

**Department of LIS at a Glance:  
From PJLIS 2008 onward**

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**Appointments**

- Dr. Kanwal Ameen got appointed in the Dept. as Professor w.e.f. 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, and on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 as Chairperson.
- Mr. Imran Ghani, Assistant Prof., joined on deputation as Director General of Public Libraries Punjab on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
- Mrs. Nosheen Fatima Warraich and Mrs. Hina Batool joined the Dept. as Lecturers on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
- Mrs. Farzana Shafique, PhD scholar of the Dept. got appointed as Lecturer in Library & Information Science, Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

**Research Articles Published in Journals**

Following research articles of different faculty members and students of the Dept. have been published during this period:

Dr. Khalid Mahmood

Mahmood, K. (2008). Library Web OPACs in Pakistan: An overview. *Program: Electronic Library and Information Systems*, 4(2), 137-149.

Mahmood, K. (2008). ICT based services in public libraries of Pakistan. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 39(2), 9-15.

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Mahmood, K., Khan, M. A., & Siddique, M. (2008). Volunteer endeavors to promote ICT in a developing country: The case of Pakistan Library Automation Group. *Information Development*, 24(2), 135-142.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen

Ameen, K. (2008). Issues of book acquisition in university libraries: A case study of Pakistan. *Library Philosophy and Practice*, (July)

Ameen, K. (2008). Perception and self-assessment of university librarians regarding collection management: A case Study of Pakistan. *Collection Building*, 27(4), 167-173.

Ameen, K. & Gorman, G. E. (2008). Information and digital literacy: A stumbling block to development?: A Pakistan perspective. *Library Management*, 30(1/2), 99-112.

Ameen, K. (2009). Needed competencies for collection managers and their development: Perceptions of university librarians. *Library Management*, 30(4/5), 266-275.

MLIS, MPhil and PhD Students:

Arif, M. & Mahmood, K. (2008). Off-campus post graduate students' perceptions about distance library support services: A case study of Allama Iqbal Open University Libraries Network: *Journal of Library Administration*, 48(6), 6-13.

Bashir, S., Mahmood, K. & Shafique, F. (2008). Internet use among university students: A survey of University of the Punjab, Lahore. *Pakistan Journal of Library and Information Science*, 9(1), 49- 65.

Hussain, A., Mahmood, K., & Shafique, F. (2008). Perceptions of LIS professionals about digital libraries in Pakistan. *The Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship*, 9(1).

Rafiq, M., & Ameen, K. (2009). Information seeking behavior and user satisfaction of university instructors: A Case study. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Rehman, S.U., Mahmood, K., Arif, M., & Rafiq, M. (2009). Are users satisfied with library services? The case of Punjab University Library. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 40(1), 22-28.

Shafique, F. & Mahmood, K. (2008). Indicators of emerging information society in Pakistan. *Information Development*, 24(1), 66-78.

Shafique, F. & Mahmood, K. (2008). Integrated library software: A survey of Lahore. *Library Hi-Tech News*, 25(6), 6-13.

Shafique, F. (2009). Marketing research as a tool for finding the library users' needs and demands: Application of three parties' theory. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Shafique, F. & Mahmood, K. (2008). Need for revising the role of university libraries in HEC university ranking criteria. *Pakistan Library & Information Science Journal*, 39(4), 23-34

Tahir, M., Mahmood, K. & Shafique, F. (2008). Information needs and seeking behavior of Arts and Humanities Teachers. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Warraich, N. F. & Tahira, M. (2009). HEC National Digital Library: Challenges and opportunities for LIS professionals in Pakistan. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Warraich, N. F. & Ameen, K. (2008). Perceptions of library and information science professionals about a national digital library programme. *Library Hi Tech News*, 25(8), 15-19

### ***Book Chapters***

Ameen, K. (2008). Library education in Pakistan. In Rajwant Singh Chilana (Ed.), *Challenges of South Asian Resources and Information Services*. (pp. 58-63). New Delhi: Concept Publishing.

Ameen, K., & Rafiq, M. (2009). Development of digital libraries in Pakistan. In Y.-L. Theng, S. Foo, D. Goh & J.-C. Na (Eds.), *Handbook of research on digital libraries: design, development, and impact*. (pp. 482-491). New York: Information Science Reference.

### **Conference Papers**

#### ***International***

Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated in ALIEP 2009 conference held in Japan with his paper on "LIS curriculum review using focus group of employers". It is available in the Proceedings at <http://aliep.kc.tsukuba.ac.jp/proceedings/Papers/a1.pdf>

Dr. Kanwal Ameen presented paper a joint paper with Prof. Gary Gorman titled, "Information and digital literacy: a stumbling block to development? A Pakistan perspective." at the 4<sup>th</sup> Shanghai International Library Forum, 20-22 Oct. 2008. It is the first-ever international collaboration in the history of Pakistani LIS literature. The paper was selected to be published in the journal *Library Management*.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen also participated in Indian Library Association Platinum Jubilee International Conference with a paper on

“Access to knowledge and issues of information & digital literacy in developing countries”, held in Mumbai, 12-15 November 2008.

*Research Students’*

Muhammad Rafiq presented a research paper on “Issues affecting ETD initiatives in Pakistan: A developing country perspective” in an International Conference, World Congress of Muslim Librarians and Information Scientists (wCOMLIS) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 25-27 Nov. 2008.

Nosheen Fatima Warraich participated in 74th IFLA General Conference and Council held on 10-14 August 2008, in Québec, Canada with her paper on “LIS graduates employability-needs and expectations of the Library and Information Science (LIS) curriculum at the University of the Punjab (PU): An appraisal of Pakistani LIS professionals”.. It is available at <http://www.ifla.org.sg/IV/ifla74/papers/123-Warraich-en.pdf>

Midrar Ullah presented paper on “National Digital Library Programme of Higher Education Commission in Pakistan” in 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of Hong Kong Library Association held on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Mohammad Jawad, Kanwal Ameen and Pervaiz Ahmed’s paper on “Role of Pakistan Library Association (PLA) in the development of library profession in Pakistan” was also part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of Hong Kong Library Association held on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Pervaiz Ahmad & Kanwal Ameen’s paper on “Library & Information Science Distance Education: A Pakistani perspective” was included in *A-LIEP Asia-Pacific Conference on Library & Information Education & Practice*, held in March 200 at University of Tsukuba, Japan.

***National***

18<sup>th</sup> Pakistan Library Association Conference, organized by PLA Federal Branch on the behalf of PLA Headquarter, *held* on May 11, 12, 2009. Following papers were presented by the academicians and professionals who are PU Research Program's students:

- Amara Malik & Khalid Mahmood. "Web search behavior of university students."
- Haroon Idrees & Khalid Mahmood. "Classification of Islamic Literature in Pakistani libraries: A Survey."
- Farzana Shafique & Khalid Mahmood. "Education enterprise in Pakistan and its administrators: An analysis of information needs and gaps."
- Mamoona Kousar & Khalid Mahmood. "Dr. Syed Jalaludin Haider: A Bio-bibliometric study."
- Midrar Ullah & Khalid Mahmood. "Pakistan Library and Information Council: A Proposal."
- Mirza Muhammad Naseer & Khalid Mahmood. "Use of bibliometrics in LIS research."
- Muhammad Ajmal Khan & Khalid Mahmood. "A Study of the usefulness of Pakistan Library Automation Group's (PakLAG) services."
- Muhammad Jawwad & Pervaiz Ahmad. "Students' perceptions about MPhil Leading to PhD Program in LIS, University of the Punjab, Lahore."
- Muhammad Rafiq & Kanwal Ameen. "Adoption of open source software in Pakistani libraries: A survey."
- Muhammad Rafiq Awan & Khalid Mahmood. "Relationship among leadership style, organizational culture and employee commitment in university libraries."
- M. Safdar, Khalid Mahmood & Saima Qutab. "Internet use behaviour and attitude of college students: A survey of Leadership Colleges' Network."

- Muzammil Tahira & Kanwal Ameen. “Open access: Significant player in meeting information needs of faculties of science.”

### **Workshops Resource Persons**

#### ***International***

Dr. Kanwal Ameen was amongst the resource persons for an international UNESCO Sponsored Workshop *Training the Trainers on Information Literacy*. It was organized by the Punjabi University, Patiala, India, 5-7 November, 2008. She gave lecture/presentation on “Defining Information & Digital Literacy in Developing World Context.”

#### ***National***

Dr. Khalid Mahmood was one of the resource persons at a workshop titled “Technology tools for library operations, information storage and retrieval” and delivered lectures on WINISIS, ISISMARC, and copy cataloging. The workshop was organized by Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET), Jamshoro from 13th to 23th April, 2009.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen was also a resource person for the same workshop and delivered a presentation for the faculty members of MUET on “Mining and using literature ‘rightly’ for quality teaching and research” on 20th April, 2009.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen gave a lecture/presentation on “Barriers in producing publishable research in Pakistan” at the Dept. of LIS, University of Sindh, Jamshoro on 21 April, 2009.

## MPhil Leading to PhD Program

### PhD Registration of First Batch Students

Following three students from the first batch of M.Phil. Leading to PhD have been registered for PhD:

- Farzana Shafique. *Model Information System for Educational Administrators in Pakistan*
- Muhammad Rafiq. *Prospects of Digitization in University Libraries of Pakistan*
- Nosheen Fatima Warraich. *Human Resource Management in University Libraries of Punjab*

### M.Phil Degrees Awarded

- Muhammad Arif. (2008). *The Role of Libraries in Distance Education: A Case of Allama Iqbal Open University.*
- Haroon Idrees. (2008). *A Review of Classification Schemes on Islam*
- Muzammil Tahira. (2008). *Information Needs and Seeking Behavior of Science and Technology Teachers of the University of the Punjab*

### M.Phil. Theses Undergoing

The following students have been doing their M.Phil. Theses under the supervision of Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Dr. Kanwal Ameen:

- Mian Muhammad Ilyas. *Resource Sharing Model for Libraries*
- Muhammad Rafiq Awan. *Relationship among Leadership Style, Organizational Culture and Job Commitment of University Librarians*



- Alia Arshad. *Users' Perceptions and Expectations of Quality University Library Services*
- Azhar Iqbal. *Information Needs and Seeking Behavior of Medical Researchers in Pakistan*

3<sup>rd</sup> Batch of M.Phil Program

Hina Batool, Uzma Anwar, Amara Malik, Mamoona Kousar and Midrarullah (5 students) got admission into MPhil. Program for the session 2008- 2010.

MLIS Thesis

Muhammad Safdar. (2008). *Internet Use Behavior and Attitude of College Students: A Survey of Leadership Colleges Network*

### **Scholarship/Grants**

First Fulbright Post-Doc Scholarship

1. It is an honor for the Dept. and Pakistani LIS profession that Dr. Kanwal Ameen has been awarded the first-ever Fulbright Post-Doc Scholarship for the year 2009-2010. She will leave in November to avail this opportunity at the University of Missouri, USA
2. Muhammad Rafique got travel grant form HEC for presenting his paper in World Congress of Muslim Librarians and Information Scientists (wCOMLIS) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### **Condolence Meeting**

A condolence meeting in the memory of late Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider was held in the Dept. on 25th November 2008. The speakers paid rich tribute to his professional achievements and services. They specifically admired his nationalistic thought and

the way he was always concerned with the development of Pakistani LIS. The Dept. is indebted to Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider as Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Dr. Kanwal Ameen completed their PhDs under his co-supervision.

### **PU Annual Convocation**

The First “Prof. Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider Gold Medal” has been awarded to MLIS Student, Miss Amara Malik, (Session 2005-2007) in the 116<sup>th</sup> PU Annual Convocation on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008. In the convocation, PhD Degree was awarded to Dr. Kanwal Ameen also.

### **Meeting of HEC National Curriculum Revision Committee**

A preliminary meeting of National Curriculum Revision Committee in Library & Information Science was held on December 29-31, 2008 at HEC Regional Centre, Lahore to revise the curriculum of library Science for BS (4-year) and to incorporate latest developments in the field. Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Dr. Kanwal Ameen actively participated in the meeting and prepared the first comprehensive curriculum draft for submission to the committee.

The draft was finalized with some changes in the final meeting held at HEC Regional Centre, Karachi on April 16-18, 2009. The committee members appreciated the contribution of the Dept.

### **Guest Lectures**

1. Dr. Mumtaz Anwar, Professor of University of Kuwait gave a presentation/lecture on 4-02-2009 to LIS students and professionals on the topic of “Nutrition information seeking and use by football players in Kuwait.”
2. A lecture on “Career development” for MLIS students was arranged by the Department with coordination of Career

Development Centre, University of the Punjab on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009.

3. Dr. Rais Ahmad Samdani, President, PLA Sindh Branch, delivered a lecture on “Librarianship in Karachi” on 18-05-2009.
4. Following guest lectures of prominent personalities were arranged for M.Phil students:
5. M. Usman Awan, Senior Faculty Member from Institute of Quality & Technology Management (PU) spoke on “Total Quality Management and Customer Satisfaction” on 19-02-09
6. Miss Ayesha Rizwan from Institute of Administrative Sciences (PU) delivered a lecture on the topic of “Developing a Marketing Plan” on 22-04-09
7. Extensive lecturers on different Library Software were delivered by Ajmal Khan (FAST) on “LIMS and Paklag Digital Library”, Asif Kamal (PU Library) on “Koha” and M. Anwar (UMT) on “Paklag Koha”.

### **Focus Group on Academic Library Service Assessment**

A focus group was arranged on May 18, 2009 by Dr. M. Usman Awan at Institute of Quality and Technology Management (IQTM) University of the Punjab in collaboration with Dr. Khalid Mahmood to modify and finalize SERQUAL; a research instrument for the assessment of academic library’s service quality.

Chief/Senior librarians from Lahore University of Management Sciences, University of the Punjab, University of Management & Technology, Government College University, University of Engineering & Technology, COMSATS, FC College,

University of Lahore, FAST National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences and Lahore School of Economics participated in the discussion. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Dr. Rais Ahmad Samdani and Ms. Mamoona Kausar also participated on special invitation. The group finalized an instrument to assess the service quality of academic libraries. The questionnaire will be further validated with the help of above 1000 undergraduate and graduate students of universities of public and private sectors in Lahore. The input of participant was much appreciated by the moderators.