

## Accreditation Visit of Agronomy and Entomology at University of the Punjab, Lahore

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University of the Punjab was formally established by convening the first meeting of its Senate on October 14, 1882. It was first to be established in the sub-continent at Lahore in a muslim majority area. This university has played a leading role in higher education in the country. The university comprises five campuses, 19 Faculties, 10 Constituent Colleges and 137 departments, centers, and institutes. The university also has 658 affiliated colleges. It has 991 full-time/regular and 300 part-time faculty members involved in teaching/research and 49,520 on-campus students. (29,588 Morning, 18,838 Evening and 1,094 Diploma students).

Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Nazim Hussain, Department of Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Razaq, Department of Entomology, BZU, Multan as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of Agronomy and Entomology at University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Dr. Shahbaz Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Entomology, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Dr. Muhammad Bilal Chattha, Chairman, Department of Agronomy, University of the Punjab, Lahore and Dr. Sajid Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy, University of the Punjab, Lahore received the guests and Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Dr. Shahbaz Ahmad was the stage secretary and he played a beautiful documentary to present a brief overview of the university. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC shared the previous AICs visit recommendations of the departments beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation.

Afterwards, AICs visited the department of Agronomy and Entomology where detailed presentation and discussions were held. Dr. Shahbaz Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Entomology and Dr. Sajid Ali, Department of Agronomy, University of the Punjab, Lahore briefed respective AICs in detail about working of the department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental infrastructure and held individual meetings with faculty members and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the department.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with the Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice Chancellor and other officials. Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore thanked NAEAC team for their two days long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

