

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL

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EDUCATION

- MSc/PhD in Food Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., U.S.A., 1972-1974
- Maîtrise es-Science, Chemistry, Université de Tunis, Tunisia, 1967-1971
- Baccalauréat, option Mathématiques, Lycée de Carthage, Tunisia, 1967

LANGUAGES:

- Arabic (mother tongue)
- French (level C)
- English (level C)
- Italian (working knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Since 1 January 2011 - Freelance consultant in the field of food safety management, including policy advice in the organization of national food safety/control systems; operation and management of national codex committees; harmonization of national food safety regulations and standards with international requirements, etc.
- July 2007 – to December 2010: Director, Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division (AGN), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Responsible for the overall management of the Division from the technical and administrative points of view, and for coordinating the preparation and implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Division. The Division's main mandate is to improve nutrition and protect consumers' well-being by promoting the production, processing, distribution and consumption of nutritionally adequate and safe food, thus

helping to ensure that agriculture development and improved food supplies translate into better health and nutritional well-being of populations. The Division assesses and monitors nutrition situations, updates population nutrient requirement recommendations, and provides advice and assistance in policy analysis, food and nutrition related strategies and programme development including consumer education; promoting the establishment and implementation of regulatory frameworks for food control and quality assurance systems compatible with international standards, guidelines and recommendations, in particular those of the Codex Alimentarius; building the capacity of developing member countries in food quality and safety throughout the food chain; and providing scientific assessment on food safety and related guidance; providing the secretariat for the joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, the purpose of which includes protecting the health of the consumers and ensuring fair practices in the food trade as well as promoting coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international organizations; and contributing to the development of food science and nutrition. The Division provides support to other FAO units for the integration of nutritional and food safety objectives into agriculture and rural development plans, programmes and projects and coordinates FAO's activities on nutrition, food quality and safety.

- September 2004 – June 2007: Chief (D-1), Food Quality and Standards Service, Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division.

Responsible for the management of the Service technically and administratively, to ensure the smooth implementation of the PWB, the timely response to internal and external requests and the fulfillment of FAO's mandate in the field of food quality, safety and consumer protection. This includes:

- 1 The formulation, implementation and monitoring of the Service's biannual PWB and annual workplans and provision of policy guidance, administrative oversight, supervision and coordination of all activities of the Service, including relations with Member Governments, WHO and other concerned international and regional agencies with regard to FAO's work in food safety, quality and consumer protection;
- 2 The supervision of the work expert committees and panels that provide scientific advice to Codex and to Member countries on all matters related to food safety and consumer protection. This includes the work of (i) the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) on the review and safety evaluation of food additives, contaminants and veterinary drug residues; (ii) the Joint FAO/WHO Meetings on Microbiological Risk Assessment (JEMRA) on the safety assessment of pathogens in food; (iii) the safety assessment of foods derived from modern biotechnology; (iv) adhoc expert consultations on food safety emerging issues;
- 3 The supervision of the work on policy advice, capacity building and technical assistance to Member Governments on the development of food quality control strategies, establishment and strengthening of integrated food control systems,

food contamination monitoring and control programmes, development of effective food safety systems including the up-dating of food legislation, laboratories, food inspection, training and extension service;

- 4 Representing FAO in all discussions with WHO and other international organizations concerning the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and participation in major Codex Sessions (Commission; Executive Committee; General principles Committee; Regional Coordinating Committees);
 - 5 Representing FAO in international meetings, consultations and discussions on issues related to food safety, quality and consumer protection, including with World Trade Organization's Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, the FAO/WHO/OIE/WTO/WB Standards and Trade Development Facility.
- November 1991 – Sept 2004: Senior Officer (P-5), Food Quality and Consumer Protection Group, Food Quality and Standards Service, Food and Nutrition Division, FAO Hqs, Rome, Italy (Post No 0101176), responsible for the administration and management of the activities of the Group which includes planning, developing and executing the approved programme of work and technical backstopping of field projects in food control, consumer protection, food additives and contaminants, food handling and food science.
 - January 1989-November 1991: Food Science Officer (P4), Food Quality and Standards Service, Food Policy and Nutrition Division, FAO Hqs, Rome, Italy (Post No. 6253-0449). Duties include (i) assisting member countries and providing technical advice on new developments in food science and on their application in the development of local food products, (ii) assisting the FAO/WHO Food Standards programme on scientific aspects related to the effect of processing, handling, storage and distribution on the quality and safety of foods, (iii) providing food science inputs into Headquarters and Field food control and food contamination monitoring activities.
 - June 1982-December 1988: Regional Food and Nutrition Officer, Near East (P4), Nutrition programmes Service, Food Policy and Nutrition Division, FAO Hqs, Rome, Italy (Post No. 6252-1279). Tasks include assistance to Member Countries of the Near East region in:
 - 6 Promoting and developing food and nutrition policies and programmes;
 - 7 Assessing the food and nutrition situation in the region;
 - 8 Planning, implementing and evaluating food and nutrition related activities at national and local levels;
 - 9 Incorporating nutrition consideration into socio-economic development projects;
 - 10 Implementing food control activities to ensure the quality and safety of food supplies;
 - 11 Training of national personnel in food and nutrition.

- September 1978-May 1982: Nutrition Officer (Food Contamination Monitoring), (P3), Food Science and Standards Service, Food Policy and Nutrition Division, FAO Hqs, Rome, Italy (Post No. 2.6253.0850). Actual duties covered: assistance to member countries in the field of food contamination control and surveillance, technical backstopping of the FAO/WHO/UNEP project: “Food Contamination Monitoring Programme”, identification and formulation of regional and national projects in the field of food quality control and the monitoring of food contaminants, direct backstopping of national projects in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
- September 1974-August 1978: Head, Department of Food Quality Control, Institute national de Nutrition, Tunisia and Director, Mycotoxin Project (US AID/Government of Tunisia). Duties included: advice to the government on all matters related to food safety and quality control; participating in the elaboration of national food standards; assistance to the food industry in up-grading the quality of their products; carrying out studies and surveys on problems related to food contamination and adulteration; preparation of a food composition table; etc.
- October 1972-December 1972: Chief, Food Control Laboratory, Institute national de nutrition, Tunis, Tunisia. Duties include: assistance in the design and layout of the new food control laboratory; selection, purchasing, installation and operation of equipment; training of laboratory personnel; testing and adaptation of adequate methods for food analysis; advice to higher authorities on matters related to food contamination, food standards, development of food industry, etc.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Organised several important meetings, expert consultations and international conferences in food safety, nutrition and related fields. During the last 5 years, was the main responsible officer for the following meetings:

- FAO/WHO/UNEP International Conference on Mycotoxins – Tunis, 1999.
- FAO/WHO Conference on Food Standards, Chemicals in Food and Food Trade; Melbourne, 2000
- FAO/WHO Expert Consultations on the Safety Assessment of Foods Derived from Biotechnology - 4 Meetings : Geneva, 1999; Rome, 2000; Geneva 2001; and Rome, 2003.
- FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Food Safety – Science and Ethics; Rome, 2002
- FAO/WHO Global Forum of Food Safety Regulators; Marrakech, 2002.
- FAO/WHO Regional Conference on Food Safety for Asia and the Caribbean, Saremban, Malaysia, May 2004.
- FAO/WHO Second Global Forum of Food Safety Regulators, Bangkok, Thailand, October, 2004

- Annual Session of the Standing Committee on Nutrition, FAO HQ, Rome, March 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Author and co-author of 26 scientific and policy papers on different aspects of nutrition, food science, food safety and consumer protection.