

IEEE FCCU EVENT REPORT

Empowering Women in Technology: Strength and Career Success

At our symposium, conducted in collaboration with IEEE WIE and SIGHT Lahore section, we explored challenges in Pakistan's workforce, with a focus on technology. Aligned with UN SDG 5, our delivery was intended to empower the working women, break barriers, and foster gender equality. This event created a platform for women to enhance skills, gain confidence, and navigate successful careers alongside parenting responsibilities.

REGISTRATIONS



The halls of Forman Christian College University were buzzing with enthusiasm and empowerment, as the IEEE FCCU Chapter hosted an exhilarating event dedicated to celebrating the prowess of women in the tech domain.

WELCOME

Commencing our event, we were delighted to welcome Ms. Anum Tariq, an ardent advocate for women in technology and Chair of IEEE Women Engineering, along with Mr. Faisal Usman, a tech visionary leading in humanitarian technology as SIGHT Chair for IEEE Lahore Section. Our distinguished guest, Dr. Shazeb Rathor, the Chair of IEEE Lahore Section, also graced us with their presence, embodying the spirit of IEEE and contributing significantly to our gathering. Their association with IEEE adds a unique and valuable perspective to our event."



KEY TOPICS

- Impact of IEEE on Technology
- IEEE Benefits and Opportunities for Students and Aspiring Professionals
- Confidence Building in Working Women
- Unleashing the Potential of Pakistani Women in Technology
- Parenting and Professional Development
- Panel Discussion: Challenges, Opportunities and Future for Working Women in Pakistan - from the Perspective of the Game Changers

Impact of IEEE on Technology

The event launched with a captivating session, unveiling the monumental influence of IEEE on technology. Mr. Rizwan Naqvi, not only the Students Activities Chair IEEE Lahore Section but also the Vice Chair IAS IEEE Lahore Section, provided enlightening insights. We delved deep into the benefits of IEEE in technology, discovering how it serves as a catalyst for innovation, knowledge exchange, and technological advancements. Mr. Naqvi's perspectives not only opened our eyes to the present impact but also underscored the far-reaching benefits that IEEE brings to the forefront of technological evolution.



IEEE Benefits and Opportunities for Students and Aspiring Professionals

Diving into a world of possibilities, our event featured the dynamic Mr. Hamza Ihtisham, who is the IAS Chair of IEEE Lahore Section and also a Network Supervision Specialist at Jazz. With an engaging presentation, he shed light on the numerous benefits and opportunities that IEEE brings to the table. His insights not only showcased the present landscape but also emphasized the enduring impact of IEEE in shaping the minds of future students and empowering women. Beyond the technical realm, IEEE becomes a gateway to a future where innovation, inclusivity, and abundant opportunities take center stage.



Confidence building in working women

Maria Badar, GIS Expert at PITB and IEEE WIE Vice Chair, ignited our event with an inspiring workshop on workplace confidence. As a team lead at the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), she brings over 8 years of expertise in GIS, remote sensing, machine learning, and spatial data science. Maria's impactful solutions, from optimizing vaccination programs to deploying deep learning for crop libraries, have left a positive mark on the public. Her global recognition, including presenting at the United Nations International Meeting on GNSS, adds to the richness of her insights. In her workshop, Maria not only shared practical strategies and stories but left everyone attending inspired and armed with actionable confidence-building tools for the workplace.



Unleashing the Potential of Pakistani Women in Technology

Ms. Sadia Masood, the dedicated Director at Technology Upgradation and Skill Development Company, took center stage, enchanting the audience with her profound insights into unleashing the immense potential of Pakistani women in the tech landscape. With a clear mission, Ms. Masood is on the forefront, championing the cause of empowering women in technology. We eagerly awaited her thoughts on the extraordinary potential that Pakistani women possess in this dynamic field, and she did not disappoint, leaving the audience inspired and enlightened.



Parenting and Professional Development

Balancing Parenthood and Professional Growth: Dr. Aniqah Sohail, Founder, and Project Director of Help Autism Pakistan, delivered insightful perspectives on harmonizing parenthood with professional development. As Head of Pediatrics at WTHC and a certified ABA consultant in autism, USA, she shared practical insights, drawing from her role as a mother of an autistic child. Dr. Sohail's delivery not only shed light on the challenges but also provided valuable strategies for navigating this delicate balance, offering the audience a thoughtful exploration of parenthood within the professional realm.



Panel Discussion

Navigating Challenges and Embracing Opportunities - The highlight of the day was an invigorating panel discussion moderated by Ms. Asma Basharat (IEEE FCCU Branch Counselor), where game-changing perspectives were shared by our esteemed panelists: Dr. Aasia Khanum (Prof. CS FCCU), Dr. Sara Khawar (Dean ITU), Sadia Masood (Director Technology Upgradation), Maria Badar (GIS Expert PITB), Dr. Abiha Zahra (Asst Prof. Governance and Policy, ITU), Sundas Hannan (Director Shami Group of Industries), and Noor Azhar (Head of Academics at Nearpeer.org).

This powerhouse panel, comprising accomplished women from diverse technological fields, delved deep into the challenges and opportunities for working women in Pakistan. Their insights, drawn from real-world experiences, painted a vivid picture of the professional landscape. The panel discussion was nothing short of amazing, providing a platform where these influential women shared not only their journeys but also wisdom on overcoming obstacles, embracing opportunities, and shaping the future for women in the workforce. The event truly showcased the resilience, determination, and collective brilliance of these remarkable women, leaving a lasting impact not only on the working women but a source of education for all genders alike.



Closing Ceremony

Culminating in Success: Dean Dr. Ahmad Mahmood Qureshi of FCCU gracefully concluded this extraordinary day, leaving us with a profound sense of accomplishment and unwavering determination. As the curtains fell on a day filled with dynamic discussions and empowering insights, the echoes of success and inspiration resonated, transforming this event into a resounding celebration of strength, resilience, and the limitless potential of women in technology. Beyond being a mere gathering, it was a triumphant testament to the success of our shared mission. Until our paths reunite on the journey of innovation and empowerment! Warm regards, IEEE FCCU Student Branch.

Participants

This symposium proudly brought together a diverse community of over 100+ students, including enthusiastic participants from other universities, creating a vibrant atmosphere of shared knowledge and collaboration. Alongside them, we were honored to host 25+ esteemed guests, each with a resounding story of success to share. This event wasn't just a symposium; it was a dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences, enriching the minds of all who participated. A melting pot of knowledge, where students and guests alike actively engaged and interacted, creating an environment teeming with insights and learning for everyone involved.

