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Dr. Karim Dad

Editor, *Acta Islamica*

Office of The Acta Ismica Research Journal

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University

Sheringal, Dir (Upper), KP.

Subject: **Recognition of the Journal Titled “Acta Islamica” Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal, Dir (Upper), KP in Category “Z”.**

Dear **Dr. Karim Dad** Sahib السلام عليكم

The Higher Education Commission has been endeavoring to raise the quality of research in Pakistan according to international level and research journals are the excellent tool to enhance research capabilities. Research journals serve as forums to present latest research and also for appraisal of existing research. It has been decided to recognize research journals in different categories i.e. ‘W’, ‘X’, ‘Y’, ‘Z’ as per fulfillment of HEC criteria. I am pleased to inform you that the journal titled **“Acta Islamica” Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal, Dir (Upper), KP** has been recognized by HEC and placed in ‘Z’ category w.e.f. **March - 2016** (details of different categories are available at <http://www.hec.gov.pk/ssjournals>). The HEC is also providing financial assistance to all recognized journals and maximum amount upto **Rs. 250,000/-** per annum would be provided to all ‘Z’ category journals as per demand. You can apply on the prescribed proforma for funding your journal which is available on the said link.

The HEC would like to assist you in your endeavors to upgrade the category of your research journal. Since your journal has been graded as ‘Z’ you will need to address the following issues in order to be considered for up-gradation:

- i. Take steps to ensure that each article in your journal is reviewed by at least two reviewers (including one international reviewer i.e. from academically advanced country in the respective discipline and policy of Blind Review should be followed strictly).
- ii. The journal may be indexed / abstracted in HEC recognized abstracting / indexing agencies i.e. Ebscohost, ProQuest, Gale or Thomson Reuters etc.
- iii. The journal must be upgraded in next category within 02 years of recognition date otherwise HEC may reconsider the existing category of the journal. HEC basic criteria as well as category system is also available on the above mentioned link.
- iv. To prevent plagiarism and ensure original research in your journal, ensure use of anti-plagiarism software ‘Turnitin’.

We would also like you to take steps to place your journal online to allow international access to its contents.

With profound regards,

DR. M. TAHIR ALI SHAH
Director (Academics)

CC:

- PS to Vice Chancellor, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal, Dir (Upper), KP.
- APS to Director General (Academics), HEC Islamabad.