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PhD Student

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EXPERIENCE

11/2018 – Present [Perpignan, France]

Active member with UPVDoc

Active member in different projects with UPVDoc association.



02/2018 – 08/2018 [Bordeaux, France]

Master Internship | Institut national de la recherche agronomique [INRA]

Lab work with different tasks [such as plant DNA extraction, preparation of samples to be sequenced using ddRAD sequencing]. Master thesis internship entitled “An update to the phylogeography of *Symphonia globulifera* L. f. (Clusiaceae) in tropical Africa”.



03/2018 – Present [France]

Program Representative (PR) | Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA)

Being a contact person between *Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystem* master course (TROPIMUNDO), the course coordinator and EMA. Improving the quality of course by developing leadership and communication skills, sharing European values, promoting the Erasmus Mundus Program, listening to the current problems, wishes and needs of course students and alumni, taking up problem-solving actions, supporting students, making reports with well-described feedback.



10/2017 – 01/2018 [Brussels, Belgium]

Internship | Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Doing an internship at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) about DNA extraction and analyzing data with a use of GenAIEx in order to study the genetic diversity of seagrass of *Thalassia hemprichii* collected from Gazi Bay, Kenya.



05/2017 – Present [Iraq and abroad]

Country Representative | Erasmus Mundus Association

Being a contact person for EMA on the national level [Iraq]. Helping all potential students in providing support and information about the Erasmus Mundus (EM) application. Promoting EM and European higher education in Iraq.



03/2018 [Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia]

Two-week Field School | Universiti Malaysia Terengganu

Doing an assessment of Mangrove environment within managed (Matang Mangrove Reserve Forest) and unmanaged (Setiu wetlands) system.



02/2016 – 09/2016 [Duhok, Iraq]

Program Manager (PM) | Christian Aid Programs Nohadra Iraq organization (CAPNI)

Responsible for daily management of program/project activities and project staff, ensuring appropriate systems and support mechanisms.



06/2004 – 10/2011 [Zakho, Iraq]

Clinic Secretary | Dr. Abdulameer Ismail Mulhem Clinic

Responsible for clinic operating time, responding to upcoming patients and scheduling them, responsible for the clinic finances, providing multilingual service (speaking Syriac, Kurdish and Arabic, Turkish and English depends on clients)

SKILLS

Languages: Syriac (Mother tongue), Kurdish (2nd native), Arabic (3rd native), English (fluent), Turkish (intermediate), French (basic) and Italian (basic).

Programming: R programming, GIS, Google earth, STRUCTURE and SPAGED1 genetic population programs, Microsoft programs, Windows, Apple and Linux operating systems, Photoshop program, Photography, website observing, Email and social media programs knowledge, Da Vinci Resolve Video editing Program.

EDUCATION

10/2018 – Present [Perpignan/Montpellier, France]

PhD student at IHPE | Interactions Hôtes-Pathogènes-Environnements

[UMR 5244 UPVD-CNRS-Ifremer-UM]

PhD thesis title “Integrative approach of the resistance mechanisms to the mass mortality syndrome affecting the juvenile of the oyster *Crassostrea gigas* (POMS)”.



09/2016 – 09/2018 [Italy, Malaysia, Belgium and France]

Master Degree in Tropical Biodiversity and Ecosystems (TROPIMUNDO program)



A European Commission - funded and excellence-labelled Erasmus Mundus Masters

1st Semester in Florence Italy at **the Università degli Studi di Firenze (UNIFI)**

2nd Semester in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia at **the Universiti Malaysia Terengganu**

3rd Semester in Brussels, Belgium at **the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) & Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB).**

4th Semester internship in Bordeaux, France at **the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique [INRA]**

12/2011 – 07/2015 [Duhok, Iraq]

Bachelor Degree in Biology | University of Duhok, Faculty of Science

Thesis topic “Genome Editing & CRISPRs Technology”

09/2007 – 09-2011 [Zakho, Iraq]

High School Degree | Zakho high school

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- From Phenotype to Genotype [a summer school in Kaunas, Lithuania]
- Online course provided by National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAP) forum about an introduction to Resilience for development.
- In February 2018 participated as a Youth Delegate working on defining the landscape and presenting our voices in the UN FAO meeting. Organized by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests. Within the international conference working across Sectors to Halt Deforestation and Increase Forest Area – from Aspiration to Action.
- Our Ocean Summit Malta 2017 - participated in the two-day event among 100 other participants from 50 different countries working in order to find solution for the ocean.
- Active member of WORLD YOUTH ALLIANCE (WYA) organization. Participated in two emerging leader conferences [in 2016 the ELC was about the environment and population and in 2017 was about migration and development].
- Course on proposal, report writing and monitoring and evaluation course given by Mselect Academy, Iraq and organized by CAPNI NGO.

- One of 120 Young leaders participated in Iraqi Young Leader Exchange Program (IYLEP) 2014 batch. For one month we have been working along with other 20 students from all over Iraq in Mississippi State University on the issue of food security, leadership in Iraq.
- **Having different roles in multiple organizations as following:**
 - o Member at Doctoral association at University of Perpignan (UPVDoc),
 - o Member of Iraqi Alumni Association,
 - o Member of Humans of Duhok (asserted social media campaign) as a stories coordinator,
 - o Member of VDU (Volunteers of Duhok University),
 - o Member of EPA (Exchange Programs Alumni) organization,
 - o Member of EMA (Erasmus Mundus Association),
 - o Member of GYBN (Global Youth Biodiversity Network),
 - o Member of BES (British Ecological Society),
 - o Interpreter for Lonely Whale Organization in “Strawless Campaign” (<https://www.strawlessocean.org/global-team>).