Istiaqbal-e-Ramadan

Department of Research / QEC, Jinnah Sindh Medical University organized an “Istiaqbal-e-Ramadan and awareness of fasting and health” program on June 17, 2015 at Khwaja Muin Ahmed Lecture Hall. Prof. Dr. Syed Muhammad Tariq Rafi was the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zaman Shaikh (Director, Sir Syed Institute of Diabetes and Endocrinology), Prof. Dr. Abdul Basit (Director, Bagh Institute of Diabetology and Endocrinology), Prof. Aasim Ahmed (Kidney Centre), Dr. Kashif Shaikh (Director Jame Al Ikhwan and Member Institutional Review Board, JSMU) and Dr. Nighat Shah (Consultant Gynecologist and faculty member of AIPH, JSMU) was the key speakers of the program. The Chief organizer of the program Prof. Dr. Nazeer Khan welcomed all guests and briefed about the program and speakers. In the commencement Dr. Kashif Shaikh addressed the audience concerning Islamic aspects of Roza and Health. Prof. Dr. Zaman Shaikh and Prof. Dr. Abdul Basit discussed briefly of the effect of diabetic Type I and Type II patients on fasting in Ramadan. Dr. Nighat Shah spoke about the effect of fasting among pregnant women. Prof. Dr. Aasim Ahmed explained when the renal disease and dialysis patient can fast. At the end, Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi (Vice Chancellor JSMU) addressed on the importance of such events before Ramadan and presented the vote of thanks to all the speakers and participants. It was recommended that this activity should be held every year and awareness and guidelines for the controlling of the diseases for fasting patients should be uploaded at the JSMU website before the Ramadan.

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Events Organized by Students Council

Following activities have been held in JSMU under supervision of student council.

- Detachments and Attachments by Brother Wael Ibrahim on 24th August 2015.
- Population Issues of Pakistan on 7th September, 2015
- JSMU cricket team achieved the runner up position for Thalassemia arazi cricket tournament organized by Omair Sana Foundation, held on 13th August 2015 at UBL sports complex.
- JSMU football team participated in the 13th AKU Inter-University Football Tournament on 3rd September 2015 at the AKU Football Ground.
- JSMU sports team participated in ‘All Karachi Sports Fiesta 2015’.

Alwida week has been organized by final year students on 10th-20th October 2015. The core activities were Cultural day, Arabian day, Crazy day, Nasha, Born fire, Picnic and Annual Dinner.

Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day (14th August) has been celebrated in SMC Campus, JSMU on 13th August 2015 in which many activities have been organized by students and faculty members of JSMU. The notable activities were clean SMC and the event with the name “Is Mulk ko Rakhna Mere bachon Sambhal kar”. Prof Atta Ur Rehman, Ex-Chairman HEC and Ms. Sidra Iqbal, famous journalist were the Chief Guests in different activities. Flag hosting and cake cutting Ceremony were also been held at SMC campus on 14th August 2015.

Pharmaceutical Sciences have also organized the event on 14th August 2015 at AFPPNA campus in which faculty and students participated with great enthusiasm and present national songs and speeches. Prof Dr S.M Tariq Rafi was the Chief Guest of the program.
Professional Development Center Workshops

Workshop on following topics have been conducted by PDC (JSMU).

- Writing high quality MCQs on 9th July 2015, by Prof. Atta Ur Rehman.
- Dental curriculum workshop on 10th-12th August 2015, by Prof Syed Moin Aly.

Activities of APPNA Institute of Public Health (AIPH)

- On June 11, 2015, Prof. Lubna A. Baig, Dean AIPH participated in PM&DC visit for Post graduate programs inspection. Same day, she conducted a workshop on "Integrated Medical Curriculum Development" and held session on "Aligning Course objectives with teaching strategies".
- On July 27, 2015, AIPH represented in World Hepatitis Day and HCV Management Updates 2015 held at Nisamuddin Auditorium JPMC.
- On July 30, 2015 AIPH conducted a workshop on Pre-Pregnancy Counseling and Antenatal care at JPMC.
- On August 3, 2015 AIPH held a meeting with JHPiGO technical team members. Same day, Ms. Jennifer Younus of Jhpiego visited AIPH for skill lab Assessment.
- From Sep. 11 to 13, 2015 Dean represented AIPH-JSMU in a Symposium on "Challenges of undergraduate medical education 2015 and beyond".
- On Sep. 30, 2015 Dean was one of the leading Keynote speakers in the 2nd CCME international conference on the integrated curriculum for an "un-integrated". Five AIPH faculty members also presented paper. Same day Prof. Lubna, Dean AIPH represented AIPH-JSMU in the "Cancer Registration" and its Challenges in Pakistan at CPSP.

Activities by I.T Department JSMU

- Video Conferencing
  Jinnah Sindh Medical University is starting online video conferencing for online classes and meeting purpose where teacher can deliver a lecture to students from a multiple remote location. For this purpose, special room has been allocated on third floor of academic building. Latest equipment and technology will be used in this project.

- Smart University Project
  Fully centralized Wi-Fi system in Jinnah Sindh Medical University is in progress with the help of HEC, this project is called Smart university project. Every single area of the campus will be covered through Wi-Fi signals including cafeteria, lecture halls and common rooms. All faculty, staff and students can get benefit from wireless internet system.

- Online Examination System
  Jinnah Sindh Medical University is starting online examination (pilot phase). This system is developed by IT Department and deployed in digital library where 150 plus students can attempt the online test and quizzes simultaneously. After positive completion of pilot phase it will expand to 350 students.

Activities at Anatomy Department

Prof. Dr. Santosh Kumar of Anatomy Department has taken early retirement and left the JSMU.
Work Shop at Pharmacology Department

The department of Pharmacology, Jinnah Sindh Medical University has organized a workshop on “How to Handle a Power Lab system” on 17th June 2015, for the teaching faculty members of Pharmacology department. This workshop was very informative for all the faculty members. The objective was to understand the Power Lab system more precisely and to deliver this knowledge to all teaching faculty members of the affiliated colleges of Jinnah Sindh Medical University.

Activities at Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences

We are pleased to announce that a dental college, namely ‘Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences (SIOHS)’ has been established. The initial inspection of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council has been completed and we are waiting for the Council’s approval. The BDS classes will start soon after the approval. The Institute has already conducted the BDS 1st Professional Annual Examination 2015 in all the five affiliated dental colleges.

Three days workshop on “The Integrated Dental Curriculum” was organized by Prof. Ata Ur Rahman, Advisor to Vice Chancellor for Medical Education. Dr. Syed Moyn Aly, Chairperson, Department of Medical Education CMMS, Taif University Kingdom, Saudi Arabia was the workshop’s facilitator who has given the briefing regarding the Modular system in the BDS curriculum. Prof. Kefi Iqbal, Dean of Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences highlighted that the curriculum should be one which will provide adequate training for a dental graduate to practice sound general dentistry by understanding of the biological sciences to enable the integration and correlation of these basic sciences with clinical dental practice.

“Pakistan International Biennial Conference on Ramadan & Health” has been organized in Jinnah Sindh Medical University with the collaboration of Baqai Institute of Diabetology & Endocrinology and Sir Syed Institute of Diabetes & Endocrinology on 9th -11th October, 2015. Further detail will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.