# MOHAMMED A WEDYAN CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Education:**

### ☑ Liverpool University, UK

*Ph.D. in Marine Sciences [Chemical Oceanography], July 2005.* Supervisor: Prof Martin Preston.

✓ Thesis: "<u>Amino acids in the atmospheric and marine environments: distributions</u> <u>and the influence of chiral characteristics</u>." . Thesis Committee: Martin Preston (Advisor, Liverpool University) Prof. George Wolff, (Liverpool University. Head of Department), Dr. Mark Fitzsimons (Plymouth University).

### 🗵 Al albyat University. Jordan

MSc degree. Biology, June 2000.

Advisors: Prof. Ihsan Mahasneh

- Thesis: "Phenotypic characterization of blue green algae under salinity stress." Emphasis in chemical and biological analysis, impact assessment, contamination, biosensors, remediation techniques for land and seawater, quality systems and pollution management.
- ☑ Jordan University of Sciences and Technology, Jordan *BSc degree of Applied Biology*, June 1996.

#### **Employment and Research Experience:**

- The Hashemite University, Department of Biology and Biotechnology Associate Professor, September 2013 – present. Head of Department, 10/9/2015 -1/9/2016
- Al Hussein bin Talal University, Dept. of Biology. Assistant Professor, July. 2005 - April. 2011. Associate Professor May. 2011 – September 2013.

- ✓ carried out research in relationship between nutrients and cycling of organic nitrogen and other organic compound in the environment and I am also interested in understanding the distribution of dissolved organic carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus in the seawater, and also in investigating the ecological effect of the **red sea** water transfer to the **dead sea** water.
- ✓ Authored or co-authored 13 peer-reviewed journal papers.
- ✓ Served as PI on 120000 JD in grants (Red Sea and Dead Sea Ecology).
- ✓ 110000JD as co researcher in grants (**Red Sea Pollutions**).
- Max-Plank Institution research group in Marine biogeochemistry, Oldenburg University Oldenburg, Germany.
   *Visiting Scholar*, June 2010 – Augest 2010.
  - Carried out an experimental and modeling study of new technique to detect the trace concentration of dissolved organic matter in the different environmental samples.
- Stanford University, Biological department, Palo Alto, USA
  Visiting Scholar September-october . 2006
  - ✓ Collaborated on microbial metabolism data analysis and other projects with host group.
- Environmental School, Liverpool University, Liverpool, UK
  Ph.D. Student (Marine Sciences), 2002 2005.
  Advisor: Prof. Martin Preston
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    - ✓ I was researching the transport and effect of organic pollutant on the surface seawater particularly organic nitrogen, using the overland flow system. This research was conducted as part of AMT research.
    - ✓ The investigations are geared towards understanding the "black box" of mass balance regarding nitrogen, phosphorous and carbon in the input and run-off from the over the Atlantic Ocean. This requires wide-ranging environmental knowledge regarding the issues of discharge and consent, agricultural practice, farming attitudes and public perception, as well as the technical laboratory skills and capacity for self-motivated fieldwork..

## **Teaching Experience**

## AHU Department of Biology,

✓ Marine & Environmental biochemistry (Biology, Undergraduate Course).

- ✓ Bioorganic Pollution (Biology , Undergraduate Course)
- ✓ Environmental Biotechnology (Biology, Undergraduate Course)
- ✓ General Biology 1&2 (Biology , Undergraduate Course)
- ✓ Practical general Biology 1&2 (Biology, Undergraduate Course).
- ✓ Special topics (Biology, Undergraduate Course).
- ✓ Ecology (Biology, Undergraduate Course).
- ✓ Marine Sciences, Introduction (Biology, Undergraduate Course).
- ✓ Biochemistry (Biology, Undergraduate Course).
- ✓ Practical Biochemistry (Biology, Undergraduate Course),
- ✓ Clinical Biochemistry (Nurse , Undergraduate Course),

# HU Department of biology and biotechnology

- ✓ General Biology 1&2 (Biology , Undergraduate Course)
- ✓ Ecology (Biology, Undergraduate Course)
- ✓ Molecular Ecology of communities and Populations (Biology , graduate Course)
- ✓ Environmental Biotechnology (Biology, graduate Course)
- ✓ Advance Biochemistry (Biology, graduate Course),
- ✓ Biochemistry (Biology, Undergraduate Course).

# **Research Interests**

- ✓ Understanding the relationship between nitrogen fixation and export production.
- ✓ Determining the distribution and elemental stoichiometry of dissolved organic carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus in the Gulf of Aqaba.
- ✓ Factors influencing the transfer of both pollutant and naturally occurring organic molecules from terrestrial to marine environments including atmospheric and coastal systems the Gulf of Aqaba.
- ✓ Some additional interests in aquatic nutrient dynamics.

# **Past Grants**

- ✓ Effect of Organic nitrogen on the Phytoplankton, in the Gulf of Aqaba. AHU-Granted (2500JD) 2005-2007.
- ✓ Gut content analysis and in situ grazing experiments of selected species of copepod. AHU- Granted (2500JD) 2006-2008.
- ✓ Speciation analysis of organometallic and inorganic compounds of mercury in water, fish and sediments of Gulf of Aqaba, Jordan. Scientific Research Support Fund-Granted (108.400 JD) 2008- 2010.

✓ The Dead Sea Ecosystem as influenced by Red Sea-Dead Sea conduit project Scientific Research Support Fund –Granted (117100JD). 2009-2012.

## **Current Grants**

- ✓ Dissolved Organic Nitrogen in Water Environment, HU-Granted (73000 JD) 2015-2017.
- ✓ Springs of life in a "Dead Sea". Submitted to DFG collaborated with MPI-Bremen, marine microbiology group.

## MSc students supervised

- 1. Ahmed al harahsh, Identification and characterization of dissolved organic nitrogen in wastewater plants, Jordan, (2015).
- 2. Tahreer Hamdan, Study the bioavailability of dissolved nucleic acids (D-NA's) in freshwater environment. (2017)
- 3. Bilal Abu Hanieh, Biochemical characterization of amino acids and fatty acids extracted from olive westwater collected from different areas of north Jordan.(2016).
- Lina abu mharib, Assessment of contaminations in drinking water in dulil region in Jordan . (2017)

## MSc. Internal examiner in examination committee

- 1. Doaa Budier, The antinociceptive and anti-inflammatory activities of Alcea Setosa Extract. (2015)
- 2. Ahmed Alatshan, The antinociceptive and anti-infliammtory effect of anastatica heirochuntica extracts in animal models. (2015)
- 3. Hia Mashgiah, Larval Trematodes in physa Snail in Jordan. (2016)
- 4. Elham Al Zud, Biological Activity and Apoptosis Signaling Pathway for Cephalostatin 1 analogues. (2016)

# **Invited Seminars**

- ✓ Seminar, Department of biology, Al Hussein University, Maan, Jordan, Apr. 2007.
- ✓ Seminar, Department of Chemistry and biology, Oldenburg University, Germany, Aug. 2010.
- ✓ Seminar, Laboratory for Microbial environment, Environmental Institute, Stanford University, Oct. 2006.

# **Professional Association Memberships**

- ✓ 02/2007- Present. Member of Jordan Badia Research and Development Center
- ✓ 05/2007-Present . Member of The National Center for Biotechnology
- ✓ 2006- Present. Member of the Global Network for Environmental Science and Technology.
- ✓ 2005- Present. Member of Challenger Society for Marine Science, UK

### Languages

- ✓ Fluent in English
- ✓ Native Arabic speaker

## Journal Publications Peer-Review

- 1. **Wedyan, M.** and Preston, MR (2005) Isomer selective adsorption of amino acids by components of natural sediments Environmental Science and Technology 39 2115-2119.
- 2. **Wedyan, M**, Al Fandi, K and Al Rossan, S (2007) Bioavailability of Atmospheric Dissolved Organic Nitrogen in The Marine Aerosol over the Gulf of Aqaba. Australian. Journal of Basic & Applied Sciences., 1(2): 208-212.
- 3. Khleifate. K.;Tarawneh K ; Wedyan M ; Tarawneh , A and Al Sharafa K. (2008) Growth Kinetics and Toxicity of Enterobacter cloacae Grown on Linear Alkylbenzene Sulfonate as Sole Carbon Source. Current Microbiology, Volume 57, Number 4, pp. 364-370(7).
- 4. Karataş A. **Wedyan M**, Shehab A, Sözen M, Amr Z.S. (2008). Karyotypes of bats (chiroptera: Rhinolophidae, vespertilionidae) from Jordan. The Arab Gulf Journal of Scientific Research, 26(4):193-195.
- Khleifat, K.M., R.A. Halasah, K.A. Tarawneh, Z. Halasah, R. Shawabkeh and M.A. Wedyan, 2010. Biodegradation of linear alkylbenzene sulfonate by *Burkholderia* sp.: effect of some growth conditions. International Journal of Agriculture and biology, 12: 17–25.
- 6. **Wedyan, M** and Altaif, K (2009) Distribution of dissolved nucleic acids in the soil of southern Jordan, Transylvanian Review of Systematical and Ecological Research, 8, 65-73.
- 7. Wedyan, M.A., Ababneh, F. A., & Al-Rousan, S. (2012). The correlations between mercury speciation and dissolved organic matter in the sediment of the red sea., American Journal of Environmental Science, 8 (4), 403-411.
- 8. Wedyan, M., El-Oqlah, A., Altif, K., & Khlifate, K. (2013). The Dead Sea Ecosystem Influenced by Red Sea–Dead Sea Conduit Project (Peace Conduit). Transylvanian Review of Systematical and Ecological Research, 15(2), 45-60.
- 9. **Wedyan M**, Al Harahsheh A & Qnais, E (2016) Determination of the Fate of Dissolved Organic Nitrogen in the Three Wastewater Treatment Plants, Jordan; International Journal of Environmental & Science Education, 2016, 11(6), 767-777.

- 10. **Wedyan M**, Al Harahsheh A, Bsoul E, Qnais E, and Muhaidat R, (2016) Cd and Fe concentrations of surface water of Al Zarqa Channelized Stream. Polish Journal of Environmental Studies Vol. 25, No. 6 (2016), 2617-2521.
- 11. **Wedyan M,** Dahamsheh A and Qnais E (2016) Investigate the Removal Efficiency of Nitrogen and Phosphate Compounds from AL Hussein bin Talal University Wastewater Treatment Plant (AHUP) ; Der Pharma Chemica, 8(12):25-29.
- 12. **Wedyan, M**., Bilal Abu Hanieh and Ahmed Al Harasheh, Abdel Rahman Al-Tawaha (2017) Chemical Characterization of Olive Pomace in the northern region of Jordan. Bulgarian Journal of Agricultural Science. (Accepted).
- 13. Al-Tawaha, A. R., M. A. Turk, Y. M. Abu-Zaitoon, S. H. Aladaileh, I. M. Al-Rawashdeh, S. Alnaimat, A. R. M. Al-Tawaha, M. H. Alu'datt and **M. Wedyan** (2017) Plants adaptation to drought environment. Bulgarian Journal of Agricultural Science, 23 (No 3) 2017, 381–388.
- 14. Dahamsheh A and **Wedyan M** (2017) Evaluation and Assessment of Al-Hussein bin Talal University (AHU) Wastewater Treatment Plants; International Journal of Advanced and Applied Sciences, Volume 4, Issue 1, Pages: 84-89.
- 15. Dahamsheh, A., K. Al-Zboon, **M. Wedyan**, and Z. Abu-Hamatteh (2017) Climate change impact assessment on rainwater in Jordan. International Journal of Advanced and Applied Sciences, (Accepted)
- 16. Abuiraq L, G., Kanan, **M. Wedyan** and A El-Oqlah (2015) Efficacy of Extracts of Some Lichens for Potential Antibacterial Activity. Research Journal of Pharmaceutical, Biological and Chemical Sciences, 6(1):318-33.
- 17. Qnais E, Bseiso Y, **Wedyan M** and Alkhateeb H (2016) Antinociceptive effects of essential oil of Melissa officinalis L. in rats, Der Pharma Chemica, 8(13):55-62.
- 18. Qnais E, Bseiso Y, **Wedyan M** and Alkhateeb H (2016) Chemical composition and antinociceptive effects of essential oil from aerial parts of Gundelia tournefortii L Asteraceae (Compositae) in rats. Tropical Journal of Pharmaceutical Research, 15 (10):2183-2190.
- 19. Qnais E, Bseiso Y, **Wedyan M** and Alkhateeb H (2016) Comparison of Antinociceptive activity of Origanum majorana L. methanol leaf extract in mice in different models ; Der Pharma Chemica, 8(13):307-313.
- 20. Ismail Y., **Wedyan M**, Muad Al-zu`abe and Salim Abderrahman (2016) Antimicrobial Activity of Rubia cordifolia: Methods to Determine Antimicrobial Activity. Research Journal of Medicinal Plants, 10 (8): 457-462.

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### **Conference** Articles

- ✓ Wedyan M, and Preston M. 2nd International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology . Houston, USA. 19-22 August 2006
- ✓ El-oqlah, A. and Wedyan, M. A. Plant biodiversity in mountainous cost of Dead Sa area (Jordan), Mountains of the world- Ecology, Conservation and Sustainable Development, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. 10-14 February 2008.

### **Unpublished Research Reports**

- ✓ Wedyan, M ; Fandi, K and Al Najjar, M (2007) Gut content analysis and in situ grazing experiments of selected species of copepod. AHU- Granted (2500JD)
- ✓ Ababneh, F and Wedyan, M (2011) Speciation analysis of organometallic and inorganic compounds of mercury in water, fish and sediments of Gulf of Aqaba, Jordan. SRF-Granted (108.400 JD)
- ✓ Wedyan, M ; Altif, K; Eleogla, A and Khlifate, K (2012) The Dead Sea Ecosystem as influenced by Red Sea-Dead Sea conduit project. SRF-Granted (117.100JD).

#### References

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