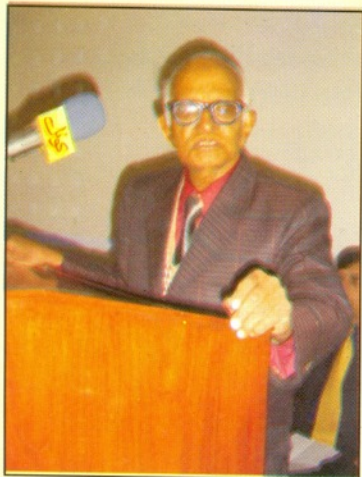
The workshop presided over by Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, BUITMS while the Chief Guest was Mr. Javed Jabbar, senator ® and the Ex-Federal Minister for Information.



*Audience listening to the speaker*

The workshop formally started with the inauguration address by Prof. Dr. Shameem Akhter, Dean Faculty of Management and Social Sciences.





*Prof. Shameem Akhtar introducing the visiting speaker*

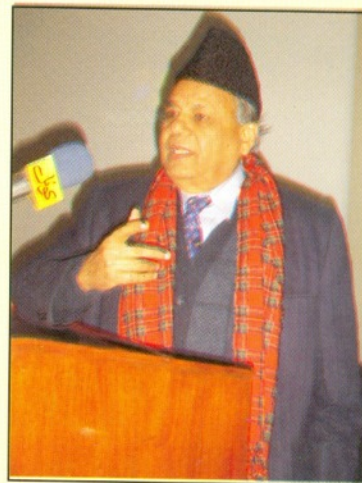
He welcomed and thanked Mr. Javed Jabbar and other guests for finding time to participate in the workshop. He introduced Mr. Javaid Jabbar as a straight forward person not used to finding any zigzag way for the expression of his ideas. Thus he proved to be a source of inspiration for the younger generation. Mr. Javaid Jabbar was not only a top class debater when he was a university student but even in his professional field he tried his best to usher in the tradition of decency in journalism. His focus of attention was always the impartial and unemotional analysis of the situation. Mr. Javed Jabbar is renowned for introducing the multiple channels of media when he was the federal minister of information and achieved the distinction of the establishment of SAMA (South Asia Media Association) He also elaborated the fundamental concept and need of holding the said workshop.



*VC, BUITMS addressing the Audience.*

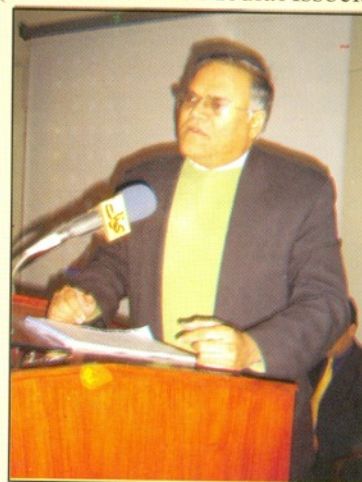
Dr Muhammad Abbas Choudhary VC Balochistan University Of in formation technology and management sciences shared the thoughts, views and aspirations of Professor Shameem Akhtar. He described Mr. Javaid Jabbar as an accomplished orator who was responsible for the exponential/

growth of the media in Pakistan. Dr Choudhary mentioned the dominant role of the media in influencing the public minds and recounted it its immense advantages. How ever, he stated that there was resultantly a plethora of information which made it difficult for the common man to judge the reality. In his opinion, opinions ought to be backed by arguments.



*Syed Fasih Iqbal giving his views*

Sayed Fasih Iqbal, Chief Editor of daily "The Balochistan Times" highly appreciated the services that Javed Jabbar has offered in the field of media in order to divert it into a successful and original vision. He has always spoken truth on the time. He evaluated the ideology of ethnic media of local languages. He opened the media dialogue in South Asia. He has a founding contribution in the establishment of SAFMA (South Asia Free Media Association).



*Mr. Javed Jabbar addressing the audience*

While addressing the workshop, Mr. Javed Jabbar said that media plays a crucial role in everyday life. The media has shrunk the world into a global city rather a global village because a city is the center of various kinds of activities. He discussed the significance of the media in representing a country or a region and mentioned that the subject had a special





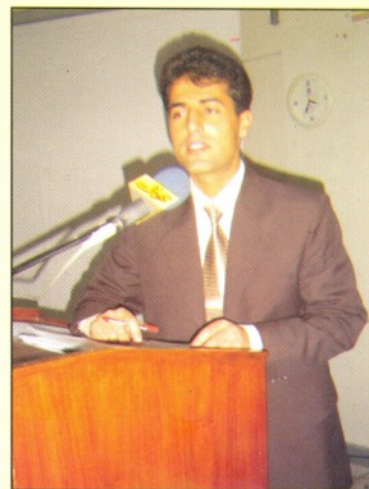
significance for Balochistan. Mr. Javaid Jabbar in his usual lively style started his address with the remarks that his wife, if she had been present at the moment, must have expressed her skepticism about the person who was being paid such glorious tributes by Prof. Shameem,

Dr Abbas Choudhary and Syed Fasih Iqbal. She would not have believed her ears and emphasized the power and independence of media but also said that undue concentration of media power can be harmful. Mr. Javaid Jabbar highlighted the gender disparity in Pakistan which ultimately led to the gender discrimination here. He quoted the statistics of world wide gender ratio as 106:100 in favor of the females while in Pakistan it was horribly reversed to 93:100.

He further said that electronic media of Pakistan has not always offered biased and negatives but it has offered as much positives as it could. He however, maintained that the media solely are not to be blamed for all this. "A major concern is the influence on media i.e. the individuals and organizations that endeavor to reform it. Citizen media rights, eleven are equally matched in numbers by citizens media responsibilities and these need to be realized and acted upon. New organizations are needed to observe, evaluate and reform media. Citizen Media Commission of Pakistan has been working as an unofficial body since 1982 and now we plan to regularize it for the same purpose", he added. While answering the various points raised by the working groups of the workshop on the function, efficiency and effectiveness of Pakistani electronic media specially regarding Balochistan, Mr. Javed Jabbar called for a balanced approach while making any conclusions about media. "It's not all dark! As a matter of fact our country is currently facing serious mental epidemic of Nihilism, which causes us not to accept even what is true and correct. He pointed out the paradoxes of mass media and termed its function as being distorting rather than delineating.

Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary said while addressing the workshop that electronic media has provided so much information in both positive and negative directions in the shape of TV, Radio, Internet and even cellular phone. Now the users can not decide whether it is right or wrong but by the help of sharp analysis and fair judgment, one can know the truth.

The practical and the interesting part of the workshop was the participation of the four working groups, comprising various levels of students of BUITMS. Each group had been given a separate theme to discuss and analyze.



*Mr. Ahmad Shah addressing the audience*

- 1) News and Current Affairs
- 2) General Programming
- 3) Volume and Presence of Advertising in the content of Electronic Media
- 4) Balochistan and Electronic Media

Mr. Ahmad Shah Durrani, Research Associate, Faculty of Management Sciences, the mediator of the first working group expressed his point of view of his group that new and current affairs are biased and unbalanced in Pakistan as the official media always attempt to praise and appreciate the rulers while the private media is just business oriented and only concerned about the commercial gains.

Miss Shama Sadaqat, the mediator of the second group said that the general programming is not purposeful and guiding as they are going against our values and traditions and also influenced by the neighboring country.

Miss Sadiqa Ramzan, the mediator of the third group criticized the volume and content of Advertisements in electronic media that they develop unethical and useless themes. She urged for certain reforms and specific timings in advertisements.

Mr. Babrak Ali Paneczai, the mediator of the fourth group said that Electronic media in Pakistan is not reporting and reflecting Balochistan in a fair and balanced manner. He proposed media at district and local level.



*Group discussion in progress*





## PROFILES



### Prof. Shameem Akhtar

#### Dean Faculties of Management & Social Sciences

Prof. Shameem Akhtar has a very high level of capabilities, qualification and rich experience. He did his Master of comprehensive laws and Master in government from Southern Methodist University Dallas, Texas. He worked as a professor, international relation in university of Karachi. He was also the Director of institute of European Studies, university of Karachi. He taught LLM Classes at Federal Govt. Urdu College, Karachi. He also taught International Law to M.A. Classes at Jinnah Women University (after retirement

from the University of Karachi). He has been guiding M.Phil candidates at Karachi University and produced four PhDs, and is guiding two other candidates, one lecturer, political Science Department at the University of Karachi for PhD and the other a lecturer in Farid Govt. College Rahimyar Khan for M.Phil.

He has been a member of Council of Islamic Ideology from 1974-1977 and contributed to proposals for amendment to 122 laws. He performed as a member of Syndicate University of Karachi and also as the Guest Speaker at National Defence College, Islamabad. He is continuing his membership in Pakistan Navy Staff College Pakistan Air War College. He has participated in national and International Seminars Published Research Articles on International Affairs.

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