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Personal Information:

Nationality: Jordanian

Resident of: Jaresh - Jordan

Birth Date: 26 March 1975

Place of Birth: Jaresh - Jordan

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Educational Qualification:

Certificate	Year	Specialization	University	Language
B.Sc.	1997	Plant production & Protection	Jerash University Jordan	Arabic and English
M.Sc.	2000	Plant Pathology Mycology (Fungi)	Peshawar University Pakistan	English
PhD ongoing*	2010 till now	Plant protection IPM	Jordan University	English

*Thesis title: Integrated Pest Management of Tomato Leaf miner Tuta absoluta in Balqaa Directorate in Jordan

Work Experience:

July, 1997 – May, 1998 & December, 2000 – till now (Part Time):

- Agricultural Engineer (Sales & Extension Manager) in Ashraf Agricultural Company / Jerash.
- Supervisor for vegetable and fruit trees farms located in Jordan Valley, Jerash and Irbid.

Feb, 2001 – Feb, 2002:

- Teaching and research assistant in Dept. of Plant Protection - Faculty of Agriculture – University of Jerash.
- Teaching Plant Disease and Advanced Plant Disease Courses.
- Supervisor for Jerash University Farm in Plant Protection Field.

March, 2002- September 2010:

Mycologist and plant pathologist in Plant Protection Dept.-Ministry of Agriculture.

Experiences in the following:

- Plant diseases diagnostic and Plant protection techniques.
- Isolation and identification of plant parasitic fungi from soil and plant samples.
- Integrated pest management of vegetables and fruit trees.
- Integrated pest Management through Farmer field schools
- Trainer for mushroom and mushroom spawn production.
- Supervisor for oyster mushroom production and protection in the extension Department of Ministry of Agriculture.
- Biological control of vegetable pests under plastic houses.
- Biological control of Red Palm Weevil and Stone Fruit Borer (Capnodis spp.)
- Participate in preparing extension leaflet and movies of mushroom production and soil, plant sampling techniques.
- Participatory extension for farmers

September 2010 tell now :

- **Director of Participatory Extension Unit** in the National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension.

Main responsibilities:

- Management and coordination National Farmer Field Schools program in Jordan
- Development of projects, planning, monitoring and evaluation, policy dialogue
- Participate in strategy development for education programs for farmers, design and implement numerous training activities

- **National IPM program Coordinator**, Regional Integrated Pest Management Programme in the near East GTFS/REM/070/TA with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO),

Main responsibilities:

- Technical and management support of Farmer Field School project, with a focus on participatory education of farmers in ecology, integrated pest management and sustainable production (training of trainers courses, field visits, evaluation and planning)
- Development of projects, planning, monitoring and evaluation, policy dialogue
- Participate in strategy development for education programmes for farmers, design and implement numerous training activities in the member countries of the Regional Programme
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Projects...

- 2004 – 2005
Mycologist in the Integrated Pest Management for Fruit Trees Project which applied in different locations in Jordan. MOA
- 2005 – 2008
Mycologist and National Project Coordinator in the Early Diagnosis of Bayoud on Date Palm Regional Project, AOAD.
- 2004 -2006
Facilitator in the regional integrated pest management program in the near east. FAO.
- 2005 – 2007
National Mycology Expert in the project of transfer of bio-control technologies as essential component of IPM to compact red palm weevils in the middle east, AOAD

- 2007 – 2010
Member in the project of Identification and Partial Characterization of Plum Pox Potyvirus of stone fruits in Jordan, AOAD
- 2005 – 2007
Member in the Integrated Management for Capnodis in Stone fruit IN Jordan, AOAD.
- 2006 – Till Now
National Project Coordinator for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East. FAO.
- 2007
Resource person as Farmer Field School Expert with Rehabilitation of the Date palm sector in Iraq Project, FAO.
- 2012 – 2013
FFS Expert in a regional project “adaptation to climate change in WANA marginal environment through sustainable crop and livestock diversification”

Trainings

Diagnosis of Plant Fungal and bacterial diseases	10 – 17 May 2004	AOAD	Jordan
Integrated Pest Management of Citrus Crops/ Mass Production of Beneficial Insects	25 Sep – 7 Oct 2004	Syrian MOA	Syria
Early Diagnosis of Bayoud Disease on date palm and methods to control it	21 st – 27 th Dec. 2004	AOAD	Morocco
Accreditation Technical Assessment Awareness	2004	JISM	Jordan
Integrated Pest Management for Medical Herbs	5 – 7 July 2005	NCARE	Jordan
Training of trainers course in responsible use of pesticides	27 Nov – 1 Dec 2005	Crop Life	Jordan
Transferring of bio-control technologies	July 2006	AOAD	Qatar

as essential component of IPM to compact red palm weevils in the Middle East			
National training course of transferring of bio-control technologies as essential component of IPM to compact red palm weevils in the Middle East	Oct 2006	AOAD	Jordan
Report Writing and Project Evaluation Course	6 – 10 April 2008	ADAA, FAO	Syria
E Training course on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	25 Feb - 4 Apr 2008.	WHO	Jordan
Regional training course on Pest Risk Analysis in support of fruit fly management and SIT application	12 – 16 Oct. 2008	FAO/IAEA	Jordan
Integrated Pest Management of Date Palm Pests in Middle East Region, Principles and Approaches	13 th Sep – 14 th Nov 2010	Bari-Italy CIHEAM	Distance Learning Course
Irrigation Management training	2013	ICU/NCARE /EU	Jordan
Soil management training	2013	ICU/NCARE /EU	Jordan

Workshops

Biosafety in Agricultural Biotechnology	30 Aug - 1Sep 2003	FAO	Syria
Registration and Analysis of Plant Protection Products	12 – 16 Oct 2003	SYNGENTA	Jordan
Regional Workshop and field Training for facilitators of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, West bank and Gaza Strip. Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	2 – 8 April, 2005	FAO	Egypt
Regional workshop On IPM/FFS Program Development in the Near East Region	16 – 19 Nov 2008	FAO	Jordan

IPM and marketing week	May 2009	FAO	Italy
Promotion of Farmer Field School based Integrated Pest Management Approach for OIC member Countries	July 2011	FAO	Pakistan
Workshop in promoting Farmer Field Schools under Marginal saline soil and water	November 2012	ICBA	Egypt
Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for Greenhouse Horticulture in the Mediterranean (North African and Near East Countries) and South Eastern Europe Regions	December 2012	FAO/ISHS/NCARE	Jordan
Analysis workshop of the DACUM job profile for Tree Pruning and grafting worker	Novenebr 2013	EU/E-TVET	Jordan

Study tours

In the integrated pest management/farmer field school in the coastal area	April 2007	FAO	Syria
Study Tour Related to IPM and Organic Agriculture	Sep 2007	CIHEAM, IAMP, FAO	Italy
In the integrated pest management/farmer field school and biological control	10 - 20 July 2008	FAO	Iran

Meetings

Annual meeting for the regional bayoud project	July 2005	AOAD	Morocco
Annual meeting for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	July 2006	FAO	Italy
Annual meeting for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	25 – 28 June 2007	FAO	Cairo
Annual meeting for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	July 2009	FAO	Cairo
Meeting for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	December 2009	FAO	Tunis
Meeting for the Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	Nov. 2011	FAO	Tunis

Facilitator and resource person in the following

Training course in Production and Integrated pest Management of Tomato and Cucumber	June 2004	FAO	Jordan
Regional Workshop and field Training for facilitators of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, West bank and Gaza Strip. Regional Integrated Pest Management Program in the Near East	July 2004	FAO	Jordan
Training Study Tour in Jordan and Syria	May 2007	AEA/FAO	Jordan

on IPM concepts, techniques, methods and applications in the horticultural sector for Palestinian <i>agricultural engineers and extentionists in Jordan and Syria</i> GFTS/PAL/022/ITA			
Trainer for IPM training for Yamani farmers in cooperation with the Agricultural Engineers Association in Jordan.	April 2008	AEA	Jordan
Meeting of Iraqi descion makers in IPM/FFS subject	Nov 2007	FAO	Jordan
Trainer for IPM/FFS for Iraqi engineers in cooperation with FAO Iraq.	June 2008	FAO	Jordan
Training for the mushroom spawning production for oyster and agarics mushroom		MOA, Irada,AEA	Jordan
Training on farmer field schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers in Yemen	October 2009	FAO	Yemen
Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers	February 2010	FAO	Syria
Evaluation Workshop for Agricultural engineers in Yemen on farmer fields schools on Wheat	2010	FAO	Yemen
Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers	2010	FAO	Jordan
2 Training on Oyster Mushroom Production for Agricultural Engineer	2010	AEA	Jordan
Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers	2010	FAO	Tunis
Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers	2010	FAO	Algeria
Regional Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers from morocco, Algeria and Tunis	2011	FAO	Morocco
Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers	2011	AEA/FAO	Jordan
Training on farmer fields schools and integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers for Iraqi	2011	FAO	Jordan
Training on farmer fields schools and	2011	FAO	Morocco

integrated pest management for Agricultural engineers			
Resource Person in a workshop about sharing experiences of the FFS; elaborating a strategy and action plan to expand FFS activities in Algeria and Tunisia.	2012	FAO	Algeria and Tunisia
Sub-Regional Workshop on Innovations for the improvement of the IPM FFS programmes in the Maghreb Region	2013	FAO	Tunisia
Sub-Regional Workshop Analysis the Current Status of the IPM FFS programme in the Near East Countries	2013	FAO	Amman
National Training Workshop facilitators of farmer Field Schools	2013	FAO	Morocco
Sub-Regional Workshop"Monitoring the effects of pesticides on human health and the environment in the Maghreb region"	2013	FAO	Morocco

Conferences:

- The 9th Arab Congress of Plant Protection, Syria, 2006.
- The 6th Jordanian Agricultural Scientific Conference, 9 – 12 April 2007.
- The 5th Mediterranean Group of pesticide research MGPR Symposium, Pesticides in Food and Environment in the Mediterranean Countries, Agadir, Morocco 21 – 24 November 2007
- The 10th Arab Congress of Plant Protection, Lebanon, 2009.
- “Scientific Symposium for Tomato Borer-Tuta absoluta on Tomato at MENA Region”, Jordan 19-21 July 2011-11-18

- The Joint International symposium on the management of *Tuta absoluta*, Morocco, 16-18 Nov 2011

Studies

- Survey of local natural enemies associated with cucumber and tomato crop pests, 2006.
- Crop monitoring in selected IPM farms, 2006.
- Survey study of the local pest associated with Date Palm in Jordan 2006.
- Survey study of Plum pox Virus associated with stone fruit farms in Jordan 2007
- Development of on-farm level simple rearing system of selected beneficial insects, 2008.
- Evaluation and adaptation study on the Impact of IPM/FFS in Jordan 2012

Publication

- In Vitro control of *Alternaria Solani*, the causal of Early Blight of Tomato. 2001. Journal of Biological Sciences. 1:949-950
- Production of Oyster Mushroom at house level. NCARE, 2003
- Booklet in Integrated pest management of tomato crop 2008
- Booklet in Integrated pest management of cucumber crop 2008
- Booklet in Integrated pest management of grape crop 2013
- Information and communication technology in agricultural Extension 2011 (contributor)
- Farmer Field Schools on Integrated pest Management Programme; a new Extension Approach in Jordan. Voice of change. The Global Forum on Agricultural Research. 2012
- A shift in global perspective: institutionalizing farmer field school programmes (not published) (Contributor)
- Integrated pest management and farmer education: FAO experiences from the Near East and the Maghreb. FAO Book "Good agricultural practices for greenhouse vegetable crops" 2013

Other Experiences:

Plant protection, Integrated pest Management programs for different crops, biological control and natural enemies, mushroom production, Farmer field schools and small scale farmers management, participatory

extension, Monitoring and evaluation of projects, and formal vs non formal education.

Committees and Membership:

- Member in the Arab Society of Plant Protection.
- Member in Plant Protection Committee/ Association of Agricultural Engineering.
- Member in the word mushroom association
- Member in the Office of the President of the Mediterranean group of Pesticide Research
- Member in the Common Country Assessment (CCA) By UNDP in Jordan. 2006
- United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) working group for Healthy and Sustainable Environment, UNDP, Jordan. 2007.
- Member in organic agriculture association in Jordan
- Chief of Agricultural Engineer association (Jerash Branch) 2013-2016
- Country focal point for a global FFS review. Global FFS *platforms*

Awarded:

- FAO Silver Medal in the World Food Day, 2006
- Thanking Letter from Al Ittihad Schools in Jordan
- Thanking Letter from the Agricultural Engineers Association
- Thanking Letter from the training Programs in the national Institute for training – Jordan
- The first position award for agricultural extension publication for “IPM for cucumber crops in Jordan” 2011
- International IPM award of recognition, 2012, USA
- The National Award for Recognition, 2014, Nourmina TV, Jordan

Skills...

- Computer literate and master word, PowerPoint and Internet Applications & Browsing.
- Using All Office & Filing Equipments.
- Local & International Business Communications.
- Teamwork
- Self motivated
- Excellent personal Developments.
- Handling all kinds of pressure.
- Basic knowledge of the UN System.
- Maintain confidentiality with regard to all official business.
- Ability to Organize Work.
- Set Priorities & Follow up tasks.
- Initiative and willingness to learn new skills.

Languages:

Arabic: Fluency in speaking – reading –writing

English: Very good in Speaking- reading –writing

References:

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