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Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Qualification

Oct. 1993–Oct. 1997: PhD from Edinburgh University , Medical School, Department of Medical Microbiology, Thesis title '**Virus infection as predisposing factor for bacterial colonisation**' Supervisors Dr C.C. Blackwell (Infection & Immunity); Dr M.M. Ogilvie (Virologist).

Dec. 1979-Jan. 1983: BSc in Medical Laboratory Technology from the Higher Institute of Technology, Department of Medical Laboratory, Brack-Libya.

Career and Work Experiences

Apr. 2015 Promoted to Professorship “Faculty of Medical Technology”, Tripoli University, Libya

Jun 2013-present Appointed IHR National focal point for Libya

July 2012 Appointed by American Society for Microbiology (ASM) as ASM Ambassador to Libya

May 2012 Promoted to Associate Professor Faculty of Medical Technology, Tripoli University, Libya

Jan 2011- present Director of Public Health Laboratories Department, National Centre for Disease Control

Feb. 2007 Promoted to Assistant Professor “Faculty of Medical Technology”, Tripoli University, Libya

- May 2004 – present** Head of Reference Laboratory for Disease Control, National Centre for Disease Control
- Apr. 2002- May 2004** Head of the Clinical Diagnostic and blood bank laboratories of Trauma and Advanced Surgeries Hospital, Abo Salim Tripoli-Libya
- Sep. 1999 - Feb 2002** Post - Doc. At Medical School-Edinburgh University, Department of Infection & Immunity, grant by the Wellcome Trust on a project titled: "Effects of antibiotics selection on virulence properties of *Moraxella Catarrhalis*"
- Sep. 1999** Lecturer at the Faculty of Medical Technology, University of Tripoli, Libya
- Oct. 1993- Dec 1997** Postgraduate studies Medical Microbiology Department, University of Edinburgh
- Mar. 1983- Apr 1993** Working as Medical laboratory technologist in Children's Hospital Laboratory, Tripoli-Libya
- Aug. 1982- Oct 1982** Training course in medical laboratory science held at the department of pathology, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton- UK

International Health Regulation (2005) Joint External Evaluation (JEE), 08-15 July 2018

As National Focal point of International Health Regulation (2005), my duties was to supervise and implement all the process to conduct the Joint external evaluation (JEE) which is one of the instruments used for voluntary monitoring and evaluation of IHR capacities following the development of the guidance for conducting a JEE in countries in crisis by the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO) and preparation of a national action plan for health security (NAPHS), took place in Tripoli

Training courses & Workshops

- 08-11 Nov. 2021** Workshop on Cross Border Collaboration and Capacity Building at Libyan and Tunisian Point of Entry, Tunis, Tunisia
- 16-20 April 2018** Regional Biosafety Training course for the containments of Influenza and other Infectious Diseases of International Concern in Eastern Mediterranean Region, , organized by WHO EMRO, Casablanca , Morocco.
- 16-18 Oct. 2017** Joint External Evaluation (JEE) of IHR Capacities In Crisis Countries: Training for National Support Networks, Beirut, Lebanon.

21-23 Sep. 2017	Training of Surveillance Officers on Early Warning Alert and Response Network. EU/Libya Health System Strengthening Project 2, organized by WHO Libya office, Tunis
18-20 Sep. 2017	Training of Surveillance Officers on Early Warning Alert and Response Network. EU/Libya Health System Strengthening Project 2, organized by WHO Libya office, Tunis
15-18 May 2017	Laboratory Design, Security, and Management Workshop at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in Upton NY
09-12 May 2017	Workshop on Assessment of the Health Information System-Libya. EU/Libya Health System Strengthening Project 2, organized by WHO Libya office, Tunis
30 Apr-04 May 2017	Train-The-Trainers, workshop for technical assessors of health laboratories organized by WHO EMRO, Amman, Jordan
13-16 Nov. 2016	Libya National Training on Laboratory Quality management, organized by WHO EMRO, Tunis, Tunisia
26-28 July 2017	Polio Outbreak Simulation Exercise (POSE) organized by WHO Libya Country Office. Tunis
26-28 Sep. 2016	Libyan American Chemical Security Dialogue, supported by the US State Department, Chemical Security Program, organized by CRDF Global, Tunis, Tunisia
18-21 Oct. 2016	Workshop on the New AFP Surveillance Standard Operation Procedures (SOP's) and Polio outbreak simulation exercise (POSE)-Libya, organized by WHO EMRO, Tunis, Tunisia
17-21 July 2016	Workshop on Outbreak Management, Response and Waste Management Addressing Priorities for Health Security Systems Strengthening in Libya. Organized by George Washington University. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
24-28 July 2016	Training workshop on Biorisk management (BRM) Libya Trainer Development Program (TDP). Organized by U.S. Sandia National Laboratories. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
16-18 Dec. 2015	Workshop for Health Care official of Libya on Early Warning Alert and Response System. Organized by WHO Libya Office. Tunis, Tunisia
28-31 July 2015	MENA III Twinning workshop: in cooperation with the US Department of State (DOS), Sandia National Laboratories (operated by Sandia Corporation), held in Amman, Jordan.

16-18 Mar. 2015	Emergency workshop to enhance capacities at point of entry for preparedness and response to Ebola Virus Disease. Organized by WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR. Tunis, Tunisia
8-10 Dec. 2014	Implementing Consolidated Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness Checklist Workshop. Organized by WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR. Zarzis-Tunis
24-29 Aug. 2014	Infectious Substances Shipping Training (ISST) Workshop, Geneva – Swaziland
15-18 Dec. 2013	Advanced Biorisk Assessment Workshop “BioRAM software”, organized by Sandia National Laboratories. Antalya-Turkey
21-31 Oct. 2013	WHO Biorisk Management Advanced Trainer Programme (BRM-ATP III), Amman-Jordan. Organized by WHO Headquarter Office, Geneva – Swaziland
5-7 Dec. 2012	1 st EpiSouth plus project meeting for the laboratory focal points of the Mediterranean Regional Laboratory Network (MRLN) which will held in Rome-Italy
10-15 Nov. 2012	Seventh TEPHINET Global Scientific Conference, Amman-Jordan
7-9 Oct. 2012	Easter Mediterranean Regional Workshop on Strengthening Health Laboratory Quality Systems, Amman-Jordan
25-28 Mar. 2011	Joint PulseNet-Middle East (PN-ME) and Global Foodborne Infections Network (GFN) Training Workshop, Amman-Jordan
28 Nov-02 Dec. 2011	WHO-EU Bi-Regional Training Workshops on Laboratory Biorisk Management and Shipping of Infectious Substances for Influenza Laboratories, Maldives
02-04 Feb. 2010	Africa Regional Workshop on Biosafety and Biosecurity, organized by Republic of Kenya and the United States of America in cooperation with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs Nairobi, Kenya
10-24 Oct. 2009	Avian influenza and Newcastle disease diagnostic and research training, at Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, Athens Georgia-USA
21-28 Jun. 2009	Intercountry Training Workshop on the use of Virus Culture and Haemagglutination for Isolation and Typing of Seasonal Influenza Virus, organised by WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR CSR Surveillance Forecasting &

	Response, at Navy Medical Research Unit-3 (NAMRU-3), Cairo-Egypt
08-11 Jun. 2009	Intercountry training workshop for strengthening regional capacity of influenza laboratory surveillance, preparedness and response, organised by WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR CSR Surveillance Forecasting & Response. Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic
27-29 May 2009	Influenza (H1N1) Molecular Diagnosis Training Material, organised by WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR CSR Surveillance Forecasting & Response, at Navy Medical Research Unit-3 (NAMRU-3), Cairo-Egypt
08-19 Mar. 2009	Integrated Public Health Training Workshop, organised by Navy Medical Research Unit-3 (NAMRU-3), Cairo-Egypt
24-27 Nov. 2008	Intercountry meeting on the progress of EMR member states towards implementation of international health regulations IHR 2005 – assessment of needs, organised by WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR CSR Surveillance Forecasting & Response, Aleppo – Syrian Arab Republic
23-25 Jan. 2007	Avian Influenza Workshop organised by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - Office of Global Health Affairs (OGHA) and Center of Diseases Control (CDC-USA), Nairobi-Kenya
Aug. 2006	Training course on Diagnosis of Avian Influenza Virus at Navy Medical Research Unit-3 (NAMRU-3), Cairo-Egypt
Oct. 2004	Training course on application of Cy-Flow counter for measurement of CD4 & CD8 at Partec training centre.Munster-Germany
Apr 1996	Course on Radiation safety organised by the Radiation Protection Service, University of Edinburgh-Scotland
Apr. 1995	Training course entitled “An Introduction to cell culture methods” at European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures, Centre for Applied Microbiology & Research, Salisbury, Wiltshire-UK
Jan. 1995	Training course on Flow Cytometry principles “Epics XL” organised by the Coulter Electronics Limited Company, Coulter Education Centre group, Held at Department of Medical Microbiology, University of Edinburgh-Scotland
Oct. 1993	Course on biostatistics organised by the Department of Public Health Science, University of Edinburgh

Meetings & Conferences

27-29 Mar. 2022	Ninth Regional Stakeholders Meeting to Review the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) – 2005 Ograinzed by WHO EMRO, Cairo, Egypt
04-06 Dec. 2019	Eighth Regional Stakeholders Meeting to Review the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) – 2005 Ograinzed by WHO EMRO, Cairo, Egypt
18-20 Dec. 2018	Seventh Regional Stakeholders Meeting to Review the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) – 2005 Ograinzed by WHO EMRO, Kuwait city, Kuwait
11-13 Dec. 2018	Surplus Chemical and Waste Management in North African Laboratories, Ograinzed by US Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
05-07 Dec. 2018	Meeting in the implementation of joint external Evaluations in Special context countries, Ograinzed by WHO headquarters ,Geneva , Switzerland
20-22 Nov. 2018	BI-Regional Meeting to strengthen Cross Bordes Collaboration of Sudan with neighboring countries, Khartoum, Sudan
04-05 Oct. 2018	9 th MENA Influenza Stakeholders Networks Meeting, organized by Fondation Merieux, Copenhagen, Denmark
10-11 April 2018	8 th MENA Influenza Stakeholders Networks Meeting, organized by Fondation Merieux, Cairo, Eygpt
26-29 Mar. 2018	Sixth EMPHNET Regional Confernce, , Amman, Jordan
13-15 Feb. 2018	Regional Workshop on the Coordination and Capacity Building of the PulseNet Middle East Laboratory Network, in Muscat, Oman, Ograinzed by WHO EMRO
11-14 Dec. 2017	First scientific conference on acute respiratory infections in Eastern Mediterranean Region, Fourth Meeting of the Eastern Mediterranean Acute Respiratory Infection Surveillance (EMRAIS) Network. Ograinzed by WHO EMRO, Amman, Jordan

05-07 Dec. 2017	Sixth Stakeholders Meeting to Review the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) – 2005 Organized by WHO EMRO, Amman, Jordan
27 Nov.-02 Dec. 2017	Strengthening Disease Early Warning Alert and Response System (EWARS) in Libya. Supported by EU funded Projects. Tunis, Tunisia
10-13 Sep. 2017	6 th European Scientific Working group on Influenza Conference. Riga, Latvia
09-10 Sep. 2017	7 th MENA Influenza Stakeholders Networks Meeting, organized by Fondation Merieux, Riga, Latvia
22-23 Aug. 2017	Regional Consultative Meeting on Emerging and Dangerous Pathogens Laboratory Network (EDPLN). Organized by WHO EMRO, Cairo, Egypt
10-12 July 2017	Review Meeting on WHO work on Emergencies in Libya, Health Emergencies Department, Libya Country office, Tunis
04-06 July	MediLabSecure Regional Meeting and Technical Workshop on Public Health, Institute Pasteur, Tunis
31 Oct.-03 Nov. 2016	Second Inter-country Meeting of the Directors of Public Health Laboratories in Eastern Mediterranean Region, organized by WHO EMRO, Muscat, Oman
6-8 Oct. 2016	3 rd Qatar Internal Medicine Conference, Doha – Qatar
10-11 Oct. 2016	Libya Humanitarian needs overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response planning workshop. Tunis
20-22 Sep. 2016	Fifth Regional Stakeholders Meeting on the International Health Regulations IHR; in the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Cairo, Egypt.
8-9 May 2015	2 nd Meeting of collaboration between NCDC and U.S, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University on Libya's current capacities towards IHR 2005 Implementation. Istanbul, Turkey
24-27 Feb. 2015	Inter-country Meeting of the Directors of Public Health Laboratories in Eastern Mediterranean Region. Tunisia
4-5 Feb. 2015	Third Regional Stakeholders Meeting to Review the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) – 2005 with Focus on Ebola - 4-5 February 2015- Tunisia

22-23 Oct. 2014	1 st Meeting of collaboration between NCDC and U.S, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University on a project focused on in-depth analysis and systems review that identifies specific strengths and gaps in the implementation of the IHR 2005 in Libya. Tunis, Tunisia
20-22 Jun 2013	Inter-country Meeting on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) Outbreak in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Cairo-Egypt
10-11 Oct. 2012	Easter Mediterranean Regional Review Meeting of the Microbiology External Quality Assessment (EQA) Programme, Amman-Jordan
16-19 Jun 2012	112th ASM General Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA
29 Mar 2012	6 th PulseNet-Middle East Consultation Meeting, Amman – Jordan
10-14 Sep 2010	50 th annual Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), organised American Society for Microbiology Boston, MA-USA
21-24 Feb. 2010	American Society for Microbiology Bio-Defense and Emerging Diseases Research Meeting, Baltimore, MD-USA
25-28 Dec 2008	Joint meeting of American Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Society of America (48th Annual ICAAC/ 46th Annual IDSA), Washington, USA
13-15 Aug. 2008	CDC international influenza surveillance partners meeting, Cairo-Egypt
09-10 Dec. 2007	Second annual consultation meeting for Pulse-Net, organised by WHO Regional office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR CSR surveillance forecasting & response, Cairo-Egypt
23-26 Apr. 2007	Inter-country meeting on maintaining surveillance and response for public health emergencies of international concern, organised by WHO Regional office for the Eastern Mediterranean, EMR CSR surveillance forecasting & response, Tunis-Tunisia

Laboratory Surveys

Managing and supervising the laboratory part of the following surveys:

2004-2005 National Prevalence of HBV, HCV and HIV for the total of 65710 samples collected from all over Libya

2006 Managing and supervising the laboratory part of the National Prevalence of HBV, HCV and HIV in rehabilitation centres in Tripoli

2008 Detection of MRSA among healthcare workers in Libyan hospitals

2012 Multidrug Resistant Bacteria in Wounds of Fighters of the Libyan Uprising

Laboratory Skills

Immunofluorescence techniques, ELISA, Flow cytometry, Tissue culture, Virus isolation, Haemagglutination inhibition, Immunodiagnosis of different viral and parasitic infections including hepatitis, HIV, Toxoplasma, SDS Gel electrophoresis techniques, HCV Genotyping, Rotavirus Genotyping, PCR, Host cell receptor detections, Microscopic diagnosis of the various parasitic infections in stool and urine and sputum, Microbiological techniques, Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis.

Scientific Memberships

- Member of pandemic containment committee
- Member of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM)
- Member of European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
- Member of scientific committee for Public Health Laboratories at The National Centre for Disease Control.
- Member of International Health Regulation (IHR) committee
- Member of scientific committee for Acquired Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Viral Hepatitis.

Publications

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Abdul-Naser Elzouki, Mohamed-Najeb Esmeo, Mohamed Sammud, Omar Elahmer, Mohamed Daw, Abdelrahman Furarah, Abdulhafed Abudher, Mostafa K. Mohamed. Prevalence of hepatitis B and C virus infections and its related risk factors in Libya: A national seroepidemiologic survey: *Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal*, 2013; 19 (7) : 589-599

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Hisham Ziglam, Abdel-Aziz Zorgani, Ahmed Balouz, Abdel Hafidh Abudher, Omar Elahmer. Prevalence of antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C in prisoners in Libya. *Libyan Journal of Medicine*, Vol. 7, 2012

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