

## **WSD celebrated at Kinnaird College for Women Lahore, Pakistan**

In its Meeting held in Lahore, Pakistan in July 2010, the Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences decided to organize World Statistics Day activities in the city of Lahore for the **entire week** from Monday, October 18 to Saturday, October 23, 2010. In this Meeting, the Department of Statistics at Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore offered to organize the Kinnaird College Statistics FESTIVAL (Forum for the Enlightenment of Students, Teachers, Innovators, Veterans, Amateurs and Learners) on Monday, 18 October 2010.

The KC Statistics FESTIVAL held on 18 October witnessed participation of teachers and students of Statistics and/or related disciplines from various universities and colleges of Lahore as well as a delegation of faculty and students from a college in Rawalpindi. All the sessions of the FESTIVAL were held in the College Hall which was decorated with colourful and attractive statistical posters prepared by students of Kinnaird College and other institutions. The programme consisted of seven academic sessions and a Prize Distribution Ceremony. The academic sessions were on the following topics:

1. Why probability and statistics?
2. Regression
3. Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)
4. Forecasting
5. Categorical data analysis
6. Research methodology
7. Fathom and Tinkerplots

The Prize Distribution Ceremony included, among other things, the following:

1. Announcement of Results of the Kinnaird Statistical Poster Competition 2010 (an inter-college competition launched by Kinnaird College in order to encourage and train the students to participate in the International Statistical Literacy Poster Competition 2010-11);
2. Short addresses by students who won prizes in the Kinnaird Statistical Poster Competition;
3. Keynote address with reference to the World Statistics Day by Prof. Dr. Munir Ahmad, Patron and Founding President, Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences;
4. Address by Mr. Asif Bajwa, Secretary, Statistics Division, Government of Pakistan (Chief guest of the Prize Distribution Ceremony);
5. Address by Dr. Rukhsana David, Principal, Kinnaird College for Women.



Feedback from participants indicated that they found the Academic Sessions informative and interesting, the atmosphere pleasant and inspiring, and the Prize Distribution Ceremony a befitting culmination to a highly successful day.

As such, the faculty and students of the Kinnaird College Statistics Department are experiencing a well-deserved sense of pride and exhilaration at the fact that, through their efforts, Kinnaird College for Women in Lahore, Pakistan was among the first educational institutions worldwide to celebrate World Statistics Day!