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UMP named Best University in Research and Innovation for Non-Research University

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Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was named best university in research and innovation under the category of Research and Innovation Excellence (Institution) for Non-Research University at the recent Malaysia's Research Star Award (MRSA) 2019 and CRÈME 2019 Acknowledgement of Journal Award.

Universiti Malaya (UM) was named Best University for Research and Innovation for Research University at the event which was held at Zenith Hotel, Putrajaya on November 6, 2019.

UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar Wan Yusoff accepted the award from Education Ministry's Secretary General, Dato' Dr. Mohd. Gazali Abas who represented Education Minister Dr. Maszlee Malik.

UMP also added another impressive feather in its cap when its lecturer, Associate Professor Dr. Wan Azmi Wan Hamzah, received two MRSA awards - Prominent Topics in Research for his heat transfer research project and Young Researcher Award.

Associate Professor Dr. Wan Azmi, 35, was selected for being the best researcher under the age of 40.

His research involving nanoparticle dispersion technology was published in a prominent journal and was hailed as a high impact publication based on the citations received from the Elsevier Science data base.

His focus was on fluid application in automotive.

He had also come up with several high impact products, results from his research works, which included nano-cooling liquid for vehicle radiator, nano-lubricant for vehicle air-conditioning and the latest being nano-paint for automotive component.

On publications, a total of 116 publications have been recorded in the Scopus data base with 2,083 citations and 27 h-index.

Out of these journals, 97 publications have been indexed by Web of Science, 57 are categorised as Q1 high-impact journals that contributed to high data citations in the Elsevier data base

A large number of the publications are related to heat transfer.

Professor Ir. Dr. Wan Azhar also said in their bid to move forward and towards excellence, UMP would continue to produce impressive accomplishments and that the success achieved was a 'one for all' effort.

He added that the achievement was indeed a remarkable feat for the university, considering it was one of the technical universities (MTUN) in Malaysia and was only established as a public university 17 years ago.

He also said with its slogan, 'Moving Together', the university and its community would continue to enhance its strengths in the fields of engineering, research and service with world-class standards and by doing so in a more creative and innovative engineering and technology ecosystem.

The university would ensure that with the efforts taken to improve its quality, the efforts taken would also improve its capability to provide Technical And Vocational Educational Training (TVET) of high standard which would bring about good benefits to the people in the country.

Malaysia's Research Star Award (MRSA) 2019 and CRÈME 2019 Acknowledgement of Journal Award was organised by the Education Ministry with the cooperation of Clarivate Analytics and Elsevier.

Dato' Dr. Mohd. Gazali Abas officially opened the event which was also attended by Higher Education Director General, Datuk Ir. Dr. Siti Hamisah Tapsir and Deputy Secretary General (Strategic), Dato' Kamel Mohamad.

Other awards presented by Clarivate Analytics were Hot Review Paper (one recipient) and Research and Innovation Excellence Researcher Award (seven recipients).

Elsevier also named 12 researchers as MRSA recipients for the categories International Collaboration (three recipients), Prominent Topics in Research (four recipients), Citation Classic (four recipients) and Young Researcher (one recipient).

A total of 15 researchers from Malaysia received the Highly Cited Researcher 2018 Award from Clarivate Analytics, a global recognition for the Malaysian researchers who were ranked among the top 1% of researchers for most cited documents in the Web of Science.

CRÈME 2019 Acknowledgment of Journal Award was also given to 27 outstanding journals from Malaysia with impressive showing at the international stage, based on the Metric Journal Cite Score, Impact Factor and Quartile Journal as well as the number of citations.

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