



e-Newsletter Spring 2009

Directorate of Distance Education

The Directorate of Distance Education launches online seminars

Various seminars were conducted during the Spring Semester under the Directorate of Distance Education. The seminars were organized by different departments of CIIT in collaboration with the Directorate. These seminars were delivered through video conferencing from Islamabad to all the other campuses of CIIT.

For the spring session, one Seminar was conducted in March, three in April and one in May.



The audience attending a seminar in the video conferencing room.

20th March, 2009

Miss Zehra Ratani, Education Advisor from United States Education Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) gave a few words of advice on applying for US Universities. USEFP is a bi-national commission dedicated to improving mutual understanding of people of Pakistan and US through educational exchange opportunities. Good number of people attended the seminar and benefited from the seminar from Islamabad Campus as well as from remote campuses. It was organized by

Project Manager, FD-UIUC, Mr. Attaullah Kalim. The seminar focused on how and where to apply in US and how the Education Advisors from USEFP can guide the students throughout the visa and admission process.

1st April, 2009

Seminar to spread 'Awareness about Social Responsibilities' was arranged by the Provost office. Chairman Khubaib Foundation, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed Khan, presented the works of their NGO. Khubaib Foundation is a registered, non-profit, non-government organization working for educational and social welfare of orphans, prisoners and widows and destitute people.

Students from the management sciences department actively participated in this seminar.



Mr. Affan Syed presenting at the seminar

21st April 2009

Prof. Dr. Maqbool Shaikh arranged a seminar on 'Business Intelligence'. Mr. Hamid Mehmood Qureshi, Program Manager Business Intelligence, from TERADATA presented the topic. He is also a member of the leadership team

and regularly invited to Leadership seminars and marketing conferences hosted every now and then. The seminar had a huge turnout of attendees from Islamabad as most of the Computer Science's faculty and students attended it. The speaker discussed the teradata technology, business intelligence and its various applicatios.

24th April 2009

Seminar on 'Understanding and Exploiting the Acoustic Delay in Underwater Sensor Networks' was given by Affan Syed, Post Doctoral Research Fellow at Information Sciences Institute (ISI) of University of Southern California.

AT ISI, he is part of the ILENSE and SNUSE (Sensor Networks for Undersea Seismic Experimentation) groups. He is also a member of ACM and IEEE.



The host and 3 remote campuses being shown in the plasma screen while the presentation on the multimedia

The seminar was organized by Dr. Nasro Minallah and Abdul Hamid of CS department. Other remote campuses participated actively too. The talk consisted on a brief introduction to wireless sensornets, motivation for working on underwater sensornets and the research related to latency-aware sensornets.

Directorate of Distance Education and Virtual Campus of CIIT

The objective of establishing Distance Education at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) is to promote Distance Education through e-learning using modern Information and Communication Technologies, to enhance quality of education and to optimize the services of qualified, experienced teachers and researchers at CIIT. Thus contributing towards the knowledge based economy of the country/nation. We also aim to have interaction with the renowned international academicians for imparting up-to-date knowledge and instill creativity skills in our youth.

Following the emerging trend of utilizing the information and communication technology and the need to share the expertise of the faculty of all the campuses of CIIT, the Virtual Campus was established in July 2008. The Directorate of Distance Education looks after the affairs of the Virtual Campus, with the main purpose to promote distance education and link other campuses to share experience of the experts and qualified professors.

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