

## Meetings of Nobel Laureates with Pakistani Graduate Students/ Young Scholars in Islamabad/Lahore

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The annual meetings of young scholars with Nobel Prize Winners in Lindau (Germany) are regarded as extremely prestigious and unique events in the scientific world. For the last 4 years, Pakistani team comprising of 8-10 highly talented graduates have participated in these yearly meetings in Lindau. To enhance this interaction to benefit a larger number of outstanding students/ researchers in Pakistan, the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Pakistan was organized in Islamabad and Lahore from March 27-31, 2006. Three Laureates, **Prof. C.H. Townes** (Lasers), **Prof. I. Giaever** (Biophysics) and **Prof. G. 't Hooft** (elementary particle physics) came to Pakistan for that Meeting. More than 1000 students/young scholars in the areas of Physics, Chemistry and Biology benefited from the lectures, group discussions and question/ answer sessions. It boosted up the scientific activities in the country among younger generation. The selection process for this event was very strict as mentioned below:

1. M. Sc. in Physics, Chemistry or Biology (Preferably M. Phil. / Ph. D) actively involved in research and below 35 years of age.
2. Previous participants of Nobel Laureates Meeting in Lindau and International Physics Olympiad. Brilliant students of schools/colleges. (F.Sc./A-Level).
3. Academic Qualifications: Throughout first class, preferably with merit position in Board/University examinations.
4. The Selection Committee will make the final selection for participation in the conference on merit. The participation will be strictly by invitation.

However keeping in view the top level membership of the NSTC Alumni Association, Dr N M Butt, Chairman PSF, very generously allowed a complete session for its members. More than 50 Alumni from all over Pakistan participated in the event on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2006. The alumni discussed their future careers and asked other interesting questions from them.

Keeping in view the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, it was decided to make it an annual event. Therefore, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting was held from March 27-31, 2007 in Islamabad and Lahore on the similar pattern. Three Nobel Laureates, **Prof. Klaus von Klitzing** (Physics, Germany), **Prof. Douglas Osheroff** (Physics, USA) and **Prof. Peter Agre** (Medicine, USA) participated in these meetings. NSTC Alumni Association once again was invited in this meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. More than 45 alumni from all over Pakistan came to Islamabad to meet these wonderful and honorable people.



**NSTC Alumni with Nobel Laureates Charles H. Townes, , Ivar Giaever, , Gerardus 't Hooft at the occasion of 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Nobel laureates with Pakistani Students**



**NSTC Alumni with Nobel Laureates Prof. Klaus von Klitzing, Prof. Douglas Osheroff and Prof. Peter Agre at the occasion of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Nobel laureates with Pakistani Students**