VICE CHANCELLOR EXTENDS HAPPY NEW YEAR AND SEASONS’ GREETINGS!

On behalf of all of us at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad-Pakistan, I send our best wishes for the holidays and wish you a happy and prosperous 2013. The 2012 has been another year of success and progress for the university despite administrative and financial uncertainties. The campus community remained united in difficult times. And, we continued with our tradition of maintaining an edge in teaching, research and outreach. On-campus events continued to expand including exhibitions, alumni meet, seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences, sports and cultural shows, Kissan conventions, Rabi and Kharif festivals, fun fairs, and interaction with farmers and communities. The achievements record remained high for our faculty, staff and students. The HEC has rated UAF at the second highest position for research output among 140 universities in the country. Our QS score is also the highest among all universities in the country. UAF is the proud recipient of 2012 S&T Prize of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). I had the pleasure of receiving the prize in-person from the President of Islamic Development Bank Mr. Ahmad Mohammad Ali, in a ceremony held in Khartum, Sudan. The President of Sudan, representatives of all member countries and all heads of foreign missions in Khartum present at the ceremony. UAF has been ranked by NTU Rankings in agricultural sciences at 33rd position in the Asia Pacific region and at 158th position in the world.

This month, I had the opportunity of visiting India as a member of delegation headed by the Agriculture Minister. A 3days long visit of the Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana gave us an opportunity of bilateral interaction. On the way back, we also visited a private university (LPU) which has grown within 10 years from nothing to 32000 students.

During 2012, we continued to enhance the external research funding which has now reached >1700 million, including ~600 million in foreign grants. Our ISI listed publications have surpassed the critical 500 limit and three of our five research journals have attained ‘impact factor’ and others are being indexed.

The establishment of Center for Advanced Studies in Agriculture is finally in the offing. The sponsor, USAID has floated an RFA and formal initiations will take place early 2013. The emerging issues of energy and water are also being addressed through international collaborations.

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NINE MORE PhD SCHOLAR’S PRODUCED BY UAF

On the recommendations of the external examiners and after fulfilling all the requirements, Sumreen Siddiq D/o Muhammad Siddiq, Reg. No. 99-ag-1130, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Muhammad Atif Riaz S/o Sheikh Riaz Ahmad, Reg. No. 2000-ag-880, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Maleeha Manzoor D/o Manzoor Haider, Reg. No. 2002-ag-338, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Muhammad Masood Saleem S/o Malik Muhammad Saleem Bhutta, Reg. No. 86-ag-1248, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Muhammad Rafay S/o Muhammad Ishaque, Reg. No. 2001-ag-1152, Department of Forestry, Range Management and Wildlife, Khalil Ahmed S/o Manzoor Ahmed, Reg. No. 96-ag-1708, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, Naheed D/o Mianzoor ul Haq, Reg. No. 76-ag-1011, National Institute of Food Science and Technology, Shamyla Nawazish D/o Nawazish Ali, Reg. No. 2004-ag-20, Department of Botany, Zia Ahmad Chatha S/o Ghulam Ahmad Chatha, Reg. No. 84-ag-1355, National Institute of Food Science and Technology, have passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (2012). The Vice Chancellor is pleased to sanction their admission to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The titles of their PhD research were “Growth and yield response of tomato (Lycopersicon esculentum Mill) cultivars to exogenously applied calcium carbide”, “Physiological, biochemical and growth response of sunflower to salinity and boron”, “Physicochemical characteristics and phenolic antioxidants of selected fruits of family rosaceae”, “Effect of plant growth promoting rhizobacteria and rock phosphate enriched compost on growth, yield and P nutrition of cereals”, “Studies on the productive potential and conservation strategy of major range grasses in the degrading rangelands of Cholistan desert”, “Salinity and boron interaction in maize”, “Biochemical profile of milk from oxytocin injected buffaloes”, “Biomonitoring of Lead (PbII) and Cadmium (CdII) pollution emitting from automobiles on Motorway (M-3) and National Highway (N-5), Pakistan” and “Effect of gamma irradiation on physiochemical characteristics and shelf life of mango (Mangifera indica L.)”. Now the number of UAF PhD club has been raised up to 1009.

SITUATION VACANT

Applications are invited for the post of Two Research Associate in HEC funded project entitled “Refinement and transfer of Sericulture technology for Alleviation of Poverty of Rural Community” on consolidated pay PhD Student Research Associate Rs. 20,000/- per month and M.Sc. Student Research Associate Rs. 15,000 pm of Agriculture Entomology being run by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq (T.I.) Ex-Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. The candidates are required to possess B.Sc., M.Sc. and PhD in the field of Agri. Entomology and have enrolled his M.Sc. and PhD studies in the said subject with at least two first divisions (One in MSc. / BSc. (Hons.) and no third division in the academic career. Application forms can be obtained free of cost from the Registrar Office (Personnel Section) of from the University website i.e. www.uaf.edu.pk. Last date for receipt of applications is 13-01-2013 and interview of candidates will be conducted on 16-01-2013 at 11:00 am in the office of the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture.

SITUATION VACANT AT GC, FAISALABAD

Professors, Associate Professors, Lecturers

Applications are invited for the following temporary (likely to become permanent) teaching positions at GC University, Faisalabad, from Pakistani Nationals, with given pay scale plus usual allowances as permissible under the rules of the University. The candidates must meet the qualifications / experience as detailed below:

Professor (BPS-21) Applied Linguistics (01), Applied Psychology (01), Arabic (01), Banking & Finance (01), Bioinformatics & Bio-Technology (01), Botany (01), Chemistry (01), Business Administration (01), Commerce (01), Computer Science (01), Economics (01), Education (01), Environmental Science (01),

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After successful upgrade of our DG Khan campus as Ghazi University and launch of a new campus at TT Singh, another subcampus has been approved for Burewala/Vehari. The UAF is booming, thanks to excellent teamwork and ownership on the part of entire campus community. I completed my four years term as Vice Chancellor in February 2012 and continued as interim Vice Chancellor. The interview for a regular appointment is now scheduled on 1stJanuary 2013. I hope the outcome will be in the best interest of UAF and I look forward to continuing my interaction with you during 2013.
Food Science (01), Geography (01), Home Economics (01), Industrial Management (01), Islamic Studies (01), Law (01), Mass Communication (01), Mathematics (01), Pakistan Studies/History (01), Political Science (01), Public Administration (01), Punjabi (01), Sociology (01), Software Engineering (01), Statistics (01), Telecom Engineering (01), Urdu (01) and Wildlife & Fisheries (01).

Associate Professor (BPS-20) Applied Chemistry (01), Applied Linguistics (01), Applied Psychology (01), Arabic (01), Banking & Finance (01), Bioinformatics & Bio-Technology (01), Botany (01), Chemistry (01), Business Administration (01), Computer Science (01), Education (01), English (01), Fine Arts (01), Food Science (01), Geography (01), Home Economics (01), Industrial Management (01), Islamic Studies (01), Law (01), Mass Communication (01), Mathematics (01), Pakistan Studies/History (01), Physics (01), Political Science (01), Public Administration (01), Punjabi (01), Sociology (01), Software Engineering (01), Statistics (01), Telecom Engineering (01), Urdu (01) and Wildlife & Fisheries (01).

Lecturer (BPS-18) Arabic (03), Banking & Finance (08), Bioinformatics & Bio-Technology (07), Botany (05), Chemistry (03), Business Administration (08), Commerce (13), Computer Science (14), Economics (03), Education (07), English (10), Environmental Sciences (04), Fine Arts (01), Food Science (04), Geography (03), Home Economics (04), Industrial Management (02), Islamic Studies (06), Law (01), Mass Communication (01), Mathematics (04), Microbiology (07), Pakistan Studies/History (06), Physics (05), Physical Education (01), Public Administration (04), Sociology (02), Software Engineering (07), Statistics (02), Textile Design (02) and Urdu (01). Complete applications must reach to the Recruitment Section, Additional Registrar (Acad.), GC University, Faisalabad by mail not later than 20-01-2013.

For eligibility and other information, the aspirants need to visit http://gcuf.edu.pk/professors-associate-professors-lecturers/

POSITIONS UNDER TENURE TRACK SYSTEM AT GCUF

Applications are invited from qualified faculty / professionals who are competent, motivated, innovative, goal oriented & committed to the cause of higher education for making appointments under Tenure Track System for the following disciplines

Professor: Computer Science, Economics and Wildlife & Fisheries (01 post each), Associate Professor: Arabic (01 post), Banking & Finance (01 post), Bio-informatics & Bio-Technology (01 post), Chemistry (02 post), Business Administration (01 post), Computer Science (01 post), English (01 post), Law (01 post), Pakistan Studies/History (01 post), Physics (01 post), Public Administration (01 post), Statistics (01 post), Telecom Engineering (02 posts), and Wildlife & Fisheries (01 post). Assistant Professor: Applied Linguistics (01 post), Applied Psychology (02 posts), Arabic (02 posts), Banking & Finance (03 posts), Computer Science (05 posts), Economics (01 post), English (01 post), Environmental Science (01 post), Geography (01 post), Home Economics (01 post), Industrial Management (01 post), Microbiology (04 posts), Pakistan Studies/History (03 posts), Political Science (02 posts), Punjabi (01 post), Software Engineering (04 posts) and Statistics (02 posts). Complete applications must reach to the Recruitment Section, Registrar Office, GC University Faisalabad by mail not later than 31-01-2013.

For eligibility and other information, the aspirants need to visit http://gcuf.edu.pk/positions-vacant-under-tenure-track-system-2/

WORKSHOPS ON INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL SOFTWARE ‘R’ AND TIME SERIES ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING

Dr. Muhammad Akram from Monash University and Prof. Dr. Ishaq Bhatti from La Trobe University, Australia are visiting UAF during January 2013. They will offer training opportunities for the young faculty and graduate students. The first one-day intensive training workshop on “Introduction to statistical software R” will introduce R for Windows. No prior knowledge of R will be assumed. The 2nd (two-day) intensive training workshop would be held on time series analysis and forecasting. This time series forecasting & analysis workshop concentrates on practical data analysis. Familiarity with basic statistical concepts, such as hypothesis testing and regression would be required. The aspirants of first workshop need to submit rupees 500 and for 2nd workshop they are required to arrange a participating fee of Rs 750 for tea and teaching material etc. The participants will be awarded colored certificates. For information and registration, please contact to Dr. Sultan Ali Adil, Institute of Agricultural and Resource, UAF. Ph: 2811, Cell: 0345-7692292.

HONOR FOR THE UNIVERSITY

It is a matter of great honor for the UAF that Mr. Muhammad Shafiq, Director Sports has been elected unanimously as President, Pakistan Handball Federation in its Elective General council meeting held on 27-12-2012. He is the only person from Universities and from this city who has been elected on such major seat of Sports.
IN HOUSE PROGRAMME
A Spiritual Lecture By: Syed Sarfraz A Shah will be held on 10-01-2013 at Iqbal Auditorium at 11:00 am. All the faculty members and students are requested to attend the lecture.

PLACEMENT OF PhD THESIS FOR PEER REVIEW
PhD thesis of Miss Ambreen Naz, Regd. No. 2003-ag-1556, will be placed w.e.f. 03-01-2013 to 09-01-2013 in the office of Director General, National Institute of Food Science & Technology for one week prior to its submission for foreign evaluation. The faculty and students are invited to pursue the thesis for any suggestions/corrections.

PhD THESIS/SYNOPSIS DEFENCE
1. Mr. Shabir Hussain, Regd. No. 2001-ag-899, a PhD student of the Department of Agronomy will defend his PhD thesis on 15-01-2013 at 02:00 pm in the Video Conference Room, Faculty of Agriculture UAF. The title of his thesis is “Impact of polyamines and nitrogen application on the water economy of hybrid maize (Zea mays L.)”. All interested persons are invited to participate.
2. Synopsis defense of Mr. Kashif Ishaq, Regd. No. 1997-ag-1471, PhD Scholar in Livestock Management has scheduled on 16-01-2013 at 11:20 am in the Faculty Conference Room. The title of his synopsis is “Production performance of Beetal male kids under different feeding management systems”. All students, Faculty members are requested to participate.
3. Mr. Amer Sajjad, Regd. No. 2005-ag-1586, a PhD student, Department of Agronomy, will defend his PhD synopsis on 08-01-2013 at 01:00 pm in the Department of Agronomy, UAF as suggested by the Supervisory Committee. The title of his synopsis is “Innovation for relay planting of wheat in cotton: a breakthrough enhancing productivity and profitability of cotton wheat system in Pakistan”. All interested persons are invited to participate.
4. Mr. Sher Afzal, Regd. No. 2005-ag-1428, a PhD student, Department of Agronomy, will re-defend his PhD synopsis on 08-01-2013 at 01:00 pm in the Department of Agronomy, UAF as suggested by the Supervisory Committee. The title of his synopsis is “Agro-management studies for improving the productivity of spring planted maize and mungbean in different cropping systems”. All interested persons are invited to participate.
5. Mr. Zafar Ullah, Regd. No. 2005-ag-1158, a PhD student in the Institute of Animal Nutrition and Feed Technology will defend his synopsis entitled “Screening of native feed ingredients for digestible amino acids, true metabolizable energy and their effect on broiler performance” at university level on 16-01-2013 at 11:20 am in the Conference/Seminar Room, Faculty of Animal Husbandry. All interested are cordially invited.
6. Miss Ambreen Naz Regd. No. 2003-ag-1556, a PhD student of the National Institute of Food Science & Technology has successfully defended her PhD thesis at university level on 27-12-2012. The title of her thesis is “Extraction and characterization of watermelon lycopene to attenuate lifestyle disorders”.
7. Faiza Nazir, Regd. No. 2005-ag-54, PhD Chemistry student of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry has successfully defended her thesis titled “Screening of selected medicinal plants for anticancer potential” as required under the rules on 26-12-2012.
8. Fariha Nazneen, Reg. No. 92-ag-651 PhD student of biochemistry, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry will defend her PhD thesis entitled “Antiglycation and antioxidant activities of some desert plants” on 05-01-2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Video Conference Room. All interested are invited to attend.