

Department of LIS at a Glance: From PJLIS 2007 onward

It is matter of great pleasure that Dr. Khalid Mahmood joined the Dept. as *Professor* w.e.f. 30th October 2005. The position has been filled first time in the history of the Department.

Research and Publication

Following research articles of different faculty members and students of the Dept. have been published during this period:

Dr. Khalid Mahmood

Mahmood, K. (2008). Library web OPACs in Pakistan: An overview. *Program: Electronic Library and Information Systems*, 42 (2), 137-149.

Mahmood, K., Khan M. A. & Siddique N. (2008). Volunteer endeavors to promote ICT in a developing country: The case of the Pakistan Library Automation Group. *Information Development*, 24 (2), 135-142.

Shafique, F. & Mahmood K. (2008). Indicators of emerging information society in Pakistan. *Information Development*, 24 (1), 66-78.

Mahmood, K. & Khan M. A. (2007). ICT training for LIS professionals in Pakistan: A needs assessment. *Program Electronic Library and Information Systems*, 41 (4), 418-427.

Shafique, F. & Mahmood K. (2007). Librarians' opinions about library software: A survey of libraries in Lahore *The Electronic Library*, 25 (6), 766-777.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen

Ameen, K., & Haider, S. J. (2008). Book selection strategies in university libraries of Pakistan: An analysis. *Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services*. [Available online]

Ameen, K. (2008). Barriers in collection sharing among libraries of Pakistan: University library managers' viewpoint. [Electronic Version]. *LIBRES Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal*, 18, 1-11. <http://libres.curtin.edu.au/libres18n1/index.htm>.

Ameen, K. (2007). Growth and development of library education in Pakistan: An overview. *Indian Library Association Bulletin*, 43 (3), 41-44.

Ameen, K., & Fatima, N. (2007). Role of marketing in the 21st century libraries in Pakistan. *Pakistan Library & Information Science Journal*, 38 (4), 2-14.

Ameen, K. Issues of quality assurance in LIS higher education in Pakistan. Proceedings of 73rd IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) held in August 2007 in Durban, South Africa. Available online <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/papers/114-Ameen-en.pdf>

Ameen, K. (Ed.). (2008). Proceedings of PLA International Conference on "Emerging paradigm in librarianship: A call for innovation" in Lahore, November 28-29, 2007,

MPhil/PhD Students

Ahmad, P. (2008). The National Library of Pakistan: An overview. *IFLA Journal*, 34 (1), 90-98.

Ahmad, P., & Rehman, S. (2007). Library organizations in Punjab province of Pakistan: An appraisal. *Malaysian Journal of Library & Information Science*, 12 (2), 77-88.

Akhtar, M. Z. (2007). University libraries in Pakistan. *Türk Kütüphaneciliği (Turkish Librarianship)*, 21 (3), 372-384.

Idress, H. (2007). User relationship management: Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah Libarry, Islamic Research Institute. *Pakistan Libarry and Information Science Journal*, 38 (3), 25-31.

Naseer, M. M., & Siddique N. (2008). Library and information services in digital perspectives. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 29 (1), 28-36.

Rehman, S., & Ahmad, P. (2007). Challenges and opportunities for libraries in Pakistan. *Pakistan Library and Information Science Journal*, 38 (3), 6-11.

Shafique, F. (2007). Librarianship: How is the future perceived by librarians in Pakistan? *Library Review*, 56 (9), 811-820.

Regular MPhil Leading to PhD Program

Seven students, Pervaiz Ahmad, Muhammad Jawwad, Nadeem Siddique, Mirza Muhammad Naseer, Khalid .Mahmood Sangera, Muhammad Zulqarnain Akhtar, Muhammad Ijaz Meraj from the second batch of MPhil Leading to PhD Program got conversion into PhD Program.

MPhil Program

The Doctoral Program Committee of the Dept. approved the research proposals of the following students for MPhil study (batch II): Azhar Iqbal (Information needs and seeking behavior of medical researchers in Pakistan); Alia Arshad (Users' perceptions and expectations of quality university library services).

MLIS Theses

1. Shahzad, Khurram
Information seeking behavior of faculty members of Govt. College University, Lahore
2. Asjad, Raheela
The status of automation in the institutional libraries of University of the Punjab
3. Ashraf, Kirn
Availability and use of online information sources in medical libraries of Lahore
4. Mushtaq, Sadia
Automation in Quaid-e-Aazam Library: A case study
5. Naz, Zahida
Use and usability of Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) in Punjab University Library: A case study
6. Ali, Muhammad Asif
Management of rare material in university libraries in Lahore
7. Ahmad, Bilal
Physical facilities in public libraries of Lahore
8. Malik, Amara
Effectiveness of library practicum: Perceptions of the LIS graduates of Punjab University, Lahore
9. Fatima, Rubab
Punjab Public Library Kay darja bandi nizam ka tanqeedi jaeza
10. Munir, Saima
Quaid-e-Aazam Library ka darja bandi nizam: Aik jaeza

11. Farooq, Fatima
Lahore kay khasusi kutab khanoo ki khidmaat: Aik jaeza

Papers/Presentations

Dr. Khalid Mahmood presented paper in the workshop on “360 of Research” organized by the Institute of Research Promotion, Lahore, Nov. 29-Dec.1, 2007.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen presented paper on “Issues of Quality Assurance in LIS Higher Education in Pakistan” in the 73rd IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) held in August 2007 in Durban, South Africa.

Guest Lectures

1. Dr. Sajjad ur Rehman, Professor, University of Kuwait delivered a lecture to MLIS students on "Future trends in librarianship."
2. Dr. Shaheen Majeed, Associate Professor, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore addressed on “Library and information science education in Singapore.”
3. Dr. Jagtar Singh, Professor, Dept of Library and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala, India and Dean, Faculty of Education and Information Science delivered a lecture on “Library and information science education in India.”
4. Prof. Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider, Ex-Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Karachi talked on "Library and society" and answered different questions of students in the light of his vast teaching experience.

Continuing Professional Development

The Department organized a one day workshop on "How to build a digital library with Greenstone software" for students of MPhil Leading to PhD Program (2005 and 2006 sessions) on Dec. 10,

2007. The resource person was Mr. Muhammad Rafiq (Ph.D. Scholar)

Implementation of the Revised MLIS, M. Phil and PhD Curriculum

After completing all formalities the Department implemented the revised curriculum of MLIS, M.Phil and PhD from 2007 session.

Introduction of Library Science as an Elective Subject at Bachelor Level

On the recommendation of Board of Studies the Academic Council approved the introduction of Library Science as an elective subject in B.A. course.

Institution of Prof. Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider Gold Medal

The Academic Council of University of the Punjab approved the institution of "Prof. Dr. Syed Jalaluddin Haider Gold Medal" in the Department of Library and Information Science for the 1st position holder in Master Program.

Professional Contribution Outside the DLIS

PLA Golden Jubilee International Conference

Students of Master, MPhil. and PhD. along with faculty members of the Dept actively participated in PLA Golden Jubilee International Conference on the "Emerging paradigm in librarianship: A call for innovation" organized by the PLA Punjab Branch in Lahore, Nov 27-28, 2007.

Dr. Kanwal Ameen was the Chair, Program Advisory Committee and worked very hard to make it a first ever international conference. She very successfully conducted the conference program. Ms. Nosheen Fatima also assisted her as Associate Secretary of the Committee.

Shafiq ur Rehman, Nosheen Fatima, Muhammad Rafiq, and Pervaiz Ahmad (PhD students) presented papers which were very well attended and appreciated. Moreover, Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Mr. Afzal Haq Qarshi and Miss Umera Shah worked in different committees of the conference and conducted sessions.

Scholarships/Grants

1. Dr. Kanwal Ameen was awarded HEC Travel Grant to participate in 73rd IFLA Conference in South Africa in 2007.
2. Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman, Muhammad Ijaz Miraj and Haroon Idress, students of MPhil leading to PhD program, got HEC Overseas Scholarship for PhD studies in France and Germany respectively.

We wish them all the best and success in future.

Developing Infrastructure

The DLISPU received a grant of one million rupees from the HEC under the project "Up-gradation of Laboratory and Library" for the purchase of five P-4 computers, a Laser Printer, a Photostat Machine, a Multimedia Projector (1), a scanner and some Reference Books.

Post of Professor

The University of the Punjab has created another post of Professor (BPS-21) in the Department of LIS in the financial budget of 2007-2008.