Taxidermy is an art of preparing, stuffing and mounting the skins of animals especially vertebrates for display and other sources of study. Taxidermy can be done on all vertebrate species of animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. It is a source of information and awareness raising about biodiversity and portraying the ecological role of different species. It helps in preparation of dead animals for education, scientific data base maintenance and reference material in scientific studies. It is the base of Natural History Museum Development. Taxidermy is also a source of income for the trained persons as they can get jobs in Natural History Museums as curators, assistant curators or taxidermists. Taxidermists can also earn through practicing this art for making trophies for sport hunters.

University of Agriculture, Dera Ismail Khan jointly with Pakistan Wildlife Foundation is organizing a 2-day training workshop on Taxidermy Techniques & Natural History Museum Development from February 22 and 23 at Conference Room, University of Agriculture, Dera Ismail Khan.

**Course Objectives:** To educate and train the persons associated with and interested in natural history museums, animal preservation and stuffing and taxidermy techniques.

**Course Duration:** Two days (February 22 and 23)

**Course Timing:** 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Venue:** University of Agriculture, Dera Ismail Khan

**Address:** Opposite Bahu Floor Mill, Near Qureshi Mor, D.I.Khan

**Participants:** Officials of natural history museums, zoological gardens, Wildlife departments, Forest departments, conservation organizations, students, nature lovers, artists and sport hunters

**Instructors for Technical Sessions (Taxidermy):**
- Dr. Waseem Ahmad Khan
- Mr. Shahid Iqbal

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Waseem Ahmad Khan, Pakistan Wildlife Foundation, Islamabad
Note: Besides stuffing and taxidermy art, the participants will be educated about wildlife of Pakistan. During 2-days training, lectures / presentations will be delivered by resource persons about various groups of wildlife and recent trends in wildlife conservation and management. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn, interact and discuss wildlife related issue with resource persons. In this way, basic information about the vertebrate wildlife fauna of Pakistan including Fishes, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals will also be conveyed to the participants.

COURSE CONTENTS

- Definition, history and evolution of taxidermy
- Importance of animal preservation
- Materials and chemicals used in animal preservation
- Physiology and mode of action of different chemicals / preservatives used in Taxidermy
- Techniques of collection and preservation of fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- Care of specimens prior to mounting
- Tanning (Leather Making), Life of mounted bird or mammal
- Importance of taxidermy in scientific studies and preparing mammalian study skins
- Role of Natural History Museums in scientific research
- Fishes of Pakistan; diversity, distribution, status, threats and conservation measures
- Amphibians of Pakistan; diversity, distribution, status, threats and conservation measures
- Reptiles of Pakistan; diversity, distribution, status, threats and conservation measures
- Birds of Pakistan; diversity, distribution, status, threats and conservation measures
- Mammals of Pakistan; diversity, distribution, status, threats and conservation measures

COURSE DEMONSTRATIONS

- Demonstration of taxidermy of small mammals and birds
- Demonstration of museum display techniques
- Demonstration of field preservation techniques for mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish
- Demonstration of skeleton making, bleaching and articulation
- Skinning techniques for birds and mammals

REGISTRATION FEE

- For students: Rs. 1,000
- For general public & professionals: Rs. 2,000

Limited Seats are Available
Participants will be entertained on first come first served basis
REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Download the registration form from university website: www.uad.edu.pk or collect from University of Agriculture, Dera Ismail Khan.

- Duly filled registration forms along with the registration fee should be submitted in the office of Director Finance physically/ Easy paisa *(03418720432)*

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Note:

- Working lunch and tea will be served to the participants by the organizers during the training
- No TA & DA will be paid to any participant