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Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood elected as PLA president

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood was elected as president headquarters by winning 665 votes in PLA elections 2012. He belongs to LIS Rising Founders Group and his group won in both PLA headquarters and PLA Punjab Branch.

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen gets 2nd term as DLIS chairperson

The worthy Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab appointed Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen as Chairperson, DLIS again after successful completion of her first term w.e.f. 25th May, 2012 for another three years.

Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar becomes honorary professor

Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar, after the completion of his contract as HEC foreign professor, becomes honorary professor at DLIS, PU on 17th August, 2011.

PhD degrees awarded

1. Ms. Farzana Shafique has successfully completed her PhD, dated 24/11/2011, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood. Topic of her thesis is "Model information system for educational administrators in Pakistan."
2. Mr. Mohammad Rafiq has successfully completed his PhD, dated 22/12/2011, his thesis was on "Prospects of digitization in university libraries of Pakistan," under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen.

MPhil degrees awarded

The following students were awarded MPhil degrees:

Name of student	Supervisor	Title
Amna Asghar	Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen	Status of techno stress among university librarians of Lahore
Muhammad Asif Naveed	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar	Information needs of Pakistan farmers: An exploratory study of adult male farmers in a village of Punjab
Sajjad Ahmad	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar	Sharhad Journal of Agriculture: A bibliometric study of the articles published from 1985 to 2009
Sajjad Ullah Jan	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar	Pakistan Development Review: A bibliometric study of the articles published from 1973 to 2009
Sania Rasheed	Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen	Children's reading habits: A study of Lahore city

Shehzad Ahmad	Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar	Information seeking behavior of the forestry scientists of the Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar
Saira Soroya	Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen	Application of marketing in the Punjab University libraries: An exploratory study
Shumaila Iram	Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood	Reading needs, facilities and problems of visually impaired people

DLIS celebrates World Book Day 2012

DLIS in collaboration with PULISAA and Punjab University Library celebrated memorable World Book Day on 23rd April, 2012. A walk with colorful banners and placards from the department to the PU undergraduate block was organized. A lot of PU library professionals, LIS students, DLIS alumni and faculty have participated in the walk which was followed by a seminar. The seminar stage was shared by renowned personalities, i.e., Hassan Nisar (journalist), Raja Anwar (Chairman, Punjab Education Foundation), Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran (PU VC), Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (Chairperson, DLIS), Ch. Muhammad Hanif (Chief Librarian, PU Library) and Shahid Soroya (President, PULISAA). PU Library book lover awards were distributed among the top 10 users of the library. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen emphasized the importance of book reading among students and presented the guests with shields. Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran appreciated the department's initiative to celebrate World Book Day and urged to continue it in future. At the end refreshments were served from the VC.



New appointments

1. Syeda Hina Batool was appointed as Assistant Professor (BPS-19) w.e.f. 26/11/2011 at DLIS.
2. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich was appointed as Assistant Professor on Tenure Track Systems (TTS) w.e.f. 10/04/2012 at DLIS.
3. Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman was appointed as Assistant Professor w.e.f. 27/04/2012 on Adhoc basis at DLIS.
4. Mrs. Amara Malik and Mrs. Alia Arshad were appointed as Lecturers (BPS-18) w.e.f 22/08/2012 at DLIS.

New PULISAA body

Punjab University Library & Information Science Alumni Association (PULISAA) elections were held on 25th February, 2012. A 3-member election committee comprised of Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Ms. Umera Shah and Ch. Muhammad Hanif (Chief Librarian, PU main library). The following new body was elected unopposed:

PRESIDENT: Muhammad Shahid Soroya
 VICE-PRESIDENT: Ashraf Shakoori
 SECRETARY: Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich

JOINT SECRETARY: Waris Ali Arsalan

TREASURER: Ghulam Yasim Malik

COUNCILORS: Asif Waheed, Muhammad Shafiq, Muhammad Naushad Ghazanfar, Muhammad Asif Munir, Sadaf Rafiq, Asif Bilal, Zaheer Ahmad, Ammara Yousaf, Dr. Muhammad Rafiq, Akhtar Naseer Warraich

DLIS annual dinner 2012

The annual dinner of the department was held on 24th October, 2012 in the ground of PU Institute of Education & Research. The students of three sessions of morning/afternoon, i.e., outgoing class, third semester and newly admitted first semester, attended the dinner along with faculty. Before dinner the students presented different entertaining performances and shields were presented to the winners of departmental games, annual dinner organizers and the coordinator.



DLIS organizes training programs

1. A seminar on "Preparing for job" was organized in the Department of Library & Information Science on 13th September, 2012 for outgoing MLIS class morning/afternoon session 2010-12. Outside the DLIS eminent professionals, Ms. Bushra Almas (Chief Librarian & Associate Professor, FC College), Ch. Muhammad Hanif, (Chief Librarian, Punjab University Library), and Mr. Shahid Soroya (President, PULISAA) were invited to share their experiences regarding job hunting tips. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood highlighted the key points of job hunting and interview preparation based on his experience and research. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen talked about her experiences of taking interviews and gave very valuable suggestions. She also thanked all the speakers and participants of the seminar and advised students to be ready for professional world.
2. An interactive workshop on "Developing academic librarians as knowledge workers" was organized on 26th-28th July, 2011. The workshop contents included: empowering users through information literacy, developing LIS leadership traits and creating desired work place environments in libraries.
3. The DLIS organized a seminar on "Writing a research proposal" on 12th September, 2012. A large number of professional librarians participated in the seminar. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Anwar gave tips on writing various parts of a research proposal.
4. A lecture by Dr. Carol Mitchell, the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, Islamabad, was organized with the collaboration of the American Information Resource Center, Lahore on 31st, January, 2012. She spoke on "The Library of Congress and the change in professional landscape". She introduced Library of Congress services and latest professional skills needed in emerging librarianship. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen briefed her on department's history and presented her with the department's prospectus and lovely flowers.

5. The Department of Library and Information Science organized two consecutive workshops on “Research ethics, EndNote and Turnitin software” on 25th-26th September and 1st-2nd October, 2012. These workshops were designed specifically for the PU faculty members to facilitate them in conducting research. Forty six faculty members attended the workshops. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Dr. Nosheen Fatima and Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman were the resource persons.



6. The first HEC workshop “Developing master trainers for HEC-National Digital Library” jointly sponsored by the HEC Learning & Innovation Division and PU was organized on 4th & 5th April, 2012 at DLIS. PU VC Prof. Dr. Mujahid Kamran was the chief guest. The workshop was specifically designed for the PU departmental librarians to enable them to make extensive use of the National Digital Library (NDL) resources for their faculty and researchers as well as transfer these skills to their users. DLIS faculty was the resource person.



7. The department organized a lecture of Prof. Dr. Khawaja Zikria on "Reading habits" for the MLIS students on 12th December, 2011. He emphasized to develop reading habits and recommended a list of books for students to groom their personality traits.
8. A workshop on "Digital assets management (DAM)" was organized on 18th January, 2012 at the auditorium of PU Library. Dr. Abdus Sattar Chaudhry, a renowned scholar and director of the MLIS program at the College of Social Sciences of Kuwait University, was the resource person. The workshop was attended by more than 120 professionals. Dr. Sattar discussed the key concepts of DAM and the practical aspects of organizing & managing digital assets. He also discussed the ways to protect digital assets and use of taxonomies and metadata for their organization.



9. Mr. Shah Nawaz Zaidi, ex-principal, PU College of Art & Design, delivered a lecture on "Human personality" on 24th October, 2011 at DLIS. He told MLIS students that to be a good human being they have to be a good listener, be enthusiastic, accept your mistakes, avoid grudges and don't be proud of your achievements.

New MPhil & PhD admissions

The following students got admission in 2012 at DLIS:

PhD: Sajjad Ahmad, Shehzad Ahmad, Saira Hanif Soroya, Muhammad Asif Naveed, Sajjad Ullah Jan

MPhil: Uzma Anwar, Zulfiqar Ahmad, Ghulam Murtaza Rafique, M. Suleman Bajwa, Sakina Bashir, Memoona Iqbal, Nazeer Hussain, Sadaf Rafiq, Saiqa Riaz, Muhammad Safdar

Faculty participates in training programs outside the DLIS

1. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Dr. Nosheen Fatima delivered lectures on "Research, publication and information management" in PU faculty orientation program on 6th July, 2012 at Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab.
2. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen was invited at Lahore College Women University as guest speaker in a seminar on "Avoiding plagiarism" on 2nd May, 2012.
3. A seminar was organized by the PU Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IAGS) on 11th April, 2012. The topic of the seminar was "Plagiarism: How to avoid it". Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen was the resource person.
4. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood delivered a lecture on "LIS research in Pakistan: Problems and prospects" organized by the Islamia University Library and Information Science Alumni Association (IULISAA) at FAST National University, Islamabad on 13th June, 2012.

5. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as resource person in an international online workshop on "Publishing your research" organized by the Institute of Research Promotion, Lahore, on 26th May, 2012.
6. In an international online workshop on "Mastering scale development and reliability and validity of scale" organized by the Research Center for Training & Development, Lahore, on 19th May, 2012, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as resource person.
7. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as resource person in an international online workshop on "Mastering survey methodology" organized by the Research Center for Training & Development, Lahore, on 28th April, 2012.
8. In a workshop on "Publishing your research" organized by the University of Management & Technology and the Institute of Research Promotion, Lahore, on 31st March, 2012, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as guest speaker.
9. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as resource person in an international online workshop on "Mastering dissertation/thesis/paper writing" organized by the Research Center for Training & Development, Lahore, on 24th March, 2012.
10. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood was resource person in the "National workshop on library automation package Koha" organized by the Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC), Islamabad, on 20th-24th, February, 2012.
11. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as resource person in two workshops (one international online and the other on-site) on "Managing qualitative research" organized by the Institute of Research Promotion, Lahore, on October 5-6 and 12-13, 2012.

Faculty and research students participate in national and international conferences

1. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood presented a paper and chaired three sessions in 7th National LIS Conference on "Information resources and services in the 21st century" organized by the Department of Library and Information Science and Central Library, University of Peshawar, at Baragali on July 17-19, 2012.
2. Dr. Nosheen Fatima presented her paper on "Impact of e-resources on e-learning of LIS professionals: A case of developing country" in ICELW 2012, the 5th International Annual Conference on "E-learning in the workplace" on June 13-15, 2012 at Columbia University, New York, USA.
3. Dr. Shafiq-Ur-Rehman presented a paper titled "Service quality assessment in university libraries of Pakistan" in 7th National LIS Conference on "Information resources and services in the 21st century" on July 17- 19, 2012 at Baragali.
4. Dr. Shafiq-Ur-Rehman presented his paper on "Measuring service quality in public and private sector university libraries of Pakistan" at First Open LIS Conference on "Changing paradigm of LIS profession in Pakistan," on October 19- 20, 2011 at Islamabad.
5. Z. Wiorogórska and Dr. Shafiq-Ur-Rehman presented a paper at "Facets of knowledge organization" The 2nd Biennial Conference of the UK chapter of ISKO on July 4-5, 2011 at University College London. Topic of the paper was "When librarians become researchers: The creation of international culture of knowledge sharing beyond the borders."
6. Dr. Shafiq-Ur-Rehman in collaboration with H. Ali and F. Shahzad presented a paper on "Integrated library management software as a knowledge organization system in academic institutes: Case study of Yanbu Industrial College, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" in the 8th Biennial conference of the French chapter of ISKO on "Stability and dynamism in knowledge organization" on June 27-28, 2011 at the University of Charles-De-Gaulle Lille 3, France.
7. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, in collaboration with Azhar Iqbal and Muhammad Arif, presented a paper on "Information needs and seeking behavior of medical researchers in Pakistan: A survey" at First Open LIS Professionals Conference on October 19-20, 2011 at Islamabad.
8. Muhammad Sajid Mirza, in collaboration with Dr. Khalid Mahmood, presented a paper on "Impact of IT on human resources of Pakistani university libraries" at First Open LIS Professionals Conference on October 19-20, 2011 at Islamabad.
9. Atta-ur-Rehman, in co-authorship with Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Robina Bhatti, presented a paper on "Free and open source software movement in LIS profession in Pakistan" at First Open LIS Professionals Conference on October 19-20, 2011 at Islamabad.

10. Syed Rahmatullah Shah and Dr. Khalid Mahmood presented their paper on “Academic librarians’ attitudes toward knowledge management” at First Open LIS Professionals Conference on October 19-20, 2011 at Islamabad.

Awards and grants

1. Syeda Hina Batool got PU scholarship for her PhD study in Information School, University of Sheffield, UK.
2. A research paper by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, in co-authorship of Muhammad Sajid Mirza, on “Electronic resources and services in Pakistani university libraries: A survey of users’ satisfaction” won first position in the 13th international paper contest (2012) by the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG III).
3. Mr. Midrar Ullah, Librarian at Army Medical College and DLIS PhD scholar has become the first medical librarian from Pakistan who has won the “Cunningham memorial international fellowship award 2012.” Medical Library Association (MLA) of the USA offers this award to medical librarians from countries outside the USA and Canada each year. He also attended three weeks Cunningham Memorial International fellowship in May, 2012.



4. Dr. Nosheen Fatima won travel grant from the University of the Punjab to present her paper at the Columbia University, New York on June 13-15, 2012.
5. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman won Info-share award of ASIST (American Society of Information Science and Technology) for the year 2012.

Faculty and research students publish research papers in national and international journals

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen

1. Ameen, K. (2011). Changing scenario of librarianship in Pakistan: Managing with the challenges and opportunities. *Library Management*, 32(3), 171-182.
2. Rafiq, M., & Ameen, K. (2012). Use of digital media and demand for digitized contents in higher education sector of Pakistan. *International Information and Library Review*, 44(3), 116-122.
3. Tahira, M., Alias, A., & Ameen, K. (2012). Seeking online information sources among science faculties of developing countries. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood

1. Mahmood, K. (2012). LIS curriculum review using focus group interviews of employers. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*.
2. Mahmood, K., & Richardson Jr., J. V. (2011). Adoption of Web 2.0 in US academic libraries: A survey of ARL library websites. *Program: Electronic Library and Information Systems*, 45(4), 365-375.
3. Mahmood, K., & Shafique, F. (2012). Alumni participation in LIS program review: The case of MLIS at University of the Punjab. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*.
4. Rehman, S. U., Shafique, F., & Mahmood, K. (2011). A survey of user perception and satisfaction with reference services in university libraries of Punjab. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*.
5. Richardson, J. V., & Mahmood, K. (2012). eBook readers: User satisfaction and usability issues. *Library Hi Tech*, 30(1), 170-185.

6. Shafique, F., & Mahmood, K. (2011). Availability of needed information to educational administrators in Pakistan: A survey. *Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal*, 32, 1-33.

Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar

Anwar, M. A. (2011). Remembering late Mr. Abdur Rahim Khan. *Pakistan Library & Information Science Journal*, 42(1), 3-6.

Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich

Fatima, N. & Ameen, K. (2012). Employment and learning outcomes of LIS graduates: A case of Pakistan. *Education for Information*, 28(2-4), 315-324.

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Batool, S. H. & Asghar, A. (2012). Mobile phone text messaging use among university librarians of Lahore city. *International Information and Library Review*, 44(3), 164-170.

Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman

1. Shafiq, F., Rehman, S. U, & K, M. (2012). A macro sketch of users' needs, satisfaction and library performance. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.
2. Wiorogórska, Z., & Rehman, S. U. (2012). When librarians become researchers: The creation of international culture of knowledge sharing beyond the borders. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 43(2), 22-33.
3. Rehman, S. U. (2012). Understanding the Expectations of Pakistani Libraries Users: A LIBQUAL Study. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.
4. Rehman, S. U., & Mustafa El Hadi, W. (2012). Perceptions of Pakistani users about library service quality: LIBQUAL comments. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.
5. Ali, H. & Rehman, S. U. (2012). The changing role of academic libraries: Knowledge organization perspective. Pakistan. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 43(1), 12-17.
6. Rehman, S. U., Shafiq, F., & K, M. (2011). A survey of user perception and satisfaction with reference services in university libraries of Punjab. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

Alia Arshad

Arshad, A., & Ameen, K. (2011). Reality versus expectations: A survey of university of the Punjab's libraries using servqual. *Library Philosophy and Practice*.

MPhil / PhD students

1. Ullah, M., Ameen, K. & Bakhtar, S. (2012). Professional activities, needed competencies and training needs of medical librarians in Pakistan. *Education for Information*, 28 (2-4), 115-123.
2. Mirza, M. S. & Mahmood, K. (2012). Electronic resources and services in Pakistani university libraries: A survey of user's satisfaction. *International Information and Library Review*, 44(3), 123-131.
3. Arif, M., & Mahmood, K. (2012). The changing role of librarians in the digital world: Adoption of Web 2.0 technologies by Pakistani librarians. *The Electronic Library*, 30(4), 469-479.
4. Ullah, M., & Mahmood, K. (2012). Pakistan Library and Information Council: A proposal. In A. Tella & A. O. Issa (eds.), *Library and information science in developing countries: Contemporary issues* (pp. 11-31). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
5. Ahmad, S., & Mahmood, K. (2011). Library and information science education in Pakistan - A decade of development - 2000-2009. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 42(3), 3-12.

Books published by German publisher

1. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood's new book on "Impact of Web 2.0 technologies on US academic libraries: A study of ARL libraries" was published by LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Saarbrücken, Germany. This book was an outcome of the postdoctoral research of Dr. Khalid at the Department of Information Studies, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, USA.

2. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood's book, in co-authorship with Ashfaq Hussain, entitled "Digital libraries: Perception of LIS professionals in Pakistan" was published by LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Saarbrücken, Germany.
3. Alia Arshad's book, in co-authorship with Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, entitled "User's perceptions and expectations of quality library services: A survey of the University of the Punjab's libraries" was published by VDM Verlag Publishers, Germany.

Condolence

The faculty of LIS department paid rich tribute and offered Fateha for late Ch. Yaqub Ali (Ex. Chief Librarian, International Islamic University, Islamabad) and Mr. Abdul Hafeez Akhtar (Ex-Director General, National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad) in a condolence meeting held on 31st July, 2012 in the office of Chairperson DLIS, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen.