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## Resume:

I am an associate professor specializing in “Agricultural and Biological Engineering”. In 1995 I have got my engineering B.Sc. degree from Jordan University of Science and Technology in "Agricultural Engineering and Technology". I obtained my M.Sc. in "Agricultural Sciences / Agricultural Engineering" at the University of Copenhagen in 2001. I got my Ph.D. in “Biochemistry (Biotechnology)” at the Faculty of Engineering, The University of Southern Denmark in 2006.

I have worked in universities as a researcher and post-doc. I have also experienced working in industrial companies.

## Professional interests:

- Agricultural and Biological Engineering,
- Biotechnology,
- Environmental technology,
- Multivariate data analysis (chemometrics),
- Sensors (*e.g.* near infra-red (optical), chemical, *etc.*).

## Professional experience:

June 2016- now	Associate Professor at Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie, Palestine.
August 2016-August 2020	Head of Kadoorie Agricultural Research Center (KARC).
2011- May 2016	Assistant Professor at Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie, Palestine.
2008 –2011	Innovation consultant, AgroTech A/S (Institute for Agri Technology and Food Innovation), Aarhus, Denmark.
2008 –2008	Environmental production, Munters-Turbovent A/S, Aars, Denmark.
2007 –2008:	Bioprocess and quality specialist (compost and biogas), Solum A/S, Hedehusene, Denmark (six months as ‘substitute of maternity leave’).
2006 –2007:	Postdoc, Institute of Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology and Environmental Technology, University of Southern Denmark.
2006:	Research assistant, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Southern Denmark.
2002 - 2003:	Research assistant, Agricultural Sciences / AgroTechnology, The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) (Now it is called: University of Copenhagen), Copenhagen, Denmark.
1996 -1999:	Engineer, Project Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Palestinian National Authority. Palestine

## Education:

Year	Degree	Subject	University
2006	PhD	Biochemistry / Biotechnology <i>Title of thesis:</i> ‘Identification and quantification of odorants from livestock buildings’	University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Denmark
2001	M.Sc.	Agricultural Sciences / Agricultural Engineering	University of Copenhagen (The Royal

1995	B.Sc.	<i>Title of thesis:</i> 'Sensing taste of fruits and vegetables using near infrared (NIR) technology'	Veterinary and Agricultural University), Department of Agricultural Sciences, Copenhagen, Denmark
		Agricultural Engineering and Technology	Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan

### Languages:

Language	Speak	Write	Understand
Arabic (native)	5	5	5
English	5	5	5
Danish	4	4	4

Scale: 1-5 (best)

### Publications:

#### -Thesis and dissertation:

Abu-Khalaf, N. 2006. *Identification and quantification of odorants from livestock buildings*, University of Southern Denmark, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Denmark, PhD thesis.

Abu-Khalaf, N. 2001. *Sensing taste of fruits and vegetables using near infrared (NIR) technology*, The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Department of Agricultural Sciences, AgroTechnology. Copenhagen - Denmark, 71 pp. M.Sc. thesis.

#### -Refereed journal papers:

Najjar, K., Abu-Khalaf, N. 2021. Non-Destructive Quality Measurement for Three Varieties of Tomato Using VIS/NIR Spectroscopy. *Sustainability (Switzerland)*, 13, 10747. DOI: 10.3390/su131910747.

Natshed, B., Abu-Khalaf, N. & Abubaker, S. 2021. Evaluating cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea*) production under different fertilizer systems. *Research on Crops*, 22(3), 556-563. DOI : 10.31830/2348-7542.2021.103.

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Najjar, K., & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2021. Visible/near-infrared (VIS/NIR) spectroscopy technique to detect gray mold disease in the early stages of tomato fruit. *Journal of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Sciences*, e3108. DOI: 10.15414/jmbfs.3108.

Masoud, W.; Al-Qaisi, A. & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2021. Growth Prediction of the Food Spoilage Yeast *Debaryomyces Hansenii* using Multivariate Data Analysis. *Palestine Technical University Kadoorie Research Journal*, 9(1), 22–32. DOI: 10.53671/ptukrj.v9i1.160.

Sayara, T.; Khayat, S.; Saleh, J.; Abu-Khalaf, N. & van der Steen, P. 2021. Algal–bacterial symbiosis for nutrients removal from wastewater: The application of multivariate data analysis for process monitoring and control. *Environmental Technology & Innovation*, 101548. DOI: 10.1016/j.eti.2021.101548.

Al-Mahasneh, M.; Al-U'datt, M.; Rababah, T.; Al-Widyan, M.; Abu Kaeed, A.; Al-Mahasneh, A.J. & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2021. Classification and prediction of bee honey indirect adulteration sing physiochemical properties coupled with K-Means clustering and simulated annealing-artificial neural networks (SA-ANNs). *Journal of Food Quality*, 8, 1-9. DOI: 10.1155/2021/6634598.

Natshah, B., & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2020. Influence of different types of fertilizers application on the lettuce (*Lactuca sativa* L.) growth and quality. *Palestine Technical University Kadoorie Research Journal*, 8(2), 40–53. DOI: 10.53671/ptukrj.v8i2.92.

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- Abu-Khalaf, N., & Abu Rumaila, B. 2020. Electronic tongue and BOX-PCR for categorization of different *Fusarium* strains. *Plant Cell Biotechnology and Molecular Biology*, 21(45-46), 121-128. Retrieved from <https://ikprress.org/index.php/PCBMB/article/view/5507>.
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Natshed, B. & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2020. Impact of using Different Fertilizer Systems on Cauliflower Crop (*Brassica oleracea* var. *Botrytis*) Production and Quality. In: *The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Agriculture 2020 – (AGRICO 2020) under the theme “The 4th Agricultural Revolution: Growing Population and Deriving Changes in Farming Systems”*. Bangkok, Thailand, 26-27 November.

Taha, H., & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2020. Quality control for herbal medicinal plants using a sensor array (an electronic tongue). In: *The 7th International Conference of Biotechnology, Environment and Engineering Sciences (ICBE7)*, Stockholm, Sweden, 26 June, pp. 25–33. DOI: 10.46617/icbe7001.

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Ayyad, Z., Vali, E., Hmidat, M., Bendini, A., Accorsi, R., Manzini, R., Toschi, T. G., & Abu-Khalaf, N. 2019. Effects of Temperature Fluctuation on VOO Oxidation Quality and Shelf-life. In: *The Second Edition of the international Congress on Water and Environment Studies*. Faculté Pluridisciplinaire de Nador, Selouane, Morocco, 14th - 15th November.

Abu-Khalaf, N. 2017. Post-harvest technology. In: *International Conference on Food Security in Palestine*. Millennium Hotel – Ramallah, Palestine. December 6.

Abu-Khalaf, N. 2016. Sensors applications for olive oil quality. In: *The Third International Conference on Olive in Palestine (TICOP)*. Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie (PTUK), Tulkarm, Palestine, 07-08 December.

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Salman, M., Abu-Khalaf, N., Abu Rumaileh, B., Jawabreh, M., Shahin, N., & Abuamsha, R. 2016. Use of bacteria as biocontrol agents against Fusarium wilt disease of watermelon caused by Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. niveum in Palestine. *The 4th Conference of Biotechnology Research and Application in Palestine. The Arab American University, Jenin, Palestine, 21 March.*

Abu-Khalaf, N., Khayat, S.; & French, P. 2015. Portable water sensing system. *First Palestinian-Dutch Academic Cooperation (PADUCO) program on water conference, Birzeit University, Palestine, 24-26 February.*

Radaydeh, D.; Karajeh, D.; Abu-Khalaf, N.; & Marei, A. 2015. Effect of using magnetized treated water in irrigation of bell pepper and beans in Al Jiftlik, Palestine. *First Palestinian-Dutch Academic Cooperation (PADUCO) program on water conference, Birzeit University, Palestine, 24-26 February.*

Abu-Khalaf, N., & Salman, M. 2014. Sensing olive diseases using visible/near infrared (VIS/NIR) spectroscopy. *The 11<sup>th</sup> Arab Congress of Plant Protection, organized by Arab Society for Plant Protection and Faculty of Agricultural Technology – Al Balqa Applied University, Meridien Amman Hotel, Amman Jordan, 9-13 November.*

- Abu-Khalaf, N., & Salman, M. 2014. Feasibility study of remote sensing for olive leaf spot (OLS) using spectroscopy and support vector machine (SVM) classification. *The 5th. International workshop in Biotechnology, under the theme "Biotechnology and its role in the economic development in the Arab world"*. Khartoum, Sudan, 25-26 March, pp. 44.
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- Abu-Khalaf, N. 2012. Sensors and monitoring technologies for water quality. In: *Conference of Water Crises and Agricultural Development in Palestine*. Palestine Technical University-Kadoorie, Tulkarm, Palestine, 21-22 May.
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#### **-Refereed book chapter:**

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#### **-Master thesis supervision:**

1. "Studying the possibility of indirect microorganisms' metabolite classification using electronic tongue and multivariate data analysis", for M.Sc. student: Basima Ali Abu Rumaila, who defended her thesis on 09/1/2019 (The M.Sc. Defence Committee decision: As stands – the thesis is accepted in its present).
2. "Testing herbal medicines plants mixtures using a taste sensor "an electronic tongue" and multivariate data analysis", for M.Sc. student: Haneen Taha, who defended her thesis on 15/2/2019.
3. "Differentiation of Muscle Abnormalities in Turkey Breast Meat in Palestinian Market by Using VIS-NIR Spectroscopy", for M.Sc. student: Amal Zaid, who defended her thesis on 26/05/2019 (The M.Sc. Defence Committee decision: As stands – the thesis is accepted in its present).

4. “Sensing Botrytis cinerea in Tomato Using Visible/Near-Infrared (VIS/NIR) Spectroscopy”, for M.Sc. student: Khadija Najjar, who defended her thesis on 10/06/2020 (The M.Sc. Defence Committee decision: As stands – the thesis is accepted in its present).

#### **External Examiner:**

1. “Effect of Vacuum Packaging Combined with Natural Additives on the Shelf Life and Quality Traits of Fresh Thyme” for student: Doa Kanana, Master in: Nutrition and Food Technology, An Najah University, on 08/12/2019.
2. “Effects of plant natural substances as an edible coating in combination with calcium chloride post-harvest treatments on physico-chemical properties change in tomato *Solanum lycopersicum* L. fruits during storage” for student: Fayez Sweiti, Master in: Plant Production, An Najah University, on 23/12/2019.
3. “Studying Olive Oils’ Quality Using Chemical Sensors” for student: Muhammad Jawabrih, Master in: Plant Production, An Najah University, on 24/7/2020.
4. “Evaluation of Palestinian consumer awareness to food safety and hygiene” for student: Tasneem Odeh, Master in: Nutrition and Food Technology, An Najah University, on 04/10/2020.
5. “Effect of vacuum packaging combined with natural additives and freezing on the shelf life and quality traits of fresh thyme” for student: Wafa Isleem, Master in: Nutrition and Food Technology, An Najah University, on 12/10/2021.

#### **Fellowships and training courses:**

- Carrying out a research project titled: Sensors in water quality, in Palestinian-Dutch Academic Cooperation Program on Water (PADUCO-I) for two years (2015-2017).
- Country Management Team (CMT) member representative of Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie (PTUK) in Palestinian-Dutch Academic Cooperation Program on Water (PADUCO-II) for five years (2015-2020).
- Participation in “Needs assessment workshop” in “Research Output Management through Open Access Institutional Repositories in Palestinian Higher Education (ROMOR)”, Erasmus + project, Ramallah – Palestine, 3rd. April 2017.
- Palestinian-German Science Bridge (PGSB) fellowship, a research visit to Julich Research Center 28/10-9/11/2017.
- Participation in “From strategy awareness to strategic planning” training course in “PAAC: Palestinian Academic & Agribusiness cooperation, NICHE-PAA-23 in The Netherlands on 22-26 January 2018.
- Participated in Palestinian Germany Science Cooperation (PALGER), which is Palestine German Collaboration Agreement (BMBF call PALGER2015), for a joint project (for two years): `Mobility project for the establishment of joint research partnerships for introducing precision farming to the Palestinian Territories. And research visit to University of Hohenheim, Institute of Agricultural Engineering between 1-14/7/2018.
- Participation in “Strengthening capacity for sustainable innovation process, including marketing responsiveness of higher education & training to the needs of food & agribusiness and rural development sectors in Palestine” training course, NICHE-PAA-23 in The Netherlands on 24-29 September 2018.
- Participation in “Research Quality systems: Research Ethics & Institutional Review Board” training course, Norte Dame University, in Palestine on 13-14 October 2018.
- Participation in “Research Quality System’s: Research Proposal” training course, Norte Dame University, in Palestine on 20-22 October 2018.
- Fellowships and financial support were obtained twice (2017-2018 and 2018-2019) from the Dutch Nuffic through NICHE-PAA-233 project.
- Attending 6 hours training course of: “Academic Writing and Publishing” at King Khaled University, Saudi Arabia on 10-11 June, 2020.
- International Program Committee Member in The 6th International Conference on Sensors and Electronic Instrumentation Advances (SEIA 2020), Porto, Portugal on 23-25 September 2020.

- Scientific/organizing committee member in The 8th International Conference on Agriculture 2021 (AGRICO 2021).
- Technical and Scientific committee member in Arab Food Safety Summit 2021 (AFSS 2021).
- A country partner in Arab Food Safety Summit 2021 (AFSS 2021).
- A member in the “Innovations in Water Education Programs: Enhancing Water Security and Socio-economic Development in the Eastern Mediterranean under Climate Change / WaSec” Erasmus+ project, 11/2018-11/2021.
- A member in the “Palestinian Academic Council” from 2017-present.
- A member in the “PhD holder employees in Palestine” from 2020-present.
- A member in a SENSORFINT project: Non-destructive Spectroscopic Sensors (NDSS), such as NIR Spectroscopy, Fluorescence, Raman or Hyperspectral imaging, enable rapid, non-destructive and environmentally safe assessment of multiple parameters in a variety of food products. Which is funded by: COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology). Project period: 30/09/2020 to 29/09/2024.

**Reviewer:**

- Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie Research Journal (PTUKRJ).
- Computer and Electronics in Agriculture Journal (Elsevier).
- Foods (Switzerland), MDPI.
- Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology A & B.
- Biosystem Engineering Journal (Elsevier).
- Chemistry Central Journal (Springer).
- Mediterranean Journal of Chemistry.
- Agricultural Mechanization in Asia, Africa, and Latin America (AMA) Journal.
- Bioscience and Bioengineering / American Institute of Science.

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