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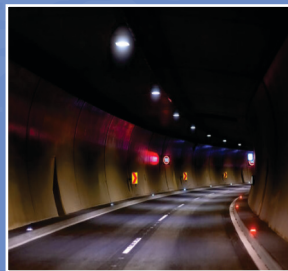
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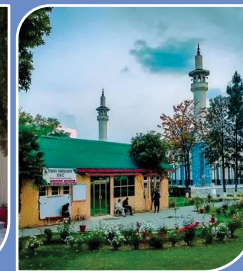
44th PAKISTAN CONGRESS OF ZOOLOGY (INTERNATIONAL)

October 6-8, 2026



To be held at

**DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
HAZARA UNIVERSITY
MANSEHRA**



GENERAL INFORMATION

The President of Zoological Society of Pakistan and the Congress Organizing Committee cordially invite the Fellows/Members of the Society and all other Scientists interested in various disciplines of Zoological Sciences to take part in the 44th Pakistan Congress of Zoology to be held at Hazara University, Mansehra on **October 6-8, 2026**.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific program will consist of plenary lectures and oral presentations. Theme of the Congress will cover all the major areas of Zoology and related disciplines e.g. Entomology and Pest Management, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Environmental Biotechnology, Genetics, Toxicology, Parasitology, Microbiology, Physiology, Paleontology, Environmental Biology, Wild Life Conservation, Fisheries, Freshwater Biology and Marine Biology. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for presentation of paper and discussion. Multimedia will be available.

The participants are reminded that one author can submit only one abstract as a first author which he/she will present during the academic sessions.

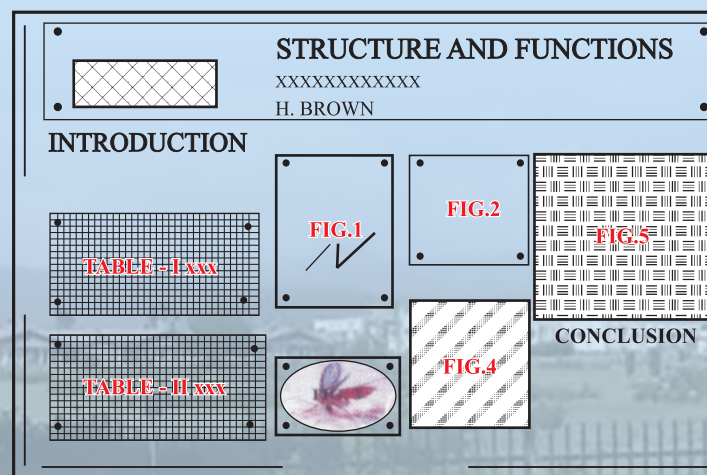
Last date for the receipt of registration forms and abstracts of papers is 15 August, 2026

• ABSTRACTS

The participants are requested to submit abstracts of their research papers and poster presentations at email address arshaksbs@yahoo.com or arshakoori.sbs@pu.edu.pk. The abstracts should include a brief introduction, methods used, main result and conclusion. References and figures should not be included in the Abstracts. Please do not forget including your name (s) and address(es), both email and postal.

• POSTER SESSION

Poster session, as usual has been arranged specially for the younger scientists. A committee will review the posters and adjudge the first, second and third best posters. The authors of these posters will be given a small cash prize along with an appreciation certificates at the Closing Ceremony. Participants desirous of presenting posters must, however, register themselves for the congress and submit a short summary (Abstracts) by **15 August, 2026**.



Sample of poster showing arrangement of various sections

• AWARDS AND GOLD MEDALS FOR SENIOR RESEARCHERS

The following awards and Gold Medals will be conferred during the Inaugural Session of the Congress. Specially constituted committees shall scrutinize and assess the applications/nominations received in response to advertisement in the light of eligibility criteria set for all medals.

PROFESSOR MUZAFFAR AHMAD LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award will be given on the recommendation of Executive Council of Zoological Society of Pakistan to Zoologists having made outstanding contributions during his/her academic career.

ZOOLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD 2026

The Zoological Society of Pakistan honours its Fellows for their scientific contributions to the discipline of Zoology. A committee specially constituted for this purpose will this year select an outstanding Zoologist out of the nominees. Citation of the award will also be read before conferring the medal along with a commendation certificate and a token cash award.

PROF. A.R. SHAKOORI GOLD MEDAL

The 20th Professor A.R. Shakoori Gold Medal will be given to a young researcher up to the age of 45 in the any area of Biological Sciences.

PROF. DR. MIRZA AZHAR BEG GOLD MEDAL

The 21st Prof. Dr. Mirza Azhar Beg Gold Medal will be given to a young researcher up to the age of 45 in the field of Ecology/Vertebrate Pest Management/Fisheries.

PROF. IMTIAZ AHMED GOLD MEDAL

The 9th Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed Gold Medal will be given to a young researcher up to the age of 45 in the field of Entomological Sciences.

PROF. DR. NASIMA M. TIRMIZI GOLD MEDAL

The 13th Prof. Dr. Nasima M. Tirmizi Memorial Gold Medal will be given to a researcher up to the age of 45 in the field Marine Sciences.

DR. ABDUL ALEEM CHAUDHARY GOLD MEDAL

The 7th Dr. Abdul Aleem Chaudhary Gold Medal will be given to a researcher up to the age of 45 in the field of Wildlife Management and Conservation.

Z.B. MIRZA BIODIVERSITY (FAUNAL) GOLD MEDAL

The 4th Z.B. Mirza Biodiversity (Faunal) Gold Medal will be given to a researcher up to the age of 45 in the field of Faunal Biodiversity.

PROF. DR. RIFFAT SULTANA GOLD MEDAL

The 2nd Prof. Dr. Riffat Sultana Gold Medal for Systematics & Applied Entomology will be given to a researcher up to the age of 45 in the field of Systematics & Applied Entomology.

• GOLD MEDALS / AWARDS FOR STUDENTS

– PROF. DR. A.R. SHAKOORI CASH AWARD FOR BEST ORAL PRESENTATION [SPONSORED BY RESEARCHERS LINKS, UK]

Specially constituted committee will review the presentations and adjudge the first, second and third best oral presentation. The presenters will be given cash prizes along with appreciation certificates at the Closing Ceremony.

– BURSARIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS [SPONSORED BY RESEARCHERS LINKS, UK]

Bursaries for three Undergraduate Students participating in annual Pakistan Congress of Zoology (International) would be available. The students selected on the basis of the quality of the Abstract (Oral or Poster) will be funded for registration fees and accommodation.



- The 31st **Mujib Memorial Gold Medal** will be awarded to a student of Karachi University standing first in the recent M.Sc. Zoology examination with specialization in Parasitology.
- The 31st **Muzaffer Ahmad Gold Medal** will be awarded to a student of the Punjab University, standing first in the recent M.Sc. Zoology examination.
- The 27th **Muhammad Afzal Hussain Qadri Memorial Gold Medal** will be awarded to M.Sc. Zoology student of University of Karachi securing first position.
- The 24th **M.A.H. Qadri Memorial Gold Medal** will be awarded to a student of Karachi University securing Ph.D. Zoology degree in Parasitology.
- The 25th **Ahmed Mohiuddin Memorial Gold Medal** will be awarded to a student of University of Sindh, Jamshoro standing first in the recent M.Sc. Zoology examination.
- The 20th **Prof. Dr. S.N.H. Naqvi Gold Medal** will be awarded to successful Ph.D. Zoology specializing in the field of Toxicology from University of Karachi.
- The 16th **Afsar Mian Gold Medal** will be awarded to a student of Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi standing first in the recent M.Sc. Zoology examination.
- The 11th **Prof. Dr. S.S. Akbar Memorial Gold Medal** will be awarded to M.S. Zoology (Entomology) student of University of Sindh, Jamshoro securing first position.
- The 8th **Prof. Dr. Syed Iftikhar Hussain Jafri Gold Medal** will be awarded to BS in Freshwater Biology and Fisheries graduating from University of Sindh, Jamshoro securing first position.
- The 8th **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Gold Medal** will be awarded to BS (Hons) Zoology from Government College University, Faisalabad securing first position.
- The 5th **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saeed Wagan Gold Medal** will be awarded to BS-IV Zoology from University of Sindh, Jamshoro securing first position.
- The 5th **Prof. Dr. Naeem Tariq Narejo Gold Medal** will be awarded to M.Sc. in Freshwater Biology and Fisheries from University of Sindh, Jamshoro securing first position

• ACCOMMODATION

The participants are requested to register for accommodation well in time. The details of the type of accommodation and the ancillary facilities available with the Congress secretariat.

• MEALS

The participants will make their own arrangements for breakfast during the congress days. They may also have to pay for the meals (lunches & dinners) if these are not sponsored.

HAZARA UNIVERSITY

Hazara University Mansehra, situated in Dhodial near Mansehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, was established under the Hazara University Act of 1997 and became operational in 2001. It was formally inaugurated on April 14, 2002, by the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Initially functioning from existing government buildings, the institution gradually expanded into a prominent center of higher education for the Hazara region. Despite significant challenges, most notably the devastating earthquake of 2005, Hazara University sustained its academic and administrative functions and continued to progress. Over the years, it has diversified its academic programs and established various faculties, including Arts, Sciences, Law, and specialized fields such as Archaeology, reflecting the rich historical and cultural significance of the region. With its emphasis on research, cultural preservation, and academic excellence, Hazara University has played a vital role in extending higher education opportunities to both urban and remote communities of northern Pakistan. Today, it stands as a symbol of resilience, growth, and intellectual development in the region.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Established in August 2008, the Department of Zoology at Hazara University, Mansehra, is a leading center for biological sciences within the Faculty of Biological and Health Sciences. The department is dedicated to the study of animal life, offering a rigorous academic environment that blends theoretical knowledge with practical research to address modern environmental and biological challenges. We offer specialized degree programs designed to meet the evolving needs of the scientific community and the job market. Currently home to approximately 300 plus students, the department maintains a close-knit and productive academic atmosphere. Despite its focused size, the department remains one of the university's most active research hubs, contributing significantly to published scientific literature and national research projects. Our faculty and students engage in diverse research disciplines, utilizing both laboratory expertise and the unique natural landscape of the Hazara region. The department's location in Mansehra provides a strategic advantage for zoological studies. Surrounded by vast natural habitats, our students have direct access to "live laboratories" for fieldwork in wildlife and fisheries. With our new BS in Fisheries and Aquaculture, we are specifically preparing graduates to lead in one of the fastest-growing sectors of the global food industry. By combining modern research facilities with a commitment to academic excellence, the Department of Zoology ensures that its graduates are well-equipped for careers in academia, wildlife management, fisheries departments, and international research organizations. The vision of the Department of Zoology at Hazara University is to become a globally recognized center of excellence in animal sciences, fostering a culture of innovative research and academic rigor. The mission of the Department of Zoology is to provide a transformative educational experience through three core pillars: Academic Excellence: To deliver high-quality, student-centric education in Zoology and Fisheries, equipping graduates with the skills required to excel in the global workforce. Research & Innovation: To foster a vibrant research culture that addresses local and national biological challenges, contributing significantly to the global body of scientific knowledge. Sustainable Impact: To produce professionals who are ethical stewards of biodiversity, capable of influencing environmental policy and promoting sustainability.