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Prof. Dr. Syed Dilnawaz Ahmad Gardezi has been the Vice Chancellor, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir since August 2012. Prof. Gardezi has served the University as a member and Chairman of its various important bodies and contributed a lot towards the academics and research activities of the faculty and University. Prior to his present position, Prof. Gardezi had been working at various academic and administrative positions. He did his M.Sc. (Hons.) in Agriculture from the University of Faisalabad (1984) and Ph.D. from the University of Wales, UK (1990). His main field of specialization is Plant Molecular Genetics/ Genetic Engineering.

Prof. Gardezi did his first Post-doctoral Research in “Genetic Engineering Techniques and their Applications” from the University of Wales, UK, whereas he carried out his second Post-doctoral Studies on the “Use of SSR Markers and SD-PAGE Protein Markers in Cereals” from University Putra Malaya, Malaysia (2004-05).

Prof. Gardezi has to his credit about 202 research publications published in journals of international repute. Besides, he has presented his research work in about 77 national and international conferences. He has organized and participated in various national and international conferences. Besides supervising numerous Ph.D., M.Sc./M.Phil. and B.Sc. students from 1991 to 2014, Prof. Gardezi is the author of many valuable books. Very recently, his group succeeded in isolation, cloning and sequencing the genes of iron and vitamins from local medical plants for the first time in Pakistan. The genes will be transferred to staple food crops (wheat and rice) to overcome the malnutrition in human beings.

In recognition of his meritorious and invaluable services for the cause of quality education, Dr. Gardezi has been honoured with several awards. He has received Best Teacher Award from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in 2007. He has been adorned with Star Laureate XVIIIITH Star Award by South Asia Publications, for the year 2007. He was decorated with Best Teacher and Best Researcher Award by the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir for the year 2002.

Panel Discussion – 8: Mapping International Research Collaboration – Future Trends