



BIPS NEWS



A Quarterly Newsletter of Baqai Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Quote of the Quarter: "If You Are Planning For A Year, Sow Rice; If You Are Planning For A Decade, Plant Trees; If You Are Planning For A Lifetime, Educate People" — Chinese Proverb

Orientation of Newly Admitted Students (Batch 27)

To welcome and greet the newly admitted students of Batch 27 of Pharm.D., BIPS organized the orientation day ceremony on February 11, 2022, at Saeeda Auditorium. The students were invited along with their parents to attend the ceremony. The purpose of the orientation was to provide a brief background of the field and the institute. Director BIPS, Prof. Dr. M. A. Sheraz, highlighted the institute's vision and informed the audience about a brief history of BMU and BIPS. He strongly encouraged the upcoming pharmacists for their future professional roles. He introduced the faculty members to the freshers. Later, Dr. Muhammad Ahsan Ejaz explained the semester system and its rules and regulations to the students.



Announcement of Terminal Examination Results – 2022

BIPS would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding efforts in their final exams.

Editorial Team

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Batch	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
22	Ms. Maryam Inayat	Ms. Madiha Jawed	Ms. Aqsa Khan
23	Ms. Werda Zeb	Ms. Haiqa Arif	Ms. Konain Imran
24	Ms. Rabia Zahra	Ms. Sunaina Kashif	Ms. Hira Khalid
25	Ms. Ayesha Aleem	Ms. Irtiq Khan	Ms. Zunaira Ahmed Qazi
26	Ms. Hiba Hassan	Ms. Javeria Hijazi	Ms. Ayesha Ali

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Final Year Students Visited Patel Hospital

The final year students (Batch 23) visited Patel Hospital on March 21, 2022, to get an insight into the professional environment in hospital pharmacy. A lecture was delivered alongside the visit of the hospital, pharmacy, and compounding facility. The visit was concluded with a compelling question answering session and refreshment for the faculty and students. BIPS is highly grateful to the officials of Patel Hospital for their kind cooperation in arranging the visit for the students.



Doctorate Degrees Awarded to BIPS IANS



Dr. Kaneez Fatima (Batch 12 alumna), currently working as a Lecturer at Jinnah Sindh Medical University, successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis titled 'Isolation, Elucidation, and Phytopharmacological Studies on Flower of *Antonia scholaria*, Linn R.Br. (Apocynaceae)' under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Shaukat Khalid on March 16, 2022.



Dr. Zuneera Akram (Batch 14 alumna), currently working as a Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology, BIPS, has successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis titled 'In-vitro Antiplatelet Activity of Novel Thiazole Derivatives of 2,6-Diarylpiperidin-4-one on Human Blood' under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Rehana Parveen on March 22, 2022. Dr. Zuneera is the first Ph.D. student of Prof. Dr. Rehana Parveen.

New Appointments in the Faculty

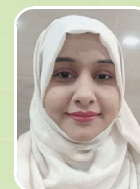
Dr. Safoora Tariq(1) and Dr. Maryam Inayat(2) have been appointed as Teaching Assistants in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Erum Shehzadi(3) has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry.



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Faculty Training

1. Dr. Rana Asif Hussain, Dr. Zuneera Akram, Dr. Muzammil Hussain, Dr. M. Ahsan Ejaz, Dr. Maryam Inayat, and Mr. Khalid Mehmood attended a workshop on 'Implementing and Auditing ISO 9001:2015' on March 4, 2022. The workshop was arranged by the Pakistan Society for Quality Management (PSQM) in collaboration with Metanoia.
2. Ms. Aisha Noreen, Dr. Zuneera Akram, Dr. Muzammil Hussain, Dr. M. Ahsan Ejaz, and Dr. Maryam Inayat attended a series of workshops on 'Bioinformatics' arranged by the Baqai Institute of Information Technology (BIIT) from February 21 to 23, 2022.
3. Ms. Aisha Noreen and Dr. Zuneera Akram attended a two-day online workshop on 'Promoting Research Excellence in Academics Across Pakistan' from February 1 to 2, 2022, arranged by the Higher Education Commission.



Trip to Botanical Garden

The Department of Pharmacognosy arranged a trip to a Botanical Garden at the University of Karachi for 2nd year Pharm.D. students on March 24, 2022. The trip was organized as a part of their curricular activities to provide exposure to the students to plants with therapeutic and toxicological activities.



MoU Signed Between BIPS and EHAD

An MOU was signed between BIPS and Ehad Healthcare on February 10, 2022, which will provide students with six weeks of internship opportunities in a professional community pharmacy setup. In return, this will help the students learn the technical and pharmaceutical aspects of Community Pharmacy.



Counselling Session by Dr. Hina Fahad

Dr. Hina Fahad (Batch 4 alumna), currently working as Senior Territory Manager for Vascular Access and Cardiac Assist in Teleflex Medical, Australia, conducted a counseling session on "Job Hunting in Sales & Marketing: The Overseas Interview Process." The session was conducted for the students of the fourth and final years on March 24, 2022. Dr. Hina provided key information regarding job hunting in Australia, CV preparation, and interview tips to the students.

Counselling Session by Dr. Faiza Hamza

Dr. Faiza Hamza (Batch 10 alumna), currently working as Headmistress in City School, conducted a motivational counseling session entitled "The Marvel in You" for the fourth and final year students on March 25, 2022. The session was motivating and provided information to the students, particularly females, about other available career opportunities.



Sindh HEC Awarded a Merit Scholarship

Another proud moment for BIPS as Sindh Higher Education Commission has awarded a merit scholarship of Rs. 140,000 to one of its MPhil. students, Dr. Sumaira Naz, in the Department of Pharmacology. The institute shortlisted the student based on her excellent performance in the coursework.

Faculty Member Participated in a Research Conference



Dr. Maryam Inayat (Teaching Assistant, BIPS) represented BIPS at the 2nd International Conference on Biological Research, and Applied Sciences (IBRAS 2022) held from January 11–13, 2022. The conference was organized by Jinnah University for Women. She participated in the category of Herbal Medicine Recent Advances. She presented her research on 'Pharmacological actions of *Vaccinium corymbosu*, an edible fruit, and its effectiveness as an anti-hypertensive agent.

Employees of the Month

Based on their outstanding performance, the following employees have been declared as the Star Performers of the respective months:

JANUARY 2022



Mr. Affan Ahmed
Lab Assistant



Mr. Imam Bux
(GDS)

FEBRUARY 2022



Mr. M. Azharuddin
Computer Operator

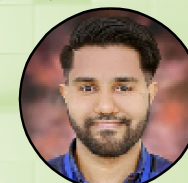


Mr. Zahid Hussain
Lab Assistant

MARCH 2022



Mr. Zahid Hussain
Lab Assistant



Mr. Wazahat Hussain
Lab Assistant

Organic Food Gala

An organic food gala by the students of second year Pharm. D. (Batch 26) under the supervision of the Department of Pharmacognosy was arranged on March 31, 2022. All the preparations were done under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Shaukat Khalid, Dr. Rana Asif, and Dr. Mobeen Islam. The Gala aimed to provide information about organic food and its importance. The Gala also included stalls on other items, including food, games, and health, to provide a fun-filled and joyful event. The event was open to all students, faculty, and staff members of BMU. Distinguished guests from other universities also participated in the event and appreciated the students' efforts. The event also provided an opportunity for entrepreneurs to come forward and portray their business setups.



Postgraduate Admissions – 2022

The postgraduate university admission test (UAT) for the session 2022 was conducted on January 29, 2022, and the interviews were conducted on February 15, 2022. Around 350 students applied for admissions in various disciplines at BMU. Based on the merit list as announced by the BASR of BMU, the following candidates have been declared successful for admission in the M. Phil. and Ph. D. programs in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences:

S.#	Name	Specialty
1.	Muhammad Shoaib	Ph.D. Pharmacology
2.	Maryam Inayat	M.Phil. Pharmacology
3.	Falah Saleem	M.Phil. Pharmacology
4.	Ramsha Farooq	M.Phil. Pharmacology
5.	Seher Siddique	M.Phil. Pharmacognosy
6.	Heena Abdul Majeed	M.Phil. Pharmacognosy
7.	Urooj Anis	M.Phil. Pharmaceutics
8.	Erum Rasool	M.Phil. Pharmaceutics

Publications

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