

# ECOSF NEWSLETTER



## ECOSF co-organized the 17<sup>th</sup> National and 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT 2024) in partnership with UoI and YADA

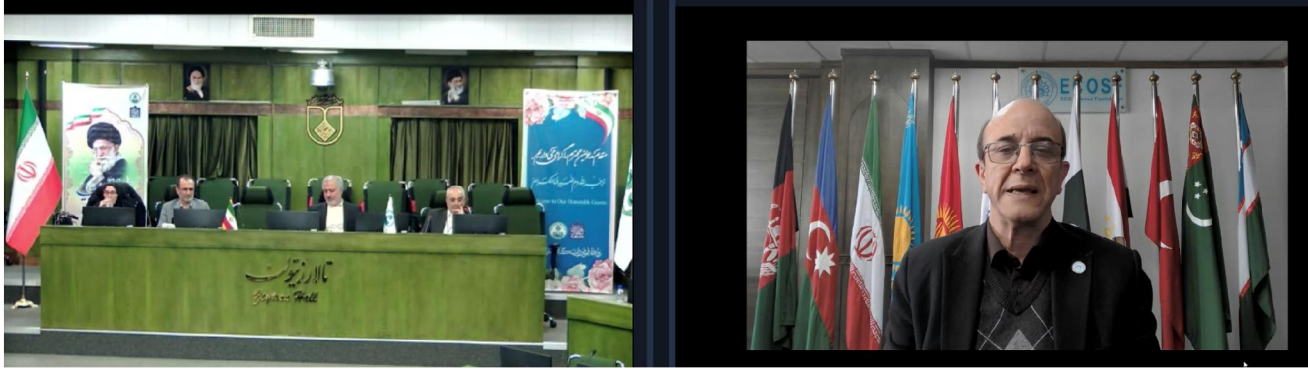
The 17<sup>th</sup> National and 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT 2024) was a collaborative effort between the University of Isfahan (UI), Iran, the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), and the E-Learning Association of Pakistan (YADA). The conference took place from February 27 to 29, 2024, providing a vital platform for researchers, practitioners, and educators to exchange ideas, share innovations, and address challenges in the dynamic field of e-Learning and e-Teaching.



The conference served as a premier interdisciplinary forum, featuring keynote speeches and technical sessions that brought together participants from across the globe. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the most recent developments in the field, discuss emerging trends, and share insights into practical challenges and effective solutions.

The Opening Ceremony of the ICELET 24 was held on the first day of the conference, set the tone for the event. The following notable speakers graced the occasion during the inaugural session:

**Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi**, President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) appreciated the partners - UI and YADA, emphasized the significance of leveraging science and technology for educational advancements, fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration. Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi highlighted a number of initiatives in which the ECOSF has actively promoted the role Technology in Education and Learning in the ECO Member Countries. Prof. Tayebi also provided a brief introduction of the ECOSF to the audience during the inaugural session and reiterated his support on continuing to work with partners in promoting the Science, Technology and Innovation in the ECO Region.



**Prof. Hossein Harsij**, the President of the University of Isfahan, extended a warm welcome to all participants, emphasizing the significance of collaborative efforts in advancing e-Learning and e-Teaching.

**Prof. Ali Akbar Safavi**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of YADA, introduced the Iranian e-Learning Association and gave an overview of their mission and commitment to promoting e-Learning initiatives in the region.

**Prof. Maryam Fatehizade**, the Conference Chair, introduced the objectives and themes of ICeLeT 2024, highlighting the importance of fostering a global dialogue on e-Learning and e-Teaching.

**Prof. Mohammad Reza Nili**, the Scientific Committee Chair, presented a comprehensive report on the conference and provided insights into the diverse range of topics covered and the collaborative spirit that characterized the event.

**UNITEL Project Session chaired by Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF**

The UNITEL Project session held during ICeLeT 2024 focused on Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) in STEM education. Chaired by Dr. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of ECOSF, the session featured presentations and reports from esteemed speakers, shedding light on the modernization and internationalization of Iranian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) through collaborative TEL-based curriculum development. The presentations and discussions highlighted the transformative impact of the UNITEL Project on Iranian universities, paving the way for future advancements in STEM education.



Ms. Ilaria Reggiani, Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi, Rome, Italy presented on the Modernization and internationalization of Iranian HEIs via collaborative TEL-based curriculum development in engineering, STEM. Dr. Hamid Reza Marateb (University of Isfahan-UI) delivered his presentation on the Revolutionizing Education: A Journey Through Data-Driven Insights.

Dr. Antonio Teixeira and Dr. Joao Paz (Universidade Aberta) delivered in their presentation highlighted UNITEL Project eCourse: participants' perceptions about its quality and effectiveness. Dr. Ghasem Salimi (Shiraz University) discussed the Transformative Impact: A Faculty Member's Experience with Engaging and Implementing UNITEL Initiatives.

Dr. Ali Akbar Safavi in the end offered insightful concluding remarks, summarizing key takeaways from the session and emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration and innovation in advancing Technology Enhanced Learning in STEM education.

President ECOSF Prof. Tayebi generated a meaningful discussion and Q&A during the session highlighting the key success stories, lessons learned and future recommendations.

**ECO Science Foundation's Session: "Technology Enhanced Learning: The Experience of ECO Member Countries"**

Join us on the Virtual Session on  
**Technology Enhanced Learning: the Experience of ECO Member Countries**  
 10:00 AM – 11:20 PM (Iran Time GMT+3:30) February 29, 2024

Weblink: Skyroom  
[https://www.skyroom.online/ch/jials\\_eh1/icelet2024](https://www.skyroom.online/ch/jials_eh1/icelet2024)

**DIGITAL LEARNING**  
Shaping the Future of Learning Through Digital Learning

17<sup>th</sup> National and 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching Focusing on Technology Enhanced Learning

**Ms. Hira Raza**  
 Young Professional/Consultant  
 World Bank Projects  
 Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFEPT), Pakistan

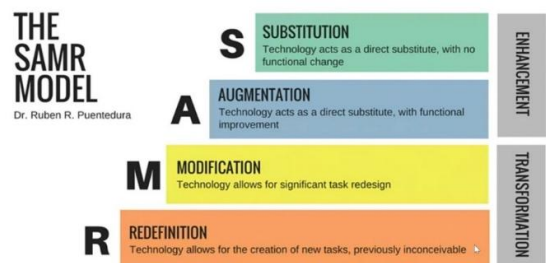
**Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi**  
 President ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), Pakistan

**Mr. Jalil Raza**  
 Instructional Technology Specialist  
 Pakistan-Austria Fachhochschule-Institute of Applied Sciences & Technology, PAF-IAST Pakistan

**Mr. Israil Kurbaniyozov**  
 Global Education Department  
 Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

The ECOSF organized an important session during ICELeT 2024 focusing on "Technology Enhanced Learning: The Experience of ECO Member Countries." The session aimed to share insights and experiences from various ECO member countries, and highlighted the role of technology in transforming education.

Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President of the ECO Science Foundation, set the tone for the session with a warm welcome. He provided an overview of the current state of E-Learning initiatives by the ECOSF and emphasized the collective experiences sharing and challenges faced by member countries. Ms. Hira Raza, a Young Professional/Consultant (Academics) from the World Bank Projects at the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training in Pakistan, presented on TeleSchool Pakistan's crucial role in narrowing the digital divide. The focus was on how this initiative enhances access to education, especially in remote and underserved areas in Pakistan.



Mr. Jalil Raza, an Instructional Technology Specialist at Pak-Austria Fachhochschule Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology (PAF-IAST) in Pakistan, shared insights into the digital transformation of classrooms. The presentation highlighted the implementation of interactive smart solutions to enhance the learning experience and infrastructure deployment that PAF-IAST has achieved so far.

Mr. Israil Kurbaniyazov could not join the session due to some technical issues. He represented the Global Education Department at Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. His abstract of the talk gave an overview of Uzbekistan's journey in transforming education through E-Learning.

The 17<sup>th</sup> National and 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching (ICeLeT 2024) fostered the collaboration and knowledge exchange among global experts in the field. ECOSF express its gratitude to all participants, sponsors and partners for their contributions to the success of ICeLeT 2024.

### President and Executive Director of ECOSF Called upon the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan

Prof. Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF and Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon Executive Director ECOSF called upon the Ambassador of Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Oybek Arif Usmanov on February 07, 2024 at the Embassy of Uzbekistan in Islamabad. The Ambassador warmly welcomed both the leaders. The Ambassador gave an introduction of Uzbekistan's relations with Pakistan and other ECO countries. He said that Uzbekistan has developed bilateral and multilateral cooperation with ECO countries including Pakistan in various fields such as Agriculture, Energy, Auto Industry, Textile, Cement, etc. ECO region is full of opportunities specially in the energy sector; thus, the steps are being taken to develop more collaboration with these regional countries, he added.



President ECOSF thanked the Ambassador for cordial welcoming and sharing the brief information about the Uzbekistan and its potential collaboration in different fields. Prof. Tayebi further briefly introduced ECOSF and said that the core objectives of the Foundation are to promote and support Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) based activities among the member countries leading to economic development in the region. Prof. Tayebi also shared the collaboration of ECOSF with the institutes/organizations and scientific community of Uzbekistan. The participation of Uzbekistan was very limited in ECOSF events due to non-ratification of ECOSF Charter and its Additional Protocol by Uzbekistan. Taking this opportunity, President ECOSF requested the Ambassador to pursue the process of the ratification. Once the charter is ratified, more activities and participation of Uzbekistan can be possible in ECOSF events and collaborations.

Prof. Tayebi also shared that a big event titled "ECO Trade and Technology Expo and the Conference (TTEC) has been planned to be held tentatively in October 2024 wherein, the tech companies, industries, academia and the youth are invited to participate and showcase their innovative products and ideas. President ECOSF also offered the Ambassador to invite Uzbek companies and relevant institutes, organizations and scientific community to participate in TTEC, added by Prof. Tayebi. President ECOSF also said that ECOSF collaborates with Children and Youth Science Center of China under the CAST. Under this collaboration, numerous events are organized. One of the events is Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop which is held annually. Last year (November 2023), 7th Camp was arranged wherein, more than 120 students and teachers from ECO countries attended on the invitation of ECOSF, among them, twelve students and six teachers from Uzbekistan attended.

Executive Director ECOSF Dr. Memon also added that ECOSF has great potential in the field of STI, accordingly, the Foundation has been playing its pivotal role to support and facilitate the scientific community and institutes of ECO to develop the collaboration on bilateral and multilateral basis.

At the end, the Ambassador appreciated the role of ECOSF in promoting STI in ECO region and offered his possible support. He also assured to follow up the ratification process of the Charter.

### **CEO of Pakistan Iran Investment Company Limited (PAIR) visited ECOSF and met President Tayebi**

On February 16, 2024, Mr. Abbas Daneshvar Hakimi Meibodi, CEO of Pakistan- Iran Investment Company Limited (PAIR), paid a visit to the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) and met with President ECOSF, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi. The meeting provided an opportunity for both organizations to introduce themselves and explore potential collaboration in line with their respective fields.



Mr. Abbas Daneshvar Hakimi Meibodi and President ECOSF, Seyed Komail Tayebi, introduced their respective organizations. Mr. Meibodi highlighted PAIR's role as a development financial institution established through a joint partnership between the Governments of Iran and Pakistan, aiming to foster trade and investment between the two nations.

President Tayebi presented an overview of the goals and objectives of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF). Emphasizing the foundation's commitment to scientific collaboration and advancements within the ECO region, President Tayebi outlined the ongoing initiatives and future plans.

President Tayebi extended an invitation to Mr. Meibodi, PAIR to collaborate with ECOSF. Recognizing the common interests in promoting trade and investment, President Tayebi highlighted the potential synergy between the two organizations. President Tayebi specifically invited Mr. Hakimi Meibodi to support ECOSF's upcoming initiative, the Trade and Technology Expo (TTEC), scheduled for October 2024.

The meeting concluded with a positive outlook for future collaboration and shared objectives in promoting economic and scientific cooperation between Iran and Pakistan.

**45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Glorious Victory of Islamic Revolution of Iran and National Day celebrated in Islamabad – President and Executive Director ECOSF attended.**

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Islamabad, Pakistan hosted a grand ceremony to mark the 45th anniversary of the victory of the Islamic Revolution and the National Day of Iran on February 12, 2024. The Caretaker Foreign Minister of Pakistan H.E. Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani graced the Ceremony as the Chief Guest. The Caretaker Information Minister H.E. Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Caretaker Minister for Education of Pakistan H.E. Madad Ali Sindhi and Governor of Sindh Province H.E. Kamran Tessori also attended as Guests of Honour. Other dignitaries from Diplomatic Corps, Religious Fraternity, High Officials from Pakistan and People of all walks of life were among the attendees. The Ambassadors from ECO countries and European Union participated too. A delegation of ECOSF comprised of President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, Executive Director Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon and Manager (Administration) Ghulam Abbas Rahar also attended the Ceremony on special invitation.



The Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani congratulated the people and the Government of Iran on this important anniversary. He emphasized the principles of friendship, cooperation and solidarity that characterize the relations between Pakistan and Iran.

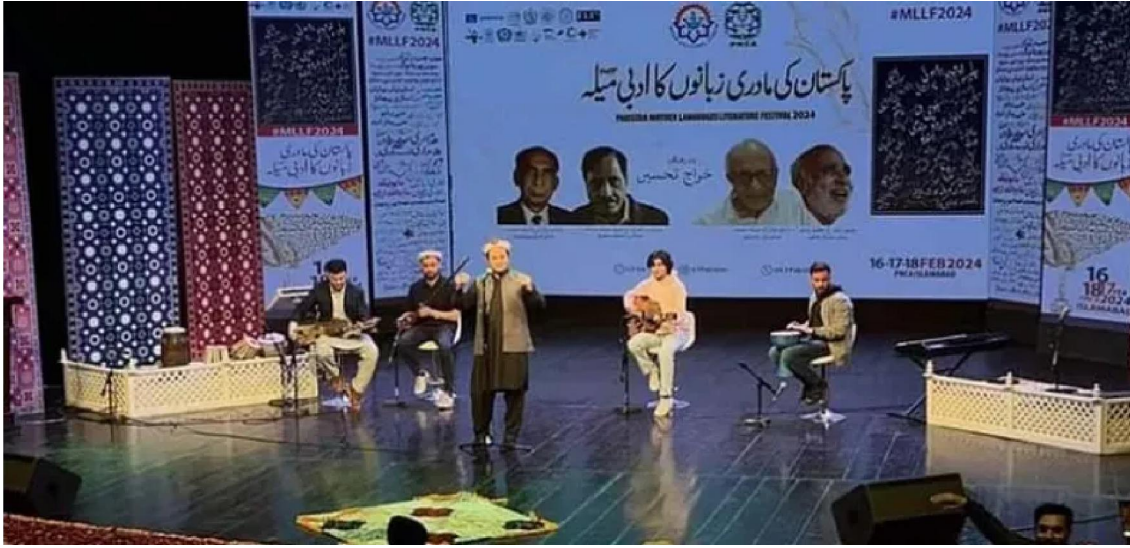
Earlier, the Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Dr. Reza Amiri-Moghaddam welcomed all the distinguished guests and thanked them to celebrate the ceremony. The Ambassador in his welcome remarks also shared the history of the day. He further said that the Islamic Revolution of Iran was called the most important event of the 20th century and brought a new discourse to the political literature of the world. Self-confidence, and political, cultural, and economic independence were the gifts of the Islamic Revolution and the main elements of the said discourse. “Iran has made tremendous scientific, industrial, cultural, medical, and technological achievements, including nanotechnology and fundamental cells, nuclear technology for peaceful uses, and aerospace technology for peaceful uses of outer space, despite the obstacles created by arrogant powers, H.E added.

At the end, a cake cutting ceremony was also held.

**President ECOSF's Participation in Mother Languages Literature Festival**

President of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), Seyed Komail Tayebi, participated in the Mother Languages Literature Festival organized by the Indus Cultural Forum. The festival was celebrated at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) on February 19, 2024.

The Mother Languages Literature Festival, a collaborative effort supported by prominent organizations including UNESCO Pakistan, Forum for Language Initiatives, Culture Department Government of Sindh, Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture (PILAC), Sindhi Language Authority, Pakistan Academy of Letters, Pakistan Red Crescent Society, and Higher Education Commission to celebrate the rich linguistic diversity of Pakistan.



The Festival served as a platform for writers, poets, researchers, artists, and language activists, bringing together representatives from approximately 20 of the 70 plus indigenous languages of Pakistan. It showcased the vibrant tapestry of linguistic heritage within the country.

### Upcoming Events posted on ECOSF website and Facebook Page

#### Lecture Series on Popularising Mathematics and Science (Virtual) - 8th Lecture.

The ECOSF and the Union of Iranian Societies of Mathematical Sciences (UIMS) are delighted to extend a cordial invitation to you for our upcoming Lecture Series on Popularising Mathematics and Science (virtual).

Join us for an engaging and enlightening Mathematics Popularization Talk on March 14, 2024, where we will delve into the fascinating world of Mathematics. Our esteemed speaker, Mr. Imran Parvez Khan will present the lecture on ‘Symmetry of Frieze Patterns’.

Topic: Symmetry Of Frieze Patterns by Mr. Imran Parvez Khan

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM (GMT+5) Pakistan Time | 10:00 AM (GMT+3:30) Iran Time

Zoom ID: 869 5491 5880

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**Symmetry Of Frieze Patterns**  
Speaker: Imran Parvez Khan

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Imran Parvez Khan  
Title

**Webinar Announcement: Ethical Use of AI for Teaching and Learning in Medical Education**

Join us for an insightful discussion on navigating the ethical landscape of AI in medical education, being organised by Smart University of Medical Sciences, Iran and ECO Science Foundation, Pakistan. The webinar will feature distinguished speaker Dr. Hasnain Zafar and moderated by Dr. Seyed Ahmad Ahmadi to explore the responsible use of AI in shaping the future of medical education and learning.

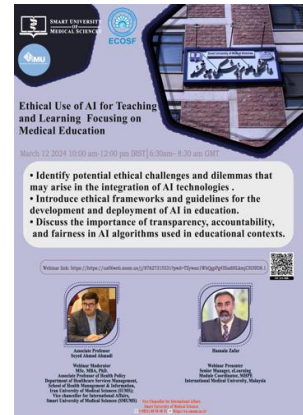
**Organizers:** Smart University of Medical Sciences and ECO Science Foundation

**Webinar Title:** Ethical Use of AI for Teaching and Learning Focusing on Medical Education

**Date:** March 12, 2024 | 6:30 am - 8:30 am GMT

**Webinar Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87627315531?pwd=TZywan1WbQgpPg4Xha8HLkmjCH39D8.1>



**17<sup>th</sup> National and the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on e-Learning and e-Teaching**

The ICeLeT 2024 will bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world. Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

- Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technologies in e-Learning
- Innovative Educational Approaches in e-Learning
- E-Learning and Informal Education
- Generative AI and e-Learning
- Psychological, Social, Legal, and Economic Aspects of e-Learning
- Best Practices in e-Learning
- Evaluation and Quality Improvement in e-Learning



**About the Conference**

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Read More: <http://ecosf.org/ICeLeT-2024-Conference>