

The 64th Annual Session (1989-92) was held on February 12, 1992 under the Presidentship of **Engr. Shamsul Mulk**. Governor of the Punjab, Mr. Zulifqar Ali Khan Khosa was the Chief Guest.

Activities pursued during the Session were as:-

A. PUBLICATIONS

1. Sixteen technical papers were presented and discussed at the Annual Session on diverse aspects of technical disciplines.
2. Compilation and Publication of a unique Album type Book on “DAMS AND BARRAGES” in Pakistan with colour maps, locations and main features by Dr. Izhar-ul-Haq.
3. A volume of summaries of 52 technical papers awarded Gold Medals by Pakistan Engineering Congress was published.
4. Proceedings containing 13 papers on International Conference on “QUALITY ASSURANCE IN ENGINEERING PROJECTS”, held for the first time in Pakistan was compiled and published.
5. Proceedings containing six papers on Mid Term Seminar on Construction Industry were presented. Recommendations formulated by panel of experts were submitted to the Government of Pakistan.
6. Symposium on “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECTS” at the Annual Session. Eight (8) papers were presented and discussed. Recommendations of the panel of experts were submitted to the Federal and Provincial Governments.
7. Four issues of the Engineering News Journal were brought out.
8. Updated Members Directory was published
9. Executive Council Directory was compiled and published

B. VISIT TO ENGINEERING WORKS

- (i) Seven important factories for updating knowledge of members were visited.

C. TALKS/LECTURES

Seven guest speakers were invited to address the Congress forum to speak on important topics.

D. GENERAL

- Recommended to the Govt. that extension beyond superannuation may not be granted.
- Submitted recommendations to the Services Reforms Commission about the Engineers for the grant of loans.
- Set up a library containing useful technical literature in the Congress Head Office.
- Made arrangements for construction of 2nd floor of Pakistan Engineering Congress Building. Work would be taken in hand sooner the funds became available.
- Sent recommendations to pay committee about engineering cadres.
- Welcoming the Chief Guest at the auspicious occasion of inauguration of the Annual Session, the President Pakistan Engineering Congress briefly gave an introductory account of the NGO which was the first of its kind founded in 1912 in Indo-Pak subcontinent as Punjab Engineering Congress and renamed as Pakistan

Engineering Congress in 1971. He spoke about its novice non-political aims and objectives of Promoting Science and Engineering for the meaningful development of the country in all walks of engineering disciplines. In pursuit of this objective alone, technical papers from experienced engineers were presented and discussed at regular Annual Sessions and at mid-term symposia / seminars on problems / issues that tended to beset the national economy such as Floods.

The President drew the attention of the Chief Guest about under-utilization of engineers in Pakistan at the rate of 1 to 7000 people as against 1 to 200 in the developed countries and laid stress not only on the improvement of this ratio but also on increasing the funds earmarked for “Research and Development” in the larger interest of the national development in all sectors of life i.e. housing, waterlogging and salinity, sedimentation in reservoirs, rivers and channels, water resources development, energy crisis and now World Water Day and World Environment Day etc. Papers produced at these fora were preserved in the Congress Archives and National libraries for reference by the posterity. He further went on to say that, the technical papers at Annual Sessions by then numbered 670 and on Symposia about 210.

In his reply to the address of welcome, the achievements of the Pakistan Engineering Congress were appreciably acclaimed by the Chief Guest. “To his mind”, he said, “Potential of our people and nature's endowment pointed to larger and more substantive strides to be made for meaningful development. His vision for Engineers to come included breeds which would grow out of their narrow areas of specialization to combine professional competency with management abilities. Purposeful Research and Development consistent with priorities of national development was the real need. He firmly believed that if our minds were set to attain meaningful development it would not be difficult”. He ended with the words, “He had firm faith in the capacity, tenacity and determination of our people”. The Chief Guest thereafter declared the inaugural session open.



President PEC introducing the Executive Council (64th Annual Session) to the Honourable Chief Guest Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa, Governor of the Punjab.



From Left: Engr. Shams-ul-Mulk, President PEC (64th Annual Session) Chief Guest, Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa, Governor of the Punjab and Dr. Izhar-ul-Haq.



Honourable Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa, Governor of the Punjab, presenting the Inaugural Address at the 64th Annual Session of PEC.



A view of the audience.