



# BIPS NEWS



## A Quarterly Newsletter of Baqai Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Quote of the Quarter: "To double your gains you've got to triple your efforts" - Anonymous**

### Inauguration of Baqai Compounding Pharmacy (BCP)

BIPS added another feather in its cap by establishing its Compounding Pharmacy. Fortunately, BIPS is the first private institute that has incepted the idea of compounding pharmacy within the educational premises. The facility has been established within the institute after fulfilling the basic legal requirements including the license obtained from the provincial



government. BCP

will not only focus on the preparation of quality extemporaneous formulations but will also provide specialist training to the students. BCP was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Zahida Baqai (Chancellor, BMU) and Dr. Shoaib Baqai (Director Planning & Development, BMU) on March 25, 2021. The faculty members including the Dean and the Director welcomed the respective guests at the occasion.



### Orientation Day of Pharm. D. Batch 26

On February 4, 2021, BIPS organized the orientation day ceremony for the newly admitted students of the 26<sup>th</sup> batch of Pharm. D. at Saeeda Auditorium of BMU. The students were invited along with their parents to attend the ceremony. Dr. Muneeba Usmani hosted the program and Director BIPS, Prof. Dr. M. A. Sheraz welcomed the newly admitted students. He strongly encouraged the upcoming pharmacists for their future professional roles. He introduced the faculty members and explained the semester system and its rules and regulations to the students. The regular classes of the newly admitted students started from February 15, 2021.

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## BIPS Faculty Members Completed Various Certification Courses



Dr. Zuneera Akram (Lecturer, Department of Pharmacology) has completed Diabetes Connecting Nursing (DCN) certification course offered by Sanofi and Leicester Diabetes Center, UK with a score of 97.3%. DCN program is twelve modules based educational certification course. The online course is designed for medical professionals that provides resources for learning, continuing education, and professional development in the field of diabetes management as well as provide the latest news and insights of research going on around the globe.



Dr. Mariam Fatima Khan (Lecturer, Department of Pharmaceutics) attended an online course of two weeks in January 2021 on 'Data Analysis Using SPSS'. In this course, she learned the SPSS basics such as descriptive statistics, data manipulation, data handling, reliability analysis, and inferential statistics including correlations, t-testing, and ANOVA.



Ms. Aisha Noreen and Dr. Zuneera Akram attended a series of online training sessions on multiple research relevant topics organized by ProQuest in partnership with the Higher Education Commission.

## Promotions in the Department of Pharmacology



Dr. Zubia Zia has been promoted to the post of Associate Professor. Dr. Zubia obtained her Pharm. D. in 2009 from BMU, MBA in 2011 from BIZTEK, and Ph. D. degree (Pharmacology) in 2018 from BMU. She joined BIPS as a Demonstrator in 2009 in the Department of Pharmacology. Her noteworthy dedication to research has been recognized in the form of publications in multiple journals of high repute.



Dr. Hira Naeem has been promoted to the post of Assistant Professor after completion of her Ph. D. degree in the Department of Pharmacology. Dr. Hira had earlier graduated with a degree in Pharm. D. in 2011 from the University of Karachi, M.Phil. in 2015 from BMU, and Ph. D. degree in 2020 from BMU.

## Postgraduate Admissions-2021

The postgraduate university admission test (UAT) for the session 2021 was conducted on February 3, 2021 and the interviews were conducted on February 19, 2021. A total of around 280 students applied for admissions in various disciplines at BMU. Based on the merit list as announced by the BASR of BMU, the following candidates were declared successful for admission in M. Phil. and Ph. D. programs in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences:

S. No.	Name	Name
1	Tooba Khan	Ph.D. Pharmaceutical Chemistry
2	Syeda Ayesha Ahmed Un Nabi	Ph.D. Pharmaceutics
3	Farhan	M.Phil Pharmacology
4	Zakaullah	M.Phil Pharmacology
5	Kinza Fayyaz	M.Phil Pharmaceutical Chemistry
6	Samreen	M.Phil Pharmaceutical Chemistry
7	Areeba Nasir	M.Phil Pharmaceutics
8	Samara Ahmed	M.Phil Pharmaceutics
9	Wajiha Syed	M.Phil Pharmaceutics

## BIPS Organized Recruitment Session for Final Year Students

IBL Health Care, a subsidiary of Searle Pvt. Ltd. and also the sole distributor of Mead Johnson Nutrition (Reckitt Benckiser), Nestle and many other companies, conducted a recruitment session at BIPS on February 23, 2021 for the graduating students of Batch 21. Dr. Muneeba Usmani and Dr. Sobia Akhter facilitated the students for this opportunity.



## Renovation of Laboratories

A complete renovation of Pharmaceutical Chemistry Laboratory has been carried out whereas partial renovation of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Physiology Laboratory has been made. This renovation is a sequel to the ongoing infrastructural development of BIPS that has been going on since 2019 under the new administration of BIPS. The newly renovated lab was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Zahida Baqai (Chancellor, BMU) on March 25, 2021.



## Visit of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan

A team of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP) visited BIPS on March 1, 2021, for the inspection of its Doctor of Pharmacy program. The inspection team comprised of the Secretary PCP, Mr. Ali Ahmed Agha, Dr. Abdul Razaque (Member), and Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed. The welcome speech and the introduction of BIPS



were delivered by the Director BIPS, Prof. Dr. M. A. Sheraz. His detailed presentation covered all the facilities available at BIPS including the improvements and achievements made particularly in the last five years. The presentation was followed by the physical inspection of the premises. The members of the PCP acknowledged the facilities available at BIPS and also suggested few improvements in the infrastructure.



## Employee of the Month Award

JANUARY 2021



Mr. M. Azharuddin  
Computer Operator



Mr. Abdul Bari  
Lab Attendant

FEBRUARY 2021



Mr. Zahid Hussain  
Lab Assistant



Mr. Wazahat Hussain  
Lab Assistant

MARCH 2021



Mr. M. Naveed  
Lab Assistant



Mr. Abdul Ahad  
Lab Technician



## Fire Safety Training



On March 4, 2021, a fire safety training session was arranged for the teaching and non-teaching faculty of BIPS at Nizam Stadium, BMU. Hands-on training on the use of fire extinguishers as well as knowledge about different types of fire extinguishers was provided during the training by the Safety Department of BMU.



## Seminar on Basic Instrumentation and Operation of LC-MS

The Quality Management Cell (QMC) of BIPS in collaboration with WATERS Corporation arranged a seminar on 'Basic Instrumentation and Operation of Liquid Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS)' for all faculty members and postgraduate students at Dr. Sabir Ali Auditorium on March 9, 2021. The seminar provided basic and applied information to all the participants that enhanced their theoretical knowledge of the relevant technique.

## Martin Dow High-Performance Internship Plan

BIPS graduates of Batch 21 participated in the High-Performance Internship Plan (HPIP) of Martin Dow. This internship program helps the interns to gain diverse experience from different departments and gives them the exposure to work in the corporate world.

## M. Phil. Thesis Defense



Dr. Muhammad Shoaib has successfully defended his thesis for M.Phil. degree in Pharmacology on March 25, 2021. The topic of his research was "Study of Analgesic and Anti-inflammatory activity of *Enteromorpha intestinalis* in Mice and Treated Albino Rats" and his supervisor was Prof. Dr. Rehana Perveen.

## Semester Cell Announced Terminal Examination Results

The results for Pharm. D. Final (Batch 21), 4<sup>th</sup> (Batch 22), 3<sup>rd</sup> (Batch 23), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Batch 24), and 1<sup>st</sup> year (Batch 25), have been announced by the Semester Cell. The first three positions were secured by the following students:

Batch #	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
21	Shumaila Latif	Shafaq Farooq	Zuha Iqbal Sorathia
22	Maryam Inayat	Aiman Naseem	Iqra Khan
23	Warda Zeb	Konain Imran	M. Saif Ali Khan
24	Rabia Zahra	Hira Khalid	Sunaina Kashif
25	Ayesha Aleem	Zunaira Ahmed Qazi	Irtiq Khan

## Publications

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