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Announcement

The ESU International Council Meeting 2026

Monday, 13th July
Friday, 17th July

We're thrilled to invite you and your guests to next year's International Council Meeting, to be held in London from 13-17 July 2026.

Planned to coincide with our International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC), the week will give attendees the chance not only to mix with other ESU members from around the globe, but to experience our work first-hand, too.

The programme begins with a welcome dinner at Dartmouth House on the Monday evening and includes a range of quintessentially British activities such as tours of London's cultural landmarks and a theatre performance. The highlight will of course be the grand final of the IPSC where the best young speakers in the world take to the stage at the Royal Institution. Always an inspiring, high-octane event, it attracts a truly multi-cultural audience and is a great example of our mission to build a more collaborative world.

Tickets cost £550 for the full week (plus transport and accommodation).

To register your interest.

To find out more contact events@esu.org.

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Message from
Aziz Memon

Patron-in-Chief,
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President
International Council
of ESU 2022-24

Dear ESUP Members,

It is an honor to address you all as the Patron-in-Chief of ESUP. I am delighted to see the incredible progress we have made under the leadership of our President, Pervez Madraswala, and his team. As I reflect on the past year, I am impressed by the diverse range of activities ESUP has organized.

We have hosted esteemed guest speakers who have shared their expertise on leadership, communication, and more, enriching our members' experiences. The International Public Speaking competitions have been a huge success, providing a platform for young talent from Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad to shine.

Our participation in International Council meetings (ICM) in the USA and Malaysia has strengthened ESUP's global presence, allowing us to engage with ESU Commonwealth leaders and explore collaborations. I'm excited about the upcoming ICM in London from 13th to 17th July, alongside the International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC).

I commend the NCEC members for their tireless efforts and valuable input. Your contributions have been crucial in shaping ESUP's initiatives. To all members, I encourage you to join ESUP events, participate actively, and help promote English language and cultural exchange. Let's work together to take ESUP to new heights!

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“We're committed to continuing our efforts in promoting English language skills, cultural exchange, and community engagement.”



Message from
**Pervez Haroon
Madraswala**

President, English
Speaking Union of
Pakistan

Dear Members,

I am pleased to present this newsletter, which features and summarizes the activities during my term as ESUP President. It's been an exciting journey, and I'm happy to share some highlights with you.

We've had the honor of hosting prominent guest speakers who shared their expertise and insights on various topics, from leadership, communication and more. Their interactions with ESUP members were truly enriching, and we're grateful for their time.

Our International Public Speaking competitions have been a huge success, with participation from students across Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad chapters. We're proud to have provided a platform for young talent to shine and develop their skills.

On the international front, we attended the International Council meetings (ICM) in the USA and Malaysia, representing ESUP and Pakistan. These meetings allowed us to interact with ESU Commonwealth leaders and member countries, sharing best practices and exploring opportunities for collaboration.

Building on the momentum, I'm excited to share that the next International Council Meeting (ICM) will be held in London from 13th to 17th July, alongside the International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC). It's a fantastic opportunity for us to engage with global ESU leaders and participants. If you're interested in representing ESUP, let us know ASAP.

I extend my gratitude to the NCEC members for their valuable input and support throughout my term. Your contributions have been instrumental in shaping ESUP's activities and initiatives.

As we move forward, I invite you all to join ESUP events and participate actively. Let's make the most of this platform and continue to promote English language and cultural exchange. Whether you're a student, professional, or simply passionate about English, there's something for everyone at ESUP.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events, and don't miss the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals. Together, let's take ESUP to new heights!



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ESUP's International Public Speaking Competition 2026 a Huge Success!

The English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP) organized the National Round of the International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC) at Beach Luxury Hotel on 28th March 2026. The event was graced by Mr. Jordan Dadral from the British High Commission as the Chief Guest.

Students from various schools across Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad participated in the competition, showcasing their exceptional public speaking skills. The final round witnessed outstanding performances from the qualified participants.

The event was attended by esteemed members of ESUP, including Patron-in-Chief Mr. Aziz Memon, President Pervez Madraswala, Secretary General Majyd Aziz, and SVP Irfan Qureshi, who addressed the audience and shared their thoughts on the importance of public speaking.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Jordan Dadral, also shared his insights on the IPSC, praising the efforts of ESUP and the participants.

IPSC-2026 National Round Results:

- Winner: Miss Mehrbano Hussain, Lahore Grammar School, Lahore
- 1st Runner-up: Miss Huda Arain, Mama Parsi Girls' Secondary School, Karachi
- 2nd Runner-up: Miss Aleena Aslam, The Lyceum School, Karachi

Mehrbano Hussain will represent Pakistan at IPSC round in London in July 2026.



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Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM) of English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP)

EOGM of ESUP was held on 28th March 2026 at Beach Luxury Hotel to discuss and pass the new amendments to the ESUP By-Laws.

The meeting was attended by esteemed members, Chairman Rules Committee, and NCEC member Mr. Moin Fudda, who presented the amendments to the audience. Patron-in-Chief Aziz Memon highlighted the significance of the By-Laws, while President Pervez Madraswala emphasized the new rules for the betterment of ESUP.

The event was conducted by Honorary Secretary General Mr. Majyd Aziz.

The amendments to the ESUP By-Laws were discussed and passed, paving the way for the organization's growth and development.

Vote of thanks presented by the SVP Irfan Qureshi.



ESUP Hosts H.E. Abdul Aziz Issa, Ambassador of Lebanon, Strengthening Bonds between Lebanon and Pakistan

Karachi, Pakistan - The English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP) was honored to host His Excellency Abdul Aziz Issa, Ambassador of Lebanon to Pakistan, as a distinguished guest speaker at a recent event. The Ambassador's visit underscored the strong and cordial relations between Lebanon and Pakistan, highlighting opportunities for enhanced cooperation in various fields.

During his enlightening address, Ambassador Issa shared valuable insights into Lebanon's rich cultural heritage, history, and current developments. He emphasized the significance of people-to-people connections in fostering stronger ties between nations and expressed optimism about the potential for increased collaboration between Lebanon and Pakistan in areas such as education, culture, trade, and tourism.

The event, attended by ESUP members, academics, and dignitaries, provided a platform for engaging discussions and exchange of ideas. Ambassador Issa graciously responded to questions, shedding light on Lebanon's experiences and perspectives on regional and global issues. The interactive session demonstrated the keen interest of Pakistani academics and professionals in Lebanon's development and cultural richness.

Aziz Memon, Patron-in-Chief, highlighted ESUP's events and the recent visit to the Patron Dinner in London organized by ESU Commonwealth. Pervez Madraswala, President of ESUP, expressed gratitude to Ambassador Issa for sharing his expertise and vision for enhanced bilateral relations. "We are grateful to H.E. Ambassador Issa for inspiring us with his thought-provoking words and for reaffirming Lebanon's commitment to strengthening ties with Pakistan," he said.

Irfan Qureshi, Senior Vice President, and Majyd Aziz, Secretary General, also shared their perspectives on the occasion. Hon. Consul General of Lebanon, Najeeb Baig, was also present.

ESUP looks forward to continued dialogue and cooperation with the Lebanese Embassy, exploring avenues for joint initiatives that promote cultural exchange, academic collaboration, and people-to-people diplomacy.





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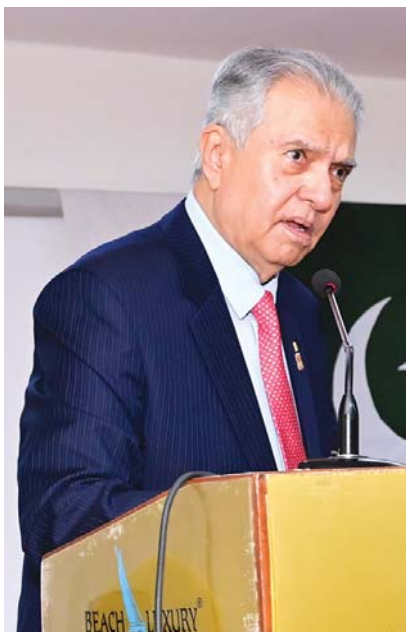
City's future: Commander Karachi shares his insights with ESUP members

The English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP) successfully hosted Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi HI(M), Commander Karachi, as the Chief Guest at its event held on January 26, 2026. The esteemed guest delivered a keynote address on "Future Expectations from Elites of Karachi", sharing his insights and expertise with the audience.

Vice Admiral Abbasi, a distinguished alumnus of Pakistan Navy War College, Naval War College (USA), and National Defence University (Islamabad), highlighted the importance of collective efforts in shaping Karachi's future. His address emphasized the role of elites in driving the city's growth and development.

The event fostered dialogue and debate among Karachi's elite, exploring ways to contribute to the city's progress. ESUP extends its gratitude to Vice Admiral Abbasi and all attendees for making this event a success.

Patron-in-Chief Mr. Aziz Memon highlighted the various activities and events of ESUP, especially the poetry competition recently held in Karachi. Pervez Madraswala introduced the Chief Guest, Vice Admiral Muhammad Faisal Abbasi, to members of ESUP. Secretary General Majyd Aziz, Senior Vice President Irfan Qureshi, and Vice President Shahzad Sabir also spoke.





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2nd Annual Poetry Recitation Competition organized by English Speaking Union of Pakistan on Thursday 22nd January, 2026 At 99 SZABIST

1st Position - Eman Fahad - Mama Parsi Girls' Secondary School

2nd Position - Ayesha Khan - Education Trust Nasra School, Malir Campus

3rd Position - Rameen Irfan - Credo School

The event was graced by the Honorable Chief Guest, Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President, SZABIST University





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IPSC 2026 - City Heats

The English Speaking Union of Pakistan (ESUP) held the first Round of their annual International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC), the CITY HEATS 2026.

It was held at the traditional venue, the Beach Luxury Hotel, by the kind aegis of the Avari family on Saturday, 14 February, 2026.

The participants came from Lyceum A'Level School, Mama Parsi Girls' HS School, Aga Khan HS School, Credo A'Level School and Convent of Jesus & Mary A'Level School.

The competition was adjudicated by Mrs. Ambareen M Thompson, with three decades of experience in interactive commercial and social development in the sectors of health and youth development; Mr Justin M. Thompson, who has been in senior management roles over some decades; and Mrs Saima Hashim, Psychotherapist and Councillor with years of experience in training and judging speaking competitions.

The Winner of the competition was Huda Arain of Mama Parsi's Grils Secondary School, the 1st Runner Up was Aleena Aslam of ,The Lyceum School and the. 2nd Runner Up was Faraz Abbas of Aga Khan Higer Secondary School.

The Award ceremony was graced by The ESUP Patron in Chief, Mr. Aziz Memon, the driving force behind the ESUP. The winners proudly received their Awards from Mr Aziz Memon the Patron in Chief of ESUP. He also awarded Participation Certificates to all participants.

The winner and the 1st Runner Up from Karachi HEATS will participate in the second round -- the National Competition -- scheduled on 28th March, 2026, to be held in Karachi, to compete with their counterparts from Lahore and Islamabad for the selection of the finalist, who will represent Pakistan at the International Round of IPSC 2026 in London, UK.





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Patron's Dinner in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal at ESU headquarters in London





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12th NCEC meeting at 91 Clifton on 24th February, 2026



11th NCEC meeting at 91 Clifton on 16th December, 2025





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ESU International News



My experience as a Walter Page Hines scholar

Lisa Reynolds reflects on her experience as a recipient of the ESU's Walter Page Hines Scholarship, exploring how innovative assistive technologies and AI are supporting communication and learning for young people with vision impairment in the United States.



Why I volunteer for the ESU

Joël Lawson, originally from Guadeloupe (French Caribbean/West Indies), tells us why he's pleased to bring some diversity to ESU judging panels – and why he hopes others will follow suit.



Impact Report 2024/25

Our Impact Report for 2024/25 is now live, showcasing the incredible work taking place across the organisation to equip young people with the communication skills and cross-cultural understanding they need to thrive and build a more collaborative world.



'The skills I learned then are every bit as valid now'

ESU debating alumnus Gerry O'Donnell tells us about his experiences and the teachers who made him, and why he's happy to judge for us today.



The art of the interview in the age of AI

Oracy skills are soon to become the determining factor in the world of work, says Natasha Goodfellow.



'Discussion and debate are essential for our society and for our democracy as a whole. Teaching young people that is probably one of the most valuable things we can do'

Peter Nyvold Bojsen-Møller, from Denmark, tells us about his experience of the International Public Speaking Competition.



'Not winning the IPSC is the best thing that has happened to me'

In May 2018, 19-year-old Estonian Markus Aksli took to the floor at the Royal Institution as one of the grand finalists in the ESU's International Public Speaking Competition. The winner of his country's national final, Markus had arrived – along with dozens of other national winners – in London a week earlier for an intense few days of public speaking training, heats and cultural visits.



'The SSE has been the most transformative, exciting and enriching chapter of my life'

Lucia Gamble, a recent scholar on our Secondary School Exchange (SSE) programme, tells us about her experience.



Four oracy approaches that will transform your classroom

Oracy experts Lyn Dawes and Neil Mercer share their suggestions for promoting oracy in ways which really make a difference.

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Adnan Sakrani



Amer Hussain



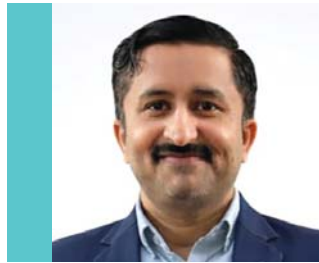
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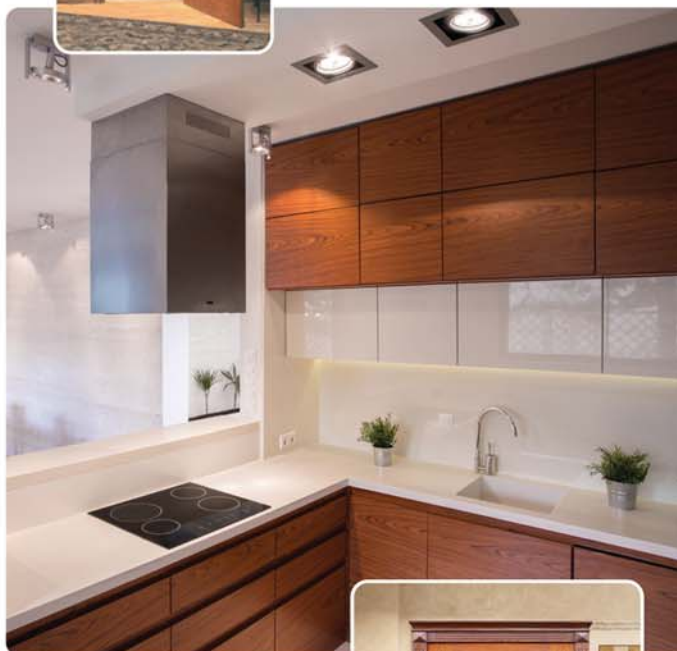
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