

#### **4th Coordinated Digital Library Workshop at Wah Campus**

The 4th **Coordinated Digital Library Workshop**, organized by the **Department of Library Information Services, CIIT, Islamabad** was successfully completed on July 24, 2009, at the **Wah Campus**.

Initiated by **Mr. Raja Muhammad Ibrahim**, Senior Librarian, CIIT, the **Digital Library Workshop** was organized in collaboration with the **International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), UK**.

The Workshop, which was expertly conducted by **Raja Muhammad Ibrahim**, (senior Librarian), **Syeda Nasreen Sultana**, (librarian), **Hafiz Abdur Rehman**, (Deputy Librarian), and **Farhad Ali**, (Assistant librarian, CIIT, Wah.) was enthusiastically attended by **40** faculty members and the Library Staff.

The main objective of the workshop was to promote the 'efficient' use of the HEC digital library at CIIT

One of the chief objectives of the workshop was to enhance the awareness level of the intellectual community of CIIT about hundreds of vitally important e-resources, available free of cost, through the HEC Digital library. The workshop also aimed at improving the students', the faculty members' and the library staff's skills and expertise in searching and accessing the required material in the digital environment.

During the day long workshop, which was based on "**hands-on**" training, the participants, along with a detailed introduction of the digital library, were trained in various techniques and searching strategies, which are considered essential for a fast, easy access to numerous electronic resources. The resources available at all the 19 databases of the digital library were included in the training. Various searching options, techniques and searching strategies were practically demonstrated to the participants. The participants were asked to complete different research assignments on the Internet and do many exercises on their workbooks. In the end the participants were also briefed about the resources available at the website of E-brary.

The hands-on training provided the participants with an opportunity to practically test various searching tactics and techniques for accessing the required material in the shortest possible time. The interactive exercises created great enthusiasm among the participants which lead to a very fruitful discussion during the question answer session. Many questions/queries were satisfied by the resource persons while the participants provided very useful feedback, suggestions and recommendations.









