BRAC University, OSUN celebrate open access week

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Participants and guests pose for photos during Open Access Week 2023 organised by BRAC University's Ayesha Abed Library and Open Society Network in Dhaka recently. – Press release

BRAC University's Ayesha Abed Library in collaboration with Open Society Network, celebrated Open Access Week 2023 from October 27 to November 4 to recognize and promote open access to scholarly research and educational resources.

This year, the theme of international open access week was 'Community over Commercialisation'.

The Ayesha Abed Library organised a series of activities to celebrate the week, which included a webinar titled 'Exploring the Impact of Open Access Publishing on Research Visibility and Scholarly Communication' conducted by Nitin Ghoshal from Elsevier, said a press release.

One of the highlights of the celebration was 'Open Access Publication Award' for faculty and students. The library awarded Kaosar Afsana, professor, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University for having the highest number of citations for her paper.

Another category of Open Access Publication awards was presented to the authors of the most-viewed undergraduate theses, postgraduate theses, and internship reports, as measured by DSpace Google Analytics Statistics. These works were archived in the BRAC University Institutional Repository (dspace.bracu.ac.bd) between January 2022 and December 2022.

Halima Hasin Tofa, from department of English and Humanities, received an award in recognition of her most-viewed undergraduate thesis.

Liaquat Ali Khan, from BRAC Business School, received an award in recognition of his most-viewed postgraduate thesis.

Nabiha Azad Noor, also from BRAC Business School, received an award in recognition of her most-viewed internship report.

Professor Syed Mahfuzul Aziz, pro-vice-chancellor and acting vice-chancellor, BRAC University attended the award ceremony as chief guest. Laura J Reichenbach, dean, JPGSPH joined as special guest alongside Dave Dowland, registrar of the university. Hasina Afroz, university librarian, Ayesha Abed Library, moderated the event.

During the programme, Dave Dowland delivered closing remarks, lauding the initiatives undertaken by Ayesha Abed Library.