

SAF Annual Report, 2012

Participation in the Governing Council Meeting of SAF at Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Nice, France

Dr. Kamal Hossain and Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, both Members of the Governing Council of South Asia Foundation (SAF) and respectively Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of SAF Bangladesh Chapter attended the SAF Governing Council meeting held at Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Nice, France from 13 to 17 April 2012. They were joined by Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Deputy Director of UMSAILS and Dewan Hasan Mahmood, Secretary to SAF Bangladesh Chapter.

SAF Governing council meeting, Bangladesh chapter

One Governing council meeting held this year held this year on 01 May, 2012. The meeting was chaired by the Chairperson of the Governing Council, Dr. Kamal Hossain.

The meeting on 01 May 2012 has unanimously endorsed the new name of the Institute as UNESCO Madanjeet Singh South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAILS). It was also decided that Dr Fuad mallick, Chairperson, Architecture Department, BRAC University will call for a design competition for UMSAILS building.

UNESCO MadanJeet Singh Center for South Asian Journalism, Chennai.

Monira Shormin from ATN Bangla and Suchitra Mallick from The Daily Sun joined this year ACJ. Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chairperson of SAF Bangladesh Chapter, Air Cdr. (Retd.) Mr.Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Registrar BRAC University interviewed the candidates. Advertisement was given in the popular daily newspaper s in Prothom-Alo and The Daily Star.

UNESCO MadanJeet Singh institute for South Asian Regional Cooperation for Pondicherry University.

Master of Arts in South Asian Studies

Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chairperson of SAF Bangladesh Chapter, Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, North South University,Air Cdr. (Retd.) Mr.Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury,Registrar , BRAC University interviewed the candidates. Amity Saha from Dhaka University selected out of 20 candidates for that program. Advertisement was given in the popular daily newspaper s in Prothom-Alo and The Daily Star.

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Master in Green Technology

Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chairperson of SAF, Professor DR. M. Rezwan Khan vice Chancellor, United international University and Mr.Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury ,Registrar , BRAC University interviewed the candidates .

Shougat Nazbin Khan from Ahsanullah Engineering University and Md. Mahmudul Hasan from Dhaka University have been selected out 30 candidates. They have already joined there. An announcement was given in the popular news papers in Bangladesh in Prothom-Alo and The Daily Star.

UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Centre for South Asia Forestry Studies (UMCSAFS)

Mr.Ishtiaque Uddin Ahmed, country representative IUCN, Bangladesh and Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury nominated SAF vice Chairperson nominated Md. Tauhidur Rahman and Md. Farshad Alam Chowdhury for UMCSAFS. They admitted there and are studying.

UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of Kashmir Studies (UMIKS)

We have been selected two students for Ph.D program at UMIKS named Khan Tousef Osman and Shazia khan but they could not able to join at UMIKS due to visa problem. They applied three times and rejected and still they are hoping to go. We heard that Ms. Veena Sikri intervined into this matter so that they can get visa .Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice-Chairperson of SAF Bangladesh Chapter, Air Cdr. (Retd.) Mr.Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury,Registrar , BRAC University , Mr. Mahmud Hasan former Ambassador interviewed the candidates. An announcement was given in the popular news papers in Bangladesh in Prothom-Alo and The Daily Star.

Book Distribution: We have been distributed Himalayan Art, Renewable Energy of the Sun and Kashmiriyat in different educational institutions and dignitaries.

Land for UMSAILS

BRAC, the world's largest non-government development organization, has gifted a piece of 0.37 acres of land to UMSAILS for construction of its academic building and ancillary facilities at Khagan, Savar in the District of Dhaka.

Founder Chairperson of BRAC, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed has handed over the related documents to the Governing Council of SAILS at a simple ceremony on 22 May 2012.



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed (second from left) is handing over document regarding land to SAF Vice Chairperson Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury.

On behalf of the Governing Council, its Members Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Dr. Shamsul Bari and Barrister Manzoor Hasan received the documents. UMSAILS' Honorary Director Dr. Sharif Bhuiyan and Deputy Director Dr. Uttam Kumar Das were also present on the occasion.

The Governing Council of SAILS, in a unanimous resolution taken in its 9th Board Meeting held on 1 May 2012, has thanked with appreciation BRAC and its Chairperson, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed for the donation.

Press Reports Published in the Daily Leading News Papers :

TRUE & IMPARTIAL daily sun

DHAKA Monday 28 May 2012, 14 Jaishtha 1419, BS 06 Rajab 1433 HIJRI

Education

BRAC donates land to SAILS



BRAC has given a piece of land as a gift to the South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (SAILS) for construction of its academic building and ancillary facilities at Khagan, Savar in the District of Dhaka.

Founder Chairperson of BRAC, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed handed over the related documents to the Governing Council of SAILS recently, a press release said.

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The Governing Council of SAILS has thanked BRAC and its Chairperson Sir Fazle Hasan Abed for the donation.

SAILS will name the building as "UNESCO Madanjeet South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAI)" in acknowledgement of the contribution of the South Asia Foundation (SAF) and its Founder Chairperson, Ambassador Madanjeet Singh in establishing SAILS.

SAILS, an affiliate of BRAC University, is scheduled to start two academic programmes: Master of Laws (LL.M.) in South Asian Laws and Master of Arts in Human Rights and Development in September 2013.

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education

South Asia Foundation pledges \$1 million to Unesco

→ Education Desk



The South Asia Foundation (SAF) has decided to further the goals of women education and empowerment by pledging one million dollars to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), a press release said.

The contribution has been announced recently during a meeting of Unesco's Goodwill Ambassadors in Paris.

The money was pledged in a letter sent to Director-General Irina Bokova by France Marquet, a trustee of the South Asia Foundation. Ms. Marquet will be travelling to Paris from the south of France to present the cheque.

SAF is a not-for-profit association that operates in the eight countries of SAARC to promote regional cooperation through mainly educational programmes.

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The contribution has been announced on October 16 during a meeting of UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassadors in Paris. The money was pledged in a letter sent to Director-General Irina Bokova by France Marquet, a trustee of the South Asia Foundation. Marquet will be travelling to Paris from the south of France to present the cheque. Dr Kamal Hossain is the Chairperson of SAF Bangladesh Chapter and Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury is the Vice Chairperson.

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Forward

UNESCO Madanjeet Singh South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAILS) aims to be a regional center of excellence in South Asia in legal and human rights education, training and research.

During 2012, it has undertaken various activities with include seminar, training programmes and publications.

It has initiated to launch its first academic course from September 2013- a Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme with concentration in South Asian Comparative Law, which is expected to promote regional integrity.

UMSAILS has launched a Human Rights Law Clinic (HRLC), first of its kind in Bangladesh, in 2012 with an aim to provide a platform for students of law and human rights for providing them clinical orientation to their respective areas of interest. It is to offer mentoring to future academics, practitioners and activists.

Is also going start construction works of its on building on land donated by BRAC; it is a great courtesy of BRAC's Founder and Chairperson, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. UMSAILS remains ever grateful to him and his organization for this valuable donation. Sir Abed is on the Governing Council of UMSAILS.

However, to run training and other activities with a very limited number of staffs and heavily depending on volunteers and interns remains challenging always. We are grateful to our volunteers and interns for their valuable contributions to the Institute. And, the Institute is also providing them a place to learn by doing which will hopefully be helpful for their future career.

With launching of new academic programme in 2013 and challenges ahead, UMSAILS looks forward to the bright and courageous future generations of legal and human rights professionals in the region who will be pro-people and pro-justice.



UMSAILS activities in photos. Photo Credit: Uttam Das

UMSAILS Annual Report 2012

Introduction

UNESCO Madanjeet Singh South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAILS) aims to be a regional centre of excellence through undertaking research works and offering post-graduate education in South Asian law and human rights. Its mission is to further the potential of South Asia in legal education, research and scholarship and to impart knowledge and the skills that are necessary to confront the new challenges of this era.

It is sponsored by the South Asia Foundation (SAF), which is founded by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Madanjeet Singh. SAF has been recognized as an Apex Body of **South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**. SAF Bangladesh Chapter is headed by Eminent Jurist Dr. Kamal Hossain and Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury is the Vice Chairperson.

Objectives

UMSAILS aims

1. To become a center of excellence for education and research in South Asian Law and Human Rights for promoting interconnection and understanding through exchange and collaboration.
2. To impart legal education with a view to sensitizing on crucial societal issues.
3. To offer post-graduate degrees and diplomas on emerging issues of the South Asian region like Development Studies, Climate Change, Energy Regulation, etc.
4. To undertake and support research and advocacy activities on emerging issues in the region.
5. To organize international and regional conferences, seminars, workshops, training programs and symposiums on contemporary issues of importance.
6. To publish books, journals, newsletters, and monographs.
7. To work as a platform for academics, researchers, practitioners and activists of related field.

Other information

UMSAILS (renamed in 2012, and registered so far as the South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies, which needs to be changed) is registered in Bangladesh as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It has an agreement with BRAC University for purposes of conferment of degrees as well as academic cooperation in other related matters. It has developed networks with related academics and professional institutions in the region and beyond.

Activities in 2012

UMSAILS has undertaken series of programmes in 2012. Those include training and workshops on legal and human rights issues, public lectures, seminars, hosting students from other countries, publications and networking.

Training and Workshops

UMSAILS aims to generate and promote skills and expertise among respective persons and professionals.

With this aim in view, it has organized three sessions on Legal Research and Writing. Among them, the first session span over two days (9-10 March) and the next two programmes span over a day (9 April and 30 June).



Participants of the Workshop on Legal Research and Writing with Prof. Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (9 April 2012).

The Course aims to train law students and young legal academics on objective, methodology and process of legal research and writings.

It has drawn a good attention and responses from concerned audiences. In three sessions, a total of 69 individuals participated. Among them, 32 (48%) are female and 37 are male.

The course has been able to generate a significant level of understanding among the participants on importance and process of legal research and writings.

The Guest Resource Persons for the course included among others Professor Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh, Professor Abdullah Al Faruque, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Chittagong, Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge of Dhaka, Dr. Tureen Afroz, Associate Professor at the School of Law at BRAC University and Mr. Zahid Hossain, National Expert on Monitoring and Investigation, UNDP Capacity Development Project to the National Human Rights Commission. Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Deputy Director of UMSAILS has directed and coordinated the program.

Human Rights Law Clinic (HRLC)

UMSAILS has initiated a Human Rights Law Clinic (HRLC) in July 2012. It is to provide a platform for training and mentoring for Student-Volunteers (of Law, Human Rights and allied disciplines); the areas of focus are analysis, research and writing, *pro bono* human rights works and legal services, legal and judicial activism among other issues.

The HRLC aims to train a pool of new-generation activists, lawyers, practitioners, academics and researchers with required analytical, writing and presentation skills and pro-active attitudes for promotion and protection of human rights.

The Volunteers are attending academic and practical sessions of legal and human rights issues and working on their individual and/or group projects (e.g., writing a research paper, preparing legal brief and memos, working with a community, running blogs etc.).

The resource persons, trainers and mentors for the HRLC are renowned jurist, legal academics, practitioners, and activists who included Dr. Kamal Hossain, Professor Mizanur Rahman, Professor Abdullah Al Faruque, and Barrister Sara Hossain among others. Apart from that visiting experts are also invited to conduct sessions and workshops. Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, UMSAILS Deputy Director coordinates and directs the activities of HRLC.

For the first batch, 17 Volunteers have been selected on a competitive basis given their motivations for human rights work and availability for voluntary works. The duration of a batch is six months. In January 2013, a new batch will join for their six months training and mentoring.

In general, legal education in Bangladesh does not provide any orientation to students on clinical legal education and offer or facilitate any opportunity for pro-bono legal and human rights works. However, there are few NGOs who are offering internships to students; however, those lack a proper standard and guidance (with exception).

Thus, the HRLC will be able to promote the concept of Clinical Legal Education here and aims to turn to a model center for law schools in Bangladesh.

For the list of the Volunteers please see the annex.

Hosting Foreign Students

UMSAILS hosts visiting students and faculty members from foreign institutions to orient them on legal and human rights issues related to Bangladesh.

This year, it has organized a roundtable on “International Issues and Bangladesh” on 19 March 2012 for visiting group of 12 students of International Law and Organizations Programme and three faculty members from Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A.

It brought together experts from Bangladesh for exchanging views on issues of their common expertise and interests.

The visiting group also attended a seminar on legal education in Bangladesh organized by the School of Law, BRAC University and facilitated by UMSAILS.



Visiting Students and Faculties from Johns Hopkins University with other Guests at a programme in Dhaka (19 March 2012).

Lecture Series

UMSAILS has organized a series of public lecture on the issue of law and human rights. These aim to facilitate relevant experts and practitioners to share their knowledge and expertise with local law students, legal academics, researchers and practitioners. (Please refer to the list annexed with the report for details).

Internship:

UMSAILS has been offering internship opportunities ranging from three to six months to students and fresh graduates interested to work in the area of human rights, programme management and office administration.

The programme aims to assist them to learn about research works, organizing seminars and workshop, contemporary legal and human rights issues, general administration work and managing an office etc.

In 2012, following individuals have worked with UMSAILS- Nipa Rani Roy (Eastern University, Dhaka), Srabani (Stamford University Bangladesh), Nilufa Yasmin (Eden Women's College), Tushar Dey Mondal (Tejgaon Government College), and Akramul Islam (University of Dhaka).

Publications

UMSAILS has undertaken three separate studies pertaining to the personal laws of Muslims, Hindus and Christians.

These studies, undertaken with the support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Dhaka, were part of a project called Combating Gender Injustices (CGI).

UMSAILS (formerly SAILS) is also publisher of those as books. The studies were formally released at a launching ceremony in Dhaka on 10 April 2012.



UMSAILS publications (left) and book launching ceremony (10 April 2012).

Professor Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission and Professor M. Shah Alam, Chairman (Acting) of the Law Commission were present as the Guests of Honour. Development Activist, Ms. Khushi Kabir chaired the session.

An audience of 40 representing community leaders from respective religions, researchers, academics and activists attended the programme.

Title of the study reports:

1. Civil Laws Governing Christians in Bangladesh - A Proposal for Reform (Faustina Pereira, 2011).
2. Combating Gender Injustice - Hindu Law in Bangladesh (Shahnaz Huda, 2011).
3. Muslim Women's Rights under Bangladesh Law: Provisions, Policies and Practices related to Custody and Guardianship (Nowrin Tamanna, Muhammad Amirul Haq and Sara Hossain, 2011).

Academic Programmes

UMSAILS aims to be a Regional Law University in future. To that aim in view, it has been designing curriculum initially for two academic programmes: Master of Laws (LL.M.) in South Asian Comparative Law, and Master of Arts in Human Rights and Development. Renowned academics and experts from Bangladesh and other Countries have been assigned to design the curriculum.

UMSAILS is now preparing to launch its first academic programme- Master of Laws (LL.M.) from September 2013. The programme will have a focus on South Asian Comparative Law.

The Institute has an agreement with BRAC University, an enterprise of the world largest NGO, BRAC, which will be supervising academic programmes and issuing certificates.

It will be a one-year long and 36 credit-hours course. The qualification for admission will be graduation in Law (with minimum four-year duration and CGPA 3.5). However, details are yet to be approved by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

In the initial batches, UMSAILS plans to offer 16 full scholarships to students (two for each SAARC member countries).

UMSAILS will soon initiate to recruit full-time and part-time faculty members to run the programme. It aims to invite guest faculties from renowned institutions abroad to teach for a semester or so.

An announcement shall be issued regarding student admission early next year through affiliates and networks of South Asia Foundations, websites and newspapers.

UMSAILS also aims to launch a Master of Human Rights and Development Programme in future.

Governing Council Meetings:

Two meetings of the Governing Council of UMSAILS held this year, respectively on 01 May and 12 September 2012. Both the meeting was chaired by the Chairperson of the Governing Council, Dr. Kamal Hossain.

The meeting on 01 May 2012 has unanimously endorsed the new name of the Institute as UNESCO Madanjeet Singh South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (UMSAILS).

It also endorsed a note of appreciation for Sir Fazle Hasan Abed and BRAC for their generous donation of 0.37 acre of land to the Institute for academic building and ancillary facilities at Khagan, Savar in the District of Dhaka.



Governing Council Meeting of UMSAILS on 12 September 2012.

Media Coverage

UMSAILS programme and activities got a significant publicity in national newspapers in Bangladesh. The newspapers included The Daily Star, The Daily Sun, The New Age, Daily Prothom Alo, Daily Jugantor, PROBE News Magazine etc.



A report in the Star Campus (left) and HRLC Facebook Page.

Networking

UMSAILS has been able to create an working networks with related institutions in Bangladesh; those include law schools, statutory institutions like the National Human Rights Commission and Law Commission, UN agencies and human rights organizations and related professional bodies.

To be connected with students, volunteers and interested audiences, UMSAILS has been active in e-communications though websites, blogs and facebook pages. Those interactive communications drawn attention of students and interested audiences.

Annex

Volunteers of Human Rights Law Clinic- 1st Batch: July to December 2012 (In order of Last Names)

Sl. No.	Name	Institution
1.	Sonia Akter	Dhaka International University
2.	Emraan Azad	University of Dhaka
3.	Victoria Chakma	University of Dhaka
4.	Joydev Chakraborty	University of Dhaka
5.	Anirban Choudhury	University of Dhaka
6.	Maria Chowdhury	Southeast University
7.	P. M. Mahady Hasan	Stamford University
8.	Muhammad Mahdy Hassan	University of Dhaka
9.	Abul Hossain	Dhaka International University
10.	Akramul Islam	University of Dhaka
11.	Sharmin Jahan	ASA University Bangladesh
12.	Zulkar Nine	University of Dhaka
13.	Md. Saiful Islam Noman	Eastern University
14.	Talma Prodhan	University of Dhaka
15.	Anika Saha	Southeast University
16.	Shahnewaj	The University of Asia Pacific
17.	Prosenjit Talukder	Dhaka International University



Volunteers of Human Rights Law Clinic with Prof. Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission.

List of UMSAILS Activities in 2012 (from 01 January to 14 November)

Seminars, Training and Workshops:

Sl. No.	Theme	Date	Speakers/Presenters	Remarks
1.	Certificate Course on Legal Research and Writing	9-10 March 2012	Dr. Abdullah Al Faruque, Professor, Department of Law, University of Chittagong, Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Metropolitan Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, Dr. Ridwanul Hoque, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Mr. Al Asad Md. Mahmudul Islam, Senior Judicial Magistrate, Rongpur, Md. Zahid Hossain, Expert (Monitoring and Investigation), UNDP, Dr. Naim Ahmed, Advocate Supreme Court of Bangladesh, and Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Deputy Director, UMSAILS.	Number of Participants: 26 Female- 8 and Male- 18 <i>Chief Guest at the Closing Session:</i> Professor Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
2.	Roundtable on International Law Issues and Bangladesh	19 March 2012	Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chairperson, SAF Bangladesh Chapter, Prof. Ainun Nishat, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University, Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed, Prof. Borhan Uddin Khan and Prof. Asif Nazrul, University of Dhaka, Dr. Tureen Afroz, Associate Professor, School of Law, BRAC University and Dr. Sharif Bhuiyan, Honorary Director, UMSAILS. <i>Guests of Honour:</i> Prof. M. Shah Alam, Chairman (Acting), Law Commission of Bangladesh, Professor Ruth Wedgwood , Director of the International Law and Organizations Programme (ILAW) and President of the American Branch of the International Law Association (ILA) and Ms. Tiffany Basciano, Associate Director of the ILAW Program at Johns Hopkins University.	Chair: Dr. Kamal Hossain Number of Participants: 25 Organized to mark Bangladesh visit of 12 students of International Law and Organizations Programme (ILAW) from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A.
Sl. No.	Theme	Date	Speakers/Presenters	Remarks
3.	Workshop on Legal Research and	9 April 2012	Dr. Ridwanul Hoque, Associate Professor, Department of Law,	Number of Participants: 25

	Writing		University of Dhaka, Dr. Md. Rahmat Ullah, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Dr. Tureen Afroz, Associate Professor, School of Law, BRAC University, Md. Zahid Hossain, Expert (Monitoring and Investigation), UNDP, and Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Deputy Director UMSAILS.	Female- 16 and Male- 9 Chief Guest at the Closing Session: Professor Mizanur Rahaman, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)
4.	Workshop on Writing Articles for Law Journals	30 June 2012	Dr. Abdullah Al Faruque, Professor, Department of Law, University of Chittagong, Dr. Ridwanul Hoque, Associate Professor, Department of Law, DU, Dr. Fastina Pereira, Advocate, Director, Human Rights and Legal Aid Services, BRAC, and Dr. Uttam Kumar Das.	Participants: 18 Female- 8 and Male- 10
5.	Workshop on Mediation	21 July 2012	Mr. Md. Zakir Hossain, Director, Judicial Administration Training Institution (JATI), Barrister Abdul Halim, and Dr. Uttam Kumar Das.	Number of Participants 15 Male- 9 and Female- 6

Lecture Session/Presentations for HRLC:

Sl. No.	Theme	Date	Speakers/Presenters	Remarks
1.	Orientation Session for Human Rights Law Clinic (HRLC)	19 July 2012	Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, UMSAILS	Number of Participants (Student-Volunteers): 16 Male- 7 and Female- 9
2.	Professional Communication and How to Write CV and Resume	26 July 2012	Dr. Uttam Kumar Das	Participants: 13 Male- 8 and Female- 5
3.	International Human Rights Instruments : UDHR	28 July 2012	Showvik Das, Former Intern, UMSAILS	Participants: 15 Male- 10 and Female- 5
4.	Access to Justice	02 August 2012	Dr. Uttam Kumar Das	Participants: 13 Male- 8 and Female-5
Sl. No.	Theme	Date	Speakers/Presenters	Remarks
5.	The Concept of Human Dignity in German Constitutional Law	07 August 2012	Rainer Ebert Rice University, Texas, U.S.A. and Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, U.K.	Participants: 18 Male- 10 and Female-8
6.	Legal Research	01 September 2012	Dr. Uttam Kumar Das	Participants: 12

				Male- 8 and Female-4
7.	Scope of Human Rights Career	07 September 2012	Md. Zahid Hossain, Expert (Monitoring and Investigation), UNDP	Participants: 13 Male- 9 and Female-4
8.	Legal Practice	20 September 2012	Barrister Taposh K. Baul, Advocate Dhaka Judge Court	Participants: 8 Male- 5 and Female-3
9.	Human Rights and Good Governance	06 October 2012	Mr. Shankor Paul Head of Human Rights, Concern Universal	Participants: 8 Male- 5 and Female-3
10.	Career Briefing	11 October 2012	Dr. Uttam Kumar Das	Participants: 12 Male- 8 and Female-4
11.	Judicial Activism: A Tool for the Protection of Human Rights	10 October 2012	Dr. Ridwanul Hoque, Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka	Participants: 18 Male- 11 and Female-7

Book Launching:

Sl. No.	Theme	Date	Speakers/Presenters	Remarks
1.	Launching Ceremony of Study Reports on Personal Laws in Bangladesh	10 April 2012	Dr. Fastina Pereira, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Professor Dr. Shahnaz Huda, Chairperson, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Barrister Sara Hossain and Advocate Muhammad Amirul Haq, Advocate Supreme Court of Bangladesh.	Participants: 37 Female- 14 and Male- 23 Guests of Honour: Professor M. Shah Alam, Chairman (Acting), Law Commission of Bangladesh, and Professor Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission. Chair: Ms. Khushi Kabir, Coordinator, Nijera Kori

Meetings of Governing Council

Sl. No.	Theme	Date	Venue	Participants
1.	9 th Meeting of Governing Council	1 May 2012	Dr. Kamal Hossain and Associates	Chair: Dr. Kamal Hossain Members Present: Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Dr. Shamsul Bari, Barrister Manzoor Hasan, Dr. Sharif Bhuiyan; Present on invitation: Dr. Uttam Kumar Das and Dewan Hasan Mahmood
2.	10 th Meeting of the Governing Council	12 September 2012	UMSAILS Meeting Room	Chair: Dr. Kamal Hossain Member Present: Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Dr. Shamsul Bari, Professor K. Shamsundin Mahmood, Dr. Sharif Bhuiyan, On invitation: Dr. Uttam Kumar Das