

1st International Food and Nutrition Conference

“Sustainable Approaches to Combat Malnutrition”

Overview:

Malnutrition is major cause of death for children under 5 years of age around the globe. It causes death of around one million children every year. Pakistan has been reported to have high prevalence of under-nutrition causing stunted growth and wasting in infants. Recent report of WHO described that 44 percent child in Pakistan has been found as malnourished. Deficiency of iron and folic acid has been reported as 62 percent in children and 51 percent in pregnant women and nursing mothers. 64 percent population suffers from Vitamin-A deficiency. While 69 percent are Vitamin-D deficient. Keeping in view of above mentioned scenario, sustainable approaches are needed to not only correct the prevalent situation but also provide long-term solution to combat malnutrition. In this regard, steps are to be taken at every level to fight and prevent malnutrition. Therefore, present event has been planned to focus all the tangible measure that should be taken in order to minimize present scenario of malnutrition.

The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) emerged as a result of up-gradation of the famous Punjab agriculture College and research Institute (PACRI) in 1962. Since its inception the scope of studies in the university has broadened manifold to include diverse curricula. PCARI was premier institution in its own rights for agriculture education. It had catered to the teaching and research needs of the entire Indo-Pak subcontinent till its partition till 1947. The magnificent building of PARCI speaks volume of its grandeur. The university campus spread over an area of 1950 hectares. The lush green campus is a conglomeration of monolithic blocks built in modern style. The old building, a reminiscent of the traditional Muslim architecture reminds of the Punjab Agricultural Research Institute which now houses the faculty of sciences.

Institute of Home Sciences

The Department of Home Economics was established in 1980-81 with the introduction of Diploma in Rural Home Economics. Whereas the two years program leading to the degree of B.Sc. Home Economics was initiated in 1990 with major Food and Nutrition. The duration of the B.Sc.(Hons.) Home Economics degree is also extended up to four years to keep parity with the other degree programs of the University of Agriculture,

Faisalabad in 2005. B.Sc. (Hons.) Home Economics four years with specialization of food and nutrition is also in accordance with the directive of the Vice Chancellor and Higher Education Commission (HEC). The Master degree holders having specialization in Food and Nutrition are serving in hospitals as dietitians and as faculty members in different universities, colleges and schools. Department of Rural Home Economics upgraded to Institute of Rural Home Economics in 2012 and in 2014 the nomenclature was transformed into Institute of Home Sciences.

Aims/Objectives:

- ✓ Conference will provide a platform to all policy makers, researchers, government stakeholders to address key issues in stunting and wasting growth in children, micronutrient deficiencies in pregnant and nursing mothers with special focus on their sustainable solutions
- ✓ Conference will provide opportunities for the delegates to personally exchange innovative ideas and experiences to establish strong research based relations between academicians and industry.

Outcomes:

Following are the beneficiaries as well as target audience of conference for achieving desired objectives

- ✓ Recent advances in clinical health nutrition
- ✓ Stunted growth pattern in childhood
- ✓ Gut microbiota at national level to overcome malnutrition
- ✓ Role of industry to combat health disparities
- ✓ Career opportunity in food and nutrition especially in research institute, clinical set up in food industry

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