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Areas of Interest

Biotechnology: *Plant Pathology and Applied Microbiology*.

Main Themes: *Phytosanitary services; Biofertilizers; Conservation Biology; Biological control*

Biography

- Ph.D. University of Bari, Bari, Italy 2001 *Applied Microbiology - Molecular Virology*
- M.Sc. CIHEAM/IAM-B, Valenzano, Italy 1997 *Plant Virology*
- D.S.P.G. CIHEAM/IAM-B, Valenzano, Italy 1996 *Protection of Mediterranean Fruit Tree Crops*
- B.Sc. University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan 1992 *Plant Protection*

Awards/Grants

1. An-Najah Research Excellence and Quality of Publication Reward [2011; 2016-2024]
2. An-Najah Award for Extracted Research from MSc. and PhD Thesis 2021
3. Erasmus⁺ Mobility Grant, 2016 & 2017. *University of Pavia (Italy). Pavia, Italy.*
4. MEDRC Water Research Fellowship Program, 2016.
5. Zamala Fellowship for Academic Development, 2014. *Bari University, Italy*
6. International Teaching Fellow Honor awards, 2011, *Searle Center for Teaching Excellence. Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA*
7. The Engineer Zuhair Hijjawi Award for Scientific Research in the natural Sciences and Biotechnology, 2009.
8. IDB Merit Scholarship Program 1427H/2007, *Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Jeddah Saudi Arabia. Scholarship Office (OSP).*
9. Testimonial Certificate for the Best Master Thesis 1997. *(IAMB/CIHEAM). Bari, Italy.*

Work Experiences

- *Dean*, Faculty of Science. An-Najah National University/Nablus, West-Bank, Palestine (2017-2018 & 2021-2023)
- *Professor*, Department of Biology and Biotechnology - Faculty of Science. An-Najah National University/Nablus, West-Bank, Palestine (2021)
- *Researcher*, Bari University– CNR, Italy, Rewarded by the Zamala fellowship (2014)
- *Associate Professor*, Department of Biology and Biotechnology - Faculty of Art and Science. The Arab American University – Jenin (AAUJ), Palestine (2007-2009)
- *Researcher*, UC-Davis (*Junior Specialist*), California, Rewarded by the IDB merit scholarship (2007-2008)
- *Head*, Biology and Biotechnology Department - Faculty of Art and Science. The Arab American University – Jenin (AAUJ), Palestine (2003-2007)
- *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California at Davis, California, USA (2001-2003)
- *Professional Assignment*, The Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (IAM-B), The International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM). Bari, Italy (2000–2001)
- *Teaching assistant*, UNESCO Biotechnology Educational and Training Center, Bethlehem University, Palestine. (1997)
- *Staff & Technical Supervisor*, Palestinian Agriculture Relief Committees (PARC), Jerusalem, Palestine (1993–1995)

Competencies

1. Biotechnology: *Serological and molecular diagnostics; Molecular identification of microbial biodiversity.*
2. Phytosanitary Management: *Implementation of actions and measures for the production of healthy propagating materials.*
3. Biocontrol: *Antimicrobial activity assays and evaluation of biological control agents.*
4. Biofertilizers: *Application of plant growth–promoting rhizobacteria (PGPRs) to enhance plant growth.*
5. Bioinformatics: *Genomic data analysis.*
6. Tissue Culture: *In vitro techniques for conservation of plant diversity.*
7. DNA Fingerprinting: *Biodiversity assessment and genetic characterization.*
8. Pedagogy: *Training of Trainers (TOT) in advancing teaching and learning; curriculum design.*
9. Languages: *Fluent in Arabic, English, and Italian.*

Committees and Memberships

- Chair and Founder of the ECOPAL-Forum
- Guest Editor Assistant for the MDPI Special Issue in the "Viruses" Journal
- Consultant at FAO on Phytosanitary
- Coordinate of the PhD program "Biotechnology and molecular genetics"
- Advisory Committee of the Office of Technology and Knowledge Transfer

- Academic Promotions Committees - An-Najah national University.
- Institutional Review Board-IRB - An-Najah national University
- Scientific Committee Chairman of the 5th International Conference “*Environmental challenges in the Arab region*” of the Arab Academics and Scientists Union
- Coordinator of BirdLife International/CEPF funded projects
- EQA consultant on drafting the guideline “Biological Control of Agricultural Pests in Palestine”
- Member of the national team for KBAs categorization in Palestine
- Founder Member of “Biotechnology Research and its Applications in Palestine” Conference
- Coordinator of FP7 Program
- Supervisor of Ecology Friends Association (EFA)
- Member (Elected) for the Council of the Faculty of Science – 2016, An-Najah National University
- Member of the Scientific Committee of Graduate Studies for Water and Environmental Sciences - Najah University
- Member of the Center of Excellence in Learning and Teaching “CELT”, An-Najah National University

Publications

- 1) Alkowni, R., Alabdalla, O., Shalabi, N., Abo Eid, M., Jarrar, S., & Abou Kubaa, R. (2025). Assessment of the sanitary status of citrus in Palestine. *Proceedings of the 14th Arab Congress of Plant Protection (ACPP-2025)*, 3–7 November 2025, Algeria. *Arab Journal of Plant Protection*, 43(Special Issue), E-40-41.
- 2) Alabdallah O., Ghzayal S., Lahlooh A., Radwan J., Jaradat S., Alkowni, R (2025). Survey of grapevine viruses in Palestine. *Journal of Plant Pathology*. 107(4), 2321-2327. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42161-025-01934-x>
- 3) Naser S.M., Alabdallah, O., Abualrob, A. Kubaa, R.A., Alkowni R. (2025). Molecular detection and identification of citrus bent leaf viroid (CBLVd) and hop stunt viroid (HSVd) in Palestine, *Archives of Phytopathology and Plant Protection*, 58(6), 356–364. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03235408.2025.2488424>
- 4) Razmag R., Alkowni R., and Basha W. (2024). Studying the antibacterial effect of different Palestinian oak species on MRSA. *International Conference of Medical laboratory and Health Sciences Research (ICMLH_2024)* 20-22/11/2024; Zarqa University- Jordan, P-18
- 5) Qash H., Alkowni R., and Basha W. (2024). Evaluating Toxoplasmosis Geno-prevalence in Slaughtered Sheep Using PCR Method in Northern Palestine. *International Conference of Medical laboratory and Health Sciences Research (ICMLH_2024)* 20-22/11/2024; Zarqa University- Jordan, O-17
- 6) Alabdallah, O., Alkowni R., Abbassi I. (2024). Detection and Identification Of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus In Commercial Tomato Varsities In Palestine, And Assess Their Tolerance Using Next Generation Sequencing Technology (NGS). *5th AAB PlantEd Congress: Agricultural Biotechnology in the Era of Genome Editing. 30 October 2024 – 1 November 2024. Ondokuz Mayıs University. Atatürk Congress Center. Samsun. Türkiye*
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- 8) Hamed, R., Jodeh, S. & Alkowni, R. (2024). Nano bio fertilizer capsules for sustainable agriculture. *Scientific Reports*14, 13646- <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-62973-5>
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- 1) Hamdaoui N, Azghar A, Benkirane C, Bouaamali H, Mohamed M, Ou-yahia D, El Guerrouj B, Assahraou A, Maleb A, Mustapha M, Alkowni R, Jodeh S. (2024). Probiotic properties, antioxidant potential, bile salts tolerance and antibiotic susceptibility assessment of *Streptococcus thermophilus* isolates. *Palestinian Medical and Pharmaceutical Journal (PMPJ)*. 2024; 9(3): 347-360
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- 35) Alkowni R., Solyman E., and Abu Qauod H. (2017). Introducing some of threatened *Thymus* species to in vitro tissue culturing as an approach for their conservation. *Pakistani Journal of Botany*, 49(1):259-264
- 36) Alkowni R., (2017). Phytoviruses in Palestine: Status and Future Perspectives. *An - Najah Univ. J. Res. (N. Sc.)* 31(1):11-34
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