

Department of Information Management at a Glance: January 2015 – December 2015

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Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen gets 3rd Term as Chair

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen got the 3rd term as Chair w.e.f. 25th May, 2015 for another three years on the successful completion of her second term

Appointment of Three Associate Professors

Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warriach and Dr. Muhammad Rafiq were selected as Associate Professors, while Dr. Shafiq as the senior. They are well known among professional circles and are promising researchers and teachers. The appointment of three instead of one against a post advertised is a remarkable development on the profile of the faculty at the Department. We congratulate three of them on this marvelous success.

Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warriach Gets Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warriach got Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellowship at State University of New York at Albany under the supervision of Prof. Abebe Rorissa in the area of Semantic Web.

She will stay there from December, 2015 to September, 2016

Award and Grants

1. Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali Anwar received 'Certificate of Acknowledgement' at the 'Looking Back, Moving Forward': International Conference on Information Management & Libraries held from November 10-13, 2015 for commemorating the 100 years celebrations of the beginning of librarianship education at the University of the Punjab, Lahore.
2. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman got PU travel grant to present his paper in an international conferences held in Paris, France. He was appointed as official trainer of NVIVO and EndNote Software by QSR International Australia and ISI Thomson USA for the year 2015-16 for the third time.
3. Dr. Nosheen Fatima got PU travel grant to present her paper in an international conference held in Bangkok, Thailand.
4. Ms. Syeda Hina Batool got a travel grant from UKeig, UK and I School University of Sheffield, UK to present her paper at i3 Conference held in Scotland.

Centenary Celebration Events

1: Meet and Greet Former Heads

The year 2015 was a very significant one as the department turns of 100 years. PU took lead in the Asian Region by establishing a seat of formal learning in the discipline in 1915. Various events and activities were planned throughout the year to commemorate centennial celebrations of the Department. The very first event in this regard was "Meet & Greet Former Heads" held on 25th March 2015. Former heads of the department including Prof. Mumtaz Ali Anwar, Mr. Malik Bashir Tiwana, Mr. Malik Mushtaq Ahmad and Mr. Afzal Haq Qarshi were invited for the purpose to reconnect with the past. They shared their memories and contributions in the growth of library and information education at the University. Several prominent, senior professionals and students attended the ceremony. In the end Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, shared the recent developments and the upcoming commemorative events including an international conference. The ceremony concluded with presenting shields to the invited guests. The event was organized by Ms. Syeda Hina Batool.



2: National Symposium on “Expanding Horizons for Information Professionals: Challenges for Education & Training Programs”

The second activity was a national symposium, “Expanding Horizons for Information Professionals: Challenges for Education & Training Programs” organized on April 9, 2015. The symposium gathered various stakeholders such as information users, information professionals/librarians and educators to discuss the various challenges of the emerging digital paradigm. Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran (VC) and Orya Maqbool Jan, (Secretary Archives & Libraries Wing, S&GAD) graced the event as chief and special guests respectively.



The experts from all over Pakistan were on the panels for round table discussions. The information professionals/librarians from the major libraries of Lahore were among the guests too. The sessions consisted of open discussion forums on clientele information behavior, challenges for information professionals and need to restructure education and training. The interactive symposium sessions were much appreciated by the participants. The Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the way the Department is progressing under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen. Mr. Orya's speech was very well received and appreciated. The symposium was organized by Dr. Muhammad Rafiq.



3: Ceremony of ICIML- 2015 Honorary Registration

A ceremony for the formal commencement of early bird registration for International Conference on Information Management & Libraries (ICIML-2015) was held at the Department on Thursday 18 June, 2015 with the honorary registration of our five alumnae; Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali Anwar, Mr. Malik Bashir Tiwana, Mr. Afzal Haq Qureshi, Mr. Jamil Ahmad Rizivi and Mr. Rana Jammaat Ali. A gathering of PhD scholars along with DoIM faculty was there at the event. All the other participants got registered for ICIML during the ceremony. Ms. Amara Malik organized this ceremony.



4: International Conference on Information Management & Libraries (ICIML-2015)

The mega event planned in the continuity of centennial celebrations was a four days International Conference on Information Management & Libraries (ICIML-2015). The first meeting regarding this event planning was held on 19th September, 2014. The conference was publicly announced after acceptance of invitation by the keynote speakers, invited speakers, formulation of various committees and finalizing themes etc. on 10th February 2015 with the launching its website.

Pre- Conference Workshop

The Department organized ICIML Pre-Conference workshops on 10 November 2015. Dr. Zaheer Ahmad Babar, Director General Public Libraries, Punjab was the chief guest of the event. All workshops were led by prominent practitioners and academicians. Mr. Muhammad Anwar (IBA), Dr. Munzazza Jabeen (DLIS, Baluchistan University) and Mr. Aurang Zeb (U.S. Consulate General, Lahore) delivered their contents on the topics “Strategic Planning”, “Data Mining” and “Communication Skills”. These workshops brought together professionals and ICIML international and national attendees at one platform before conference.



International Conference on Information Management & Libraries (ICIML-2015)

An International conference was held at PU on 11 November 2015. The theme of this centennial celebrations' conference was, "Looking Back, Moving Forward". The response of LIS community was overwhelming as 450 registered participants from all over the country attended the event. Furthermore, foreign delegates including invited speakers from Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Kuwait, India, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Turkey, France, UK and USA also participated. Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan, Minister for Education, Punjab was the chief guest. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen in her welcome address narrated the 100 year journey of the department from a certificate to PhD level education and from one room to a proper independent building. Three keynote speeches were delivered by Prof. Sanda Erdelez from USA, Prof. Yasar Tonta from Turkey and Prof. Widad Mustafa El Hadi from France at the beginning of everyday during the conference. In the concluding session, Prof. Dr. Kamran Mujahid, Vice Chancellor, PU appreciated the organizers of the conference. The conference also included a welcome dinner for invited speakers, cultural night and a visit to Lahore Shahi Qila.



Post- Conference Ceremony for ICIML Volunteers & Committee Members

A lunch was organized for ICIML volunteers, committee members and coordinators on 25/11/2015 at University Executive Club to acknowledge their services and efforts rendered for the conference. Certificate and souvenirs were also distributed among committee conveners, volunteers and coordinators. It was an informal get to gather to celebrate the success of conference.



Annual Dinner 2015

The annual dinner was held on 10 December 2015 at Executive Club of the PU. The master students of morning/afternoon attended the dinner along with the faculty members. The worthy Vice Chancellor of PU Prof. Dr. Mujhaid Kamran grace the event as chief guest. Before dinner the students presented different entertaining performances and shields were presented to the winners of departmental games and annual dinner organizers. The chief guests, faculty members and the students enjoyed the performances at stage and had great fun time.



World Book & Copyright Day 2015 Celebrations

The Department, in collaboration with the PU Library, National Book Foundation and PULISAA celebrated the World Book & Copyright Day on 22nd April, 2015 under the theme “Books: Building Blocks of a Civilized Society”. A seminar, followed by an awareness walk by the faculty, students and professionals, was arranged. A number of professionals, teachers, media persons and students participated in the seminar. Vice Chancellor, PU Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran was the chief guest and renowned writer & poet Dr. Sughra Sadaf and prominent journalist & columnist Mr. Wasif Nagi were the guest speakers at the seminar.





The speakers talked about the importance of book reading and appreciated the efforts of Dr. Mujahid Kamran and Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen in promoting reading culture at Punjab University. At the end, PU Library acknowledged book lover students by rewarding books prizes. In this regard the Department also arranged a quiz competition among students and winners of this competition were awarded books by National Book Foundation. Prof. Kanwal Ameen thanked Dr Shafiq Ur Rehman, Syeda Hina Batool and Hasseb Ahmad Piracha for working to make this event successful. At the end the participants bought books from NBF book stall.

Seminar on ‘Professional Success: Tips & Tricks’

The Department in collaboration with Punjab University Library organized a seminar on “Professional Success: Tips & Tricks”. It was held at Punjab University Library on 18 August, 2015. This seminar was specially arranged for outgoing masters’ class (session, 2013-15). Mr. Qamar-Ul-Islam Raja (Member Provincial Assembly, Punjab, Chairman Standing Committee on Education, Chairman Punjab Education Foundation) was the guest speaker and distributed transcripts among top three students of the Department.



During his talk, Mr. Raja suggested students to develop positive conviction and dedication with hope for bright future in the profession. He also shared his own and other leaders' success stories as an example for students. He further stressed to develop social skills to be professionally sound and always work for others' happiness. The faculty members and chief librarian, PU also shared their personal experiences while giving professional success tips and strategies. The Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen talked about professional competencies including self-learning and communication skills. At the end, she thanked the chief guest for gracing the event and congratulated all students on their academic success.

Midrar Ullah Gets PhD Degree

Dr. Midrar Ullah successfully completed his PhD (notified on 31/12/2015) under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen. Topic of his thesis is "The Status of Information Literacy Instructions in medical Libraries of Pakistan: An Appraisal."

MPhil Degrees Awarded

The following six students (session 2013-2015) got MPhil degrees, whereas other three went on an extension for six months:

Name of Students	Supervisor	Title of Thesis
Abdul Jabbar	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar	Role of School Teachers in Promoting Reading Habit among School Children: A Study of Private School Systems of Lahore
Maria Aslam	Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen	Knowledge Sharing Practices in Learning: A Study of Researchers in Social Sciences at University of the Punjab, Lahore
Muhammad Usman	Dr. Nosheen F. Warraich	Use of University Libraries' Social Networking Sites Among Students of Lahore
Nadia Butt	Dr. Nosheen F. Warraich	An Appraisal of the Punjab E-Government Websites
Qurat Ul Ain Saleem	Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen	Personal Information and Knowledge Management Practices of Researchers in Science at University of the Punjab
Tauseef Hussain	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar	Information Seeking Behaviour of Pakistani Painters

New MPhil & PhD Admissions

The following students got admission in 2015:

PhD: Abubaker Siddique, Ammara Yousaf, Azra Rafique, Rashid Maqbool, Sumaira Hussain, Waqar Ahmad Awan, Ghulam Murtaza Rafique, Uzma Anwar, Muhammad Suleman Bajwa, Zulfiqar Ahmad, Ahsan Ullah, Muhammad Tufail Khan, Rafiq Ahmad, Nazeer Hussain, Memoona Iqbal, Abid Hussain, Muhammad Safdar, Syed Fakhar Abbas.

MPhil: Abeeda Zia, Akira Jbeen, Amna Farzand Ali, Andleeb Nasib, Ayesha Mahmood, Hina Asif Khan, Javaria Javaid, Madiha Mahmood, Maleeha Rafiq, Maria Zaheer, Mehreen Tahir, Safia Jabeen, Sana Khan, Sidra tul Muntha, Tabassum Aslam, Tooba Khalid, Aamir Shahzad, Malik Eid Muhammad, Muhammad Riaz, Mumtaz Hussain.

Invited Speakers at the DoIM

1. Muhammad Athar Tahir Chowdhry (Sitar-i-Imtiaz) delivered a lecture on “Indigenous Knowledge management: A project of International center for Pakistani writings in English” to master students on 21 January 2015.
2. Dr. Ghazal Irfan conducted a workshop titled “Mind your communication skills: Common errors to avoid” for faculty member, MPhil & PhD researchers on 22 January 2015.
3. A guest lecture on “Stress Management” was arranged for the students with the coordination of Career Counseling and Placement Centre of PU on 09 February 2015.
4. Mr. Qasim Ali Shah delivered a lecture on “Leadership Skills” for Master’s students on 13 March 2015.
5. Mr. Usman Ali Khan delivered a lecture on “Soft Skills” on 26 March 2015 for Master’s students.
6. Mr. Ashraf Sharif, system librarian at Aga Khan University Libraries delivered a guest lecture on the topic “MARC 21 and RDA” to the Master’s students on 14 April 2015.

Workshop Organized

The Department of Information Management (DoIM), PU in collaboration with Center for Clinical Psychology (CCP) PU organized one-day workshop on “Managing Qualitative Research with Nvivo 11” on September 9-10, 2015 for MS/M.Phil and PhD scholars. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman and Ms. Syeda Hina Batool were the resource persons. There were five sessions related to different aspects of qualitative research and NVIVO software. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman was coordinator for this joint event.

DoIM Faculty as Invited Speakers and Resource Persons for Continuing Professional & Research Training Sessions

Prof. Kanwal Ameen gave:

1. A Seminar on ‘E-Governance and Digitization of Libraries’ in a training course for college librarians organized by Management and Professional Development Department, Govt. of the Punjab on 16 Sept. 2015
2. Gave a Seminar on Collection Development and Management in Libraries, in a training course for college librarians organized by Management and Professional Development Department, Govt. of the Punjab on 28 Sept. 2015
3. A presentation on “An overview of Qualitative Research” at a workshop on Qualitative Data Analysis organized by the Institute of Applied Psychology, PU for their MPhil classes.

Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman Conducted one-day training workshops on:

4. Qualitative Research organized by University of Management & Technology on July 18-19, 2015.
5. “Managing Qualitative Research with NVIVO 11” organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad on 15-16 October 2015.
6. “Advanced Searching Techniques for Medical Researchers” organized by The University of Lahore, on 30 October 2015.
7. Endnote Software organized by The University of Lahore, on 20 November 2015.
8. Writing Literature Review organized by Centre for Research in Molecular Medicine, The University of Lahore, on 21 November 2015.

Dr. Muhammad Rafiq delivered presentations on:

9. "Research, Academic Publications & Information Management" PU faculty on 20 August, 2015 in Punjab University Faculty Orientation Program at Institute of Administrative Sciences.
10. “Seminar on e-Governance and Digitization of Libraries” organized by The Management and Professional Development Department, Government of the Punjab on 17 September 2015.

Ms. Syeda Hina Batool delivered presentations on:

11. “Web, Information Resources and Information Retrieval” to PU faculty on 20 August, 2015 in Punjab University Faculty Orientation Program at Institute of Administrative Sciences.

12. "Reference and Information services for college librarians" on 08 October 2015 organized by The Management and Professional Development Department, Government of the Punjab.

Research papers Published in Impact Factor, National and International journals

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen

1. Ameen, Kanwal. (2015). Use of Public Relations and Publicity (PRP) by the Public Libraries in Lahore, Pakistan. *New Library World*, 116 (7/8). 455-466.
2. Awais, Sania and Ameen, Kanwal. (2015). Information Accessibility for Students with Disabilities: An Exploratory Study of Pakistan. *Malaysian Journal of Library & Information Science*, 20 (2), 103-115.
3. Naveed, Asif and Ameen Kanwal. (2015). Reading Habits and Behavior of Informational Professionals in the digital Era. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 46(3).
4. Ullah, Midrar and Ameen Kanwal. (2015). Perceptions of Medical Librarians towards the importance of Information Literacy Skills. *Pakistan Journal of Information Management and Libraries*, 16).

Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali Anwar

1. Anwar, M. Ali and Naveed, M. Asif. (2015). Understanding Cotton Growers' Information Needs from Rural Bahawalpur. *Pakistan Journal of Information Management & Libraries*, 16.

Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman

1. Sanghera, K. M., & Rehman, Shfiq. U. (2015). Problems of College Libraries in Pakistan. *Pakistan Library & Information Science Journal*, 46(3), 34-44
2. Safdar, M., & Rehman, Shfiq. U. (2015). Users' Perception and Satisfaction with Higher Education Commission Pakistan Research Repository (PRR): problems and opportunities *Library Philosophy and Practice*. <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/1271>

Dr. Muhammad Rafiq

1. Wahid, N. & Rafiq, M. (2015). Conference Literature in Pakistan. *Pakistan Library & Information Science Journal* 46(3).13-26
2. Jabeen, M., Yun, L., Rafiq, M., & Jabeen, M. (2015), "Research Productivity of Library Scholars: Bibliometric Analysis of Growth and Trends of LIS Publications", *New Library World*, 116(7/8)

Ms. Alia Arshad

1. Arshad, Alia., & Ameen, Kanwal. (2015). Usage patterns of Punjab University Library website: a transactional log analysis study. *The Electronic Library*, 33(1), 65-74.

Faculty and Research Students Participation in International Conferences

Pakistan

The following oral presentations and papers were presented at "Looking Back, Moving Forward: International Conference on Information Management & Libraries (ICIML)", 10-13 November 2015 held at University of the Punjab:

1. Mumtaz Ali Anwar. "To Information Management and Beyond"
2. Shafiq Ur Rehman. "Training Needs Assessment of Social Sciences Research Students"
3. Syeda Hina Batool. "Provisions for Information Literacy Practice across Primary Curriculum: An Assessment".
4. Alia Arshad & Kanwal Ameen. "Academics' Perceptions of Usefulness of Higher Education Commission Consortium of E-Journals: A case of University of the Punjab"
5. Amara Malik & Kanwal Ameen. "A Comparison of Library and Information Science Curriculums in Pakistan with IFLA Guidelines "

6. M. Naveed Naveed & Kanwal Ameen. "Measuring Information Seeking Anxiety among Research Students"
7. Saira Soroya & Kanwal Ameen. "Reading Trends of Youth in Pakistan: A pilot study"
8. Midrar Ullah and Kanwal Ameen. "Barriers When Advocating or Providing Information Literacy Instruction in Medical Institutions of Pakistan."
9. M. Tariq & Shafiq Ur Rehman. "Is English Language a barrier in Research Productivity among Information Professionals? A descriptive study"
10. M. Tufail Khan, Anela Zahid & Muhammad Rafiq. "Journey From Library Management Software (LMS) to KOHA by Government College University Libraries, Lahore"
11. Memoona Iqbal, Muhammad Rafiq & Kanwal Ameen. "Factors Affecting the Students' Selection and Use of Websites"
12. Sadaf Rafiq & Nosheen F. Warraich. "Utilization of E-books among Undergraduate Students of Government Medical Colleges of Lahore"
13. Mr. Tauseef Hussain & Nosheen F. Warraich. "Status of Prison Libraries in Lahore: A Case Study"

Abroad

14. Dr. Shfiq Ur Rehman presented a paper "Users' Evaluation of Library Service Quality: A Study of Public Sector University Libraries of Pakistan" at the 7th Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML2015), May 26- 29, 2015. Paris, France
15. Warraich, Nosheen F. Fatima, N., & Ameen, Kanwal. (2015). Human Resource Management in Pakistani University Libraries: Managers' Viewpoint. International Conference on Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (ICSHSS'15) July 29-30, 2015 Phuket, Thailand,
16. Syeda Hina Batool presented a paper "Assessing children's IL skills: Findings from a multiple case study of six primary schools in Pakistan" at i3 Conference, 23-26 June 2015 at Robert Gordon University, Scotland.
17. Syeda Hina Batool attended iFutures conference on 7th July 2015, organized by ISchool, University of Sheffield, UK.

Book and Book Chapter

1. Anwar, M. Ali (Ed.). (2015). Developing Standards for Library Services in Pakistan: Selected Documents with an Introduction and a Bibliography. Lahore: Allied Book Company.
2. Warriach, Nosheen. F & Ameen, Kanwal (2015). Human Resource Management Practices in University Libraries: A Case from Pakistan. In Malhan, I.V., Chandel, A.S. & Satija, M.P. (Eds.). *Human Resource Management in Libraries and Information Centers*. New Delhi: Satija Research Foundation for Library and Information Science.