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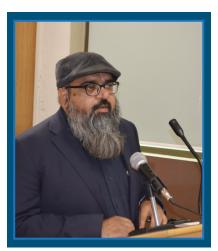
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Dean ORIC Message



Capital University of Science & Technology (CUST) Islamabad is a progressive academic institution determined to produce competent professionals, who could be instrumental in the development of a prosperous society. The core objective of ORIC at CUST is to provide strategic and operational support to the university research activities, strengthen academia-industry linkages and promote entrepreneurship, technology transfer and commercialization activities. ORIC has responsibility of guaranteeing that all the research programs and policies reflect the

core values of academic freedom, professional integrity, ethical conduct and full compliance with all policies, legal requirements and operational standards of the university. We believe in continual skill development of our students to satisfactorily equip them with modern tools and technical skills set vital for the industry. A number of joint ventures are being done with industry through mutual collaborations. To showcase our recent progress report, the ORIC Newsletter Fall–2020 is in your hands. This Newsletter entails the contribution of ORIC towards its explicated domains i.e. Research Operations, Technology Incubation & Innovation and Industrial Liaison. It is comforting to see that ORIC is playing its leading role in facilitating university's research outcomes, Technology Transfer and Commercialization activities. The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization has done great work in compiling this Newsletter of great value and is committed to unfold its prolific endeavor to the next level.

Prof. Dr. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti





CUST ORIC Drive under the Guidelines of HEC

As technologies have grown more sophisticated and emerging industries have become more high-tech, universities have become more important players in the processes of invention, innovation, and commercialization. To make research a top priority for a sustainable future knowledge economy and link research and commercialization from the University with emerging and existing firms across Pakistan, Higher Education Commission (HEC) has initiated to establish Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) across universities. HEC has assigned ORIC to facilitate university research operations, develop mechanisms for research commercialization and work diligently for innovation and entrepreneurship. In accordance with HEC recommendations regarding essential wings, ORIC at CUST performs under three major domains namely Research Operations, Technology Incubation and Innovation and Industrial Liaison.

HEC has made ORICs responsible for research fund raising and provision of information to faculty about various available research grants. ORIC at CUST is setting pace to match up the challenges in the field of Research through promoting and enhancing crosscutting and multi-disciplinary research initiatives, diversifying external research funding and improving translation of research into the public benefit. ORIC plays its prospective role to reward faculty and researchers through Research Honorarium and assisting them to acquire research grants from various funding agencies. Capacity building is the topmost precedence of HEC. ORIC guarantee that technical workshops, seminars and business plan competitions are conducted on continual basis

so that students remain well equipped with modern tools and skills vital for the industry and corporate world.

Higher Education Commission expects ORIC Management in each university to work on research commercialization and help startups to incubate, create new jobs, products and services. ORIC at CUST has worked on establishment of CUST Incubation Lab and facilitation of Startups to inculcate the culture of commercialization and entrepreneurship. "Tech Flickers", "Al-Funoon", "Cafe-97", "Amazon Virtual Assistant Based Trading", "Tissue Culture Lab" and "Flex Tracker" are recent examples of some of the students Startups facilitated and funded by ORIC. We have awarded an amount worth 330,000 PKR to 11 projects over a period of 2 years that have sound marketing potential and commercialization aptitude. ORIC at CUST has maintained a comprehensive Research Database regarding Publications, R&D Projects, Donors/Funding Agencies and Industrial links in concurrence with HEC requirements.

HEC has mandated ORIC to create effective outreach with industry and commercial sector. In pursuit of academia industry linkage MOUs and mutual agreements are signed with various national/international organizations. A number of ventures are done with industry through mutual collaborations and joint projects. Industrial visits are being organized on continual basis. HEC ORIC Evaluation Matrix has due share for University's Research/Innovation/Commercialization Policies. Keeping in view its significance ORIC has developed University's Research, Training and Incubation Policies. ORIC at CUST is playing its potential role in facilitating university's research culture, promoting entrepreneurship, technology-transfer and commercialization, and strengthening university-industry relationships in accordance with HEC guiding principles.

Indigenous Development of Drone Detection Radar-A Research Proposal Submitted to Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Drone technology has emerged as one of the biggest threats in ever-changing world of modern warfare, because they are readily available in the market and are more capable in carrying dangerous weapons on the board. The internationally available radar systems are expensive, our project proposes a cheaper and efficient Drone Detection Radar System which has a potential to penetrate in national and international markets. By indigenous manufacturing, a cheap and reliable Drone Detection Radar System can be manufactured and commercialized in local defense Industry and also in International market. The proposed project provides an indigenous, low cost, economical and field worthy product of a Drone Detection Radar System avoiding the risk of cyber-security and jamming, and solving the critical problem of mitigating drones' intruders on government/corporate sites of critical nature. The research proposal is submitted to Ministry of

Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in collaboration with Prof. Munawar Khalid, King Abdul Aziz University Saudi Arabia.





Internationally Won Research Grants and Collaborations by CUST Faculty

The faculty of Capital University of Science & Technology have recently won three International Projects/Research Grants of

481.404 Million PKR from European Commission. Prof Amir Qayum, Dean External Linkages and International Collaboration (ELIC), accomplished two projects worth 169.92 Million PKR and 184.25 Million PKR respectively. Prof. Nayyer Masood, HoD Computer Science is part of a project worth 127.23 Million PKR.

Sr. #	Project Title	Project Director/ Principal Investigator	International Collaborators	Approved Funding (PKR)
1	Strategic Support for Accreditation of Programs and Internationalization at South Asian Higher Education Institutes (HEIS) / SSAPI	Prof. Amir Qayyum	Portugal Germany Sri Lanka Maldives Bhutan	169.92 Million
2	Capacity Building for Digital Health Monitoring and Care Systems in Asia – DigiHealth–Asia	Prof. Amir Qayyum	United Kingdom France Thailand Mongolia	184.25 Million
3	Sensing Artificial Intelligence, and Edge Networking towards Rural Health Monitoring (SAFF-RH)	Prof. Nayyer Masood	France Scotland	127.23 Million



Industrial Collaboration with Public Sector Strategic Organization

To extend research and development activities, Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST) and a Public Sector Strategic Organization joined hands together. An MoU was signed to foster a collaborative framework with a view to benefit from each other's initiatives and working procedures, and to support collaboration among the researchers associated with both the organizations. Dean Research & Innovation and Director HRD on 9th February 2021 officially signed the collaborative agreement for respective organizations.

ORIC Research Committee Meetings

The 13th ORIC Research Committee Meeting was held on October 06, 2020 and was chaired by Dean Research & Innovation, Prof. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti. The meeting started with the presentation of ORIC Activities Calendar Fall–2020 by Dean Research & Innovation before Research Committee members. He briefly explained the events and tasks intended by ORIC in current semester. He updated members about Research Proposals Status, Faculty Research Report Spring–2020 and newly launched Startups "Tech Flickers" and "Flex Tracker" and CUST Incubation Center (CIC). The 14th ORIC Research Committee Meeting was held on December 01, 2020 and was chaired by Dean Research & Innovation, Prof. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti. The meeting mainly discussed the effective outreach of local industry especially pharmaceutical industry and the strategies to bring them on table for academia/industry linkages and commercialization.







Optimization and Establishment of In Vitro Cultures of Potato, Banana and Ornamental Plants for Commercialization: A Project of ORIC in Collaboration with Biosciences Department, CUST

The project is a joint Initiative of ORIC and Department of Biosciences, CUST. Plant Tissue Culture is one of the most rapidly growing areas of biotechnology because of its high potential to develop improved crops and ornamental plants. With the advances made in the tissue culture technology, it is now possible to regenerate species of any plant in the laboratory. Plant tissue cultures is associated with a wide range of applications, the most important being the production of pharmaceutical, medicinal and other industrially important compounds. The project involves wide range of research including study of new varieties of plants and seeds. Outcomes of the project will be documented in research journals and filing of National and

International patents. The knowledge gained in the process will help to produce projects at MS and PhD level. Commercially the project will help to establish a tissue culture supply chain of ornamental, banana, potatoes plants to various nurseries and vendors.

ORIC Certification Courses-Fall-2020

Continuing Education and Certification Courses help an individual to showcase his competency, commitment for the profession, build expertise in his professional area, and helps with job advancement. These courses not only provide training on various aspects of subject but also deliver detailed knowledge and skills required to perform real-world job responsibilities. Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization offered semester long Certificate Courses in Fall-2020 for professionals and practitioners, who intend to develop on job skills and professional growth. The professionals from numerous organizations took keen interest and registered themselves for various courses.

Series of Workshops on Latex-A Typesetting Software

Latex is a Typesetting system suitable for producing scientific and mathematical documents which enable authors to typeset and print their work at the highest typographical quality. It is most often used for medium-to-large technical or scientific documents and can be used for almost any form of publishing. Keeping in view its significance, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization has started series of workshops to

maximally facilitate the students in their thesis write-up. The workshops were conducted on 21st October 2020 and 16th December 2020 respectively by Mr. Umair Rafique Research Associate, Electrical Engineering Department, CUST. The purpose of the workshops was to equip students with the most updated knowledge about creation of technical documents using Latex with practical illustrations.







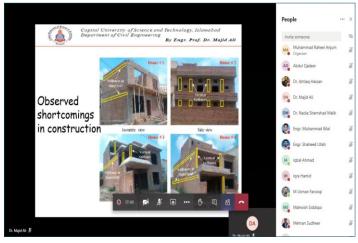
CUST PhD Repository and Research Posters

ORIC maintains a comprehensive database of PhD Graduates of CUST which includes all the details of PhD alumnus including name, thesis title, supervisor name and year. Till now 190 PhD's are graduated in various disciplines including Management & Social Sciences, Computing, Engineering and Health & Life Sciences. ORIC has also designed a standard PhD Poster Template and is responsible for coordination and revision of posters sent by students. It is requirement for every PhD student to submit a poster related to his research work to ORIC.

The objective behind the activity is to promote and acknowledge the research work done by the student and supervisor. The posters are displayed in the university to highlight the research output of each department. Till now a total of 70 posters have been displayed at the campus.

Inaugural Lecture of Prof. Dr. Majid Ali

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization organized the Professorial Inaugural Lecture to honor Engr. Dr. Majid Ali,



Professor, CE Department and Convener, University Health, Safety and Security Committee on 31st December 2020. The lecture was delivered on the topic entitled "Do We Live in Safe Housing? (From earthquakes point of view)".

The session started with a brief introduction of Prof. Majid Ali regarding his extraordinary academic and research achievements presented by Assistant Director ORIC. After welcome note and acknowledgement, the guest speaker was invited for the talk. The talk enclosed the conventional building techniques, and current practices followed worldwide for safe and earthquake resistant housing. The speaker discussed the subject in an extremely interactive and simpler way, understandable by participants across various academic backgrounds.

A total of 34 faculty members and research scholars from various departments attended the event. The event lasted for more than 1:30 hours including Q/A session. The response of faculty members was guite promising.

FYPs Business Plan Funding Competition

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization has continued its initiative of Final Year Projects funding for its Undergraduate students. The purpose of the activity is financial encouragement of students whose project ideas have particular business and marketing prospective. The event was advertised in the start of November, 2020 and the proposals for funding were received till 10th December 2020.



The evaluation and shortlisting of the applications was done by ORIC Research Committee Meeting. The committee evaluated the applications in accordance with the practical feasibility, business plan and marketability of each project. After a systematic analysis by Research Committee, top six projects were shortlisted for the funding encompassing 30,000 PKR each.

Meeting of ORIC with Directorate of Corporate Linkages (DCL)

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization and Office of Corporate Linkages conducted a meeting to extend joint industrial collaboration efforts. The meeting was held on 1st January, 2021 at Directorate of Corporate Linkages. Dean Research & Innovation chaired the meeting. It was discussed to devise a mechanism of Liaison with Strategic and Corporate Organizations with special focus on local Pharmaceutical Industry.





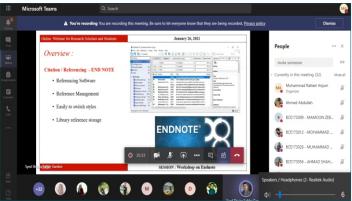
Workshop on Endnote-A Publishing software for Researchers

EndNote is a multiplatform software tool that helps you manage the process of writing and preparing research papers and thesis, and transfer and store references from electronic databases and library catalogues. It can easily be used to change styles, format a bibliography view and synchronize your library and work across devices. Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization organized One-Day Workshop on Endnote on 26th January 2021. The purpose of the workshop was to educate participants with the most updated knowledge about Endnote and its use in the process of research papers and thesis write-up. The workshop covered some of the basic topics related to EndNote like Citation Components and Referencing Styles, Reference Management, Library Reference Storage etc. The workshop contents were augmented with practical demonstration on software. The session was conducted by Dr. Syed Shuja Safdar Gardezi, Assistant Professor CE Department and Director BIM Center of Excellence, CUST. A total of 35 participants including the faculty members, research scholars and students from various departments attended the workshop.

CUST Business Incubation Center

ORIC started Business Incubation Center under the name of CUST Incubation Center (CIC). The objective of center is to provide focused support to entrepreneurs through a supportive environment that helps them establish their business ideas and develop their concepts into market ready products. The SECP registered company "Tech Flicker" is the first ever incubated





company at CIC. Tech Flickers team comprised of experienced developers, graphics designers, content writers, SEO specialists, and digital marketers are driven to produce impactful results. The progress of the company is quite promising and has developed two of its own POS products. Other startups working at CIC are:

- · IoT Based Power Control Devices
- Vehicle Management System (FlexTracker)
- Amazon Based Virtual Assistance







Collaborative Session with SJTU Representatives, China

To promote industrial linkages and move towards International Ranking, a joint session was conducted with Shanghai Jio Tong University (SJTU) representatives. The agenda of the meeting was focused on various factors playing role in international ranking and how to achieve those. Vice Chancellor CUST Dr. M. Mansoor Ahmed convened the meeting. Dean Research & Innovation, Dean Faculty of Computing, Dean Quality Enhancement Cell, HoDs of Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science Departments were also present in the meeting.



Consultancy Services for E&DC by CE Department

CUST comprehends the value of its faculty/staff undertaking consultancy for outside bodies. Consultancy is an important channel through which knowledge and expertise can flow to and from businesses and other external agencies and therefore contributes to the development of growing and productive relationships with these bodies. Engr. Prof. Dr. Majid Ali, Department of Civil Engineering executed consultancy work for structural Evaluation of the Under Construction Commercial Building at Bahria Enclave, Islamabad.

Joint Collaborative Session with Enablers Pvt Ltd, Islamabad

To encourage students towards E-Commerce, Online Business and Digital Marketing, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization conducted a collaborative meet-up with officials of Enablers Pvt Ltd (E-commerce and Digital Marketing Agency). The meet-up discussed the significance of online business and E-commerce, and about how to motivate students to adopt to the changing business dynamics. An interactive session with CUST students was also agreed upon by Enablers team to update them about online business opportunities and relevant domains.

CUST Faculty Research Output Report-2020

ORIC compiled Faculty Research Report for presentation in meeting of Executive Committee. The research output of academic departments in 2020 was highlighted in a comprehensive way. The report thoroughly details the Number of Research Publications, Impact Factor, and MS and PhD students supervised by faculty members.







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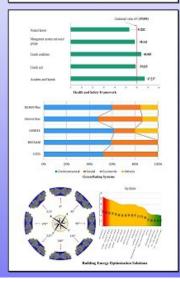
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- · Project Planning and Management
- Industry Revolution 4.0
- . Energy conservation Patterns of Built Ene

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SELECTED RESEARCH THESIS/DESIGN PROJECTS

- Assessment of Potential Effects of CPEC on Development
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