

Workshop: Literature Review

December 31, 2009 – January 01, 2010

Executive Summary

Two-day workshop was organized by Department of Management Sciences, COMSATS, Lahore and Institute of Research Promotion (IRP) on 31st December and 1st January, 2010, in COMSATS, Lahore . The workshop contents were designed in consultation with academic experts, supervisors and PhD level students.

The workshop was marketed to universities, R&D organizations, PhD students and faculty members of the academic institutions.

First day of workshop was for local participants of COMSATS and IRP. The researchers of other cities attended the workshop on next day. Around 90+ people were trained in two days, yielding high level of satisfaction and positive word of mouth. Participants were excited and committed to attend the next workshop by the same organizers. Participants were also comfortable with arrangements and logistics of COMSATS, Lahore .

Around eight types of concepts and practices were discussed and shared. The trainer shared the concepts, practices, real-life cases and applications n literature writing. The participants also actively shared their views and problems in current research activities.

The workshop motivated the management of IRP and COMSATS, Lahore , participants and other researchers to join hands for the promotion of research culture in Pakistan . The workshop participants appreciated the IRP efforts for the promotion of research culture in Pakistan and offered their commitments in future activities.



Purpose of the Workshop

The workshop aims to develop basic understanding about developing literature review for research papers, thesis and analysis. It was a pure learning environment that was arranged to cater the basic needs of M.Phil and PhD scholars and also for the researchers of academia and corporate sector.

This one-day workshop was a unique blend of theory and practices with following objectives:

- To facilitate in conceptual understanding of Literature Review (LR)
- To share the real life experiences include writing, formatting, evaluating and synthesizing knowledge contents
- To train scholars in executing their research assignments
- To aware participants about critical writing patterns
- To introduce data searching patterns
- To share learning about reference & citation patterns
- To help people avoid plagiarism

Workshop Contents

The workshop contents were designed in consultation with the IRP advisors, research scholars and research supervisors of the universities. The following contents were planned and delivered.

- Purpose of literature review (LR)
- Searching and finding online and print sources for LR
- Evaluating LR sources for relevance and reliability
- Reading critically
- Analyzing and synthesizing findings
- Writing and presenting literature review
- Citing sources in text and reference list/bibliography
- Avoiding plagiarism

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