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Expert Session on Career Opportunities as a Food Science Researcher

The Department of Food Technology hosted Expert Session on *Career Opportunities as a Food Science Researcher* in collaboration with Alumni Connect, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora on **07-05-2024**. The session was aimed to provide comprehensive guidance related to the application process, eligibility criteria, interviews and benefits of different fellowships related to Food Technology. These sessions provide firsthand experiences from past fellows, tips for writing competitive proposals and finding appropriate host institutions for pursuing different fellowships. The session was specifically designed for M.Tech and Ph.D scholars in order to make them aware about these fellowships and other related criteria's. The expert session was moderated by Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir (Alumni Coordinator, Department of Food Technology). The session was composed of an expert talk which was delivered by the guest speaker followed by question-and-answer session. **Dr. Saqib Gulzar**, an alumnus of IUST and currently working as **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions fellowship** at **University of Lleida, Lleida, Spain** was the guest speaker of this expert session. He is the first student from the Department of Food Technology, IUST who has received this prestigious fellowship from European Union. He shared his vast experience related to different fellowships like Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Alexander von Humbolt and Common Wealth fellowship programmes, etc. He also provided guidance to M.Tech and Ph.D scholars related to interviews, proposal writings, research ethics and how to find appropriate host institutions and mentors related to these fellowships. Dr. Tariq Ahmad Ganaie (Head, Department of Food Technology) shared his views and briefed about the importance of organizing such kind of sessions. The expert talk was followed by question-and-answer session in which M.Tech and Ph.D scholars interacted with the expert speaker. Finally, Dr. Basharat Yousuf (Assistant Professor, Department of Food Technology) presented vote of thanks to the expert speaker and the session was then concluded.

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