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## Department of LIS at a glance: From PJLIS 2010 onward

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### **Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen receives “HEC Best Teacher Award”**

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen received “Best Teacher Award” and one hundred thousand rupees cash prize from the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. It was the first time in the history of Pakistan that an LIS faculty member got this award.

### **Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood completes post-doctorate from USA**

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood completed his post-doctorate study at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), USA. He was funded by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan to pursue this study. His 9-month study on the impact of Web 2.0 technologies on academic libraries was supervised by Professor Dr. John V. Richardson, an eminent scholar in the field of library and information science. Dr. Khalid contributed four publications during his stay in the USA. In addition to doing his research project, Dr. Khalid participated in conferences, audited graduate level courses, attended faculty meetings, defense of doctoral candidates, and other activities to have an orientation of academic culture of the United States. He also visited many universities and libraries for this purpose. He developed a liaison for future research activities with American experts of library and information science. Dr. Khalid joined back the department with plans to incorporate his learning about North American academic culture in curriculum design, classroom teaching, student management and conducting and supervising research.

### **Nosheen gets doctoral degree**

Nosheen Fatima Warraich, a DLIS lecturer, got doctoral degree from the University of the Punjab. She was the first graduate of MPhil leading to PhD program of the DLIS started in 2005. She wrote her research thesis on “Human Resource Management (HRM) in University Libraries of the Punjab” under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen.

### **DLIS organizes training programs**

1. A 3-day interactive workshop was organized on “Developing Academic Librarians as Knowledge Workers” from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood (from PU DLIS), Muhammad Anwar Chaudhry and Mohsin Rauf (from University of Management & Technology, Lahore), Dr. Amra Raza, Shamaila Dodhy and Shireen Raheem (from PU Department of English Language & Literature), Bushra Almas (from FC University), and Dr. Ghazala Irfan (from Lahore University of Management Sciences) were the resource persons.
2. A workshop was organized on “Managing References Electronically: EndNote Software” on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Muhammad Anwar Chaudhry (Chief Librarian, University of Management & Technology, Lahore) were the resource persons. Faculty and doctoral students from various departments of the University of the Punjab participated in this hands-on training workshop.

3. The department organized a seminar on "National Agenda for Research in Library & Information Science" on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali Anwar, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Mirza Muhammad Naseer (PhD scholar) and Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood spoke on the occasion. LIS faculty, PhD/MPhil scholars and other researchers attended the seminar and suggested measures for promoting research culture in Pakistan.
4. In collaboration with the Pakistan Automation Group (PAKLAG) the department organized a seminar on "Information Literacy in Academic Libraries" on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2011. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood gave presentations on the topic.
5. Muhammad Asif, Director, Information Resource Center, The U.S. Consulate, Lahore, delivered a lecture on "Advance Searching Techniques" for MPhil students on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. He introduced various advance searching tools to help students in their research work.
6. The department organized a talk by Leonard Kniffel, editor and publisher of the *American Libraries*, the flagship journal of the American Library Association, on "Writing for Profession: Tricks and Tips for LIS Professionals" on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 in collaboration with the Continuing Education Committee of Pakistan Library Association Punjab and the U.S. Consulate, Lahore.
7. Manqoosh-ur-Rehman, Director, Research Facilitation Network, Lahore, delivered a lecture on "Use of Statistics in Research with SPSS" to MPhil students on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.
8. An exciting talk by Prof. Dr. Khwaja M. Zakria, an Urdu critic, was arranged by the department on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 on "Shakhsiat sazi main mutal-e- kutb ki ahmiat" for MLIS morning and evening students. He recommended some important books for personality development.
9. The DLIS, in collaboration with the PLA Punjab, organized a seminar on "Personal Knowledge Management for Enhancing Professional Productivity" on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. Dr. Abdus Sattar Chaudhry, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Kuwait University, was the resource person.
10. Dr. Abdus Sattar Chaudhry was also the resource person in a workshop on "Personal Knowledge Management for Enhancing Professional Productivity" organized by the DLIS on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.
11. The department organized a seminar on "Identify and Rectify the Common Errors of English in Pakistan" on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2011. Dr. Gazala Irfan, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) was the resource person.
12. Dr. Ann Marlow Riedling, Associate Professor, School of Library & Information Science, San Jose State University, USA, visited the DLIS on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010. She discussed LIS curriculum with the faculty and shared her personal experiences in teaching and research. The chairperson presented a copy of the PJJIS to her.

#### **Faculty participates in training programs outside the DLIS**

1. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich were resource persons in the New Faculty Orientation Program 2011 organized by the PU Human Resources Development Center on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011. They delivered lectures on "Information Resource Management."
2. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich were resource persons in a workshop on "Exploring Electronic Resources for Research" organized by the PU Institute of Quality & Technology Management on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.
3. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen delivered a lecture for research students and faculty on "Exploring Internet as a Research Tool" and Syeda Hina Batool delivered a lecture on "Internet: Smart Searching Skills" at the College of Art and Design, University of the Punjab on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.
4. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen delivered a lecture on "The Role of Library and Its Status in the Development of Civil Society in Pakistan" on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, organized by the International Islamic Philosophical Association of Pakistan at the Lahore Gymkhana Club.
5. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen was the resource person at a 2-day workshop on "Literature Review and Managing References Using EndNote Software" organized by the Institute of Business Administration, University of the Punjab on 31<sup>st</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2011.
6. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood shared their post doctorate experiences in the USA with the local LIS professionals at a seminar on "Status of Librarianship in the United States" organized by the Pakistan Library Association (Punjab) at Punjab University Library on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

7. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood delivered a lecture at the seminar on "World Book & Copyright Day" organized by Pakistan Library Association, Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization and Allama Iqbal Open University, Lahore, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2011.
8. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood participated as resource person in the workshop on "Publishing Your Research" organized by Beaconhouse National University and Institute of Research Promotion, Lahore, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011.
9. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood delivered a lecture on "Myths and Realities of LIS Profession in the United States" organized by Air University and Pakistan Library Automation Group, Islamabad, on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

#### **Faculty and research students participate in national and international conferences**

1. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, in co-authorship with Midrar Ullah and Salman Bakhtiar, presented a paper on "Medical librarians in Pakistan: Their professional activities, needed competencies and training needs" at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Library & Information Education and Practice (A-LIEP): Issues, Challenges and Opportunities, 22-24 June, 2011, Putrajaya, Malaysia. She also chaired a session in the conference.
2. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich presented her paper, in co-authorship with Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, on "Alumni perception of library and information science program and graduate employment outcomes at the University of the Punjab" at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Library & Information Education and Practice: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities, 22-24 June 2011, Putrajaya, Malaysia.
3. Midrar Ullah presented a paper on "Development and validation of competencies for medical librarians in Pakistan," in co-authorship with Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar, at the European Association of Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) workshop, 5-8 July, 2011, Istanbul, Turkey.
4. Midrar Ullah presented a paper on "Development and validation of competencies for medical librarians in Pakistan: A progress report" in co-authorship of Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar at the International Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision for Libraries, organized by the Pakistan Library Association (Federal Branch) in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America, 13-14 October, 2010, Islamabad.
5. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen and Umera Shah attended "International Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Vision for Libraries", 13-14 October, 2010, Islamabad, organized by Pakistan Library Association (Federal Branch) in collaboration with the Embassy of United States of America.
6. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood attended "iConference," 8-11 February, 2011, Seattle, USA.
7. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood attended "Competitiveness & Innovation: Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)," 4-7 January, 2011, San Diego, USA.

#### **Awards and grants**

1. The American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIST) awarded Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich the 'Info-share Professional Award' twice for years 2010 and 2011.
2. The Higher Education Commission provided travel grant to Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich to present a paper in ALIEP 2011 Conference at Putrajaya, Malaysia, 22-24 June, 2011.
3. Farzana Shafique, a DLIS doctoral student, won the second position in the international paper contest of the Special Interest Group on International Information Issues (SIG-III) of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). With the co-authorship of Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, she wrote a paper on "The role of educational information systems for survival in information society and the case of Pakistan" for this contest.

#### **Research student gets higher position**

Muhammad Arif, a DLIS doctoral student, has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science at the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.

#### **PULISAA annual dinner**

Syeda Hina Batool, in collaboration with other PULISAA executive members, organized an alumni dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 at the Executive Club, Punjab University. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (Patron PULISAA) welcomed the guest of honor and the alumni participants of the dinner. Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Ali

Anwar, The senior most alumnus, talked about the critical role of professional associations. Shahzad Ahmed, the famous Urdu poet, was the guest of honor. He amused the audience with his poetry. Before dinner, the alumni from different sessions shared their pleasant memories with all.

### News about PJLIS

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan accepted the PJJIS as a national recognized journal in the field of LIS and assigned 'Y' category to it. The PJJIS was also accepted for inclusion in *SCOPUS*, *Cabell's Directory*, and *Directory of Open Access Journals*.

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

#### Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen

1. Kanwal Ameen. (2011). Changing scenario of librarianship in Pakistan: Managing with the challenges and opportunities. *Library Management*, 32(3), 171-182.
2. Kanwal Ameen. (2010). The culture of collection evaluation in Pakistan. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*, vol. 2010.

#### Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood

1. Rehman, S. U., & Mahmood, K. (2010). Status of reference and information services in university libraries of Lahore, Pakistan. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 41(3), 2-15.
2. Butt, K., Qutab, S., & Mahmood, K. (2011). Access and use of the Internet in the libraries of Lahore, Pakistan. *Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal*, 31, 1-14.
3. Mairaj, M. I., & Mahmood, K. (2011). Development of agricultural libraries in Pakistan. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 42(1), 26-41.

#### 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 & Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen

1. Nosheen Fatima Warraich & Kanwal Ameen. (2011). Employability skills of LIS graduates in Pakistan: Needs and expectations. *Library Management*, 32(3), 209 - 224.
2. Nosheen Fatima Warraich & Kanwal Ameen. (2011). LIS professionals' staffing patterns: Pakistani public sector universities. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*, vol. 2011.

#### Syeda Hina Batool & Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen

Batool, S. H., & Ameen, K. (2010). Status of technological competencies: A case study of university librarians. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*, vol. 2010.

#### MPhil/PhD students in collaboration with faculty

1. Arif, Muhammad & Kanwal Ameen. (2011). Library electronic resources' use—students' attitude: Technology acceptance model. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 42(2), 3-12.
2. Alia Arshad & Kanwal Ameen. (2010). Service quality of the University of the Punjab's libraries: An exploration of users' perceptions. *Performance Measurement and Metrics*, 11(3), 313-325.
3. Shafique, F., & Mahmood, K. (2010). Model development as a research tool: An example of PAK-NISEA. *Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP)*, vol. 2010, 1-12.
4. Kousar, M., & Mahmood, K. (2010). Dr. Syed Jalaludin Haider: A bio-bibliometric study. *Pakistan Journal of Library & Information Science*, 11, 32-43.
5. Shafique, F., & Mahmood, K. (2010). The role of educational information systems for survival in information society and the case of Pakistan. *The International Information & Library Review*, 42(3), 164-173.
6. 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)*, vol. 2011, 1-14.

### Books published by German publisher

1. Alia Arshad & Kanwal Ameen. (2011). *User's perceptions and expectations of quality library services: A survey of University of the Punjab's libraries*. Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Publishing.
2. Farzana Shafique. (2011). *Use of integrated library software: A survey*. Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Publishing.

### MPhil leading to PhD program

The DLIS awarded MPhil degrees to the following students:

1. Amara Malik, Librarian, Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore. Topic: *Readiness for digital reference service in university libraries*. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood.
2. Mamoon Kousar, Librarian Air University, Islamabad. Topic: *Perceptions of faculty about the information literacy skills of postgraduate engineering students*. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood.
3. Midrar-Ullah, Library & Research Officer, Army Medical College, Rawalpindi. Topic: *Development and validation of competencies for medical librarians in Pakistan*. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar.
4. Syeda Hina Batool, Lecturer, Department of Library & Information Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore. Topic: *Perceptions of participative management practices in the university libraries of Punjab: An exploratory study of senior professional staff*. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar.

The Departmental Doctoral Program Committee approved research proposals of the following MPhil students:

1. Sania Rasheed, "Children's reading habits: A study of Lahore city," Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen.
2. Amna Asghar, "Study of technostress among the librarians working in the university libraries," Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen.
3. Muhammad Asif Naveed, "Information needs of rural Pakistani males: An exploratory study of the Punjab," Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar.
4. Shahzad Ahmad, "Information seeking behavior of the forestry scientists working at the Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar," Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar.
5. Sajjad Ahmad, "*Sarhad Journal of Agriculture*: A bibliometric study of the articles published from 1985 to 2009," Supervised by Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar.
6. Sajjad Ullah Jan, "*Pakistan Development Review*: A bibliometric study of the articles published from 1973 to 2009," Supervised by Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar.
7. Saira Hanif Soroya, "Application of marketing in Punjab University libraries: An exploratory study," Supervised by Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen.
8. Shumaila Iram, "Reading facilities, needs and problems of visually impaired people," Supervised by Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood.

The following students got admission in the MPhil program (session 2010-2012):

1. Abid Iqbal
2. Abubaker Siddique
3. Lubna Pervin
4. Inaam Ullah
5. Syed Fakhar Abbas

### Condolence

1. Abdur Rahim, former Head of the Department, Chief Librarian, and University Registrar, died on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. The faculty attended his condolence reference organized by the Punjab University Library. Prof. Dr. Mumtaz A. Anwar and former chief librarians talked about professional contributions of A. Rahim.
2. Amna Irfan, Librarian, FC University, Lahore and General Secretary, PULISAA, passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011. May God bless her soul in heaven and let her rest in peace.