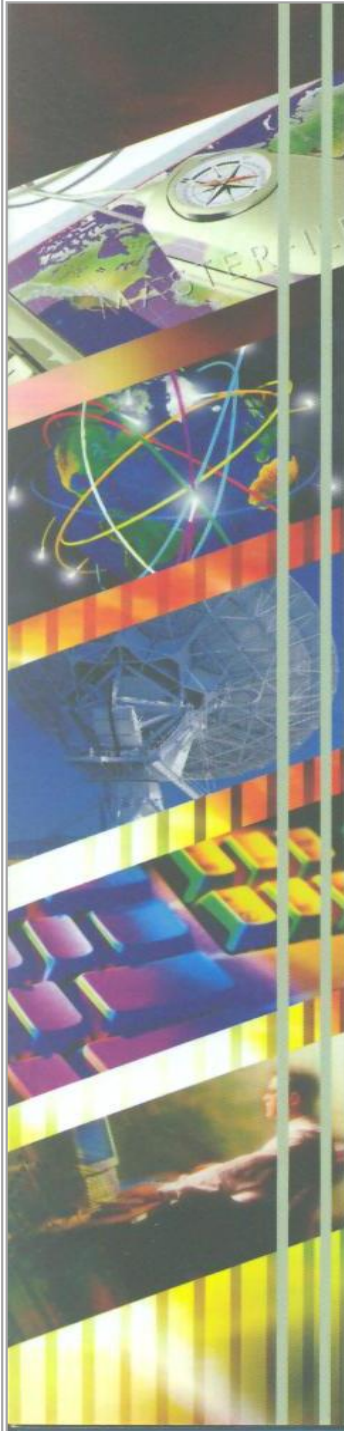


**Program of  
Two (2) Day International Conference on  
'Contemporary Issues in Information Technology in OIC Member States'  
July 26 – 27, 2005, Islamabad, Pakistan**



*International Conference  
on*

**CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN  
OIC MEMBER STATES**



**July 26-27, 2005  
Islamabad - Pakistan**

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## Participants

It is expected that delegates from Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Gabon, Gambia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Uzbekistan and representatives of the multilateral organizations, funding agencies, representatives of IT companies, IT practitioners and academics, etc. would attend the Conference.

## Important Dates

Paper Submission Date	July 05, 2005
Notification of Acceptance	July 15, 2005
Camera Ready Papers Due	July 20, 2005
Conference Days	July 26 - 27, 2005

## Organization

### Conference Chair

Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi  
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## Topics

Possible topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

### National IT Sector

- National IT infrastructure
- IT development and policy-making: Theoretical perspectives and practical challenges
- National IT policy endeavours
- IT diffusion and socio-economic impact

### IT Infrastructure

- Philosophical foundations of building IT infrastructure
- Intranet/Internet-based applications
- IT innovation
- Decision support technologies

### IT Education

- IT human resources in OIC Member States
- Current issues & trends in Information Systems education
- Distance education in Muslim countries
- IT education and gender issues in Muslim countries

### Research & Development

- Pan Islamic IT research agenda
- International Information Systems (IS) research perspectives
- Cross-cultural research in IS/IT
- Ethical issues and IT research

### IT Applications I

- IT applications in the public and private sector institutions
- IT management issues
- IT global outsourcing issues and practices
- IT adoption and strategic issues

### IT Applications II

- Strategic information systems planning
- Electronic commerce
- Electronic government initiatives in Muslim countries
- Security issues

### IT/Knowledge Flows

- IT economic, social and political aspects
- Information technology transfer
- Geographic Information Systems in OIC Member States
- Social implications of use of IT in Muslim countries

Inter-Islamic Network on Information Technology (INIT) was established pursuant to the resolution of the 10th General Assembly Meeting of the COMSTECH held on 16th to 18th February, 2002 at Islamabad, Pakistan. The initiative was taken in order to comply with the desires of the Muslim community for utilizing, directing and encouraging the use of Information Technologies and associated systems to promote collaboration and cooperation in building human resources and institutional capacity through encouraging dialogue, maintaining databanks, assisting in training, research and development, dissemination of information, automating the governmental and business processes through the mediation of Information Technology and provide appropriate means therefor.

Inter Islamic Network on Information Technology is pursuing its programs for promoting inter country linkages through various IT initiatives. It is believed that in order to give impetus to the activities of INIT, there has to be exchange of ideas by the line professionals. Such exchange of ideas is likely to translate into various programs and projects furthering the objectives of INIT. Accordingly the INIT, is convening a 2-Day International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Information Technology in OIC Member States on July 26-27, 2005 at Islamabad, Pakistan. The Conference would focus on identifying and articulating research and development challenges and agenda in information technology and fostering collaborations among practioners and researchers in key areas and issues in information technology with the OIC system in perspective.

## Objectives

The objectives of the Conference are as follows:

- To formulate recommendations that encourage the development of IT sector in OIC member states;
- To help identify critical links of the IT infrastructure and suggest measures for their strengthening among the OIC member states;
- To formulate practical recommendations for developing a critical mass of academically and technically skilled IT manpower at all levels to meet the local and export needs;
- To promote research, development and use of information and communication technologies in the OIC member states and associated organizations;
- To identify issues, stir debate and progress towards finding solutions to the problems thus helping OIC member states in proactive learning, deployment and utilization of IT;
- To formulate recommendations in promoting extensive use of IT applications in government, trade, industry, homes, agriculture, education, health and other sectors of economy;
- To formulate recommendations for facilitating dissemination of knowledge and technology flow(s);
- The International Conference is likely to further the objectives of the INIT in promoting the use of IT for gainful purposes.



## Advance Program

July 26, 2005

08:00 - 09:00 AM	Welcome Desk / Registration
09:00 - 10:30 AM	Opening Ceremony
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recitation from Holy Quran</li><li>• Welcome Address By Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi</li><li>• Key Note Address by Prof. Dr. Atta-ur- Rahman</li><li>• Vote of Thanks by Dr. Muhammad Ali Mahesar</li></ul>
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30 PM	Session D1.S11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invited Talk - I</li><li>• Invited Talk - II</li></ul>
12:30 - 01:30 PM	Lunch Break
01:30 - 03:30 PM	Session D1.S12 Multilateral Organizations / Funding Agencies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper Presentation - I</li><li>• Paper Presentation - II</li><li>• Paper Presentation - III</li></ul>
03:30 - 04:00 PM	Tea/Coffee Break
04:00 - 05:30 PM	Panel Discussion I: IT Research, Education and Infrastructure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: (TBD)</li><li>• Panalists: (TBD)</li></ul>
05:00 PM	City Tour

## Advance Program

July 27, 2005

09:00 - 10:30 AM	<b>Session D2.S11</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invited Talk - III</li><li>• Invited Talk - IV</li></ul>
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30 PM	<b>Session D2.S12 IT Companies</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper Presentation - I</li><li>• Paper Presentation - II</li><li>• Paper Presentation - III</li></ul>
12:30 - 01:30 AM	Lunch Break
01:30 - 03:30 PM	<b>Session D2.S13</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Country Presentation - I</li><li>• Country Presentation - II</li><li>• Country Presentation - III</li></ul>
03:30 - 04:00 PM	Tea/Coffee Break
04:00 - 05:30 PM	<b>Panel Discussion II: IT Outsourcing: Perils and Prescriptions</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: (TBD)</li><li>• Panalists: (TBD)</li></ul>
05:30 - 06:30 PM	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>