

Biographical Sketch

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Specializing in plant metabolomics, natural products chemistry, and plant biochemistry, Mohamed A. Farag completed his PhD at Texas Tech University, USA, in 2003. In 2005, after spending time as a postdoctoral fellow at The Samuel Noble Foundation, USA, and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center, USA, he became a lecturer in the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University, Egypt.

Since 2009, Dr Farag has been working as a visiting professor at the Technical University of Munich, Germany, to participate in teaching plant metabolomics for master students, and in 2009–2010 he held the Alexander von Humboldt fellowship at the Leibniz Institute for Plant Biochemistry, Germany, where he explored the possible use of NMR and MS metabolomics in phytomedicines analysis. Dr Farag now works as associate professor at the Pharmacognosy Department within the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cairo University, Egypt.

Dr. Farag has been recognized with numerous awards, including Al tashgeea Egypt State Award (2012), Cairo University Al tashgeeyea Award (2009), Egyptian State Award for Excellence in Basic Sciences (2008), Cairo University Scientific Publication Award (2007 and 2008), and the Mass Spectroscopy Performance Award, TTU, USA (2004). For his highly cited publications in *Plant Physiology* among other journals, Dr. Farag was recently elected to serve as an associate editor for the first international journal to be handled by Cairo University (*Journal of Advanced Research*, published by Elsevier). In 2011, Dr. Farag was selected as a top researcher in the field of plant biology in Africa by the American society of plant biology. He is currently a member of the TWAS academy, Italy and Global young academy, Germany.