Third Research Competitive Grants Conference: Interim Reports from 2013 Projects
Thursday-Friday, January 16-17, 2014
Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Sheesh Mahal-III Hall (basement level)

Thursday, Jan 16
8:30-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:45 Inaugural Session
   Chief Guest: Professor Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms and Deputy Chairman Planning Commission / Chairman, National Advisory Committee of the Pakistan Strategy Support Program
   Chair: Dr. Steve Davies
   Introduction: Dr. David Orden
   Remarks by Minister Iqbal
9:45-11:15 Session I: Markets, Trade and Growth
   Chair: Dr. Imran Ali
   Public Investment Efficiency and Sectoral Economic Growth in Pakistan
   Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi
   Channelizing Pakistan-Afghanistan Informal Trade into Formal Channels
   Dr. Adil Khan Miankhel, Embassy of Pakistan, Kazakhstan
   Productivity and Growth: A Disaggregated Analysis for the Manufacturing Sector of Pakistan
   Ms. Fauzia Kamal, Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi
   Developing a Vibrant Financial System and Bond Market through Market Disciplines and Regulatory Policies
   Dr. Syed Kumail Abbas Rizvi, Synergistic Financial Advisors, Lahore, Dr. Nawazish Mirza, Lahore School of Economics, and Dr. Bushra Naqvi, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
11:15-11:45 Tea
11:45-1:00 Session II: Entrepreneurship and Youth Development
   Chair: Dr. Nuzhat Ahmad
   Exploring Determinants of Entrepreneurial Behaviour in Disadvantaged Areas of Kyber Pakhtunkhwa
   Dr. Ali Muhammad Mohmand, University of Peshawar
Estimating Labor Market Skill Mismatch in Selected Professions
Dr. Pervez Zamurrad Janjua, International Institute of Islamic Economics, Islamic University, Islamabad

Urban Open Spaces for Adolescent Girls
Dr. Syed Ayub Qutub, Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development Action Research, Islamabad and Dr. Nomana Anjum, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

1:00-1:45 Lunch (buffet)

1:45-3:15 Session III: Agricultural Markets and Policy
Chair: Dr. Michael Wyzan

Formulating Water Policy Based on Rationalization of Water Allocations Using Remote Sensing and GIS Modeling
Dr. Muhammad Jehanzeb Masud Cheema, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

Agricultural Markets and Agrarian Change in Pakistani Punjab
Mr. Muhammad Ali Jan, University of Oxford, UK

Comparative Advantage and Policy Analysis of KPK Agriculture
Dr. Noor P. Khan, Agricultural University, Peshawar

The Role of Milk Collection Contracts in Improving Production and Marketing in Irrigated Punjab
Dr. Muhammad Qasim, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad

3:15-3:30 Tea

3:30-4:45 Session IV: Final Report Presentations from Selected 2012 Awards
Chair: Dr. Abid Suleri

Local Estimates of Tax Simulations and Governance Outcomes
Mr. Daniyal Aziz, Mr. Muhammad Nasim Khan Raja, and Mr. Sabieh Haider, Governance Institutes Network International, Islamabad

Creative Cities in Pakistan: An Agent Based Modeling Approach
Mr. Ammar A. Malik, Dr. Andrew T. Crooks and Dr. Hilton L. Root, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA

4:45-5:30 Session V: International Presentations (in person or by video/Skype)
Chair: Dr. David Orden

Primming Rural Health Facilities for Optimal Service Delivery
Dr. Musharraf Rasool Cyan, Georgia State University, USA and Dr. Abdullah Khan Sumbal, Government of Punjab

Remittances and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from the Pakistan Remittance Initiative
Dr. Javaeria A. Qureshi, University of Illinois-Chicago, USA (by video/Skype)

5:30 Day Closing Announcements followed by High Tea
Friday, Jan 17

8:45-9:00  Registration

9:00-9:45  Session VI: Enterprise Performance
        Chair: Dr. Syed Nawab Haider Naqvi

Corporate Governance Index: A Measure of Corporate Governance Practices in Pakistan
Dr. Aneel Salman, Center for Policy and Management, Islamabad, and Dr. Murtaza Abbas, National Defense University

Determinants of Expansion of Micro and Small Firms and the State of Entrepreneurship
Dr. Idrees Khawaja and Dr. Nasir Iqbal, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad

9:45-11:00  Session VII: Governance
        Chair: Dr. Syed Nawab Haider Naqvi

Aid Effectiveness in Poverty Alleviation in a Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster Setting: A Case Study of District Swat, Pakistan
Dr. Murad Ali, University of Malakand

Dimensions of Corruption in Pakistan: A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis Based on System Dynamics Modelling
Dr. Eatzaz Ahmad, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and Dr. M. Aman Ullah, Planning Commission, Islamabad

The First Constituent Assembly of Pakistan: An Institutional Economics Analysis
Dr. Yaqoob Khan Bangash, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore

11:00-11:20  Tea

11:20-12:00  Session VIII: Final Report Presentations from Selected 2012 Awards
        Chair: Dr. Nuzhat Ahmad

What Determines Farmers’ Response towards Adopting New Technology in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?
Dr. Shahnaz Akhtar, Agricultural University, Peshawar

12:00-12:15  Closing Remarks
        Chair: Dr. Steve Davies

12:15-1:00  Lunch (buffet)