US EMBASSY VISITS CPSP TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

A US embassy delegation led by Mr. Ken Gardner, Vice Counsel at the US Consulate at Karachi with Mr. Griffin Rozell, Cultural Attaché’ at US Consulate General, Karachi, Dr. Noor Sabah Rakhshani, a Fulbright Scholar and Mr. Saif Jiskani Advisor on Education and Cultural and Public Affairs at US Consulate, Karachi paid a visit to the College on 28th January 2016 at Karachi Headquarters of CPSP and met College Executive Committee, headed by President Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry and some of the functionaries of the College. The delegation was on an exploratory mission to figure out the possibilities of collaborative research with the College conducted in USA.

Mr. Ken Gardner, the Vice Counsel, said that such a collaborative research in USA entails tackling three different aspects. First is the procurement of Visa and possibilities of visiting USA for research. Mr. Gardener took upon himself to explain various categories of Visa for USA and the requirements for each type of visa.

Next issue to be handled is the financing of such a research. Mr. Griffin Rozel, the Cultural Attaché’ described in details various programs, e.g. Humphrey Scholarship, Fulbright Scholarship, John Hopkins and many such research funding avenues possible in USA. He described some of these possible associations with the College to fund the research there. He also detailed various medical and research schools available in USA.

Dr. Noor Sabah Jakhrani, who completed her undergraduate from Bolan Medical College and is now associated with Fulbright shared her experiences and also highlighted the possibilities of Public health and Community Medicine programs in which many avenues of research and funding too are possible for the right candidate.

Prof. Zafar Ullah Chaudhry, President CPSP told the visitors that integrated clinical research is a mandatory part of the qualifications without which a candidate cannot undertake the exit examinations. President also added that CPSP is not only an examining body; it is very much a regulatory institution too as it accreditate the training institutions, the units by a physical checkup if it meets the minimum laid down requirements for training residents in a particular discipline. The College, President added, also has laid down minimum requirements for the supervisors and has set Workshops to train the supervisors before they undertake the training of College residents. CPSP also lays down the minimum requirements to enter the training program by conducting now online entrance (FCPS-I) exams but also regulated how many residents can a supervisor have and what curricula is to be conducted in a particular time-frame for each and every skill. Thus College is not only examining body but also regulatory body too. PMDC is merely a registration body and nothing more.

President welcome the delegation and told them to find out more avenues of Collaborative research in USA as CPSP too has much to share with medical institutions of USA. The College Executive Committee thanked the visitors for their interest in the College.

Mr. Ken Gardner, Vice Counsel at the US Consulate at Karachi with his team giving presentation to CPSP Executive Committee