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#### Words from the Editors

We have the pleasure to share some details of research activities completed during the academic year 2020/21. The 11<sup>th</sup> volume is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Research Bulletin that highlights Sur University College's commitment to Research, Consultancy and Community Service. We are thankful to all faculty members for their effort and commitment.

The executive management encourages and supports faculty members to continue working on high quality research. Over the years, our local community needs have been addressed in research conducted at Sur University College. We also appreciate the significance of applied research and its impact on modern education. We appreciate faculty members at the university college who have been working hard to form research-teaching nexus. The editors, on behalf of the executive management, would like to thank all faculty members who have completed their research projects and successfully published the findings.

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#### 1. Research Publications for AY 2020/21

| Serial<br>No. | Department  | Author/s  | Research<br>Focus   | Research Title  | Journal / Conference/ Indexing<br>Details   | Research<br>Type |
|---------------|-------------|---|---------------------|---|---|------------------|
| 1             | Engineering | Vishal Mathur, R Bremananth, Pramod Kumar Arya  | Material<br>Science | Image analysis of PVC/TiO2<br>nanocomposites SEM<br>micrographs   | Micron (Elsevier),<br>Volume 139, 2020,<br>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.micron.2020.10<br>2952.<br><b>Scopus</b> | Applied          |
| 2             | Engineering | Rana<br>Mukherji,<br>Vishal<br><b>Mathur,</b><br>Manishita<br>Mukherji                        | Green<br>Energy     | Performance and economic<br>viability assessment of a 50<br>KWp rooftop solar photovoltaic<br>system                      | International Journal of Green<br>Economics (Inderscience Publishers)<br>2020, Vol. 14 (1), pp 15-33,         | Applied          |
| 3             | Engineering | A K Sharma,<br>P K Jain,<br>Rishi Vyas,<br>Vishal<br><b>Mathur</b> ,<br>V K Jain              | Material<br>Science | Study of thermal stability and dielectric behavior of PANI/MWCNT nanocomposite  | Materials Today: Proceedings<br>(Elsevier),<br>2021, Vol.38, pp. 1259-1262<br><b>Scopus</b>                   | Experimental     |
| 4             | Engineering | A K Sharma,<br>P K Jain,<br>Rishi Vyas,<br>Vishal<br><b>Mathur</b> ,<br>V K Jain              | Material<br>Science | . Synthesis, characterization, and study of optical property of (PANI) <sub>1-x</sub> (MWCNT) <sub>x</sub> nanocomposites | Materials Today: Proceedings<br>(Elsevier),<br>2021, Vol.38, pp. 1214-1217<br><b>Scopus</b>                   | Experimental     |
| 5             | Engineering | Rana<br>Mukherji,<br>Vishal<br><b>Mathur</b> ,<br>Arvind<br>Samariya<br>Manishita<br>Mukherji | Material<br>Science | Particle distribution analysis of<br>Co-doped ZnO based dilute<br>magnetic semiconductors                                 | Materials Today: Proceedings<br>(Elsevier),<br>2021, Vol.38, pp. 1250-1254<br><b>Scopus</b>                   | Experimental     |
| 6             | Engineering | A Hassan,   | Thermodyn           | Isobaric Specific Heat  | J. Thermal Sci. Eng. Appl. Feb 2022,  | Experimental     |

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|---------------|-------------|--|--------------------|---|--|------------------|
|               |             | M Hassan,<br>M <b>Shedid</b>   | amics              | Capacity for Al2O3/Water<br>Ethylene Glycol Mixture<br>Nanofluid  | 14(2): 021001.   |                  |
| 7             | Engineering | M Gamal,<br>MS Radwan,<br>IG Elgizawy,<br>M <b>Shedid</b>  | Thermal<br>design  | Heat transfer performance and exergy analyses of MgO and ZnO nanofluids using water/ethylene glycol mixture as base fluid                   | Numerical Heat Transfer, Part A:<br>Applications, DOI:<br>10.1080/10407782.2021.1962631<br><b>PubMed Central</b> | Basic            |
| 8             | IST         | Al Harthy, Harith, Jehan Al Fannah, Hasina Al Harithi, Sitwat Usman Langrial, and Salah T. Al Awaidy.  | Public<br>Health   | An Innovative Communication<br>Approach to Mitigate Suffering<br>Among COVID-19 Patients<br>and Their Families: An<br>Experience From Oman. | Frontiers in Public Health 9 (2021). <b>PuMed</b>  | Basic            |
| 9             | IST         | Al Araimi,<br>Fannah Al<br>Fannah,<br>Sitwat Usman<br><b>Langrial</b> , and<br>Salah T. Al<br>Awaidy   | Behavior<br>Change | Public health messages for social behavior change in the wake of COVID-19: A qualitative study.   | Oman Medical Journal 36, no. 2 (2021):<br>e254.<br>Scopus  | Basic            |
| 10            | IST         | Al Rashidi, Badria, Ahmed H. Al Wahaibi, Ozayr Mahomed, Sitwat Usman Langrial, and Salah T. Al Awaidy. | Public<br>Health   | Role of primary healthcare in the response to COVID-19: The Oman experience   | Journal of Emergency Medicine,<br>Trauma and Acute Care 2021, no. 1<br>(2021): 3.<br>WHO Medicus                 | Basic            |
| 11            | IST         | <b>Langrial,</b> Sitwat Usman, and   | EHealth            | EHealth Interventions for<br>People Suffering From Sleep<br>Problems and Depressive   | In Research Anthology on Mental Health<br>Stigma, Education, and Treatment, pp.<br>1180-1200. IGI Global, 2021.  | Basic            |

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|---------------|------------|---|--|--|--|------------------|
|               |            | Päivi<br>Lappalainen.   |  | Symptoms: Qualitative<br>Findings and Future Research<br>Directions  | Web of Science   |                  |
| 12            | IST        | Langrial,<br>Sitwat<br>Usman, and<br>Fannah Al<br>Fannah Al<br>Araimi                       | Behavior<br>Change                         | Social Behavior Change<br>Messages for Tackling<br>COVID-19 Pandemic in Oman:<br>A Qualitative Study                                       | 9th International Workshop on<br>Behaviour Change Support Systems<br>2021. CEUR-WS.org/vol-<br>2885/paper4.pdf<br>Creative Commons | Basic            |
| 13            | IST        | Vishal Mathur, Bremananth R, Pramod Kumar Arya  | Image<br>Analysis<br>and<br>localization   | Image analysis of PVC / TiO2<br>nanocomposites SEM<br>micrographs  | Science Direct-Elsevier Micron 139<br>(2020) 102952. Available online 9<br>October 2020.<br>Scopus                                 | Applied          |
| 14            | IST        | Basil John<br><b>Thomas</b> ,<br>Salah Al<br><b>Khafaji</b>                                 | Performanc<br>e changes                    | Business Intelligence Tools<br>and Team Performance of Oil<br>and Gas Industries   | Journal of Advance Research in<br>Dynamical & Control Systems<br>(JARDCS), Vol. 12, 04-Special Issue,<br>2020, pages 1045-1059.    | Basic            |
| 15            | IST        | Salah Al<br>Khafaji, Laila<br>Samea   | Information<br>Systems<br>and<br>Education | The opportunities and challenges of using electronic information resources in higher education teaching and learning process: A case study | Shanlax International Journal of Arts,<br>Science and Humanities. Volume 7<br>Issue 4, April 2020                                  | Basic            |
| 16            | IST        | Malik Nimra, Muhammad Sardaraz, Muhammad Tahir, Babar Shah, Gohar Ali, and Fernando Moreira | Energy<br>Efficiency                       | Energy-Efficient Load Balancing Algorithm for Workflow Scheduling in Cloud Data Centres Using Queuing and Thresholds                       | Applied Sciences, 11, no. 2, June 2021, Impact Factor 2.474, Web of Science  | Applied          |

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|---------------|------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| 17            | IST        | Masood Ahmad, Babar Shah, Abrar Ullah, Fernando Moreira, Omar Alfandi, Gohar <b>Ali</b> , Abdul Hameed | Internet of<br>Things   | Optimal Clustering in Wireless<br>Sensor Networks for the<br>Internet of Things Based on<br>Memetic Algorithm:<br>memeWSN. | Wireless Communications and Mobile<br>Computing, vol. 2021, January 2021<br>Impact Factor 1.819.<br>Scopus   | Applied          |
| 18            | IST        | Ali, Gohar,<br>Fernando<br>Moreira,<br>Omar Alfandi,<br>Babar Shah,<br>and<br>Mohammed<br>Ilyas        | Real-Time<br>Scheduling | A New Intra-Cluster<br>Scheduling Scheme for Real-<br>Time Flows in Wireless Sensor<br>Networks                            | Electronics,<br>IF: 2.412, 23 April 2020<br><b>Scopus</b>  | Applied          |
| 19            | IST        | Babar Shah, Ali Abbas, Gohar <b>Ali</b> , Farkhund Iqbal, Asad Masood Khattak, Omar Alfandi, Ki-Il Kim | Energy<br>Efficiency    | Guaranteed Lifetime Protocol<br>for IoT based Wireless Sensor<br>Networks with Multiple<br>Constraints                     | Ad Hoc Networks<br>Volume 104, 1 July 2020,<br><b>Scopus</b>   | Applied          |
| 20            | IST        | Abdu Salam, Qaisar Javid, Gohar <b>Ali</b> , Fahad Ahmad, Masood Ahmad, Ishtiaq Wahid                  | Internet of<br>Things   | Flying sensor network optimization using bee intelligence for Internet of Things   | Published in Intelligent Systems and Applications. IntelliSys 2020. Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing, vol 1252. Springer, Cham.  Scopus | Applied          |
| 21            | IST        | Muhammad<br>Adnan; Asad  | M-Learning              | Improving M-learners' Performance Through Deep   | IEEE Access, Volume:8,<br>July 2020,   | Applied          |

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|---------------|------------|--|-------------------------|---|--|------------------|
|               |            | Habib; Jawad<br>Ashraf; Babar<br>Shah; Gohar<br><b>Ali</b>   |                         | Learning Techniques by<br>Leveraging Features Weights   | I.F 4.098<br>Scopus  |                  |
| 22            | BA         | V.K. Vyas,<br>Ali A. Al-<br>Jarrah,<br>S.D. Purohit,<br>Kottakkaran<br>Sooppy Nisar<br>and<br>Serkan Araki | Pure<br>Mathematic<br>s | q-LAPLACE TRANSFORM<br>FOR PRODUCT OF<br>GENERAL CLASS OF q-<br>POLYNOMIALS AND q-<br>ANALOGUE OF I-FUNCTION  | Journal of Inequalities and Special Functions ISSN: 2217-4303, Volume 11 Issue 3(2020), Pages 21-28. Indexed by: Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)-Web of Science, Mathematical Reviews (MathSciNet) Zentralblatt fur Mathematik, EBSCO | Applied          |
| 23            | BA         | V.K <b>. Vyas</b>  | Pure<br>Mathematic<br>s | A class of the extended multi-<br>index Bessel Maitland<br>functions and it's properties  | International conference of Georgian<br>Mathematical Union, Batumi, August 23-<br>28,2021 p-183  | Applied          |
| 24            | ВА         | Saed Adnan<br>Mustafa and<br>Randolf Von<br>Salindo  | Business                | Factors Affecting Counterfeit<br>Products Purchase Decision   | International Journal of Business and Management Research (IJBMR)  | Basic            |
| 25            | ВА         | Saed Adnan<br><b>Mustafa</b>   | Entreprene<br>urship    | Factors effecting the entrepreneurs' success in Oman using Smart PLS approach   | 24thFAI International Conference – 2021OnGlobal Trends of Data Analytics in Business Management, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Decision making24thFAI-ICDBSMD 2021, PP. 85   | Basic            |
| 26            | ВА         | Basil John<br>Thomas,<br>Tarek Khalil,<br>and Nisha<br>Joseph  | M-Learning              | The Role of Educational Technologies in CSR Perception of Tourism Education: The Comparative Analysis of E-Learning and M- Learning Tools as Moderators | e Role of Educational echnologies in CSR erception of Tourism Education: The Comparative sis of E-Learning and M- ing Tools as Moderators  Journal of Risk and Financial Management. 2020; 13(12):318. Web of Science                        |                  |
| 27            | BA         | Mahmoud  | Accounting              | Auditor Independence and its  | SHANLAX International Journal of   | Basic            |

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|---------------|------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|------------------|
|               |            | Nayef <b>Al-</b><br><b>Manayseh,</b><br>D.C. <b>Stalin</b>                 | and<br>Finance                  | impact on Financial Statement<br>Audits (Evidence from Oman)  | Commerce   |                  |
| 28            | ВА         | Ali Abdullah Bin Al- Shiabah, Abdullah moh'd Ahmed Ayedh and Zurina Shafii | Accounting<br>and<br>Finance    | Measuring the Financial<br>Performance of Islamic Banks<br>in Oman Comparative Study<br>(2020)                        | Journal of Islamic Banking &<br>Finance, 37(3)<br>ISSN: 1814-8042      | Applied          |
| 29            | BA         | Ali Abdullah Bin Al- Shiabah, Abdullah Moh'd Ahmed Ayedh and Zurina Shafii | Accounting<br>and<br>Finance    | Shariah Governance<br>Disclosure a Comparative<br>Analysis between Islamic<br>Banks in Oman. (2021                    | Journal of Islamic Banking &<br>Finance, 38(1).<br>ISSN: 1814-8042     | Applied          |
| 30            | GFP        | Mohammed<br>Ahmad Al<br><b>Shallakh</b><br>Arturo G.<br><b>Palaming</b>    | English<br>Language<br>Teaching | Investigating The Syntactic Errors Faced by Omani Learners at the College Level: Proposing A self-Learning Materials  | Journal of Psychology and Education<br>ISSN: 00333077<br><b>Scopus</b> | Applied          |
| 31            | GFP        | Mohammed<br>Ahmad Al<br><b>Shallakh</b><br>Arturo G.<br><b>Palaming</b>    | English<br>Language<br>Teaching | The Effect of Autonomous Learning Theory in Improving Morphology at the College Level: Proposing a Self- Learning Kit | Solid State Technology Volume:63<br>Issue:6<br>Scopus                  | Applied          |
| 32            | GFP        | Fahad<br><b>Rafique</b>  | Maths                           | Cyclic Super Magic Labelings<br>for Tutorial and Klein-Bottle<br>Fullerenes   | IEEE Access Journal ISSN: 00900781 Scopus                              | Basic            |

## 2. Internal Seminars and Workshops

| SI. No. | Name                         | Seminar / Workshop Title  | Date                                   | Venue   |
|---------|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1       | Mr. Sriram                   | Workshop on Mapping ILO_PO Attainment.  | 07.12.2020<br>09.12.2020<br>15.12.2020 | Engineering Theatre<br>Business Theatre<br>Online |
| 2       | Mr. Sriram                   | Incorporating Contemporary Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategies: A QA Perspective.  | 09.03.2021<br>10.03.2021<br>15.03.2021 | Online  |
| 3       | Dr. Saed                     | How to prepare action plan to achieve your committee goals?   | 13.10.2020                             | Online  |
| 4       | Dr. Thaw                     | WEKA- Data Mining Package.  | 10.12.2020                             | Online  |
| 4       | Dr. Von                      | Bitcoin and other Cryptocurrency Movements Status and Future Prospects.   | 16.03.2021                             | Online  |
| 6       | Dr. Ehab                     | Current Application of Options Contracts in Financial Markets and the Position of Islamic Law on them.                            | 30.03.2021                             | Online  |
| 7       | Dr. Manayseh                 | Introduction of human asset accounting.   | 06.04.2021                             | Online  |
| 8       | Mr. Ali                      | Shariah Governance Disclosure a Comparative Analysis between Islamic Banks in Oman.   | 06.04.2021                             | Online  |
| 9       | Dr. Tarek                    | Big Data application in CRM.  | 13.04.2021                             | Online  |
| 10      | Dr. Kumar                    | Application of integral Transform in mathematical modelling.  | 16.03.2021                             | Online  |
| 11      | Dr.<br>Mohammed Al<br>Araimi | How to Develop Your Leadership Style.   | 13.10.2020                             | Online  |
| 12      | Ms. Roqya                    | Corporate Entrepreneurship: Current Trends and Research.  | 20.10.2020                             | Online  |
| 13      | Dr. Basil                    | Hybrid and Blended learning in HEI's in Oman: Objectives and Challenges, A review based on E learning and M learning perspective. | 30.03.2021                             | Online  |
| 14      | Dr. Hesham                   | Al Applications in Mechanical Engineering.  | 17.12.2020                             | Online  |

| SI. No. | Name                               | Seminar / Workshop Title   | Date       | Venue  |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|------------|--------|
| 15      | Mr. Hesham                         | Moodle and its applications in e-learning.                                 | 28.01.2021 | Online |
| 16      | Dr. Abdelhady<br>and Ms.<br>Fatima | Understanding different approaches of 3D modelling in Architectural Revit. | 05.04.2021 | Online |
| 17      | Dr. Stalin                         | Taxation in Accounting software – Tally.                                   | 23.03.2021 | Online |

## 3. National/International Webinars

| SI.<br>No. | Name   | Title   | Date       | Venue   |
|------------|--|---|------------|---|
| 1.         | Mr. Sriram, Sur<br>University<br>College, Oman                           | Quality Perspectives in Research Publications                                 | 19.02.2021 | Webinar (Hosted by KG College of Arts and Science, India) |
| 2.         | Dr. Jawad Shah, University of Kuala Lumpur- British Malaysian Institute. | Professional development on Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud Foundation        | 17.01.2021 | Webinar   |
| 3.         | Dr. Vishal, Sur<br>University<br>College, Oman                           | Introduction to Nanotechnology and Nano Science                               | 05.11.2020 | Webinar   |
| 4.         | Mr. Tahseen,<br>Sur University<br>College, Oman                          | Application of nano materials in cement and concrete.                         | 23.02.2021 | Webinar   |
| 5.         | Dr. Abdelhady<br>and Ms. Fatima<br>Sur University<br>College             | Understanding the different approaches of 3D modelling in architectural Revit | 15.03.2021 | International Webinar                                     |
| 6.         | Dr. Vijay Kumar<br>Sur University<br>College                             | Application of Calculus in Business and Economics                             | 28.01.2021 | Webinar   |

| SI.<br>No. | Name  | Title   | Date       | Venue   |
|------------|---|---|------------|---------|
| 7.         | Dr. Saed Adnan<br>Sur University<br>College | Application of Calculus in Business and Economics | 28.01.2021 | Webinar |

## 4. Publications in National, International Conferences and Journals

| Publications                       | Basic | Experimental | Applied | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|
| Engineering                        | 1     | 4            | 2       | 7     |
| Information Systems and Technology | 7     |              | 7       | 14    |
| Business Administration            | 4     |              | 4       | 8     |
| GFP                                | 1     |              | 2       | 3     |
| Total                              | 13    | 4            | 15      | 32    |

## 5. Yearly Publications Based on Indexing

| Indexing                                 | No. of Publications |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Scopus and Web of Science                | 17                  |  |
| PubMed, Creative Commons and WHO Medicus | 4                   |  |
| Peer Reviewed Indexed Platforms          | 11                  |  |
| Total                                    | 32                  |  |

#### 6. Yearly Publications

| Publications                       | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| International<br>Journals          | 8       | 12      | 7       | 38      | 36      | 36      | 32      | 169   |
| National Journals                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 0     |
| Books/Chapters                     | 3       | 2       | 1       | 5       | 2       | 0       |         | 13    |
| National/International Conferences | 5       | 7       |         | 9       | 14      | 5       |         | 40    |
| Patents                            |         |         |         | 2       | 8       |         |         | 10    |
| Total                              | 16      | 21      | 8       | 54      | 60      | 41      | 32      | 232   |

#### 7. An Overview of Research during AY 2020/21.

Research activities carried out during the academic year 2020/21 reflects the extra ordinary efforts by faculty members especially in wake of ongoing pandemic. This research bulletin highlights the achievements of all researchers who have added value to the literature base. It is worth noting that majority of the research publications have focused on areas that have direct impact on local and international community. These areas include Material Science, Thermodynamics, Energy Efficiency, Information Systems and Education, Internet of Things, M-learning, Entrepreneurship, Accounting and Public Health. In addition, internal seminars and workshops have focused on areas that have helped faculty members share their expertise creating an environment of collaborative learning and knowledge sharing. National and international webinars have strengthened Sur University College's ties with the community both within and outside of the Sultanate of Oman. All faculty members are encouraged to carry on with their efforts in research as it serves the community and helps the university college stay on track in terms of its vision and mission.