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Experienced Veterinary Consultant with a strong background in veterinary medicine, project management and training. Holding a PhD in the production, quality, and safety of animal-derived food. Works as a professor at the Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, emphasizing effective communication and building trustworthy relationships. Also possesses certifications in mountain climbing, scuba diving, and has achieved three medals in Japanese Jujitsu.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Head of Veterinary Services / Program Director

Artat Enterprise, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia & GCC

June 2025 - Present

- Established and currently lead the Small Ruminant Department, ARTAT's veterinary clinic, and pharmacy operations.
- Manage the development of technical proposals and lead tender submissions for national and international entities, including FAO, RCU (Agriculture, Equine & Wildlife), MEWA, AgriServe and Camel Club.
- Directed the AIUla Animal Health Control Project, a flagship One Health initiative focused on field services, traceability, and digital systems.
- Provide expert veterinary consultancy to both government bodies and large-scale private farms on animal health, livestock production, and One Health-related projects.
- Oversee team strategy, recruitment, and performance while collaborating with multinational pharmaceutical companies to expand market solutions.
- Supervise multidisciplinary veterinary teams, including recruitment, training, and performance evaluation.
- Collaborate with national and international stakeholders to implement sustainable animal health initiatives.

Head of Department / Advisor (Small Ruminants)

Artat Enterprise, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia & GCC

June 2022 – May 2025

- Pioneered the establishment of the small ruminant department within ARTAT Enterprise.
- Offered expert consultancy services to government bodies as well as private clients, including the largest farms in Saudi Arabia.
- Created innovative proposals and actively participated in the bidding process for public tenders, FAO, RCU, MEWA, Agriserve, Weqaa RFPs.
- Set both short-term and long-term strategic objectives for the department.
- Oversaw the recruitment, monitoring, evaluation, management, and motivation of the team's activities.
- Collaborated with multinational pharmaceutical companies to enhance market solutions.
- Led the development and implementation of the first two groundbreaking projects in Saudi Arabia aimed at controlling domestic and wild animals.
- Project Director of AIUla Animal Health Control Project.

Project Manager

Rene Moawad Foundation, North Lebanon, Lebanon

Jul 2020 - 2022

- Led the management of a project funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and World Food Program (WFP), aimed at enhancing sustainable livelihood opportunities for 1,150 vulnerable community members in targeted refugee and Lebanese communities in North Lebanon.
- Supervised a team of 10 coordinators to ensure successful project implementation.
- Created programs for farmers, vet technicians, butchers, and SMEs, targeting technicalities and business development.

- Collaborated with national and multinational NGOs to maximize project success.
- Established demonstration plots to showcase best practices and innovations.
- Assisted the Rene Moawad Foundation in proposal development for future projects.

Doctor at Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, *Dekwaneh, Lebanon*

Sep 2015 – Jan 2024

- Guided and mentored veterinary medicine students throughout their 1st to 3rd years, supported animal production students.
- Instructed veterinary medicine students at 2nd and 3rd-year levels, taught specialized diploma and Master's II courses.
- Oversaw and supported two research programs at CRFA's Faculty of Human Dentistry.
- Supervised master's thesis development and served as a jury member for over 15 other thesis evaluations.
- Contributed as a farm consultant at CRFA's Agronomy Research Center, providing guidance on agricultural matters.
- Designed and implemented tailored field training curricula for Bachelor and Special Diploma Veterinary students, emphasizing practical skills and knowledge expansion.

Welfare Auditor Consultant

ISA DENETİM, BELGELENDİRME ve EĞİTİM A. Ş. – YUM! *Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan*

Mar 2018 - Mar 2019

- Engaged as an Animal Welfare Auditor for poultry farms that served as suppliers to KFC, a prominent American fast-food chain.
- Conducted food safety audits for all companies that supplied food to KFC, ensuring compliance with the highest standards.
- Performed quality assurance audits for all KFC food supplier companies, maintaining and upholding quality benchmarks.
- Offered specialized consultancy services to KFC suppliers, providing expert guidance on various business challenges they encountered.
- Provided advisory support to KFC suppliers, advising them on necessary corrective measures to align with YUM! Audit norms and standards.

Technical Director & Consultant

Virbac Middle East kennel club, *Lebanon, Iraq, Syria*

Apr 2016 - Apr 2017

- Developed a strategy for Virbac product launch in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq, ensuring successful market introduction.
- Organized conferences for knowledge sharing and professional development, promoting industry growth and collaboration.
- Maintained international communication and conducted training sessions with the Virbac Team in France, staying updated on advancements.
- Conducted market studies and analyzed sales trends in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq, identifying growth opportunities.
- Provided veterinarians with tailored solutions from the Virbac product range, addressing their specific needs and challenges.
- Collaborated with Virbac to implement effective disease control strategies, supporting animal well-being and the veterinary community.

Consultant

Rene Moawad Foundation, *Lebanon*

Dec 2015 - Mar 2017

- Provided technical support and training to 40 farmers in the "Dairy Farm Management" project in North Lebanon.
- Conducted theoretical and practical training for 15 farmers in the "Artificial Insemination in Dairy Cows" project.
- Assisted farmers in addressing specific farm challenges with tailored solutions and guidance.
- Collaborated with farmers to develop customized biosecurity plans and mitigate contamination risks.
- Offered proactive advice and recommended vaccination protocols to safeguard livestock health and well-being.

Veterinary Doctor - Surgeon

Freelancer, *Lebanon*

Sep 2014 - Present

- Provided comprehensive veterinary services encompassing emergency care, surgical interventions, and implementation of effective vaccination protocols for a diverse range of over 400 pets, as well as 5,000 dairy cows, sheep, and goats.

- Engaged in consultancy activities across more than 50 dairy bovine, caprine, and ovine farms, offering expert guidance and insights to optimize farm operations and enhance productivity.
- Spearheaded artificial insemination reproduction programs and conducted advanced echography procedures in over 50 dairy bovine, ovine, and caprine farms, contributing to improved breeding and genetic management.
- Proactively educated clients on the principles of responsible animal ownership, while emphasizing the importance of disease prevention and control measures, thereby promoting the overall well-being of their animals.

Technical Manager & Technical Support

LibanVet Khazaal & Co., Lebanon

Apr 2015 - Jan 2016

Veterinary Doctor

Spiroco s.a.r.l, Karantina, Beirut, Lebanon

Sep 2014 – Dec 2014

Veterinary Farm Manager

Khoury and Nehme Goats Farm - (Dairy Khoury), Lebanon

Mar 2014 - Sep 2014

Assistant Veterinary Doctor

Dairy Khoury Cows Farm, Lebanon

Mar 2013 - Mar 2014

Assistant Veterinary Doctor

Animed Veterinary Hospital, Lebanon

Dec 2011 - Mar 2013

Assistant Veterinary Doctor

Al Murr Farms, Beit Chabeb, Lebanon

May 2010 - Oct 2011

EDUCATION

Veterinary Medicine - Production, Quality and Safety of Food of Animal Origin

Università degli studi di Sassari - Department of Veterinary Medicine, Italy, Sardegna

Sep 2016 - Dec 2019

Doctor of Philosophy - topic: Production, Quality and Safety of Food of Animal Origin

Veterinary Medicine

Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Lebanon

Sep 2012 - Dec 2014

Master's degree in veterinary medicine.

Veterinary Medicine

Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Lebanon

Sep 2011 - Jul 2012

Special Diploma of Veterinary Medicine.

Veterinary Medicine

Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Lebanon

Sep 2008 - Jul 2011

Bachelors in veterinary sciences.

CERTIFICATES

Professional - PMP

35 hours of online training of professional project management training performed by Formatech.

2021

Advanced Excel Training

72 hours of online advanced Excel training performed by Formatech

2021

Food safety, Residues and Contaminant Detection in Dairy Milk.

F.LLI PINNA INDUSTRIA CASEARIA SPA *Italy, Sardinia*

Apr 2017

Acquired in-depth knowledge of milk collection control systems, including detection of inhibitors and differentiation of mixed milk. Proficient in identifying chemicals in cheese and conducting extensive sampling and quality tests. Developed expertise in cheese production and storage techniques.

Dairy Food Safety, Production and Quality assurance

Associazione Regionale Allevatori Della Sardinia

Jun 2017

Gaining expertise in the methodologies employed for the identification of inhibitors, differentiation of mixed milk from various species, quantification of histamine in cheese, as well as acquiring proficiency in cheese production sampling techniques and the intricacies of cheese manufacturing lines.

Dairy Food Safety, Production and Quality assurance

CAO Formaggi *Italy, Sardinia*

Mar 2017

Received complete protocol training in milk safety and quality control systems in dairy farms, including contractual obligations and regulations. Conducted extensive laboratory work detecting inhibitors and differentiating mixed milk. Gained thorough understanding of cheese production and storage methods.

Food safety, Residues and Contaminant Detection

ISTITUTO ZOOPROFILATTICO SPERIMENTALE DELLA SARDEGNA *Italy, Sardinia*

Jun 2017

Gaining proficiency in various analytical techniques, including the detection of inhibitors and mixed milk, as well as histamine in marine animals. Mastering sample preparation and utilizing Mass Spectrometry and High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) for accurate identification of antibiotic residues in meat and milk samples.

Foot and Mouth Disease workshop in Lebanon

Acted as a representative of the Lebanese University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine in a collaborative workshop organized by FAO and EuFMD, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture. The workshop focused on developing a comprehensive strategy to effectively control and mitigate Foot and Mouth diseases in Lebanon.

2016

Veterinary laboratory Tests and Cultures

Successfully completed a rigorous 2-month training program at the veterinary laboratory of Jordan University of Science and Technology, gaining extensive experience in veterinary laboratory tests and cultures. This training enhanced my diagnostic skills and provided valuable hands-on experience in a clinical setting.

2015

Bovine Husbandry

I underwent comprehensive field and theoretical training led by renowned expert Dr. Hares Stephanos at Lebanon's largest bovine dairy farm, covering essential skills and techniques in bovine reproduction. This immersive training experience deepened my practical knowledge and expertise, equipping me to effectively address reproductive challenges and optimize herd productivity.

2013

Dairy Bovine Nutrition

Successfully completed an intensive training program led by renowned expert Dr. Massimo Antonella at Lebanon's largest bovine dairy farm. The training focused on optimizing dairy bovine nutrition, specifically tailored to meet the demands of milk production and pregnancy cycles. It provided advanced strategies for improving digestibility and addressing bovine malnutrition, equipping me with valuable skills to ensure the health and productivity of dairy bovine herds.

2013

LANGUAGES

Fluent in speaking and writing of Arabic, English and French.
Conversational speaking and beginner writing of Italian.

EXTRA-CURRICULUM

Volunteering

Beirut Explosion: highly affected by the explosion. Supported the teams working in my livelihood.

5 months

Lebanese Civil Defense

2006 - 2009

Foie Et Lumiere: taking care of people affected by trisomy syndrome and intellectual disabilities.

2003 - 2008

Sports

Rock Climbing (certified), Ski (instructor) Moto-touring, Scuba-diving (certified); Freediving; Bouldering, Hiking; Swimming; Snowboard.

Interests

Archeology; Psychology; Wildlife; Environment, World History.