

Newsletter

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AWARDS & HONORS

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, dean, Faculty of Information and Media Studies, was appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor and acting Vice-Chancellor at the University of the Punjab, Lahore on 5th April 2023. It was a matter of honor for the LIS faculty, students, and professional community. He is the author of 252 research papers published in national and international journals of repute. He has contributed seven books. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood is an ambitious, energetic and renowned personality of library and information science (LIS) in Pakistan. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood and Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen declared among top 2% researchers world-wide according to a Stanford study.

Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, director, Institute of Information Management was honored with the prestigious 2023 James M. Cretsos Leadership Award from the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) on 20th June 2023. She is serving (ASIS&T) from several years. She is a self-motivated, passionate, and a committed professional in the discipline of information management. She was the co-chair of ASIS&T SIG education 2017-18 and also elected officer of ASIS&T SIG Social Media twice in 2018-19 and she is currently serving as elected Chair of SIG-III.

Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman was selected as Professor at IIM on May 3, 2023. He assumed the role of "Host Director" at the Confucius Institute on 25th July 2023. His exceptional contributions were recognized on December 21, 2023, with the "Pak China Friendship Award," honoring his efforts in fostering collaboration.



Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood



Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen



Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich



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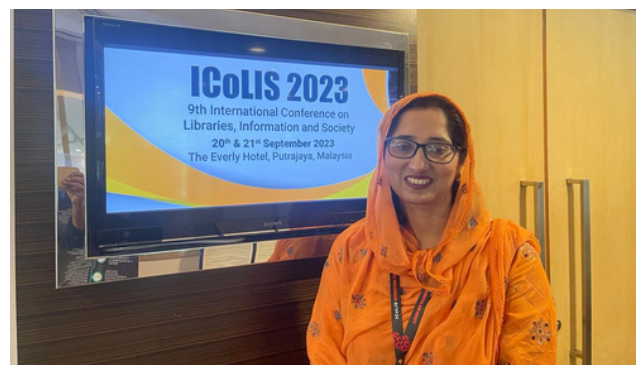
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IIM Faculty with acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood

IIM was an Official Partner of ICoLIS 2023

IIM and department of Library and Information Science, University of Malaya jointly organized the 9th International Conference on Libraries, Information Society 2023 (ICoLIS 2023) on 20th and 21st September 2023 at Putrajaya.



Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warrach Chaired session and present paper in ICoLIS, she also conducted post ICoLIS workshop on the topic toward equitable access for all: UNESCO recommendation on open science.



IIM takes immense pride in congratulating Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warrach, Director IIM, for being chosen to participate in "Empowering Women Leaders in Higher Education Pakistan" program in October 2023, conducted by Michigan State University (MSU) US, with the generous support of the US Department of State and the US Embassy Pakistan. Her selection for this esteemed program is a testament to her dedication, expertise, and commitment to higher education.



Research Corner

M.Phil Degrees Awarded

The following students were awarded with M.Phil Degrees.

Name of Scholar	Thesis (Title)
Sadia Rashid	Influence of Social Media on Diabetic Patients' Preventive Behaviors: the Mediating Role of Health Belief Model.
Sadam	Usability Evaluation of Pakistan Judiciary Websites Using Heuristic Technique and Automated Tool.
Romaisa Sabir	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Public Libraries of Punjab.
Waqas Ahmad	Assessing the Use of Punjab Code for Legal Information among Legal Fraternity of Punjab: TAM Model Approach.

Ph.D. Degrees Awarded

The following students were awarded with Ph.D. Degrees.

Name of Scholar	Thesis (Title)
Sumaira Hussain	Readiness of Public Libraries in Combating Information Poverty in the Province of Punjab.
Rafiq Ahmad	Prospects of Digital Preservation in University Libraries of Pakistan: Current Practices, Readiness, Barriers, Skills and Strategies.
Muhammad Asif	Research Collaboration of Computer Scientists: A Scientometric and Descriptive Study.
Zaheer Ahmad	Exploring Antecedents of Information Sharing Intention and Behavior on Social Media within the Context of Social Capital.

Students Enrolled in 2023

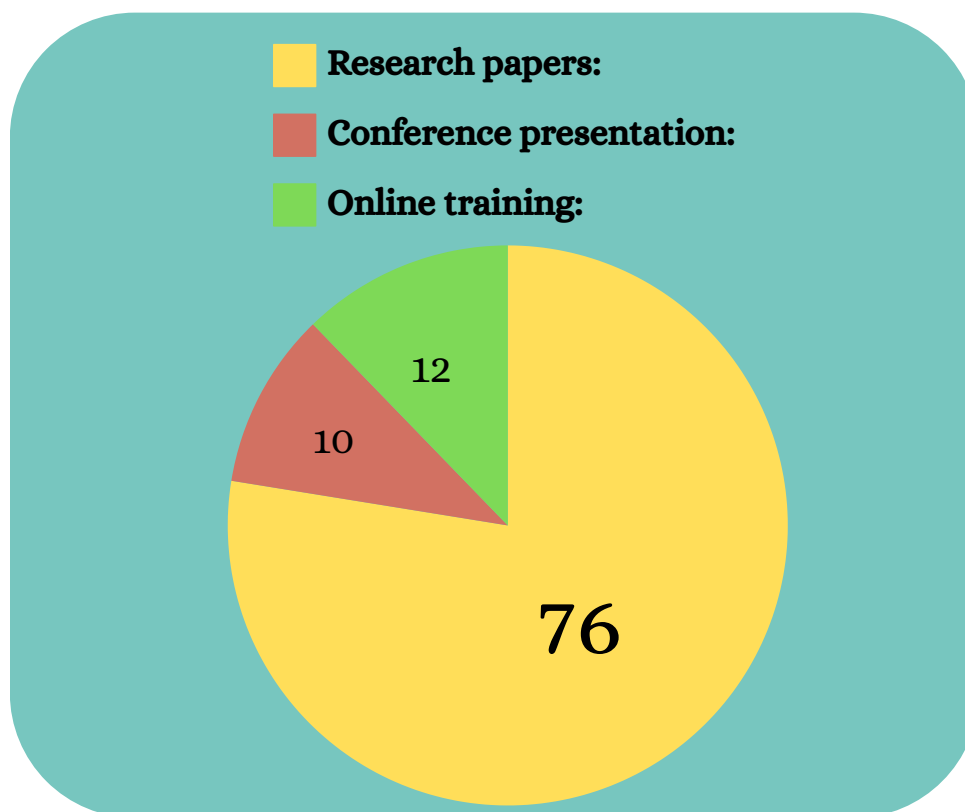
The following students were enrolled in MPhil.

Sana Mirza	Sadaf Iftakhar	Sumbal Ghulam
Iqra Tahir	Andaleeb Asim	Fakhra Khan
Kainat	Rida Shah	Rubab Afzal
Najma Yaqoob	Zahid Hussain	Amna Sadiq
	Muhammad Ali Ashraf	Ummara Ashraf

IIM Faculty and Scholar's Research Output

IIM Faculty's Research & Publications

IIM faculty have produced 76 articles in national and international journals during the year 2023 and more than 50% of these articles are published in impact factor journals.



- Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, director, IIM, Received a travel grant from PHEC (Punjab Higher Education Commission to attend ICOLIS 2023 in Malaysia.
- Dr. Syeda Hina Batool, Assistant Professor of IIM, Won Institute for Information Literacy at Purdue Research Grant \$4000 to conduct research on Preventing Information Anarchy in Health Sciences by Promoting Critical Information Literacy Education: A proposed framework.
- Dr. M. Rafiq's article received award of "Best Research Paper Award" from Emerald Publishing.

Iqbal, M., Rafiq, M. and Soroya, S.H. (2022), "Examining predictors of digital library use: an application of the information system success model", *The Electronic Library*, 40, (4), pp. 359-375. <https://doi.org/10.1108/EL-01-2022-0008>

Academic Activities

New students Welcome

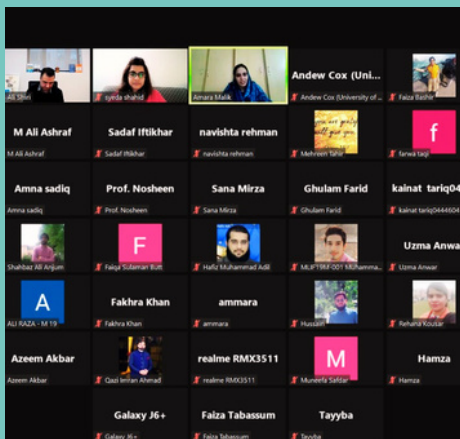
On September 21, 2023, IIM welcomed new students of BS 1st and BS 5th Semesters (Morning & Afternoon). Two tailored orientation sessions, led by BS Coordinator Dr. Alia Arshad, were organized to make the newly admitted students acquainted institute history and the academic landscape. Dr. Amara Malik, provided insightful guidance on the labyrinth of examinations and semester rules. Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman and Dr. Muhammad Rafiq, shared their wisdom, weaving an informative narrative that echoed with inspiration for the new entrants.



ONLINE WEBINAR ON “AI AND LIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS”

On October 25, 2023, the South Asia Chapter of ASIS&T and IIM, co-hosted a webinar titled "AI and LIS Educational Programs: Challenges and Future Prospects." Guest speakers, Andrew Cox and Ali Shiri highlighted the importance of integrating AI literacy and ethical considerations into LIS curricula. A number of LIS researchers, professionals, students and faculty members attended the event.

Dr. Amara Malik organized and moderated the session. Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima thanked the esteemed guest speakers and participants.



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International Conference



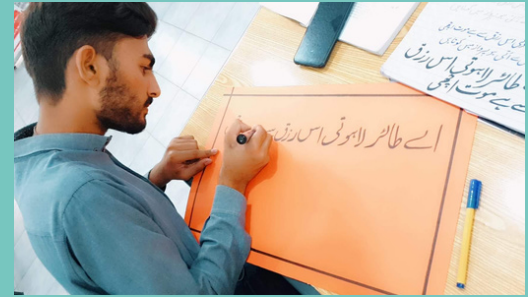
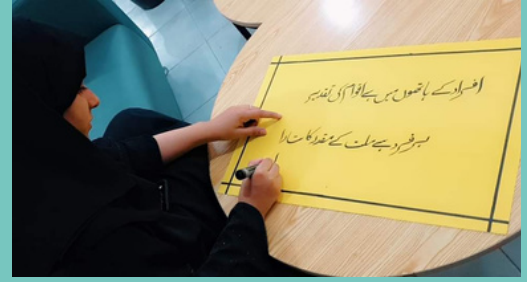
IIM hosted the 2nd student-led conference on "Emerging Issues in Library & Information Management" (EILIM) on November 15, 2023. Organized by the PhD class (2020-2025) under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich and Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, the one-day event provided a dynamic platform for students to showcase innovative research through captivating oral and poster presentations. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Patron-in-Chief and the Vice Chancellor of the University of the Punjab, Lahore, highlighted the importance of such student-led initiatives in shaping the future of LIS field as an academic discipline and profession. Distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Amy VanScoy, Associate Professor at the University at Buffalo, USA, shared insights from her research on reference information services. Prof. Dr. Abdul Hameed, the University of Management & Technology. Dr. Hameed's talk delved into the new research areas of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) in the field of LIS. Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, Director of IIM, expressed pride in the students' accomplishments.



IQBAL DAY



On November 9th, 2023, IIM hosted a writing contest where students showcased their fancy hand writing skills. They penned down Allama Iqbal's favorite poetry, turning simple words into a beautiful artwork of lines and loops, making it a fun celebration of creativity!



Seerat un Nabi Conference

IIM conducted the students' Seerat un Nabi Conference on October 24, 2023. Dr. Prof. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, served as the conference chair. The conference provided a platform for students to delve into the profound aspects of Seerat un Nabi under, embodying a harmonious blend of academic rigor and spiritual reflection. Throughout the conference, participants engaged in lively discussions, shedding light on the timeless teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Recreational Activities



Tour to Mabali Island

On February 18th, 2023, IIM took students on a fun trip to Mabali Island. It was like stepping into a tropical dream, full of beautiful sights and chill vibes that made the day awesome!

Murree Tour



On October 28th, 2023, IIM treated everyone to an exhilarating one-day tour to Murree. The journey was a perfect blend of scenic beauty and camaraderie, creating lasting memories against the picturesque backdrop of the charming hill station. Students enjoyed the beautiful sights and had a great time together. It's moments like these that make life memorable and special.



Sports Week

IIM hosted a super fun Sports Gala Week from February 20th to 24th. The excitement peaked on Culture Day, February 24th, where sports and cultural vibes came together, making the whole week a blast!



Annual Lunch



IIM hosted the annual lunch on 10th January 2023, which was honored by the esteemed presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood. A vibrant gathering that epitomized the spirit of student collaboration and intellectual exploration. Students laughed and enjoyed each other's company while they ate good food and talked about their studies. This lunch showed how IIM brings people together to learn and be creative.



Study Tour

Reflecting on a memorable experience, students from IIM journeyed to the Punjab Archives on May 3rd, 2023. Under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, the visit illuminated insights into history and archival management, leaving lasting impressions. The students delved into the depths of archival preservation, witnessing firsthand the meticulous processes involved in safeguarding historical documents. Engaging with the archivists, they learned about the challenges faced in digitizing and cataloging vast collections for accessibility and preservation.



Faiza Bashir

IIM's proud student, Faiza Bashir won HEC IRSIP research fellowship for six-months at The University of Toronto, Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, Canada for the year 2023. She is currently doing her research work under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich and Dr. Amara Malik.



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