

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic diploma :

- Agricultural Engineer: National Agronomic institute of Tunis (Tunisia). 1968-1972
- Master Degree (Horticultural Studies):
  - National Institute of Horticulture of Versailles (France): 1973
  - National Agronomic institute of Tunis (Tunisia). 1974
- Ph. D. Physiology and Breeding of Vegetable Crops : Cornell University (USA) : 1979-1983

### Professional Career

#### \* **Reaearch and Teachnig: Conventional agriculture: 1974-1988 and Organic Agriculture: 1988-2003.**

- Researcher: National Agronomical Research Institute (Tunisia): 1974-1979
- Assistant Professor: Horticultural Institute of Chatt Mariem - University of Center (Sousse – Tunisia): 1984-1985
- Associate Professor: Horticultural Institute of Chatt Mariem - University of Center (Sousse – Tunisia): 1985-1991.
- Professor: Horticultural Institute of Chatt Mariem - University of Center (Sousse – Tunisia): 1991-2003.

#### **Research:**

- Variety adaptation of vegetables in open field crops and greenhouses.
- Fertilization
- Compost and compost tea use as a fertilizer and phytosanitary product

#### **Teachnig:**

- Vegetable Crops: Physiology, breeding and cultural practices
- Organic agriculture: Principles, conversion, fertilization, protection, standards and certification

#### \* **Administration:**

- Director of Horticultural Science Department at Horticultural Institute of Chatt Mariem - University of Center (Sousse – Tunisia): 1988-1994..
- Director of Research/Development Pole of East-Center of Tunisia: 1995-1999
- Director General of Technical Center of Organic Agriculture (Tunisia): 2000-2003.

**\* Other Activities:**

- Adviser of many students for their BS, MS and Ph.D studies
- President or member of many BS, MS and Ph.D presentations
- President or member of many hiring committees for assistant, associate professors and researchers.
- Member of many committees related to several agricultural projects and studies
- Participant to many congress, symposium, seminars, meetings and workshops at national and international levels
- Member of the Mediterranean Organic Agricultural Network
- Cooperation with IAMB (Italy), MAICH (Greece), ITAB (France) and FIBL (Switzerland)
- Member of Bord of Directors of ISO FAR
- Publication of many scientific and technical papers.