A Weekly Blurb to highlight the activities, achievements, and action plans of Ghazi Faculty & Staff.

One Day Workshop on Capacity Building of Hybrid Rice Production Organized by Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. On April 15, 2016 one day Workshop on Capacity Building of Hybrid Rice Production was arranged in Multipurpose Hall of the University. The workshop was arranged by Dr. Muhammad Mudassar Maqbool, Head, Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agri. Sciences and Dr. Ansar Ali, Assistant Professor of the same department in collaboration with Jullundur Private Limited (JPL), Lahore. Dr. Ansar Ali performed responsibility of stage secretary. The aim of workshop was to disseminate the latest husbandry techniques for getting the potential of hybrid rice to growers and students of the Agri. Sciences Faculty. Program was chaired by Dean, Faculty of Agri. Sciences Prof. Dr. Shafqat Nawaz. In participant Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Professor of Agricultural Engineering / Project Director, Faculty members of Agricultural Sciences, students, local rice growers and seed dealers were included. In the first session of the workshop National Sales Manager (JPL) Mr. Muhammad Asim Zia, introduced about the organizational and business activities of JPL. After that Manager Seed (JPL) Mr. Faisal Hayyat, briefed the house about the procedure of hybrid seed production and latest crop husbandry techniques for getting full potential of Hybrid Rice. General Manager Chemicals (JPL), Mr. Saeed Kulachi, Mr. Muhammad Shahid Shafi gave technical information to control insects, weeds and diseases of hybrid rice. At the end of workshop Dr. Muhammad Mudassar Maqbool paid thanks to JPL for their coordination to conduct such a successful workshop and gave his concluding remarks. After that Prof. Dr. Shafqat Nawaz, Dean, Faculty of Agri. Sciences also shared his valuable comments about the workshop and emphasized upon the role of good seed for getting maximum yield. After technical session lunch was served to all the participant of workshop.

Outreach Activity, A seminar on Profitable Cotton Cultivation was arranged by Fauji Fertilizer Company, Limited (FFC) on 12-04-2016. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Nawaz, Dean, Faculty of Agri. Sciences, Ghazi University chaired the seminar. Dr. Sagheer Ahmad, Director Cotton Research Institute, Multan, Ch. Muhammad Irfshad, Deputy Director Plant Protection, D.G. Khan, Mr. Abdul Jalil Jarwar, Manager, Farm Advisory Center, Bahawalpur, Mr. Afzaal Ahmed Mughal, Regional Manager, FFC, D.G Khan, Dr. Abbas Aziz, Technical Officer FFC, Mr. Waqar Saleem and Mr. Sheraz Ashraf delivered lectures regarding successful crop production and protection measures of cotton crop. At the end Prof. Dr. Shafqat Nawaz gave concluding remarks about the seminar and appreciated the efforts of FFC towards services of Agriculture sector in the area.

Paper Presentation
Dr. Sagheer Ata, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences presented Variability and sequence diversity of citrus tristeza virus isolates from Pakistan in 20th Conference of International Organization of Citrus Virologists (April 10-16, 2016) at Hailu Hotspring hotel Beibei, Chongqing, China

Faculty Empowerment
Dr. Abdul Manan joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticulture under IPFP Program of HEC. He earned his Ph.D. degree from University of Agri., Faisalabad during January-2016. His topic of Ph.D. research was Evaluation of salinity induced injurious effects in Tomato (Lycopersicon esculentum L) and their remediation via exogenous application of methyl jasmonate.

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