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Prof. Rai Niaz Ahmad has been Vice Chancellor of the Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi since January 2013. Prior to his present position Prof. Niaz was serving at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as Dean of Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology. Besides his regular teaching career, Prof. Niaz remained on various administrative positions there, like Director Water Management Research Centre, Principal Officer Engineering Construction Department, Chairman, Structure & Environment Engineering Department, Chairman Department of Irrigation and Drainage, Chairman Department of Fiber & Textile Engineering, and Principal Officer Estate Management Department.

Dr. Niaz has done his Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from Iowa State University USA in 1991. Later on he carried on Post-Doctoral studies at Kyoto University Japan in 1997 and at Tottori University Japan in 1998. Dr. Niaz has over 35 years of teaching and research experience, and had produced 30 M.Sc. (Hons.) graduates and a Ph.D. He also has rich experience of dissemination and extension of results of agricultural research through different mediums to farmers at large and adaption of new technologies.

Dr. Niaz has a very long list of innovations and inventions to his credit in the field of Agricultural Machinery and Farm Implements. In recognition of his services he has been decorated with President's Medal for Technology. Dr. Niaz is also recipient of International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) "WATSAVE Award-2009 of Technology".

Prof. Rai Niaz Ahmad has 30 publications in National and International Scientific Journals; 11 International Proceeding Papers; 17 National Proceeding Paper; 4 Proceeding Papers of JSIDRE, and 5 Papers presented at American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE), USA.

Panel Discussion – 4: Higher Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship