

PRESS RELEASE

Three Days Training Workshop on Quality Assurance and Accreditation Process for Program Evaluators of NAEAC.

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) organized a three days workshop for the Program Evaluators/Experts of the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) on Quality Assurance and Accreditation Process from June 27-29, 2011 at HEC, Islamabad. A Foreign Expert Prof. Dr. Colin N. Peiris, Director, Quality Assurance, University Grants Commission (UGC), Sri Lanka was invited to perform as the Resource Person/Trainer. He had highly rich and diversified International experience of Accreditation and International Best Practices. He is also Member of a number of several international Quality Assurance Agencies. The participants for the workshop were Senior Faculty Members of Agricultural Universities/Colleges of Pakistan drawn on regional/quota basis from almost all the 16 disciplines of Agriculture which are in the purview of the Council. This was the first workshop in the series which has been organized by QAA of HEC for the Program Evaluators of NAEAC. The Inaugural Session was presided by Dr. S. Sohail H. Naqvi, Executive Director, Higher Education commission, Islamabad.

The specific objectives of the workshop were:

To improve the relevant skills of Program Evaluators (PE's) in undertaking accreditation inspection based on prescribed standards, criteria and procedures, establish the credibility of accreditation process and to exchange views and experiences on international best practices for accreditation.

The concluding session of the Training Workshop was chaired by Dr. Riaz H. Qureshi, Adviser, HEC. Post – workshop feedback from the participants was very encouraging. Majority of the participants rated the workshop deliberations as very useful.