SIUT Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture (CBEC) designated as a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre in Bioethics.

SIUT has been honored by WHO by designating its Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture (CBEC) as Collaborating Center of the World Health Organization.

CBEC becomes the first such centre of its kind in the entire Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) of WHO in which Pakistan is included along with 21 other countries in the world.

To mark the occasion the flag of the WHO was officially handed over to Professor Farhat Moazam, Chairperson of CBEC by the WHO head in Pakistan, Dr. Mohammad Assal Ardaikani and WHO Geneva representative Dr. Andreas Reis. Also present on the occasion was Professor Adib Rizvi, Director SIUT.

Professor Rizvi informed that the bioethics centre at SIUT was the only one of its kind in the country which was established in 2004. Since then, he said over 100 professionals from across the country and abroad have graduated from its academic programs. In the current class, he mentioned that in addition to Pakistani students, students from Kenya, Uganda and Qatar were also participating.

Dr. Reis from WHO Geneva, spoke about the already longstanding collaboration between the Centre and WHO with more plans for the future. Dr. Reis said “We are pleased that the Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture of SIUT has been recognized as a Collaborating Center for Bioethics, and joined the WHO family. It is not only one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions working on bioethics in the region, but it also enjoys excellent reputation at the international level.”

Dr. Ardaikani, WHO representative for Pakistan, spoke warmly of his long association with Pakistan, starting as a medical student at Dow Medical College in the early eighties when he was a student of Professor Rizvi. He praised SIUT as an exemplary institution not only for Pakistan but for the entire region. He said that in addition of being a leading organ transplantation institute, SIUT was also leading the way in bioethics.

Professor Farhat Moazam, Chairperson of CBEC disclosed that over a span of 13 years since its inception, the Centre is now regarded as a national and regional resource for bioethics. The alumni from its academic programs are now heading their own bioethics initiatives in their institutions.
7 Successful Liver Transplants

The patients included two minors within the age groups ranging between 10 and 11 while remaining patients were adults. All the patients represented low income group who had traveled from Southern Punjab, Baluchistan and interior Sindh. They were in no position to bear the heavy cost of liver transplant surgeries.

The donors were mother, husband and sibling. Both recipients and donors are doing well.

SIUT’s RAMADAN CAMPAIGN

The SIUT Resource Generation Department, its faculty and staff took active part in SIUT’s Ramadan Campaign to raise funds to bring to fruit “Free with Dignity” philosophy of the Institute. SIUT wishes to thank the Print and Electronic media for their support in this campaign. We wish to also thank Dawn, Jang, Express, Kawish, Ibrat, The News, Akhbar-e-Noa, Riasat, Ummat, Awami Awaz and many others through the courtesy of APNS. Our thanks to electronic media Dawn, Sama, Dunya, GEO, News 1, Express Tribune, ARY, Hum TV, Sindh TV, A Plus TV and many others through our media partner Mindshare. To get closer to the public, SIUT set up stalls at different shopping malls where space was provided complimentary by their Managements. SIUT staff manned these stalls for the whole of Ramadan. Over 200,000 people visited SIUT stalls during the holy month. SIUT wishes to thank the management of Dolman Mall, Clifton, Hyderi, Tariq Road and Lucky One Mall for providing complimentary space for SIUT stalls and all the logistics support. We wish to thank Management of Imtiaz Store, Mr. Burger, McDonalds and Gloria Jeans for their support.

Major cinema houses in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Faisalabad aired documentaries on SIUT services. Social media also helped in this campaign with thousands of people sharing and liking the advertisements and videos of SIUT. These were viewed by over 400,000 people, specially the EFU Life campaign for SIUT’s free services.

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SIUT’s Concept: Community-Government Partnership
To address these queries four working groups were created:
1. Professionals of Deceased Organ Donation.
2. Legal and Government.
3. Reaching out to the people.
4. Role of Media in public education

The participants of these workshops were members of the medical profession, representatives of civil society, members of judiciary and Legal Profession and members of the law enforcing departments. Professionals and officials came from all Provinces and the Federal Capital area. Following were the participants of the workshops.

**Workshop: Legal and Government**
Mr. Munir Malik, Justice (Rtd.) Majida Rizvi, Dr. Mirza Naqi Zafar, Mr. Nayyar Rizvi, Dr. Farina Hanif and Dr. Shoaib Sultan

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**Human Organ Transplant Authority**
National Conference and Workshop on Organ Donation

Workshop: Reaching out to the people

Ms. Zohra Yusuf, Ms. Zubaida Mustafa, Dr. Nasir Luck, Dr. Malika Azmi, Dr. Seema Hashmi, Mrs. Farida Mazhar, Mr. Shafqat, Mr. K.L. Nagpal, Mr. Roland D'Souza, Mr. Anwar Maqsood, Mrs. Zohra Nigh, Mr. Tauseef Ahmed, Ms. Zofeen T. Ibrahim, Mr. Kamal Siddiqui, Ms. Uzma Noorani, Ms. Sheema Kirmani, Ms. Samina Khan, Mr. Wusatullah Khan, Mr. Amar Sindhu, Mr. Arshad Mehmood, Dr. Fatema Jawad.

Workshop: Role of Media in Public Education

Mr. Ghazi Salakuddin, Dr. Farhat Moazam, Mr. Fahim Zaman, Dr. Rubina Naqvi, Dr. Aamir Jafery, Mr. Shakeel Masud (PBA APNS), Mr. Jabbar Khattak (CPNE), PFUJ, Mr. Zulfiquar Shah, Mr. Mehdi Raza, Ms. Naureen Shams, Mr. Mubashir Zaidi, Mr. Zarar Khoro, Mr. Sharjil Baloch, Mr. Shahzad Jillani, Mr. Shahzad Khanzada.

The recommendations of the National Conference and Workshop

A. Action desired on the part of the Federal Government:
1. To ensure that transplant activities conducted at places other than establishments recognized under the Transplantation Acts and Rules be punished under the regular penal laws and for that purpose an additional section be added in the Pakistan Penal Code by an amendment made by Parliament in exercise of power under Article 142 of the Constitution.

B. Action Desired from Federal and Provincial Governments:
1. To strengthen manifold the capacity of Human Organ Transplant Authority (HOTA) of the Federation and every Province and to enhance the capacity of all monitoring authorities.
2. To proactively promote deceased organ donation and to establish protocols consistent with international standards defining criteria establishing when brain death is said to have occurred.
3. The structure of HOTA, its network and overall functionality is the responsibility of each Government and should be subject to periodic performance review.
4. All brain deaths diagnosed by competent professionals should be reported to HOTA and care of the brain death person should be mandatory as per international protocols.
5. For the purpose of deceased organ donation HOTA to establish National and Provincial Registries of patients with organ failure and data base of people who have volunteered to be organ donors.
6. HOTA should establish 24/7 communication centers.

C. Action Desired from the law Enforcing and Prosecuting Agencies:
   To establish vigilance committees having capacity to undertake immediate action against any breach of Transplantation laws and to promptly coordinate with HOTA.

D. Action Desired from Regulators of Media and Owners of Print Media:
1. The Pakistan Electronic Media Authority (PEMRA) and the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS), The Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE), the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) and Pakistan Television (PTV) ought to sensitize the general public on the advantages of deceased organ donation, to educate the public that donation of organs is followed in all Islamic countries and to encourage the mass media to disseminate public service messages promoting deceased organ donation.

Global Hand Hygiene Day

The 5th of May is the World Hand Hygiene Day which is celebrated globally every year.

Hand hygiene is the single most important component for infection control in healthcare settings.

This year Hand Hygiene Week was celebrated at SIUT from 5th to 12th of May in order to raise awareness among all healthcare workers. Nurses, nursing assistants, technicians, laboratory, radiology, Intensive Care Units and operation theatre technologists, doctors, students, physiotherapists, nutritionists, patients and their visitors and, most importantly, sanitary workers, ward boys and aya’s all were included in this educational program.

Infection Control department contributed their effort to raise awareness among healthcare workers.

Interactive educational sessions were arranged on different days and these included brochures, videos, quizzes, gifts and educational leaflets. Educational videos were shown in patient waiting areas.
SIUT's

Volunteer Program brings Community Volunteersh in Students

The certificate awarding ceremony of SIUT's 50th batch of student's voluntary summer program was held at SIUT in June marking the conclusion of a week-long exercise of community services.

The 50th batch comprised 176 students, so far 6136 students have benefited from this program since its inception in 2006. Professor Anwar Naqvi recollected the background of SIUT volunteer program as part of SIUT's philosophy of free care to motivate future generations for community services.

These week-long programs, which are organized by SIUT, are conducted during the summer and winter vacations for the educational institutions of the country with an aim to motivate and train students to perform civic duties and community services for the society at large. During the training which spanned over 30 hours, the students were attached with various departments including OPDs, radiology, clinical laboratory, oncology, dialysis, transplantation, lithotripsy, medical and surgical sciences.

Highlighting the importance of volunteerism in society, Prof. Adib Rizvi reminded the volunteers that they have heavy responsibility on their shoulders as they tackle a variety of issues which are confronted by society. Ranging from poverty, wellbeing and health care of people he added. Ms. Kishwar Zehra, Founder of the SIUT Student Volunteer Program, also underscored the importance of social responsibility in any society and asked the volunteers that benefits of their training program must be extended to the people, particularly those who are less privileged. She said that serving the people was like worshiping.

VISITORS TO SIUT

Dr. Kieran O’Flynn
Dr. Kieran O’Flynn is the President of The British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS) and Consultant Urologist at Salford Royal Foundation Trust, Manchester, visited SIUT to strengthen the existing ties between BAUS, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan (CPSP and SIUT). He delivered two lectures at SIUT. Dr. Kieran also visited CPSP where he met with the President of the College and exchanged views on improving the standards of Surgical training.

Dr. Majed Shabbir
Dr. Majed Shabbir is an Andrologist, Consultant Urological Surgeon at Guys and St. Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust, London. He visited SIUT for a week to help improve the understanding of newer concepts in the management of General Andrology. During his stay he gave lectures on erectile dysfunction and stricture urethra. He also participated with the SIUT surgeons in reconstructive surgeries pertaining to urethra.

Professor Matthias Brandis
Professor Matthias Brandis visited SIUT from 28th May to 5th June 2018. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Freiburg University and the Senator of the Gynaecology and Paediatrics Sector at the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. This was his fourth visit to SIUT. The main objective of his visit was to impart education to the physicians taking care of children at SIUT through didactic lectures, bedside rounds and case discussions. During his stay he delivered 5 lectures and a Grand round. The post graduate trainees and junior faculty had prepared case presentations of a variety of problematic cases with literature reviews. Each presentation was followed by an academic, interactive discourse where Professor Brandis gave practical tips based on his four decades of experience in dealing with such cases. These pragmatic approaches helped not only the faculty of Paediatric Nephrology but also trainees in the fields of Adult Nephrology, Histopathology and Radiology.
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