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The 10th Convocation of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore was held on December 12, 2018. Pro-Chancellor/ Minister for Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Sardar Hasnain Bahadur Dareshak presided over the convocation while Adviser to Chief Minister Punjab on Livestock Faisal Hayat Jabwana, Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Muhammad Ahsan Waheed and a large number of students, faculty members, industrialists from dairy & poultry industries and stakeholders were present. Total 1,417 graduates were conferred degrees and 72 position-holders awarded

medals. Out of the graduating students, 230 were DVMs, 356 BS (Hons), 90 Pharm-D, 26 Doctors of Nutrition and Dietetics (DND), 48 MBAs, 4 MBF, 37 BBA (Hons), 194 MSc, 399 MPhil and 33 PhDs.

Addressing the convocation, the Pro-Chancellor/ Minister for Livestock Punjab Sardar Hasnain Bahadur Dareshak congratulated the graduating students on getting degrees and medals and urged them to play their due role in nation building. He lauded the progress achieved by the UVAS and positioned itself among top universities of Asia.

Earlier, the Pro-Chancellor along with the

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UVAS holds 16th Annual Sports Day



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore organised its 16th Annual Sports on December 5, 2018. Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Punjab Muhammad Ahsan Waheed along with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha inaugurated sports contests in the morning while Prof Dr Ijaz Ahmad, a former professor of UVAS, chaired the prize distribution ceremony and gave away trophies and prizes to the winners. Students from the City Campus Lahore, Ravi Campus Pattoki, College of Veterinary and Animal Science Jhang and Khan Bahadar Choudhry Mushtaq Ahmed College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Narowal, participated in sports fixtures. Addressing the inaugural session, Prof Pasha congratulated the faculty, staff and students on UVAS being ranked 3rd in national sports ranking of public sector universities by Higher Education Commission for the year 2016-17. Prof Pasha lauded the performance of students, who actively participated in different sports activities.

In the concluding ceremony, Prof Dr Ijaz Ahmad said that sports and extra-curricular activities were as important for students as the curricular activities.

The annual sports day contests included final races of 800, 200, 100 Meter for boys and girls, three-leg race, javelin throw, shot put, long jump, triple jump, discus throw, tug of war, chaati race, martial art presentation/gymnastic show, musical chair etc.

DVM student Hamza Aslam among male students and IBBT student Sadia Ishtiaq

among the girls were declared the best/fastest athletes of UVAS. Mphil student Hasham Zaheer from Department of Parasitology won the title of "Mr UVAS" while among DVM 3rd year students in Male category and Food Science and Human Nutrition students in female category won general trophies. DVM 4th year students from Ravi Campus in male category and DVM students also from Ravi Campus in female category won general trophies. The Faculty of Biosciences (FBS) team won tug-of-war contest. Prof Dr Ijaz Ahmad along with VC Prof Pasha distributed trophies and medals among the winners of all contests. Earlier, Director Sports Rana Amjad Iqbal shared the achievements of the UVAS players in various sports competitions in 2017-18. Chairman Sports Board Rana Ayyub, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.



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Vice-Chancellor gave away degrees to PhD scholars and medals to the position-winning graduates.

Presenting the welcome address, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha spoke about the academics, research, development, extension programmes and community services of the university. He said that with a history of 136 years of excellence, the UVAS is now among top Asian universities as per the Times Higher Education and QS World Universities Rankings. As per Higher Education Commission Sports Ranking 2018, UVAS got 3th position among public sector universities and 5th among all public and private universities of the country, the VC said, adding that the UVAS is also among top 10 universities of Pakistan according to HEC overall ranking of Pakistani Higher Education Institutions.

The Vice-Chancellor said UVAS scientists are executing 141 research projects worth of Rs 1.5 billion they won from national and international funding agencies. He said that the university is executing five development projects worth Rs 4 billion and completed as many projects of Rs 882 million last financial year. He said the UVAS is providing its students incentives including merit and need based scholarships. The university awarded 1,162 scholarships of Rs 54 million during last year, he added.



Graduates awarded degrees, 72 position-holders medals



Christmas cake-cutting ceremony



The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences organised a cake-cutting ceremony for its Christian employees in connection with Christmas.

Vice-Chancellor Meritorious Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha presided over the ceremony while Pastor Jawaid Tara, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani, NTSA President Muhammad Arif and Christian employees attended. Addressing the ceremony, Prof Pasha congratulated the Christian employees on celebrating the Christmas.

Walk arranged to create awareness against corruption



The Character Building Society of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in collaboration with National Accountability Bureau organized a walk to create awareness among public especially the young generation against corruption in all segments of society.

Minister for Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Sardar Hasnain Bahadur Dareshak along with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha led the walk. A large number of faculty members and students participated.

UVAS organises Pets Gala



Vets Care Club in collaboration with private pets feed and medicines companies organised a pets gala. Chairman Department of CMS Prof Dr Arif Khan and Major Kaleem Ullah from RVFC were the chief guests while Prof Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani was also present. Different species of dogs, cats and birds were displayed.

National Voter's Day observed

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore's Debating Society in collaboration with Higher Education Commission and Election Commission of Pakistan observed National Voter's Day. A walk, a seminar and a debate contest were arranged to create awareness among public regarding importance of vote and encouraging people to register and cast their vote.

Vice-Chancellor Meritorious Prof Dr

Talat Naseer Pasha led the walk while Senior Tutor Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf, Dr Nisar Ahmad and a large number of students and faculty members participated. In the seminar while speaking to the audience Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf said that for national cause we must cast our vote instead of sitting in home. Such a seminar was also arranged at Para-Veterinary Institute Layyah.



Science competition



The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization organised UVAS Science Competition 2018.

The competition was divided into two categories i.e. Tangible and Intangible. In the tangible category, scientists displayed prototypes and in intangible category, the process or techniques were also displayed in form of posters. Dean Bio-Sciences Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman, CEO of Forward Solutions Dr Asim and Alltech MD Dr Shahzad Jadoon evaluated/ranked the top positions. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani distributed shields and cash prizes among the winners of both categories to Ms Qurat-ul-Ain Khan from IPS and Assistant Prof Dr Sadat Ali from IBBT. Director ORIC Prof Dr Imran Rashid was also present.

International workshop on 'Animal Handling and Modeling'



The Department of Physiology in collaboration with Higher Education Commission, Hajvery University Pakistan and University of Cambridge UK organised a two-day International workshop on "Animal Handling and Modeling". Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Masood Rabbani chaired the inaugural session of the workshop while Dean Faculty of Bio Sciences Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman, Operational Director Department of Clinical Neurosciences from University of Cambridge Dr Sohail

Ejaz and postgraduate students, professionals and experts from the United Kingdom, the Philippines, South Korea were present. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Masood Rabbani said that for the prevention of diseases and research in animals it is direly needed to follow the international standards and protocols regarding how to handle laboratory animals and collection of blood samples under the umbrella of one health. Prof Dr Habib-ur-Rehman presented the vote of thanks.

Roundtable on COWLAR system



The Office of University Advancement, UVAS, arranged a roundtable on 'COWLAR developing a cutting edge system for precision dairy farming'. Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad introduced the speakers with the participants. Mr. Umer Adnan, CEO and Co-Founder of Cowlar Inc., delivered a talk on the artificial intelligence system developed by the Cowlar Inc. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha chaired the session. Prof Pasha applauded the efforts of the COWLAR Inc and said that UVAS is always open for any kind of collaboration with COWLAR. Inc. He also presented a souvenir to the speaker, Mr Umer Adnan.

Interdepartmental poetry and arts competitions

The UVAS Literary and Art Society QIRTAS with the theme of Fikr-e-Iqbal arranged various competitions including English and Urdu poems, calligraphy and sketching. Students from various departments participated. Alishba and Mazia Rasheed, both Doctor of Nutrition & Dietetic students, won 1st positions in English and Urdu contests. respectively. Fizza Ehtsham (IBBT) won sketching competition while Inam-ul-Haq (MBA) calligraphy competition. Renowned poet Zahid Shamsi and Ms Yasmin Bukhari distributed certificates and shields among the winners.



Dr Liaquat attends conference in Turkey

Dr. Liaquat Ahmad, Associate Professor and Chairman Dept of Statistics and Computer Science, attended International



Statistics Conference at Bordum, Turkey. He presented a paper titled "Monitoring of Blood Parameters of Dogs and Cats Using Control Chart Techniques."

He also chaired a technical session of the conference organized by Department of Statistics, Mugla Sitki Kocman University.

Wins research project

Dr Shahzad Ali, Assistant Professor, Dept of Wildlife and Ecology has won a Rs 4.4675 million research project entitled "Spatial



Epidemiology, Molecular Identification and Detection of Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases in Punjab, Pakistan: An Investigation Based on One-Health Approach" funded by ALP-PARC-Pakistan. UVAS with the collaboration of Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Germany, will conduct research to evaluate ticks and tick-borne diseases of animals (including wildlife) and humans.

FBS best teacher awards



The Faculty of Bio-Sciences organised best teacher award ceremony for its assistant professor and lecturer categories. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha chaired the ceremony and distributed certificates and shields. In APs' category, Dr Maryam Javid from IBBT while in lecturer category Mr Sajid Tahir of Physiology were declared best teachers of the faculty and given awards.

Stakeholders mull ways for profitable dairy farming

The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in collaboration with the Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab organised a consultative meeting on 'In-Vitro Embryo Production in Dairy Animals- A Way Forward for Profitable Dairy Farming'.

Minister for Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Sardar Husnain Bahadur Dareshak chaired the meeting and sought suggestions from stakeholders for formulation of policies/plans for profitability of dairy sector.

Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Punjab Ahsan Waheed, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha and a large number of stakeholders from public and private dairy sectors across Punjab, academicians, researchers and officials from Livestock Department attended.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said that buffalo is a unique



animal in Pakistan and there is need for its local breed improvement. He suggested that a complete embryology unit be established for the purpose.

The minister assured stakeholders of his support as a facilitator to overcome the issues for development of dairy farming. Chairman Department of Theriogenology Dr Amjad Riaz gave a presentation on in-vitro justification of project and spoke about plan to work for improvement of embryo production and way forward to establish an independent

embryology unit. Dr Naeem Kanwer gave a presentation on enhancing beef production in Punjab. An open discussion was held and the participants put forward suggestions for development of dairy sector.

Vision of UVAS

The university aspires to be the nation's leading public sector university with global recognition due to its quality in teaching and research, civic engagement and economic development.

Secretary Livestock visits Ravi Campus



The Secretary Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab Muhammad Ahsan Waheed paid a visit to the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore's Ravi Campus Pattoki. He held a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor Meritorious Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha and took a round of various departments, labs, training and research centres, clinics and farms. He was briefed on the

functioning of labs and clinics. He also attended a farmers field day seminar and planted a sapling in front of the Central Laboratory Complex.

The secretary appreciated UVAS's state-of-the-art disease diagnostic labs facilities, quality of education and research and training and clinical services for the benefit of poor farming community.

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