Learning Resource Center organizes Two-day HEC workshop Preparing Paper for Academic Publishing

Learning Resource Center (LRC) organized a two-day HEC workshop on Preparing Paper for Academic Publishing at University of Management and Technology, Lahore. The objective of the workshop was to broaden and polish knowledge, skills and capabilities of the researchers, particularly in the areas of Open Access and Preparing Papers for Academic Publishing, development and planning in the long run.

Muhammad Rafiq Awan, Chief Library Officer, welcomed all participants. He underlined the key issues being faced by the researchers and illustrated the case of research in Pakistan. Dr A R Kausar, professor of knowledge management and Director, Institute of Applied Sciences, inaugurated the workshop and shared his deep insight and in-depth analysis on the subject matter.

Ms Caroline Kerbyson of Cambridge University Press was the resource person of the workshop. She purposefully updated the audiences with current and emerging trends in academic publishing. She laid emphasis on the steps involved in the journal publishing cycle. She also presented an ideal opportunity for taking up and looking forward to new tasks around the wide-ranging content and concepts that preside over the subject matter:
HEC workshop Preparing Paper for Academic Publishing

- Introduction to scholarly publishing with reference to Cambridge journals
- How to get articles published in research journals
- Open access publishing
- How to review a manuscript
- How to get your scholarly work the attention it deserves

The workshop was aimed at learning communities who are making significant contributions in research work but the relative importance of their knowledge of the publishing process was still basic and based on supposition. It was purposely intended for career researchers and faculty, though it was also of great value and advantage to librarians and students of higher education.

The interest of the participants came from wide cross-section of the academic community. As many as 200 participants attended the workshop from various educational institutions across Pakistan.

The workshop came ended February 27 with vote of thanks and souvenirs presentation by Dr Munawar A Aness, Dean, School of Advanced Studies. Dr. Kahlid Rashid, Associate Professor, School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Ms Bushra Almas Jaswal, Chief Librarian at Forman Christian College, also spoke on the occasion.

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Learning Resources Center (LRC) organized a one-day seminar on "Writing Effective Research Proposals" for UMT community on Thursday, Jan 09, 2014 at Board Room, UMT.

The seminar specified the principles of effective research proposals and approaches to yield the anticipated results. It was aimed at extending help to the research enthusiasts to make them aware of the key component involved in writing effective research proposals in unambiguous, structured and purposeful way. Prof. Dr. Mamta Anwar (Ph.D, 1973; Pittsburgh, USA), resource person of the seminar, shed light on research objectives and how hypothesis could be articulated. He also shared the conceptual framework to incorporate existing practices and techniques in developing new approaches. The purpose of the seminar was to inculcate understanding of how the research proposal can reflect potential competence of individuals and add worth to the undertaken project:

- Identifying research problem from potential sources
- Establishing background of the research problem
- Formulating a focused research plan that incorporates well-formulated problem statement, specific research objective, questions, hypothesis and rationales
- Deciding about potential data sources and cost for the research activities
- Using existing resources at University of Management and Technology in research proposal development

The seminar offered an integrated overview on importance of research hypotheses quantitative and qualitative data analysis. It was equally beneficial to experienced and early career researchers alike. It is worth mentioning that the UMT Community actively participated in the discussion and appreciated the efforts of LRC for organizing such an interactive session.

Resource person:

Mumtaz Ali Anwar, Ph.D. (1973, Pittsburgh–USA), is currently an honorary professor at University of the Punjab, Lahore. He has published about a dozen books and 100+ research papers in reputable international journals. Also, he has more than 40 years of working and teaching experience at various renowned higher education institutions around the globe. His areas of academic and research interests include: research methodology; information behavior; library anxiety; continuing professional development; information resources; bibliometrics; and space planning.

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Learning Resource Center (LRC) at UMT organized four-day workshop on "Applying Statistics Using SPSS" on February 17 - 20, 2014 at University of Management and Technology, Lahore.

The key feature of the workshop was to make the participants understand how the SPSS program function and to apply statistical methods using SPSS with a conceptual emphasis on combining statistical practices.

The workshop was hands-on, exercise-based with examples and step-by-step representation of systematic method in SPSS to develop primary data management, data analysis, and interpretation of results. Researchers and practitioners were equally advantageous from the workshop. The resource person offered series of discussion and examined different dimensions on research problems in data organization while analyzing and testing the data output with reference to statistics and quantitative research.

The participants appreciated LRC for organizing the workshop which helped them to be familiar with current and up-to-date new and most exciting writing tools available. The workshop came to an end with souvenir presentation and certificate distribution by Dr. Abul Hameed, Dean School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSS&H).

**What the participants said about course**

- The workshop opened a window of opportunity for me in a sense that SPSS has vast application in my research work and resource person tailored it to my needs-Muhammad Rafiq Awan
- Really thankful to both LRC and resource person for making my job easy in running descriptive statistics for my research work- Ms. Fatima Sajjad
- An outstanding course, it has got my knowledge updated for better data organization, exploration and management- Dr. Iffikhar Ahmad
- Playing with data has become much easier and than I ever conceived- Ms. Mubashra
- I have comprehended more on applying statistics in four days than many cumbersome years of making effort to learn application of data in research work and the credits goes to LRC and resource person- Dr. Khalid Rashid.

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Learning Resources Center (LRC) organized a one day workshop on "Writing Documents Using LaTex" on January 20, 2014 (Monday) at UMT. Dr. Muhammad Sarwar Ehsan (Associate Professor, University of Lahore) was the facilitator for this workshop. He described the architect and functionality of the LaTex which deals with compilation of information. He explored some promising approaches focusing on key factors influencing the writing of documents by using LaTex.

He oriented different document preparation systems to the participants. The workshop provided participants with the means for measuring the performance of different writing software, their selection, and implementation with regards to LaTex.

The participants appreciated LRC for organizing the workshop which helped them to be familiar with current and up-to-date new and most exciting writing tools available. The resource person also held meeting with Rector UMT Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad.

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Muhammad Asif Naveed, (PhD Scholar, University of the Punjab) is currently working at University of Management and Technology, Lahore. Also served at Lahore University of Management Sciences, Qarshi Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. and Ez-Prrogmmer (school of IT). Gold medalist in MLIS and also sustained 1st position in M. Phil as well. He has so far published 3 journal articles, and a book. Also, he has several research projects in hand. His areas of research interest includes: research methodology; human-information interaction; human-computer interaction; Information behavior; information seeking anxiety; bibliometrics; and space planning.

LRC organized one day workshop on “Information Seeking Skills” on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Board Room, UMT. In this workshop, Mr. Muhammad Asif Naveed addressed practical and conceptual aspects of the Information seeking process. The objectives of this workshop were to:

- Determine the nature and extent of information you need
- Identify where and how to search
- Develop a search strategy
- Learn how to use different online searching techniques
- Evaluate information you need
- Hands on how to use online databases
- Build library using EndNote

The participants spoke very highly of the resource person for helping them to be familiar with the information component needed to meet their research and teaching needs. At the end, Dr. Kahlid Rashid, Associate Professor, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, presented souvenir to Mr. Muhammad Asif Naveed.