



NEGAAS to Convene 27th AGM

Nepal German Academic Association (NEGAAS) will convene its 27th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2016. In the meeting, the President of NEGAAS Prof. Dr. Roshana Shrestha will welcome the Executive, Life and the General Members of NEGAAS. The Secretary of NEGAAS, Mr Surendra Dhakal, will present the achievement report and programs of NEGAAS for the year ahead. Treasurer Dr. Jyoti Upadhaya will present income and expenditure report of the financial year 2015/16. In the program, NEGAAS News will be published and distributed among the members and certificates will be given away to new life members of NEGAAS. The AGM, moreover, elects new NEGAAS Executive Board for year 2016/18

NEGAAS organized Workshop

NEGAAS organized a Workshop on Nutrition Today: a Struggle between Obesity and Malnutrition as funded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in a period from April 8 to-10, 2016 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The workshop began with an inaugural session on 8th April, 2016. NEGAAS Secretary Mr. Surendra Dhakal highlighted the regular academic functioning of NEGAAS as the Master of Ceremony. He further recalled the history of NEGAAS and informed about its future activities. The inaugural session was chaired by the president of NEGAAS, Dr. Roshana Shrestha. The chief guest of the session was the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Mathias Meyer. By lighting flame, the workshop was inaugurated by the chief guest. In his inaugural speech, Mr. Meyer appreciated the contribution of NEGAAS in organizing the workshop in very relevant subject that people are facing all over the world. He mentioned that Nepali cultural foods are very interesting to him as well. The president of NEGAAS Dr. Roshana Shrestha welcomed all the resource persons and participants in the program. She highlighted the importance of the workshop. She summarized the different workshops and seminars conducted by the NEGAAS and supported by DAAD in the past. She focused on the strong relation between Germany and Nepal in academia, science, social and cultural aspect. Moreover, she introduced the main resource person Dr. Barbara Bjarnason. The guest of honor Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Karna, Director General of Department of Food and Technology appreciated works of NEGAAS in the socio-academic sector. He highlighted the real scenario of malnutrition in the urban areas. He focused that the obesity, hunger and malnutrition are the big problems where they are working. He presented the real data of the urban population from 28 districts of Nepal having obesity and malnutrition. To reduce the malnutrition, quality food production technology has been applied. At the end of his speech, he wished to work together with NEGAAS to reduce the malnutrition in Nepal.



The founder president of NEGAAS Prof. Dr. C.B. Joshi highlighted how the NEGAAS was established. He expressed his happiness because NEGAAS has always been successful to organize such kinds of program every year. These kinds of contribution for nation are very much appreciated. He explained his experience about the malnutrition and obesity being big problems in Nepal.



He hoped that the program would help to fight against the malnutrition as well as obesity where people from different regions and different interests are participating. Moreover, he declared that this is the first program with majority of female participants.

The former ambassador of Nepal to Germany, Prof. Dr. Novel Kishor gave his speech by including the food and cultural experience from Germany. He highlighted how the foods create malnutrition and obesity. He focused that the overweight and underweight both are not good.

The principal resource person, Dr. Barbara Bjarnason expressed her happiness with the participants representing different fields because she always wanted to work in different culture and different society. She highlighted that during the workshop she would talk about many important fields of nutrition. She focused that food is fun that makes us happy. Food is also culture that has different identity and taste depending on different cultures. However, she said that she has been disappointed over since last 15-18 years that people in the world have slowly been leaving their food culture. They have limited time to cook food and to eat together on dining table because of their busy schedule of work. Due to the lack of time, people have been unable to maintain the balance of nutrition in their food. As a result the problem of obesity and malnutrition has been increasing day by day.

Editorial

NEGAAS has completed its 27 years of action aimed at fostering relations between Nepal and Germany on academic level. Being one of very few Alumni associations, renewed annually with local authority and Tax Offices, NEGAAS has been working closely with DAAD (German Academic Exchange Services) and Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany in Nepal since its inception. It has been the tradition of NEGAAS to bring out its Newsletter every year on the occasion of its Annual General Meeting by collecting information on its activities and those of its members and also regularly updates its home page. The constant increase in the number of NEGAAS life membership proves that NEGAAS has been a vibrant association to build the academic bridge between Nepal and Germany. We hope that this edition of the NEGAAS News will be useful for its members and Nepal German Institutions active in Nepal.

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Technical Session

After the inaugural session, technical session began which was conducted by Dr. Barbara Bjarnason. She delivered series of presentation on 8th, 9th and 10th of April under the topics as follows: world food situation, the bad carbohydrates sugar and refined starch, biological grown food better than conventionally grown, prevention through phytochemicals in food, food additives, essential facts about Food and nutrition, new facts about fat. Similarly on April 10, Mrs. Sandhya Karmacharya highlighted on aflatoxin contamination in food commodities. Mrs. Urmila Joshi presented a paper on Food Safety Issues in Nepal.

Closing Ceremony

A concluding program was organized for sharing the achievements and further recommendations of the workshop on April 10. The NEGAAS Secretary Mr. Surendra Dhakal welcomed the participants and highlighted the DAAD supported workshops regularly organized by NEGAAS. He further mentioned that NEGAAS has established many academic relationships in Nepal and abroad, especially in Germany, since the establishment of NEGAAS that reaches 27 years in 2016. Mrs. Urmila Joshi, speaking at the program, appreciated very much the presentations and devotion of Dr. Bjarnason, the way she conducted the workshop as the principal resource person. Mrs. Sandhya Karmacharya also very much appreciated the presentation and devotion of Dr. Bjarnason, the topics she had chosen and the way she conducted the workshop as the principal resource person. She mentioned that the results learned from this important event were excellent and she also remained satisfied with the outcome of the workshop. Ms. Ganga Sharma, one of the participants, expressed her full satisfaction with the outcome of the workshop and shared the idea that the cultural food of Nepal was more balanced. However, she said that a longer workshop would still be beneficial for gaining more knowledge in this field. Ms. Sharma stressed the need of knowledge sharing between local experts and the foreign experts and demanded more interactive program between the experts and the participants through still better group discussions. Another participant Mr. Noor Jung Shah, shared about his active participation in one other similar workshops and acknowledged very much the contribution of NEGAAS in organizing the workshop and thanked for the benefits the participants have achieved from the event. Mr. Novel Kishor Rai, former Ambassador of Nepal to Germany, evaluated the workshop as successful and expressed that he was happy with the program.

Dr. Bjarnason, the principal resource person, addressed the gathering and appreciated the outcome of the workshop. Moreover, she recommended on more group and table discussions and expressed her willingness for continuous contacts in future as well. In the closing ceremony, Dr. Roshana Shrestha, the President of NEGAAS, granted the token love to Dr. Bjarnason. Speaking at the program, life member of NEGAAS, Mrs. Sandhya Regmi extended special thanks to Dr. Bjarnason, acknowledged the contribution of both Nepalese experts and extended vote of thanks to everybody involved in the program including the NEGAAS members and the participants. The program was concluded with her remarks.



NEGAAS Conferred Honorary Membership

On January 26, 2015 NEGAAS conferred its Honorary Membership on German Ambassador to Nepal, His Excellency Matthias Meyer amidst a special ceremony.



On the occasion, President of NEGAAS Dr. Roshana Shrestha welcomed all in the ceremony while Founder President of NEGAAS Prof. Dr. CB Joshi recalled the tradition of NEGAAS of conferring NEGAAS Honorary Membership on German Ambassador to Nepal.

Addressing the function after receiving Honorary Membership H.E. Meyer informed that Goethe Center was going to be run with new approach and urged NEGAAS to be involved therein. He also informed that after the inception of German Alumni Association of Nepal (GAAN) the fund for organizing academic activities from German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD) would flow through GAAN. Speaking on the occasion as Master of Ceremony, NEGAAS Secretary Mr. Surendra Dhakal informed that NEGAAS would soon organize Planning Workshop to chalk out activities to be organized by NEGAAS in year 2015/16.

NEGAAS Organized Talk Programs

In year 2015/16 NEGAAS organized a series of Talk Programs led by its members. They included topics such as Conservation Genetics in the Context of Forest by NEGAAS Life Member Dr Rajendra KC. Similarly NEGAAS Life members Dr. Haridatta Bhattarai and Dr. Babita Poudyal also led jointly

a talk program on Status of Bioscience and Biotech in Nepal.

NEGAAS Participated in Rally

NEGAAS participated in a rally organized against the economic blockade imposed by India on Nepal. The rally after mass meeting was organized by Patriotic Eco-social Front (PESOF) Nepal. The rally was started from Ratnapark and proceeded to Indian Embassy Lainchaur. President PESOF Mr. Surendra Dhakal handed over a letter to the First Secretary of Indian Embassy and demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of economic blockade imposed on Nepal.

NEGAAS Organized 26th AGM

Nepal German Academic Association (NEGAAS) convened its 26th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, December 27, 2014. In the meeting, the President of NEGAAS Prof. Dr. Roshana Shrestha welcomed the Life Members and the General Members of NEGAAS. The Secretary of NEGAAS, Mr Surendra Dhakal, presented the achievement report and programs of NEGAAS for the year ahead. Treasurer Dr. Jyoti Upadhaya presented income and expenditure report for the financial year 2014/15. In the program, NEGAAS Silver Jubilee Special Issue was made public by Founder President Prof. Dr. CB Joshi and distributed among the members. Certificates were given away to new life members of NEGAAS Prof. Dr. Novel K Rai, Dr. Netra Lal Bhandari, Mr. Shankar P Kharel and Mr. Bishal Ghimire. The Meeting honored three Founder members of NEGAAS Mr. Narendra Bhupal Malla, Dr. Roshana Shrestha and Prof. Dr. CB Joshi.

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Members' Activities

Dr. Anil Bahadur Shrestha appointed as the new Executive Director of Nick Simons Institute, Nepal.

Dr. Babita Poudyal received Young Scientist Award by Choudhary Foundation Nepal.

Prof. Dr. C. B. Joshi Founder President and currently Advisor of NEGAAS was selected unanimously as the first President of German Alumni Association of Nepal (GAAN) - an umbrella association of almost all the German alumni associations in Nepal during its first AGM. It was held at Nepal Administrative Staff College, Lalitpur on March 20, 2015 in the presence of HE Ambassador, Mr. Mathias Meyer and Country Director of GIZ, Dr. Robert Steuer. Prof. Joshi visited the United States of America (U.S.A.) from 31 March 2015 to 30 November 2016. During that visit he traveled to different states including New York, Washington DC, California, Indiana and Oregon. In between he traveled to Brazil to attend the Rotary International Convention 2015 in Sao Paulo from 6 - 9 June 2015. Following that he made a 4 days' pleasure trip to Rio de Janeiro. Similarly, Prof. Joshi traveled from 27 May to 5 June 2016 to South Korea to attend the 107th Rotary International Convention 2016. It was held from 28th May to 1st June of that Year. During that visit he traveled to different cities to get familiarized with their old culture and traditions. Among them the visit to Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) was most exciting. Following those visits, he travelled until 13 June 2016 to Japan to see the most amazing and unique places in the cities of Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya and Kobe by plane, bus, bullet train, cruise and rope way.

Prof. Dr. Dilip Subba has been nominated as academician of Nepal Academy of Science and Technology in January 2015, member of academic assembly of Nepal Academy of Science and Technology in July 2015 and member of management council of Nepal Academy of Science and Technology in May 2016.

Mr. Ganga Datta Nepal attended International DAAD Alumni Expert Seminar on Science meets Economy - Water and Waste Water Management organized from 10th to 12th of October 2015 jointly with the International Trade Fair IFAT in Mumbai, India. The aim of the alumni seminar was to promote exchange between scientists and specialists and to transfer knowledge and foster cooperation as such networks have been in global context key to success. Additionally, such Alumni activity creates connections that can be helpful and interesting for the Alumni and their private life as well. It provides opportunities for long term networking and exchange.

Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari recently promoted to Full Professor of Chemistry at Tribhuvan University, currently conducting research works at University of Applied Science in Merseburg, Germany as Alexander von Humboldt Fellow. He convened two significant International Conferences (International Conference on Infectious Diseases and anomedicine, Dec. 15-18, 2015 and HumboldtKollge' Living under the Threat of Earthquake, Feb. 19-22, 2016) in Kathmandu. He attended different international meetings including CHEMRAWN Solid Waste Management Congress (April 4-6, 2016, Rome, Italy), POLYCHAR World Forum on Advanced Materials (May 9-13, 2016, Poznan, Poland) German-Nepal Colloquium: 'Fibers Reinforced Plastics and Sustainable Construction' organized in the frame of Nepal-Fonds of Heinz-Bethge-Stiftung (June 6, 2016, Halle, Germany), PolymerTec (June 15-17, 2016, Merseburg, Germany), IUPAC World Polymer Congress (July 15-21, Istanbul, Turkey). He visited and delivered scientific contributions in University of Padova, Italy (April 2016), University of Rijeka, Croatia (May 2016), Humboldt Jahestagung in Berlin (July 6-8, 2016)

Er. Sandhya Regmi as an artist of Buddha paintings, participated in the 3rd third International Buddhist Conference in Kathmandu on 19-20 May, followed by the 2560th Buddha Jayanti celebration in Lumbini, with the central theme: "Lumbini as the Birthplace of Buddha, the fountain of Buddhism and world peace. The conference concluded in Lumbini on 21st May with a 10-point Declaration, endorsing a plan to promote Lumbini as the centre of Buddhist faith. Its participants included venerable monks and respectable nuns, professors, educationist, cultural experts & archaeological, artists, research scientists, dignitaries, Buddhist scholars, devotees, enthusiasts from over 32 countries, and the government-level delegations from 28 states. The conference was special in many ways. Based on the archaeological evidences, and historical facts, and relying on the scientific principles, the event reaffirmed Lumbini as the birthplace of Buddha, and origin of Buddhism and the fountain of world peace. Being a deep admirer of Buddha's teachings & philosophies, and being an artist of Buddha portraits, She felt privileged to take part in the conference. Besides, this conference provided her an opportunity to display her creations of Buddha portraits on canvas in the grand conference hall of Soaltee Crown Plaza. She has recently established a Buddha Harmony Foundation in Lalitpur, the inaugural ceremony of the Foundation was held on 19th June, 2016. Ms. Regmi is the Founder President and Chairperson of this foundation. The Foundation provides a common platform to serve the society, nation and humanity across the world, based on the Buddhist teachings of truth, and peace, and to learn to live in harmony with each other, and with the nature. Regardless of the profession, belief, geographical locations, or other variations, it can fuse the thoughts, speeches, and action following the path of Buddha. Buddha Harmony Foundation is the small step towards connecting mankind with the Buddhist doctrine, by raising awareness on how we could live happily, in harmony with each other and with the nature, regardless of variation in our profession, social standing, beliefs, location, or timeline. To achieve these goals, Buddha Harmony Foundation will take various measures. Promoting and popularizing of Buddha related arts, monuments, artifacts, cultures, literatures, both inside and outside Nepal; Transmitting the Buddha's message of peace to the wider world through varieties of creative works and activities including arts, music, literature, education, health, environment, technology, management and other creative sectors. Organizing study, research, trainings, conferences, exhibitions, workshops, and other creative and interactive activities. Assisting, preserving, promoting and rewarding talents. Extending the hands of help to the victims of natural disasters, disables, elderlies, orphans, socially deprived people, and related organizations. The executive committee of Buddha Harmony Foundation is a team of 11, which includes respectable monks, professors, Engineers, artists, literary writers, poets, educationists and social workers.

Dr. Saroj Shrestha visited Rio, Brazil in connection with Summer Olympic 2016 as Doctor for the Nepalese Sports Contingent.

Prof. Sharada Shrestha promoted to the position of Professor of Mathematics at Tribhuvan University She visited, in July 2015, Changa, Hunan Province, China to attend the 14th Chinese Bridge Competition of her daughter, Alfa M. Shakya. Chinese Bridge Competition is the language proficiency competition for international students studying Chinese language. There were 133 participants from 97 different nations. Prof. Shrestha's daughter was representing Nepal, after securing first place in the regional competition held in Nepal. In August 2015, Prof. Shrestha also participated in seminar/sommerschool or workshop at SEAMS School in Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam.

Ms. Sushma Bajracharya as noble friends has been awarded Special Life Member for her contribution by Theravada Buddhist Academy (TBA)

Mr. Surendra Dhakal visited Germany from May 19 to June 4 2015 and participated in program review meeting with Rotary Club Speyer Germany. Similarly he participated in Rotary International Convention held in Sao Paolo Brazil from June 5 to 10 2015. Then from June 11 to 19 he travelled various places in Germany on his way back home. Like wise, Mr. Dhakal travelled again Germany from March 9 to 30 2016 and attended the meeting of Rotary Club Speyer and CDS Friends from Dudenhofen, Germany. He on the invitation of Nepalese Embassy in Isreal visited Tel Aviv, Jerusalem Bethlehem and Dead Sea from March 31 to April 2, 2016. From April 3 to 6, 2016 he visited Cyprus. Further, Mr. Dhakal visited Seoul South Korea from May 26 to June 1 2016 and participated in Rotary International Convention.

Prof. Dr. Tanka Nath Dhamala elected as the president of Nepal Mathematical Society in August 2015 and appointed as the Chairman of Mathematics Subject Committee, Higher Secondary Education Board (HSEB), Nepal. He was appointed program coordinator of the M.Phil. Program of Mathematics at Tribhuvan University in August 15, 2016.

He coordinated an international conference AMNS-2016 in Kathmandu, organized by NMS, ANMA and Mathematics Departments of KU and TU in Nepal. DAAD supported 15 SAARC Alumni including 10 from the neighboring countries for this conference. He initiated for the partnership between the Mathematics Departments of Tribhuvan University, University of Kaiserslautern, Germany and Mindanao State University- Iligan Institute of Technology, Philippines. This program on "Graph Theory and Optimization with Applications in Industry and Society (GraThO)" includes the student exchanges, faculty exchanges, organizing of the workshops and seminars and the updating of curriculum at the partner institutions. The main focus lies on areas which are interesting from a mathematical point of view and which can be used to model real-world problems from industry and society. He participated at the DAAD partnership workshop at MSU-IIT and at the DAAD supported conference ICCPP-2015 at Colombo Sri Lanka and delivered different presentations at conferences, including the International Conference Humboldt-Kolleg, Living under Threat of Earthquake, in Kathmandu. He published several papers in the international journals of repute. He organized different information session meetings with DAAD and AvH representatives in Kathmandu. Three information sessions, two for students and one faculty members, were organized during the visit of Mrs. Heike Mock, DAAD South-Asia-Regional-Director and Ms. Manisha Mudgil. The DAAD Regional Director also has fruitful meetings with the Vice Chancellor, Rector, Register and IOST Dean at Tribhuvan University. Moreover, one information session for faculty members at Tribhuvan University was organized in which Dr. Anne Kremer and Ms. Anja Kerna from Alexander von Humboldt Foundation disseminated the functioning and scope of the foundation.

Prof. Dr. Tulsi Pathak reappointed as the Chairman of Chemistry Sub-Committee of Higher Secondary Examination Board of Nepal Government and Member of Academic Council of Mid-western University.

Guests at NEGAAS' Regular Meetings

Following friends and well-wishers of NEGAAS attended the monthly regular meetings of NEGAAS as guests:

Mr. Felix Ruediger	Ms. Elu Den	Mr. Shambhu Charmivar
Mr. Ajay Jung Kunwar	Mr. Bishal Ghimire	Dr. Rup B Khadka
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Mr. Ravi KC	Dr. Barbara Bjamason	Ms. Urmila Joshi
Ms. Sandhya Karmacharya		

New Member Inducted

The new life members inducted in NEGAAS during 2015/16 are
 Mr. Rom Raj Lamichhane Dr. Sameer Shrestha
 Dr. Haridatta Bhattarai Dr. Babita Paudyal

NEGAAS wishes all the best to its member on the occasion of New Nepali Year 2073.

NEGAAS wishes all the best to its member and German Community living in Nepal on the occasion of New Year 2016

Obituary

NEGAAS shares deep sorrow with its Executive Member Prof. Sharada Shrestha Shrestha on the sad demise of her beloved father Prem Lal Shrestha.



NEGAAS Extends its Cordial Thanks to following Office Bearers, Executive and Life Members for having hosted the regular monthly meetings of NEGAAS in 2015/16.

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Er. Sandhya Regmi	Er. Sunil Paudyal	Dr. Rajendra KC
Dr. Haridatta Bhattarai and	Dr. Babita Paudyal	Mr. Shankar K Shrestha
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