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

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 1st 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.
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 then 50 Alumni from all over Pakistan participated in the event on 29th March, 2006. The alumni discussed their future careers and asked other interesting questions from them.

Keeping in view the success of the 1st Meeting, it was decided to make it an annual event. Therefore, the 2nd 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 29th March, 2007. More then 45 alumni from all over Pakistan came to Islamabad to meet these wonderful and honorable people.