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# **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

A dedicated assistant lecturer professional who makes a point of understanding a student's needs and offering the most considerate and practical course of action. Currently, a postgraduate researcher at the University of Nottingham and my research project aims are to optimise bioethanol production using seawater-based media and marine biomass by employing marine yeast.

# EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2012 - 2014	Postgraduate Researcher, School of Biosciences, University of Nottingham, UK.
2009 - 2011	M.Sc. in Microbiology. Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, Egypt.
2007 - 2008	Courses in general English Language, The London Skills Institute, London, UK.
2005 - 2006	Courses for master degree, Dept. Microbiology, Cairo University, Egypt
2004 - 2005	Military service, Egypt.
1999 - 2003	<b>B.Sc.</b> in Agricultural Sciences, Major: Biotechnology with a grade of very good with honour, <i>Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, Egypt.</i>

# **Academic achievements**

- **Undergraduate:** 2<sup>nd</sup> of class with 120 students.
- **Master:** 1<sup>st</sup> class with the best thesis of the year 2011 (award by Cairo University for 2 winners of around 90 student graduated in the faculty of agriculture).
- Appointed Teaching Assistant in 2005 for my academic achievements during undergraduate level, then promoted to Assistant Lecturer in 2011 for my Master degree.

# **AWARDS and Scholarships**

- Forman Hardy research grant. (£3500) to conduct research at the University of Nottingham, UK. (2014)
- **Conference scholarship**. Awarded by BIOPROSP\_15, Norway (2014).
- **Travel grant** (£300) awarded by Biochemical Society, UK (2014).
- Valuable presentation trophy for the best oral presentation. Awarded by the Egyptian Embassy in London 2013.
- **President's Fund grant** (£1,000) awarded by the Society for Applied Microbiology, UK (2013).
- **Egyptian missions scholarship** (up to £50.000) to conduct research at the University of Nottingham, UK. (2012)
- Cairo University Prize for The Best Master Thesis, Prize of year (2011).
- **Poster competition Prize**, forth of year (2010) Cairo University
- Awarded a Grade of 'Very Good with honour' from Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University, Egypt for my B.Sc. in agricultural Sciences, Major: Biotechnology (2003).
- Awarded a full board trip to Syria for two weeks from Cairo University due to my excellent grades and the social activities during the academic year (2001 2002).

# CAREER SUMMARY

# 2011 – Present:

#### Dept. Microbiology, Cairo University - Egypt, Assistant Lecturer

- Teaching the practical part of some microbiology courses to undergraduate students.
- Supervising Undergraduate and Master's Students
- Taking part of organising the scientific events in the department.
- Doing my PhD degree, this includes taking post graduate courses, research and scientific experiments as well as writing the thesis.

#### 2005 – 2011:

#### Dept. Microbiology, Cairo University - Egypt, Teaching Assistant

- Teaching the practical part of some Microbiology courses to the undergraduate students
- Preparation of tools and instruments for the experiments
- Doing my Master degree, this includes taking post graduate courses, research and scientific experiments as well as writing the thesis.

## PUBLICATIONS

#### Journals:

- **A.S. Zaky**, G.A. Tucker, Z.Y. Daw and C. Du (2014). Marine Yeast Isolation and Industrial Application. *FEMS Yeast Research.* 14 (6) 813–825.
- N.F. Nasr, A.S. Zaky and Z.Y. Daw (2010). Microbiological Quality of Active Dry and Compressed Baker's Yeast sold in Egypt. *Journal of Pure and Applied Microbiology*. 4 (2) 455-462.

#### Book, book chapter:

**Abdelrahman Ahmed** (2012). Microbiological and Chemical Quality of Active Dry Yeast. *Lambert Academic Publishing*, Germany. ISBN: 978-3-8473-7687-3.

## Conferences:

- **4 A.S. Zaky** and C. Du (2014). The isolation of novel marine yeasts; a new procedure. *New Biotechnology.* Volume 31S, pp 132. **Abstract.**
- **4 A.S. Zaky** and C. Du (2014). Employing marine yeast and seawater based media in bioethanol production. *Proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition.* **Abstract.**
- **4** A.S. Zaky and C. Du (2014). Proceedings of the International Bioenergy Conference 2014. Abstract.
- **4** A.S. Zaky and C. Du (2013). Isolation of industrial marine yeast. 63ed annual Meeting & Exhibition of the Society for Industrial Microbiology and biotechnology. Abstract.
- 4 A.S. Zaky and C. Du (2012). Cellulosic Ethanol Production by Halo-tolerant pentose utilising Yeast. Proceedings of the International Conference of Nanotechnology, Biotechnology and Spectroscopy. P. 37. Abstract.
- A.S. Zaky and N.F. Nasr (2011). Easy and efficient method for measuring the rising power of baker's yeast. Proceedings of the International Food Congress - Novel Approaches in Food Industry. Volume 2, 650-654. Full paper.
- N.F. Nasr and A.S. Zaky (2011). Five major factors affecting the production of baker's yeast using sugar cane molasses. *Proceedings of the International Food Congress - Novel Approaches in Food Industry*. Volume 2, 1051-1056. Full paper.

# CONFERENCES (2010-2014)

- The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Marine Bio-prospecting (BIOPROSP\_15). Tromsø, Norway 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (Oral presentation). (accepted with scholarship)
- LACE conference: University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK. 3rd of Sept. 2014 (Poster).
- **16<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Biotechnology.** Edinburgh, **Scotland** 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (Poster).
- **22nd European Biomass Conference and Exhibition.** Hamburg, **Germany.** 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014. (Oral presentation).
- British Yeast Group Meeting 2014. The University of Exeter. Exeter, UK. 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014. (Oral presentation).
- International Bioenergy Conference 2014. Manchester, UK. 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Poster).
- Egyptian Student Union in UK conference. London, UK. 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2013. (Oral presentation).
- LACE conference: Nottingham University, Nottingham, UK. 2<sup>ed</sup> of Sept. 2013.
- **63<sup>ed</sup> annual Meeting & Exhibition of the Society for Industrial Microbiology and biotechnology:** San Diego, **USA.** From 11 to 15 August 2013. (Poster).
- The 2012 AUC Research Conference, Entrepreneurship & Innovation: Shaping the Future of Egypt. American University in Cairo, Egypt. From 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012 (Poster).
- International Conference of Nanotechnology, Biotechnology and Spectroscopy (ICNBS Egypt 2012). Giza, Egypt. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>ed</sup> of March, 2012. (Oral presentation).
- Novel approaches in Food Industry (NAFI 2011). Izmir, Turkey. From 26<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 (Poster).
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Food Technology. Antalya, Turkey. From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of November, 2010 (Poster).
- Workshop on Industrial Biotechnology: The current situation and future prospect. Cairo, Egypt. From 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010 (Poster).

## TRAINING, WORKSHOPS and voluntary work

- Three day MBA: Developing entrepreneurship in synthetic biology. Imperial College London, London, UK. 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2014.
- May Fest 2014. University of Nottingham. Nottingham, UK. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014. (volunteer)
- Understanding Scientific Publishing. Charles Darwin House, London, UK. 9th of March 2014.
- Bioenergy Outreach Event at the British Science Festival. Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK. 10th to 12th of Sept. 2013. (volunteer)
- Bioenergy Dialogue Session. Held at Showroom cinema, Sheffield, UK. 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 2013. (volunteer)
- Sense About Science Standing up for Science media workshop. Held at the Society of Biology, London, UK. 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
- Executive supervision workshop. Faculty and Leadership Centre (FLDC), Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt. 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.
- **References and Data Management Using EndNote<sup>®</sup>X5 Software.** Faculty of Science, Cairo University, **Cairo, Egypt.** On March, 12, 2012.
- Step by Step Guide to Submit a Manuscript to an International Journal. New Central Library, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt. 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2011.
- **Lignocellulose to Bioethanol Program.** School of Biosciences, University of Nottingham. Nottingham, the **UK.** 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.

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- Courses in general English Language, British Council, Cairo, Egypt 2009 2010.
- Environmental Biotechnology and Microbial Techniques. Jaypee University of information technology (JUIT). Solan, India. 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2010.
- Introduction to Malaysian Studies. Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt. 26<sup>th</sup> of March to 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2006.

# **TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING THE UNIVERSITY STAFF MEMBERS:** (FLDC) Faculty and Leadership Centre, Cairo University, Egypt

- **Organizing Scientific Conferences**: 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2012.
- Examination Techniques and Student Evaluation: 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.
- **Competing for Research Funds:** 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2010.
- International Publishing of Scientific Research: 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2010.
- **Research Ethics:** 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2010.
- **Quality Standard in Teaching:** 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2009.
- **Decision Making and Problem-Solving:** 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2006.
- **Communication Skills:** 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2005.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member (5025560), American Society for Microbiology (ASM), USA. Since 2014
- Member (5025560), European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB), EU. Since 2014
- Member (5025560), Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB), USA. Since 2013
- Member (742012), International Society for Applied Life Sciences (ISALS), Turkey. Since 2011
- Member (01038405), *Biochemical Society*, United Kingdom. Since 2011.
- Member (501816), Society for Applied Microbiology (SfAM), United Kingdom. Since 2009
- Member (172), Society of Applied Microbiology (ESAM), Egypt. Since 2005
- **Reviewer**, Journal of Food Processing and Technology.
- **Reviewer**, *Public Library of Science ONE* (PLoS ONE).

#### SKILLS

Research:	Fermenters up to 15L, PCR and most Genetic related equipments, Microarray, HPLC, BioLog and most common laboratory equipments, Writing manuscripts, Data processing and analysis.
Teaching:	LAB modules in: General Microbiology, Microbial Fermentation, Microbial biotechnology, Food microbiology and Microbial ecology.
Computing:	Word, Power Point, and Excel. Very good in scientific browsing throw the internet.
Languages:	English: Very Good. (IELTS band 6.5): Test, date: 18 Jan 2014.
	(Listening 6.0, Reading 6.0, Writing 6.5 and Speaking 8.0). <b>Arabic:</b> mother tongue

# **ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

- Executive supervisor at Faculty and Leadership Centre (FLDC), Cairo University, Egypt.
- I was an active member of the Revolution Shadow Government (Minister of Agriculture); I appeared in many TV and Radio Programmes. Also, I was interviewed by some journals and Magazines.
- I love reading and listening to music. I enjoy travelling and meeting new people. I like to play football and volleyball.

# REFERENCES

Available on request