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## **MINUTES OF THE CAMEL WORKSHOP AND CAP MEETING HELD ON MAY 30, 2015 @ UAF**

The Camel Workshop was organized at Institute of Dairy Sciences, Faculty of Animal Husbandry at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) on May 30, 2015 (Sat). The meeting was Chaired by Prof Dr Muhammad Sarwar, Dean Faculty of Animal Husbandry (FAH), UAF. Prof Dr Jaimal Dhanani, Ex-Vice Chancellor SBBUAVS, Sakrand and Dr Muhammad Ashraf Mughal, Ex-DLF decorated the podium.

After the Registration session (9-11 am) at the Faculty, the workshop started at 11 am in Old Senate Hall. The proceedings started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Qari Abdullah Hashim and Naat-Rasool-e-Maqbool by Kashif Iqbal.

Prof Dr Muhammad Younas, Director Institute of Dairy Sciences (IDS) and President CAP presented his detailed report covering three years (2012-2015). The report included the background of World Camel Day (WCD), inception of CAP, its vision, mission and objectives, events organized like WCD(s), International Camel Conf of Pakistan (ICCP), camel extension programs, Doodh Melas, International Linkages, ISOCARD, website development, visits to Rohi herders & Rakh Mahni, Biocultural Community Protocol and related other events organized and attended. Future thrust and hopes were also presented. What could be done with a winning team was detailed out. Presentation ended at the acknowledgements of all hands and minds who helped these events to meet success. A special mention of EFS and ORIC, UAF was made who extended financial assistance many times during the past years.

Rao Abdul Qadeer presented his experience with Rohi herders, camel selling & buying by Middle East buyers from Cholistan, pros & cons of the camel marketing and opportunities for Camel herders. He also presented his feelings and experiences about attending Nagoya Protocol at FAO meeting where he represented the CAP in Italy on Nov 26-28, 2014.

The CAP meeting started under the Chairmanship of Dr Muhammad Younas, the President CAP. The budget report was presented by Dr Muhammad Lateef, the Treasurer of the CAP. The balance was in negative. He encouraged the audience to get registered with CAP to raise its funds for proper working and growth.

The Old Cabinet was dissolved and the new Elections were taken on agenda. Prof Dr Muhammad Sarwar suggested the better way of electing the new cabinet through net ballot after announcing the Election Commissioner way before the election day. Then it was unanimously decided that the present cabinet should devise this system, raise membership of the CAP so that proper election can take place.

The General Body made a common consensus and elected the new Cabinet for next 3 years under the presidentship of Dr Muhammad Younas. The President, however, accepted this suggestion with heavy heart and asked the general body to at least fill in all the posts of the CAP. The audience suggested the people to take those positions which were vacant.

Prof Dr Jaimal Dhanani addressed the general Body of the CAP. He appreciated the report of the President and further suggested the Cabinet to celebrate the World Camel Day 2015 at Umakot, Sindh (any time after Eid) as they have established a new Institute of Camel. This event will cover the both WCD 2015 and the inauguration of the Camel Institute.

Dr Pershotam Khatri, Assistant Professor at Sindh Agricultural University (SAU) was invited and he expressed his views. He also mentioned that SAU Tandojam is organizing a Camel Conf in coming Dec-Jan. He highlighted the International Camel Symposium and Workshop importance, its main streams and invited all audience to send abstracts and participate in this International event at Tandojam.

Word of thanks was extended by the Dean, Faculty of Animal Husbandry. He thanked the CAP President and his team. The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

The participants appreciated the pasteurized bottled milk as a trade mark of “DAACHI MILK” on sale at the Registration Desk. This brand was launched at Word Camel Day 2014 at UAF.

All participants were extended word of thanks and were served with lunch with Camel dishes (1:30 pm) after the prayer break in the Faculty.

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