

Plagiarism, Research Ethics, and Misconduct

Seminar Report, 18th May 2023

A capacity-building seminar on “Plagiarism, Research Ethics, and Misconduct” was held by Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Health Services Academy (HSA) on the 18th May 2023 in HSA Islamabad to apprise the students and faculty with the concept of plagiarism, research ethics and misconduct as per the guidance of Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad.

Details:

- The seminar was chaired by the worthy Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Dr. Shahzad Ali Khan** and supervised by the Director QEC, **Mr. Nadeem Sajjad Kayani**.
- **Dr. Juliet David**, Associate Professor HSA began the session by formally greeting all the participants followed by the recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran.
- **Dr. Shahzad Ali Khan**, worthy Vice Chancellor, HSA, Islamabad benefited the participant about the generic system of plagiarism in his opening remarks. He emphasized the repercussions one can face if there is an intentional action of plagiarism.
- **Prof. Dr. Ejaz Ahmad Khan**, Professor, HSA explained the concepts of plagiarism, its prevention, and elimination.
- Guest presenter, **Dr. Ibrar Ahmad**, CEO of Alpha Genomics Private Ltd. Islamabad, spoke about “Uploading Ethics in Science & Avoiding Research Misconduct”. He explained in-depth, the key concepts of ethics and the types of research misconduct.
- **Dr. Shafqat Shahzad**, Advisor, QEC-HSA gave her remarks on how students should avoid plagiarism by brainstorming research ideas and self-effort in research.
- Students and staff members of HSA participated in the seminar enthusiastically and asked various questions from the speakers.
- Capitulating the final remarks, **Mr. Nadeem Sajjad Kayani**, Director QEC-HSA spoke about the academic initiatives of HSA in the purview of plagiarism and paid a vote of thanks to the Guest, Chair, and the participants.
- **Mr. Nadeem Sajjad Kayani**, Director QEC-HSA presented the shields to speakers.
- The seminar was moved to a formal close by a group photo of all the participants and a unanimous pledge to uptake academic quality through authentic research.
- Final take-home message of the seminar
 - To maintain the scientific standards and research integrity, we must follow the ethical principles of research ethics, and
 - Research misconduct not only brings defame and earns bad name to the scientists but may also be a crime in certain circumstances, which may have legal implications.