INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (ICCBS)

COMSTAS Center of Excellence
Past, Present, and Future

(H. E. J. Research Institute of Chemistry, Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research)
University of Karachi, Karachi-75270
We intend to be a preeminent academic research and teaching institution, which is recognized as a world leader in training of scholars and for research in frontier fields of science and technology.
ICCBS MISSION

We are the institution of higher learning which impart highest quality research training to its students in frontier fields of science and technology. We strive to contribute in the fulfilling the need of quality manpower in science and technology and expect that our graduates will serve the nation and humanity at large.
ICCBS- AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

1. Fulfillment of the dreams of Late Prof. Abdus Salam, Nobel Laureate and Prof. Salim uz Zaman Siddiqui (FRS)

2. Affiliated with The Academy of Sciences for The Developing World (TWAS)

3. At par to:
   1. ICTP (International Center for Theoretical Physics), Trieste, Italy
   2. ICGB (International Center for Genetic and Biotechnology), Delhi (India), Trieste (Italy) and Durban (South Africa)
   3. ICMS (International Center in Mathematical Sciences), Sao Palo, Brazil
   4. ICES (International Center for Environmental Sciences), Beijing, China
Late Prof. Dr. Salim-uz-zaman Siddiqui, 
H.I., F.R.S.
Founding Director (1966-87)
Late Mr. Latif Ebrahim Jamal, H.I.
Chairman
Husein Ebrahim Jamal Foundation
Prof. Dr. Dr. Wolfgang Voelter, S.P., H.P.
Tubingen University, Germany
Ms. Nadira Panjwani, H.I., S.I.
Chairperson
Dr. Panjwani Memorial Trust
PROF. DR. ATTA-UR-RAHMAN, FRS
Patron-in-Chief
Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary H. I., S. I., T.I.
Current Director ICCBS
2002- today
AN INSTITUTIONAL MODEL

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Received a donation from Late Mr. Latif Ebrahim Jamal (Husein Ebrahim Foundation) in 1976.

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Constituent institution of the University of Karachi, the second best university in Pakistan, and 223 (natural sciences) in world ranking (Oxford, 2009).

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Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman (UNESCO Laureate) with Prof. Dr. Abdus Salam (Nobel Laureate from Pakistan)
Research publications in top international journals: Over 4,800

Patents (national and international): 155

Books published internationally (over 90 by Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman): 185

Total scientific impact factor: Over 47,500

Total Ph.D.’s produced: Over 580

Total Citations: Over 35,000
Out of ten (10) most productive scientists of Pakistan, five (5) are from the H. E. J. Research Institute of Chemistry, International Center for Chemical Sciences.

(PCST Document, Scientists of Pakistan, 2008)

Internationally Recognized Faculty. All Senior Professors with the D.Sc. degrees from various universities.

Only Pakistani Institution with Two FRS.

Majority of the academic staff are the authors of internationally published science books or editors of science journals.
### MOST DECORATED ACADEMIC SCIENCE INSTITUTION

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Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman receiving the UNESCO Science Prize (2004)
Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman signing the famous book of Royal Society as a Fellow
INTERNATIONAL STATUS

- One of the best in the field of chemical sciences

- Designated as the:
  a. OIC Center of Excellence
  b. World Health Organization Center for Pesticide Analysis for Eastern Mediterranean Region.
  c. COMSATS Center of Excellence.
  d. COMSTECH Library Center.
  e. Islamic Development Bank Prize for Best Science Institution in the Islamic World.
  f. TWAS Center of Excellence.
  g. UNCSTD Center of Excellence.
INTERNATIONAL STATUS

- Over 200 visiting scientists annually from different countries.

- Only institution in the developing world in which advanced countries are sending students for training- 20 German students annually, over 130 German students have already been trained.

1. International grants worth over $15 million were won:

(a) Germany DM 5.7 million  
(b) USA $2.0 million  
(c) UK £1.0 million  
(d) Japan $8.0 million  
(e) Others $2.0 million  

2. Research projects worth another $12.5 million from WHO, USAID, ONR, NSF (USA) and British Council have been completed.
ICCBS
CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL SETUP
① Established 1967.
① Funded by the Husein Ebrahim Jamal Foundation
① Specialized in the fields of organic and bio-chemistry
① WAITRO Center
① COMSATS Center
① House the National Library of Chemical Sciences
H. E. J. RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY (CONSTRUCTED IN 1978 WITH A GRANT FROM HUSEIN EBRABHIM FOUNDATION)
Dr. Muhammad Husein Panjwani
① Only institution of molecular health sciences in the Muslim world
① Established in 2004 by Dr. Muhammad Husein Panjwani Memorial Trust
① An endowment of US $1 million was created
① 15 Faculty members, two research officers, Over 50 Students, 4 Post. Doc.
① Focused areas include molecular immunology, stem cell research, diabetes, neuropharmacology, enzymology, computational medicinal chemistry, structural biology, molecular oncology, tissue culture, etc
① Diagnostic and Clinical Research facility was established as service wing
① One of the largest science information centers in the developing world.

① Building donated by the Husein Ebrahim Foundation.


① PABIC (Pakistan Biotechnology Information Center), DNA Dolmen Center, APTMNET (Asia Pacific Traditional Medicine Network)
LATIF EBRAHIM JAMAL NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER
One of the largest Paperless Libraries in the Region/Digital Library
(Building donated by Husein Ebrahim Foundation)
Serving over 350 industries annually

New products development

Raw material testing

Quality improvement/control/assurance

International certification

Industrial informatics

Pesticide residue and toxic metal analysis

Toxicity testing
BIOTECHNOLOGY PARK

- Service wing of the Third World Center for Chemical Sciences.
- Tissue culture
- Viral diagnosis
- New varieties of banana and pineapples
- Exotic orchids and other flowering plants
- Cell-culture for secondary metabolites
The largest doctoral program in the country producing over 80 world class Ph.D.s every year
Clinical Research facility was established as service wing

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Molecular immunology, stem cell research, enzymology, structural biology, molecular oncology, tissue culture, Vaccine development, Computational medicinal Chemistry, Clinical Biochemistry, Neuropharmacology,

Herbal medicines,, Plant biotechnology, Pharmacology, Organic Chemistry, Drug designing, Bio-organic, Synthetic and Natural Product Chemistry, Electrochemical Studies, Petroleum and Polymers, analytical chemistry
ICCBS
PLANNED FUTURE INSTITUTIONS
Center for Bioequivalence Studies and Bioassay Research (CBSBR) PCMD (Established and functioning)

Technology Incubator and Research Park ICCBS (under construction)

Center for Nanochemistry Research HEJRIC (under construction)

Jamil-ur-Rahman Research Center for Genomics (under construction)

Nuroscience Research Center PCMD

International Research Center of Tropical and Regional Diseases (IRCTRD) PCMD

Industrial Biotechnology Center

National Imaging Facility
STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS (2006-2020)

1. Strengthening of the Industrial Analytical Center (IAC)

2. Strengthening of the Dr. Panjwani Center for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research (PCMD) (Phase II)

3. Strengthening of the H. E. J. Research Institute of Chemistry (Phase-III)
1. Development of 200 Acre of land, provided by the University of Karachi (roads, water and sewerage lines, gas and electricity) (core work completed)

2. Construction of Scholars Hostels

3. Construction of Conference Facilities (completed)

4. Sports Center, Recreational Facilities and Clinic (under construction)
INCREASED ACCESS BY 2020

① Over 1,200 Ph. D. Students (Current Ph. D. enrolment 500)

① 150 Post-doctoral Scholars

① 80 Research Officers
# PHASING OF EMERGING PROJECTS (2006 – 2020)

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Role of leadership (Internationally renowned leader, Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman).
Role of private sector.
Contractual appointment of faculty members. International evaluation of research productivity.
Good salaries and grades to engineering staff.
Strong international linkages.
Well subscribed library system and other information sources.
More funds for R&D (70% of the annual budget).
Institution which invite and facilitate external review.
REMARKS OF Prof. Herbert C. Brown
Nobel Laureate
R. B. Wetherill Professor of Chemistry
USA

“Under Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman’s able guidance, this Institute has become one of the finest in the world, in terms of the facilities, the quality of work and the scientists that it produces”.
"Professor Atta-ur-Rahman is one of the world-wide leading scientists in natural product chemistry and in the important field of nuclear magnetic resonance. The number as well as quality of his research publications and in particular his books are highly astonishing".
REMARKS OF Prof. Sir D.H.R. Barton
Nobel Laureate
Texas A&M University
USA

“Prof. Atta-ur-Rahman is the motor which has propelled the H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry from a little Institution into the best Research Laboratory in Natural Product Chemistry in the Developing World”.

① An institution which demonstrates that it is possible to build world-class science institutions in Pakistan.

② An institution which has served the nation in many ways.

③ An institutional model for others to follow.
1. The Center has produced over 400 Ph.D. scholars and 150 M.Phil. scholars with world-class training in the relevant fields of chemical, pharmaceutical, Industrial and biochemical sciences.

2. These trainings within the country on nationally relevant topics have led to a saving of over Rs. 5 billion, along with the strengthening of indigenous S&T institutions and research capacity.

3. The graduates of the Center have been serving in top chemical and pharmaceutical industries of Pakistan at leading positions. These graduates have played a key role in making the pharmaceutical industry of Pakistan export-based, earning millions of dollars for the country annually.
4. The Center is serving over 350 Industries of Pakistan, by providing them world-class analytical and consultancy services, this is also leading to a saving of millions of dollars.

5. The Center is also earning over Rs. 40 million annually from various services to industries, despite the fact that most of these services are offered on cost-plus basis in order to support industrial development.

6. The Center has a world class Industrial Analytical Centers, recognized for its quality and credibility.

7. The Center has an expanding network of diagnostic centers, which are providing pathological and diagnostic facilities to common people, as well as helping the scientists in their clinical research.
8. The Center has been helping the Pakistan Customs since last 20 years. Many of the long-standing analytical problems were solved by using the most sophisticated instrumental facilities. This has led to the collection of duties and taxes of billions of rupees, which were otherwise not possible due to misreporting and malpractices.

9. The Biotechnology Division of the Center has developed several new varieties of bananas, orchids and other important crops. Many of these varieties have already been commercialized and progressive farmers are benefiting from these innovations.

10. The Center has trained thousands of young graduates in various skills, such as horticulture, tissue culture, pharmaceutical services, diagnostic services, and food and pharmaceutical analysis, thus helping in generating employable skills in the country.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Finest academic research Institution in the field of Natural Product Chemistry.

2. Only Institution in the Islamic world where 20 German students are coming for research trainings every year. Over 120 German students have already been trained.

3. Only institution in the Islamic world where six Nobel Laureates have visited, reviewed the research programs, and praised the quality.

4. Only institution in the Islamic world, which produces 50-60 top-class Ph.D.’s every year in the field of chemical and biochemical sciences.
5. Only institution in the Islamic world, which has been designated as the focal center for trainings of young scholars from Afro Asian Countries by Non-aligned Movement (NAM) Science Center.

6. Only institution in the Islamic world, which has been designated as the “World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Pesticide Analysis and Research”.

7. Only institution in the Islamic world with overall investment of US $ 45 million in scientific instrumentation and infrastructure.

8. Only institution in the Islamic world, with over 4,000-research publications in top international journals and over 130 internationally published books.
9. Only institution in the Islamic world, which has organized one of the largest chemical science events, the IUPAC conference in 1994.

10. Only institution in the Islamic world where scholars from 25 Muslim countries are visiting for research training and Ph. Ds.

11. Only institution in the Islamic world which was largely established through donations from private sector/philanthropic organizations.


13. Only academic institution with ISO 17,025 certified analytical laboratories.

14. An institution which invite external review every year to identify its strengths and weaknesses.

14 institution with state of the art Industrial Analytical Center (IAC) to help industries in Pakistan and in the region.

15. An institution which has been regarded as most a successful example of private-public partnership for science capacity building in developing world.


3. Discovery and Development of Bating Enzyme for Lather Softening.

SOME OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF H. E. J. RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

5. Development of most Potent Anti-epileptic Drug (isoloxylitone) which is in initial stages of development and patented internationally.


8. Analytical Services to over 400 Industries annually throughout the Country.

9. The genome of first Muslim and Pakistani (9th nation in the world) was completely mapped in collaboration of Beijing Genomic Institute.
SOME OF THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF ICCBS IN 2011

• PCMD-BGI Jointly Map Genome of First Pakistani.

• H.E.J. Institute Selected as the OIC Center of Excellence

• Procurement of Major New Instruments for the ICCBS Institutions:
  • Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatographs (4) (HEJ)
  • Triple Quradrapole GC-MS (HEJ)
  • Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography’s (FPLC) (PCMD)
  • Avance III New Console for the 400 MHz NMR (HEJ)
  • Equipment for Textile Chemical Laboratory (HEJ)
  • Diesel Generator 350 KVA (ICCBS)
  • Cryoprobe 3 mm for 600 MHz NMR (HEJ)
  • LC-MS/MS (CBSBR, PCMD)
  • Digital Melting Point Apparatus (HEJ)
• Establishment L. E. J. Nanochemistry Center

• Establishment of Jamil-ur-Rahman Center for Genome Research

• 373 scientific papers in leading international journals during 2012. (The cumulative impact factor 578 (Scopus, Web of Knowledge, 2012).

• 12 US patents. One of these patents has been leased out to an international company for the first phase clinical trials.

• 68 M.Phil. / Ph.D. and over 20 scholars under joint supervision.
Induction of New Faculty Members IN 2012

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bhangar (HEJ)
Prof. Dr. Darakhshan J. Haleem (PCMD)
(Biochemistry)
Dr. Rizwana S. Waraich (PCMD)
Dr. Saima Jalil (PCMD)
Dr. Ayaz Ahmad (PCMD)
Dr. Reaz Uddin (PCMD)
Dr. Meera Malik (PCMD)
Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan (PCMD)
National and International Conferences (2012)


- Regional Workshop on Chemical Laboratory Safety and Security June 5-6th, 2012.

• Two-day’s Workshop on "Developing Skills for the Interpretation of 1D and 2D NMR Spectral Data for the Structure Determination of Organic Molecules, PAK-US Workshop on Applications of Nanotechnology (Want-2012).

• Patent Protection for R&D (Jointly organized by PASTIC, PSF and ICCBS).
Dr. Daniel Hoessli, Switzerland
Dr. Hartmut Wellerdte, Germany
Dr. Mujeeb Uddin Shad, USA
Prof. Dr. Sumaira Amir, USA
Dr. Munir Ozturk, Turkey
Dr. Ursula Ann Karra, Germany
Prof. Dr. Ayhan Ulubelen, Turkey
Prof. Dr. Bohari M. Yamin, Malaysia
Prof. Dr. David L. Smith, USA
Prof. Dr. Elias Baydoun, Lebanon
Prof. Dr. Heiko Iven, Germany
Prof. Dr. Iqbal Ahmed, Malaysia
Prof. Dr. Khalilur Rahman, Bangladesh
Prof. Dr. Laura D. Shirtellif, USA
Prof. Dr. Massimo Bertino, USA
Prof. Dr. Nicholas Levents, USA
Prof. Dr. Suchi Gua, Columbia
Prof. Dr. Thomas Nugent, Germany
Dr. Aftab Ahmed, USA
Dr. Aliya Malik, UK
Dr. Azwani, Malaysia
High Speed Genome Sequencer (JRCGR, PCMD)
Atomic Force Microscope (HEJ)
LC/MS/MS 6460 Agilent (CBSBR, PCMD)
Genome Analyzer 5500XL System (HEJ)
Vibration Free Cooling Incubator (PCMD)
Airstream® Class II Biological Safety Cabinets (PCMD)
Dry Shipper (PCMD)
WHAT ICCBS CAN OFFER TO COMSATS COLLEAGUES?
Research Trainings

• Training visits of young scholars
• No bench fee
• On-campus accommodation
• State-of-the-art instrumental facilities
• Over 100 bioassays and access to animal house facility
• Excellent libraries
• International, friendly and conducive working environment
• In some cases, financial support for living expenditures
• Cost of living is very affordable (Less than $ 200 per month)
Academic Collaboration

• On-lines courses through VEPP (Video conferencing Program Pakistan)
• Split Ph. D. program
• Technician training
• Senior scientists visits
• Binational and multi-national workshops
Global Virtual Education Program

• Global Initiative for quality teaching of science and technology at all levels
• Over 18,000 courses, downloaded and licensed for educational purposes
• Available for free sharing
• Managed and operated by the LEJ Center (ICCBS) under the patronage of Higher Education Commission, COMSTECH and Commonwealth of Learning
Joint Research Programs

- Collaborative Research Projects
- Field Surveys
- Joint Disease Genomics Projects
Scholarships/ Schemes

Joint NAM S&T Centre-ICCBS Karachi (Pakistan) Fellowship
www.namstct.org

TWAS Fellowship Program
http://www.iccs.edu/twas.php

COMSTECH Visiting Scientists Program
http://www.comstech.org/Programs
Access to Spectroscopic and Bioassay Facilities

• Access to excellent spectroscopic facilities
• Bioassay screenings
• Clinical trial facilities
• In vivo assays
• Library document delivery system
• Molecular Bank (Over 12,000 compounds now)
• Extract Bank (Over 5,000 plant extract)
• Bio Bank (hundreds of Cell lines and fungal cultures)
H. E. J. RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY
(Constructed In 1978 With A Grant From Husein Ebrahim Foundation)
DR. PANJWANI CENTER FOR MOLECULAR MEDICINE AND DRUG RESEARCH
PROF. DR. ATTA-UR-RAHMAN LABORATORIES
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