



# International Conference & Expo on **LIFE SCIENCES**

**Theme**

*Bio Innovations for a Changing Climate:  
Science, Sustainability and Solution*

**ICELS-26**

**30<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2026**



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# The University

The Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR), established in 1994, is a premier public-sector institution dedicated to education, research, and innovation in agriculture, life sciences, and environmental sustainability. With a strong mandate to address the challenges of arid and semi-arid regions, the University has played a vital role in advancing climate-smart agriculture, biodiversity conservation, food security, public health, and sustainable natural resource management at national and international levels.



## Faculty of Sciences

The Faculty of Sciences at PMAS-AAUR represents a multidisciplinary academic hub encompassing biological, chemical, physical, and environmental sciences. The Faculty has consistently aligned its academic and research agenda with global priorities such as climate change



adaptation, ecosystem resilience, sustainable food systems, and bio-innovation.

Under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, the Faculty has achieved significant academic visibility and international engagement. Prof. Dr. Qureshi is a distinguished scientist with extensive contributions to plant biodiversity, ecology, ethnobotany, climate resilience, medicinal plants, and sustainable development. His vision emphasizes interdisciplinary research, international collaboration, capacity building of young scientists, and the translation of scientific knowledge into policy-relevant and societally beneficial outcomes.

During his tenure, the Faculty has successfully organized numerous national and international seminars, trainings, workshops, symposia, and conferences on emerging themes in life sciences, climate change, biodiversity-based solutions, environmental restoration, and sustainable agriculture. Besides, Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi has actively strengthened the Faculty's international academic footprint through formal collaborations and strategic partnerships. Under his leadership, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) have been signed

with leading global institutions, including the International Center for Research (ICR) at Colorado State University, USA, and Marmara University, Turkey. Furthermore, the Faculty is currently engaged in collaborative research with the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom, particularly on innovative hemp-based projects focusing on sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, and bio-innovation. These initiatives have strengthened research culture, fostered academic-industry linkages, expanded international cooperation, and provided high-quality platforms for postgraduate students and early-career researchers.

Organizing International Conference & Expo on Life Sciences (ICELS-26) in collaboration with ORIC, HEC, PHEC & PSF is a continuation of this academic legacy. ICELS-26 aims to bring together leading researchers, academicians, industry experts, and young scholars to discuss cutting-edge research and innovative solutions addressing climate change and sustainability challenges. The conference will serve as a global forum for interdisciplinary learning, collaboration, and scientific exchange, highlighting the critical role of life sciences in shaping a healthier and more resilient future.

## Evolution EduTech Pakistan

Evolution EduTech Pakistan is registered educational organization dedicated to advancing learning, research, and innovation through national and international conferences, workshops, exhibitions, and academic collaborations. With a commitment to connecting academia, industry, and technology, the organization works to create meaningful opportunities for students, educators, and researchers. Having successfully organized 18 international conferences across Pakistan, Evolution EduTech Pakistan continues to inspire knowledge-sharing, promote educational excellence, and strengthen global academic linkages for a more progressive and empowered society.



## Background & Rationale of Conference

Life Sciences are at the forefront of addressing some of the most pressing global challenges, including climate change, food insecurity, biodiversity loss, emerging diseases, and environmental degradation. Rapid climatic shifts are profoundly affecting biological systems, agricultural productivity, ecosystem services, and human health. In this context, scientific innovation, interdisciplinary research, and sustainable solutions are critical for building resilience and ensuring long-term planetary health.



The International Conference & Expo on Life Sciences (ICELS-26) represents a timely and strategic academic initiative to address pressing global challenges related to climate change, sustainability, and biological resilience. By integrating scientific excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration, and cultural exchange, the conference will contribute meaningfully to advancing life sciences research and promoting innovative solutions for a sustainable and climate-resilient future.

The ICELS-26 aims to provide a high-level international platform where researchers, academicians, industry professionals, policymakers, and young scientists can converge to share cutting-edge research, exchange innovative ideas, and explore practical solutions grounded in life sciences. Hosting ICELS-26 at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan's academic and policy hub will facilitate national and international participation, strengthen research networks, and highlight Pakistan's growing role in global scientific discourse.

## Objectives

- To provide an international platform for sharing recent research and innovations in life sciences
- To promote interdisciplinary dialogue on climate change, sustainability, and biological systems
- To encourage collaboration among academia, industry, and policy institutions
- To strengthen the research capacity of young scientists and postgraduate students
- To highlight bio-innovations and nature-based solutions for climate resilience

## Target Audience

- National and international researchers
- University faculty members and academicians
- Industry experts and professionals
- Policymakers and development practitioners
- PhD scholars, MPhil/MS students, and early-career scientists

## Scope and Conference Fields

ICELS-26 will cover a broad spectrum of disciplines under Life Sciences and allied fields, including but not limited to:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Physics & Numerical Sciences
- Food, Pharmacy & Allied Health Sciences
- Agriculture & Veterinary Sciences



## Conference Features

- Plenary and Keynote Lectures
- Parallel Technical Sessions
- Poster Presentations & Competition
- Science Models Exhibition
- Industrial Exhibition
- Sufi / Cultural Evening
- Post-Conference Field Excursion to Galiyat Area, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

## Expected Outcomes

- Strengthened national and international research collaborations
- High-quality conference proceedings and publications
- Capacity building of young researchers and students
- Enhanced visibility of PMAS-AAUR in global life sciences research
- Policy-relevant recommendations for climate-resilient biological systems

## Important Dates

Early Bird Registration Deadline	Abstract Submission Deadline	Abstract Acceptance	Registration Deadline
<b>February 05, 2026</b>	<b>February 28, 2026</b>	<b>March 10, 2026</b>	<b>February 15, 2026</b>

## Registration Fee

	Early Bird	After Early Bird
Faculty Members	Rs. 3000	Rs. 4000
Students	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000
International Participants	US \$ 75	US \$ 100
Industry/Business/NGO Participation for Expo	Rs. 25000	Rs. 25000

## Fee Submission Details

### • For National Participants

Account Title: MS Evolution  
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### • For International Participants

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## Accommodation

Accommodation is available on a first-come, first-served basis and charges per night shall be paid by the participants themselves.

## Call for Abstracts

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations on relevant topics. The conference website will provide detailed information and submission guidelines. The abstracts should be prepared in MS Word.

## Publication of Abstract Book

Abstracts shall be reviewed by the technical committee and approved abstracts shall be published in the abstract book.

## Publication of Articles

Received full-length manuscripts will be peer reviewed and will be published in

### **Himalayan Journal of Botanical Sciences**

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## Excursion Trip

The Organizing Committee has arranged a post-conference field excursion to Galyat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



# International Speakers

1. Dr. Henrik Balslev, Professor Emeritus, University of Aarhus, Denmark
2. Prof. Dr. Ozodbek Abduraïmov, Institute of Botany, Academy Sciences Republic of Uzbekistan, 100125, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
3. Prof. Dr. Muhammet Uzun Marmara University, Turkiye
4. Prof. Dr. Md. Ashrafuzzaman, Laboratory of Medicinal Plant Resources, Department of Crop Botany, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh 2202, Bangladesh
5. Dr. Yoshiharu Fujii, Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan
6. Dr. Katarzyna Kotwica-Mojzych, Medical University of Lublin, Poland
7. Prof. Dr. Monier Abd Elghani, Cairo University, Egypt
8. Dr. Khurram Joya, International Islamic University of Madinah, Saudi Arabia
9. Prof. Dr. Ömer KILIÇ, Adıyaman University, Turkey
10. Dr. Moha Haddouch, UNESCO Biosphere Reserves National Committee, Morocco
11. Prof. Dr. Taherah Mohammadabadi, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University, Iran.
12. Prof. Dr. Julián Santiago Moreno, National Institute of Agricultural and Food Research & Technology, Spanish Research Council, Spain
13. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Basit, Outstanding Overseas Scientist, National Research Foundation South Korea, Research Professor, Hanyang Univesity, South Korea



## National Keynote Speakers

1. Dr. Raza Bhatti, Professor Emeritus, Ex- Vice Chancellor, Sheikh Ayaz University, Shikarpur
2. Dr. M. Qaiser, Professor Emeritus, University of Karachi
3. Dr. Khan Bahadur Marwat, Professor Emeritus, Ex Vice-Chancellor, Agriculture University, Peshawar.
4. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari, Vice-Chancellor, Federal Urdu University of Art, Science and Technology (FUUAST).
5. Prof. Dr. Manzoor Soomro, ECO-SF
6. Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht, Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Peshawar
7. Prof. Dr. Hassan Sher, Vice Chancellor, Swat University
8. Prof. Dr. Ikramullah Khan, Vice Chancellor, Hazara University, Mansehra
9. Prof. Dr. Zarin Fatima Rizvi, VC, IISAT University, Gujranwala
10. Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, VC, Karakoram International University, Gilgit

## National Invited Speakers

1. Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Dean, Agriculture, PMAS-AAUR
2. Prof. Dr. Rahmatullah Qureshi, Dean Sciences, PMAS-AAUR
3. Prof. Dr. Mushataq Ahmad, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad
4. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azim, Agriculture University, Peshawar
5. Dr. Nasir Mehmood, Ex-DIG Forest, Islamabad
6. Dr. Humayun Shaheen, AJK University, Muzaffarabad
7. Dr. Sher Wali, Karakorum International University, Gilgit-Baltistan
8. Dr. Muzaffar Sirohi, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur
9. Dr. Ibrar Shinwari, International Islamic University
10. Dr. Zafar Siddiqui, Director, ORIC, Iqra University, Hyderabad.
11. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Bhatti, Pakistan Museum of Natural History, Islamabad
12. Prof. Dr. Shah Alam, Dean, Faculty of Crop Protection Sciences, University of Agriculture, Peshawar
13. Dr. Khawaja Shafique Ahmad, Department of Botany, University of Poonch Rawalakot, AJK
14. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Institute of Plant Protection, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan
15. Dr. Abdul Nasir Khalid, Distinguished Professor, Department of Botany, Punjab University, Lahore

## Advisory Board / Panelists

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- Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Director, Institute of Food Sciences

# Some Glimpses of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Biodiversity and Medicinal Plants: A Way Forward to Sustainable Development *14-16 December, 2023*

## Inaugural Ceremony



## Inauguration of Expo on Medicinal Plants & Natural Products









## Closing Ceremony



## Excursion Trip to Murree





Some Glimpses of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on  
**Plant Biodiversity and Food Security**  
in the Wake of Climate Change  
*19-21 November, 2024*

**Inaugural Ceremony**



**Inauguration of Expo on Food & Natural Products**





## Closing Ceremony



## Excursion Trip to Murree

