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Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (Nutrition & Dietetics) at University of the Punjab, Lahore

April 11, 2022

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].



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Institute of Social & Cultural Studies (ISCS), University of the Punjab (PU), Lahore. Prof. Dr. Rubeena Zakar, Director, ISCS, PU, Lahore welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Nauman Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, PU, Lahore inaugurated the seminar with a brief introduction of the respected guests and purpose of the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Rubeena Zakar, Director, ISCS, PU, Lahore presented an overview of Nutrition & Dietetics program along with the other programs offered at the institute of social and cultural studies. She also highlighted the significance of nutrition and dietetics for the prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Dr. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized that agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point "food". Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of HND is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices. He also discussed that many institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program where large number of students are

studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. To serve this purpose, NAEAC has been entrusted accreditation of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail about the external evaluation of degree programs guidelines, quality assurance standards as an essential element of higher education to promote and safeguard public interest in capacity building, evaluation criteria for academic programs including strength & quality of faculty, curriculum design & development, infrastructure & learning resources, students support & progression, research & consultancy activities, governance & leadership, best practices and Nutrition & Dietetics requirements. The participants of the seminar also contributed through their insightful questions that added more to the knowledge about the importance of quality assurance in academic excellence and future aspects of the degree accreditation process.



Students and faculty members of the department of Nutrition & Dietetics attended the seminar. In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Rubeena Zakar, Director, ISCS, PU, Lahore thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.





Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (PBG and Soil Science) at University of the Punjab, Lahore

April 12, 2022

University of the Punjab, Lahore established the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences in 2021. Currently, there are 10 departments including department of Plant Breeding & Genetics (PBG) and department of Soil Science. In Agricultural Sciences, there are more than 25 faculty members and 1000 students.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FAS), University of the Punjab (PU), Lahore. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Dean, FAS, PU, Lahore welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC.

The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, FAS, PU, Lahore presented an overview of the university and especially emphasized on quality. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC delivered a comprehensive talk on significance and need of accreditation and quality assurance. The speaker emphasized that many institutions are offering agriculture-related degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC is entrusted responsibility by HEC to accredit agriculture and allied disciplines in higher education. Dr. Rajwana illustrated in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also discussed four major criteria including strength & quality of faculty, curriculum design & development, infrastructure & learning resources and students support & progression and three minor criteria including research & consultancy activities, governance & leadership and best practices considered in the accreditation process.

Students and faculty members of the department of PBG and Soil Science attended the seminar. In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, FAS, PU, Lahore thanked the guest speaker and assured that we will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of our graduates.



Accreditation visit and Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan

May 12-13, 2022

The Ghazi University (GU), Dera Ghazi Khan was established in 2012 and became functional on June 11, 2014. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail (TI) assumed the charge as a first permanent Vice Chancellor (VC) on September 18, 2018. There are four faculties including Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Ten departments are functional under this faculty.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Sarfraz Ali Shad, Department of Entomology, BZU, Multan, Dr. Unsar Naeem Ullah, Institute of Plant Protection, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Dr. Shaghef Ejaz, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan, Dr. Sami Ullah, Department of Horticulture, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Prof. Dr. Abdul Qayyum, Department of PBG, BZU, Multan and Dr. Muhammad Arif Ali, Department of Soil Science, BZU, Multan as member were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Soil Science at Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail (TI), Vice Chancellor, Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan, Dr. Ansar Ali, Director QEC, Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan, Dr. Allah Bakhsh Gulshan, Registrar, Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail, Vice Chancellor, Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan started the session with the recitation of Holy Quran presented the salient achievements of the university. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC and highlighted the previous actionable recommendations of each department.



Afterward, AICs moved to the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about the department working and achievements in terms of student graduation, current faculty position and research projects. AIC also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty

offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was also conducted at Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan on May 13, 2022. Prof Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings of the seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana speaking on the occasion emphasized, "Quality education and research guarantees bright future for the youth since knowledge economy is the new mantra of success in the world today to achieve progress and development goals. Competent and dedicated teachers play a pivotal role in the intellectual development and promotion of academic potential of the students". He also briefed the seminar participants about the working and performance of NAEAC. Students and faculty members of the six departments including Agricultural Education & Extension, Environmental Science, Forestry, Food Science & Technology, Plant Pathology and Seed Science & Technology attended the seminar.

On second day in the exit meeting, program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials. Dr. Tufail, Vice Chancellor thanked NAEAC team for their two days long deliberation and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.





Accreditation visit of Departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Food Science & Technology and Horticulture at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan

May 16, 2022

Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM) was established in 2009, it is the second-largest university of the province and stands 2nd HEC ranking for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The area has witnessed the rise and fall of the famous civilizations that inspired the world with the glorious culture and civilized traditions devoted to learning. Five campuses of AWKUM have been upgraded as independent universities: Women University Mardan, Bacha Khan University Charsadda, University of Swabi, the University of Chitral, and University of Bunir. In the recent past, HEC awarded and ranked it 1st in the province and 15th in the country for research awards under National Research Program for Universities. The university has 32 academic departments where 95 undergraduate and graduate programs are offered. The university has a qualified faculty of 450 members (half being PhDs), qualified administration, and a vibrant community of 15,000 students. The university has tremendous potential for further contribution and becoming a leading educational institution.

Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal, Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar (UAP), Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Farman Ullah, Department of Plant Protection, AUP, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Department of Food Science & Technology, UAP, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajid, Department of Horticulture, UAP as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Food Science & Technology and Horticulture at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan.



Mr. Sayim Sohail, Registrar, AWKUM and Prof. Dr. Sultan Ayaz Khatak, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM and HoDs of relevant departments welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. Prof. Dr. Zahoor ul Haq, Vice Chancellor, AWKUM was busy in another meeting therefore, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC chaired the inaugural session and initiated the proceedings by reciting few verses from Holy Quran. Dr. Adil Hussain, Associate

Professor, Entomology, AWKUM presented an overview of the university. Secretary, NAEAC presented NAEAC activities and highlighted the previous actionable recommendations of each department.

After that, AICs moved to the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about the department working and achievements in terms of students graduation, current faculty position and research projects. Meanwhile Dr. Zahoor ul Haq, Vice Chancellor invited AIC members in his office and shared the university Times Higher Education (THE) rankings and future vision. Secretary NAEAC shown his concern regarding previous categories awarded to these disciplines. AICs again resumed evaluation task and visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

Secretary NAEAC visited the hostel, medical, transport and sports facilities along with Dr. Zafar Hayat HoD, Agronomy, AWKUM and Dr. Badsha Islam, Chairman, Department of Physical Education & Sports. Sports facilities are up to the mark. Chairman sports presented the shield to Secretary NAEAC.

In the exit meeting, program evaluators shared their observations with respective HoDs and other officials who assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.





Accreditation visit of Departments of Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics (PBG) and Plant Pathology at University of Sargodha

May 23-24, 2022

University of Sargodha is a major public sector university in the province of Punjab. It started its journey in 1929 with the establishment of De'Montmorency College, later renamed as Government College which was awarded the University Charter in 2002. With its main campus located in Sargodha city, Agriculture College and Medical College in its suburbs, three institutes, one school, five constituent colleges that came under the 7 faculties of Agriculture, Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Medical & Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Sciences and Social Sciences. The university has 260 affiliated government and private colleges spread across the province and has presently around 24,000 students, 800 faculty members including 300 PhDs in 21 departments.



Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC as a convener and Dr. Basharat Ali Saleem, Deputy Director Agriculture (Technical), Horticulture Extension, Lahore, Dr. Raheel Anwar, Assistant Professor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Department of PBG, UAF, Dr. Waqas Malik, Associate Professor, Department of PBG, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam Malighani, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of departments of Horticulture, PBG and Plant Pathology at University of Sargodha.

Dr. Farooq Anwar, Director ORIC, University of Sargodha received the guests and welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha chaired the inaugural session and initiated the proceedings by reciting few verses from Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sargodha presented an overview of the university. Mr. Waqar Ahmad Registrar, Dr. Saira Azhar, Director QEC and Chairman of all three departments were present in

the inaugural session. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC presented NAEAC activities and highlighted the previous actionable recommendations of each department. Accreditation certificates were distributed among the Chairman of department of Agronomy and Forestry accredited last year by NAEAC.



Afterward, AICs moved to the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about the department working and achievements in terms of student graduation, current faculty position and research projects. AIC's also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the exit meeting, program evaluators and Chairperson NAEAC shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and other officials. Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sargodha thanked NAEAC team for their two days deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by each AIC would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.





Accreditation visit of Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management at University of Haripur

June 13, 2022

The establishment of University of Haripur (UoH) is an important milestone in the history of higher education in Hazara region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The university consists of 05 faculties including Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Departments of Forestry & Wildlife Management was established in October, 2012 in the faculty of Agricultural Sciences.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr.



Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Zahid Din Muhammad, Department of Forestry & Range Management, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan as member was constituted to conduct accreditation visit of department of Forestry & Wildlife Management at University of Haripur. Dr. M. Saleem, Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management received the guests at night on June 12, 2022.

In the informal inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rahman,



Vice Chancellor, University of Haripur welcomed at V.C. office the AIC team and introduced Prof. Dr. Syed Moazzam Nizami who will coordinate and represent the Vice Chancellor in this day long activities. Prof. Dr. Nizami, Chairman, Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management presented all activities in very detail as per itinerary. After departmental presentation he also gave a very brief overview of the university.

Afterward, AIC moved to the Forestry & Wildlife Management department where discussions were held about the department working and achievements in terms of student graduation,

current faculty position and research projects. AIC also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the exit meeting, program evaluator and Secretary NAEAC shared their observations with Dean, University of Haripur and other officials. Prof. Dr. Nizami thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.





Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agronomy and Horticulture Departments at Hazara University, Mansehra

June 14, 2022

Hazara University (HU) is public sector university fully engaged in discovery, dissemination, synthesis, and application of knowledge. The university established under the Act of Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa titled, "Hazara University Act 1997", on 29 April 1997. The then Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa took the bold step of initiating Hazara University activities in 2001 in the old buildings which were vacated from Neuropsychiatry Hospital, Dhodial and Agriculture Department etc. It was formally inaugurated by the then Governor, [Chancellor of the University] on 14 April 2002. Presently the university is functioning under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Universities Act 2012 (amended 2016). According to Times Higher Education (THE) ranking, Hazara University, Mansehra is 2nd in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 5th in Pakistan and 169th in Asia. The university consists of 450 faculty members with 220 PhDs and having two campuses: Garden campus and Battagram campus. Currently there are 2,217 female and 7,407 male students.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajid, Chairman, Department of Agriculture, Hazara University, Mansehra and Prof. Dr. Syed Mujtaba Shah, Director ORIC received the guests on June 13, 2022. Later Dr. Mehmood ul Hassan, Lecturer, Department of Agriculture, Hazara University, Mansehra joined the team and held informal discussion on topics of mutual interests.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan and Dr. Sajjad Hussain, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of department of Agronomy and Horticulture at Hazara University, Garden campus Mansehra.

The inaugural session started with recitation of Holy Quran, which was held in the Conference Hall at VC Secretariat Hazara University. Prof. Dr. Inam Ullah, Dean, Faculty of Biological and

Health Sciences, Hazara University, Mansehra chaired the inaugural session where Director QEC, Director ORIC and Director Academic were also present besides the other officials. Prof. Dr. Inam Ullah, Dean, HU, Mansehra presented an overview/accomplishments of the university and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC presented a brief about NAEAC activities.

At same place, Prof. Dr. Sajid, Chairman, Department of Agriculture also gave a detailed presentation of both departments (Agronomy and Horticulture). After detailed discussions AICs moved to Department of Agriculture, Block No. 1 where remaining accreditation process activities were witnessed. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, central library, glasshouse, faculty offices, medical facilities, transport facilities and experimental research area/Quran Garden. AICs held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the exit meeting, program evaluators shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Hazara University, Mansehra and other officials. Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, HU, Mansehra shared the recent training managed by NCEAC where he was a resource person emphasizing that he is well versed with accreditation activities. He thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.





Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Plant Pathology and Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences) at University of Poonch- Rawalakot

June 20-21, 2022

The University of Poonch was established in February 2012. The university comprises of six faculties and two sub-campuses. Under the Faculty of Agriculture, eight departments are working including department of Agronomy and Plant Pathology. Currently enrolled students are 5,118 including 554 in the faculty of agriculture. The university faculty consists of more than 220 highly qualified and distinguished teachers; many of them have obtained higher degree from renowned international organizations and institutions.



Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) and Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi, Department of Plant Pathology, UAF as members conducted accreditation visit of department of Agronomy and Plant Pathology at University of Poonch, Rawalakot (UPR).

Dr. Majid Mahmood Tahir, Director QEC, UPR welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. The inaugural session started with recitation of Holy Quran which was held in the VC Meeting Room. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Pro-VC, UPR chaired the inaugural session where Prof. Dr. Adnan Idris, Registrar, UPR, Dr. Shahzad Akbar, Director ORIC, UPR, Prof. Dr. Nasir Rahim, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UPR, Dr. Khalid Mehmood, HoD, Department of Agronomy, UPR, Dr. Raees Ahmed, HoD, Department of Plant Pathology, UPR were also present besides the other officials. Prof. Dr. Adnan Idris, Registrar, UPR presented an overview/accomplishments of the university and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC presented a brief regarding NAEAC activities and shared the last AIC recommendations.

Afterwards, AICs visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD of respective department highlighted the department working and

achievements as per itinerary provided by NAEAC. HoD's also shared the actions taken on previous recommendations. AIC also visited the departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction. Subject experts also held individual meetings with students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the departments and assess the technical level of students. In the evening visited a picnic point Banjosa where all faculty members joined the experts and held discussions of mutual interest.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences was also conducted at UPR on June 21, 2022. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings of the seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar speaking on the occasion emphasized, "Quality education and research guarantees bright future for the youth since knowledge economy is the new mantra of success in the world today to achieve progress and development goals. Competent and dedicated teachers play a pivotal role in the intellectual development and promotion of academic potential of the students". He also briefed the seminar participants about the working and performance of NAEAC and how the accreditation process help the institutions, faculty and students to excel. Dean, HoD's and faculty members besides the students of the department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Environmental Sciences participated in the seminar.





In the exit meeting, program evaluators shared their observations with the Pro-VC, UPR and other officials. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Pro-VC, UPR thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates produced.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (Food Science & Nutrition) at Women University Swabi

June 24, 2022

Women University Swabi is a public university situated in Swabi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The university is operated by the provincial government and was founded in 2016. The university consists of 04 faculties including Faculty of Allied Health Sciences & Technology.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Women University Swabi. Dr. Zia Uddin, HoD, Department of Food Science & Nutrition, Women University Swabi received the guests. Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Swabi formally welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC. Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj, Vice Chancellor, Women University Swabi inaugurated the seminar with a brief introduction of the respected guests and purpose of the seminar. She also presented an overview of the university and highlighted the significance of Food Science & Nutrition.

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized that agriculture and Food Science share a common entry point "food" and food is a key outcome of agriculture activities. He also discussed that many institutions are offering agriculture related degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. To serve this purpose, NAEAC has been entrusted accreditation of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail about the external evaluation of degree programs guidelines, quality assurance standards as an essential element of higher education to promote and safeguard public interest in capacity building, evaluation criteria for academic programs including strength & quality of faculty, curriculum design & development, infrastructure & learning resources, students support & progression, research & consultancy activities, governance & leadership and best practices. The participants (students and faculty) of the seminar also contributed through their insightful questions that added more to the knowledge about the importance of quality assurance in academic excellence and future aspects of the degree accreditation process.

In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Swabi thanked the guest speaker and assured that the university administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates produced.

