

1st International Conference on Optometry in Pakistan

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Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences (PIRS) Islamabad hosted a workshop in collaboration with **Pakistan Optometric Society (POS) & Eastern Mediterranean Council of Optometry (EMCO)** on the occasion of 1st International Conference of Optometry in Pakistan held at Margalla Hotel, Islamabad on 11th & 12th April, 2015. A successful **Orthoptics workshop** of 2 hours was held at Lecture Hall of Isra University, Islamabad Campus delivered by eminent Orthoptists i-e **Ms. Nusrat Naseem** (Shifa International, Islamabad) & **Mr. Siraj Safi** (Lecturer – Pakistan Institute of Community Ophthalmology, Peshawar).

Mr. Muhammad Kashif (President POS) presented his report on last year performance of POS. He appreciated the efforts made by the faculty of PIRS to conduct successful workshops at the Isra University Islamabad Campus premises. He also mentioned the value added support from Brien Holden Vision Institute (BHVI), Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF) & Sight Savers International (SSI).

National & International delegates participated in this mega event & presented their valuable researches & shared their vast experiences. President EMCO, Mr. Hassan Awada delivered his outstanding presentation on “**Ocularistry**”. **Prof. Dr. Nasir Saeed** (Dean, Pakistan Institute of Community Ophthalmology, Peshawar) delivered a key note lecture on Glaucoma assessment. **Ms. Praveen Nejad Safavi** presented about Optometry in Iran. **Brig @ Prof. Daud** presented a lecture on role of Optometric Physicians in the assessment & management of Keratoconus.

Optometry Faculty of PIRS, Isra University, Islamabad Campus presented their researches & case studies. **Mr. Muhammad Qasim** presented research paper on “New frontiers in assessment & diagnosis of glaucoma”. **Ms. Arifa Sajjad** presented a case study on “Successful management of Anisometropic Amblyopia”. Despite of Mid Term exams, students of PIRS actively participated in the conference & gained the valuable knowledge from the event. Students & faculty from other optometry institutes also attended this conference.

Mr. Hassan Minto (Patron in Chief, POS & Global Program Director for Sustainability at BHVI) also highlighted the value of Optometrists across the globe & clearly defined Optometrist as an Independent Health Care Practitioners as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) & World Council of Optometry (WCO). He also shared the new plan of POS for the next 5 years. In the last he congratulated all the Optometrists of Pakistan on successful Optometry conference & ended with a message to do more for the people of Pakistan.





