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Qualifications

- PhD in Plant Biotechnology - UCD University College Dublin, Ireland, 2004.
- MSc in Plant Breeding - Tripoli University, Libya, 1997.
- BSc in Horticulture and Agronomy Science - Garyounis University Libya, 1983.

Experience and achievements

- Assistant Professor of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology in Horticulture Department, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Tripoli (UOT).
- Assistant Professor of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology, Omar Al-Mukhtar University from 2012 to 2016. Duties include: (i) lecturing under graduate students of Genetic, Cytology, Plant breeding and Plant Genetic Improvements courses, in addition to lecturing post graduate students of DNA Molecular Markers and Genetic Engineering. (ii) Supervising a number of Masters student. (iii) Evaluating the scientific research of lecturing staff members up for promotion. (iv) Internal and external examiner for post graduate students in a number of Libyan universities.
- Published more than 30 papers in high rank journals with a total impact factor reaching 48.07 and a total of more than 315 citations.
- Head of the Genetic Engineering department in the Biotechnology Centre, Ministry of Environment, Doha Qatar from 2010 to 2012.
- Contributed in the establishment of a Biotechnology Centre in Qatar, including three laboratories and launched researches in the field of plant molecular biology from 2006 to 2012.
- Working knowledge of DNA extraction, PCR and DNA fingerprinting of many plants, including palm tree, *Prosopis cineraria*, *Prosopis juliflora* and some varieties of vegetables using several techniques such as RAPD, SSR and ISSR.
- Experience in extraction and sequencing and identification of cytochrome oxidase gene in mitochondria of *Oryx leucoryx*, *Chelonia mydas* and *Sardinella longiceps*.
- Working knowledge of several aspects of plant tissue culture including preparation of stock solutions, proliferation nutrient agar medium (NAM), Aseptic techniques, micropropagation/clonal propagation, callus induction/maintenance, subculture of adventitious shoots, rooting and plant acclimatization.
- Introduced new primers of Date Palm microsatellites which were published in "3biotech Journal" 2011, in addition to a contribution with (ICARDA) research group to discover

more than 1000 microsatellite locus in date palm which was published in the “Acta Horticulturae” journal in 2010.

- Contributed with researchers from Will Cornell University and various research centres for the genome sequencing of date palm which was published in Nature Biotechnology in 2011.
- Participated in international conferences and several training courses and workshops in the field of biotechnology including the International Centre for Genetic Engineering Biotechnology (ICGEB), in India, Ireland, UK, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and Sri Lanka.
- Experience in statistical data analysis with at least 6 courses (Statistics, Experimental design, Economics statistics, Microeconomic analysis, Field plot technique and Advanced Experimental design).
- Certified by the department of statistics, University College Dublin in statistical/computing with SAS software.
- Head of plant production in the Sarir project, Libya from 1984 to 1988. The project contains more than 250 fields with an area of 100 hectares each, using pivot irrigation systems for crops such as wheat and sorghum.

Published researches

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Current Researches

1. Genetic diversity and relatedness in Arabian Oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) revealed by microsatellite DNA markers.
2. Extent and Cause of Intra-Cultivar Variability at Microsatellite Loci in a Popular Date Palm Cultivar, Khalas Across the GCC Countries.
3. Assessing Genetic Diversity of Shishi Date Palm Cultivar in Saudi Arabia and Qatar Using Microsatellite Marker.
4. Detecting Distinctive Tomato's Genotypes in Segregated Generation using Marker Assisted Selection (MAS).
5. Genetic diversity of *Artemisia herba alb* populations grown in different altitude and topography of Libyan Green Mountain.
6. Genetic fingerprint of south Libyan's date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera* L.) using molecular markers.
7. Fingerprinting of *Thymus capitatus* population polymorpsms in Libyan Green Mountain.
8. Influence of altitude and topography's variance of Green Mountain on genetic diversity and chemical composition of *Spartium junceum* L.

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