## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## Amin A. Aqel, (BVM&S), Ph.D

- ➤ Vice President for Scientific Colleges Affairs, Mutah University.
- Professor of Molecular and Medical Microbiology.
- Executive committee member of experts in the national laboratory net at the Jordan Center for Disease Control (JCDC).
- Adjunct Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, European University of Cyprus, Cyprus.

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# SUMMARY OF EXPERTISE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Research expertise in molecular biology and Nosocomial infection control
- Proven research record in zoonoses and its drug therapy and vaccination.
- Extensive research in bacterial antibiotic resistance and molecular diagnosis of infectious
- Experience in the national and international accreditation as we granted the WFME for the faculty of Medicine and ACPE for the Faculty of pharmacy through Jan 2025
- New international funded joint projects between Mutah University, University of Connecticut and DTRA, USA in the years 2021-2022-2023 to develop the medical and health college's curricula.
- Committees participating in medical, pharmacy, veterinary medicine and allied medical college and educational programs establishments inside Jordan.
- Proven record in teaching college material including Virology, Parasitology, General Biology, medical microbiology, diagnostic microbiology, infectious diseases, microbial genetics, and molecular biology.
- Excellent administrative and management skills
- Excellent presentation style (national and international meetings)
- Critique of research manuscripts submitted to peer-reviewed journals, (Jordan Journal of Biological Sciences, BMC Microbiology, Journal of Diagnostic Microbiology and infectious diseases and Journal of Medical Microbiology
- Participation in increasing the public health awareness in the local society, through lectures and seminars for students and public.
- Establishment of independent collaborations with national and international investigators.
- Exceptional skills in team working, problem solving, and interpersonal communication.
- Twinning Program between Italy and Jordan concerning Zoonotic Diagnosis and Epidemiology, Biosafety and Biosecurity Training and to Improve Scientific Knowledge and Methods" by Dr. Antonio Fasanella, Twinning Program General Director, Institute

Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Puglia e della Basilicata, Italy and Prof. Amin A Aqel, Twinning Program Director in Jordan, Faculty of Medicine, Mutah University, Proposal submitted for funding.

• Preparing for the Specialist in Microbiology, SM(ASCP), American Board Examination which granted by The ASCP Board of Certification (BOC)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Country of citizenship: Jordan Country of birth: Saudi Arabia

Date of birth: March 1, 1975, Gender: Male Marital status: Married; three boys and one girl

## **EDUCATION**

12/1998-2/2004 Ph.D., Medical and Molecular Microbiology (Bacteriology and Virology)

Graduate Program in Microbiology

Medical School, National University of Athens, Athens, Greece

Dissertation: The prevalence of *Staphylococcus* species -clinical strains- with decreased sensitivity to mupirocin and investigating the responsible resistance

mechanisms.

9/1992-6/1997 (BVM&S), Veterinary Medicine & Surgery

Mousel University, Mousel, Iraq

# **EDUCATIONAL COURSES**

EDUCATIONA	AL COURSES
1-15 Aug 2021 21 Feb 2019	<b>Observer ship</b> in vaccination development, Blue willow Biologics, Michigan, USA 2019 ARS - C6 Introduction to Strategic Leadership Principles for Biorisk Management, by ABSA courses, Baltimore, MD, USA
21 Feb 2019	2019 ARS - C2 Animal Disease Response Training: Kansas State University National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, by ABSA courses, Baltimore, MD, USA
15 Oct 2018	2018 PC03 - Shipping Infectious Substances Certification Course, ABSA courses, Charleston, SC, USA
15 Oct 2018	2018 PC10 - Introduction to Biosafety in the Clinical Setting ABSA courses, Charleston, SC, USA
5/2015	<b>Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship/welcome trust</b> , short training course in hospital infection prevention in PHE, 61 Colindale, London, UK. Summer 2015
3/2015	<b>ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course</b> "New Perspectives in Infection Control" held in Kayseri, Turkey, from 12 – 14 March 2015.
6/2013	<b>ESCMID Observership</b> at the Department of Microbiology, National School of Public Health, research laboratories, Vari Attiki, Greece, 22/5/13 to 14/6/13
7/2012	<b>Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship</b> , short scientific visit to the health protection Agency, 61 Colindale, London, UK, 25/6/2012-27/7/2012

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022-2023 **Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship,** Visiting professor to the Medical School, University of Louisville, KY, USA, Amin Abdelfattah Mahmoud Agel | Fulbright

Scholar Program (fulbrightscholars.org) not performed

1/2000-1/2004 **Doctoral fellowship**, The National University of Athens, The State Scholarship

Foundation (IKY), Athens, Greece

9/1992-8/1997 Bachelor study in veterinary medicine and surgery, Ministry of Higher

Education, Jordan

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

9/2010-9/2015 Infection Control Unit Supervisor

Al-karak Governmental Hospital, Mutah, Jordan

7/2005-1/2008 **Molecular Biologist** 

CML Laboratories, Amman

12/2002-9/2004 **Molecular Biologist** 

BIOFORMA Laboratories, Athens, Greece

• Supervising the molecular biology lab at BIOFORMA and CML laboratories

• Conducting molecular diagnosis of various human infectious diseases, using multiple methods of Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

## ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• Expertise in areas of medical microbiology, medical parasitology, medical virology, microbial genetics, diagnostic microbiology and general biology

• A commanding knowledge in other fields such as clinical immunology and molecular biology

9/2024-now Vice President for scientific affairs, Mutah University
9/2021-9/2024 Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Mutah University
9/2020-9/2021 Vice-Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Mutah University
Administration process supervision and teaching duties

## 9/2019-9/2020 Full Professor

- Chairman, Department of Microbiology and Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology department, Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan Teaching general microbiology, medical microbiology, infectious diseases and zoonoses as individual courses or integrative modules through problem-based learning sessions and classical lecturing and student's seminars supervision
- Participating in the examination committees and panels for many postgraduate thesis discussions.

## 9/2013-12/2019 Associate Professor

Faculty of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology department

Mutah University, Mu'tah, Jordan

Teaching general microbiology, medical microbiology, infectious diseases and zoonoses as individual courses or integrative modules through problem based learning sessions, classical lecturing, and student's seminars supervision

• Participating in the examination committees and panels for many postgraduate thesis discussions.

## 9/2015-7/2017

## Associate Professor, in a Sabbatical leave

Al-Ghad International Medical Science Colleges, Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, Saudi Arabia

Teaching general microbiology, medical microbiology, diagnostic microbiology

9/2014-9/2015

**Assistant Dean**, for medical education and examinations, Faculty of medicine Mutah University, Mu'tah, Jordan

9/2008-9/2013 Jordan Assistant Professor Faculty of Medicine Mutah University, Mu'tah,

Teaching general microbiology, medical microbiology, infectious diseases and zoonoses as individual courses or integrative modules

- Student's seminars supervision, examination preparation and participation in invigilation.
- Participation in the modules coordination.

#### 9/2004-8/2008

## **Assistant Professor**

Department of Medical Technology Zarqa Private University, Zarqa, Jordan

• Teaching general and medical microbiology courses to medical laboratory- oriented students

#### 9/2004-6/2006

## **Visiting-Assistant Professor**

Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Science Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan

• Teaching a microbial genetics course to biotechnology-oriented students

## ADMINSTARATIVE AND MANGEMENT SKILLS

9/2024-now	Vice President for scientific affairs, Mutah University
8/2024-current	Executive committee member of experts in the national laboratory net at the
	Jordan Center for Disease Control (JCDC)
9/2022-current	Board Member appointment and promotion committee, Mutah University,
	Mutah, Jordan
9/2021-9/2024	Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Mutah University
9/2020-9/2021	Vice-Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Mutah University

	Administration process supervision and teaching duties 9/2019-9/2020 Chairman, Microbiology and immunology department, Faculty of Medicine,
	Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2020-9/2024	Member research committee board, Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2019-9/2020	Chairman, Microbiology and immunology department, Faculty of Medicine,
	Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2017-7/2019	Chairman, committee of electronic learning and library, Mutah University,
	Mutah, Jordan
9/2017-7/2019	Member other committees like, quality control and accreditation and
	international cooperation, Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2015-7/2017	Chairman, committee of the students counseling and students' rights, Al-Ghad
	International Medical Science Colleges, Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, Saudi
	Arabia
2014-2015	Assistant Dean, for medical education and examinations, Faculty of medicine
	Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2010-9/2012	Chairman, Microbiology and immunology department, Faculty of Medicine,
	Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2010-9/2012	Member, committee of establishing new faculties in the university, (medical
	laboratories sciences, Pharmacy and veterinary medicine), Mutah University,
	Mutah, Jordan
2008-2014	Many other faculty and university committees like e learning committee,
	conferences scientific committees, scientific research committee and medical
	program evaluation, Mutah University, Mutah, Jordan
9/2010-9/2015	Member, committee of higher quality council, Alkarak hospital, Jordan
9/2010-9/2015	Member, committee of yearly national goals for quality and health care
	achievement, Alkarak hospital, Jordan
9/2012-9/2015	Member, committee of antibiotic stewardship, Alkarak hospital, Jordan
9/2012-9/2015	Member, committee of medical waste, Alkarak hospital, Jordan

# **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- Detection, molecular epidemiology and antibiotic resistance of *legionella pneumophila* from water sources in hospital and community settings, stage of samples collection cooperation and partners building and fund securing.
- Project title (Analyzing spread of anthrax in farms in Pakistan and Jordan) Ecological and biological study of Anthrax spores in various animal and environmental samples and spores survival in suspected incest as new transport vehicle to human and animals. A project funded by DTRA, USA in cooperation with Professor Alan Wolfe and Adam Driks, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood IL, USA. 1/2018-1/2022
- Molecular characterization of viral respiratory infections in children including Influenza, RSV, Adeno and corona viruses. (co researcher, 2015-2016 funded by Mutah university)
- Ecology and Molecular Epidemiology of MRSA and CRE isolates and its impact on human health. Joint project with Professor Neil Woodford, Dr Angela Kearns, from public health England. funded by Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship/welcome trust.
- Infections caused by Gram negative bacteria in the unfortunate Syrian refugees in Jordan, epidemiological and molecular study. Joint project with Professor David Paterson, Professor Timothy Walsh and Dr Hosam Zowawi, University of Queensland, Australia. Project Duration 1 year 2014-2015

- Molecular epidemiology of Brucella isolates from human and animal samples. In cooperation with Dr. Giuliano Garofolo DVM, Bacteriology Unit, OIE Reference laboratory for Brucellosis, IZS Abruzzo e Molise "G. Caporale", Teramo, Italy
- Bio-Molecular epidemiology of Bacillus anthracis, Burkholdria mallei, Burkholdria pseudo mallei, Yersinia pestis, animal and human sources. international cooperation research between Italy and Jordan, headed by Dr Antonio Fasanella, zooprofilatico institute, Foggia, Italy
- Epidemiological and biological study on the prevalence of Enterobacteriacea-ESBL and Carbapenemase producers among Jordanian hospitals.
- Epidemiological and biological study on the prevalence of MRSA (Methicilline resistant S. aureus) and extended spectrum B-lactamases gram-negative bacteria, Multi drug resistant among Jordanian hospitals.
- Detection of Nanobacteria and Nanobacteria specific Antibodies in Patients Afflicted by Kidney Stone, Gallbladder stones, Atherosclerosis, Periodontal Diseases and Other diseases in Jordan.
- Evaluating and setting up molecular methods for detecting infectious diseases especially those causing human cancers.

## RESEARCH FUNDING

1/2018	Project title (Analyzing spread of anthrax in farms in Pakistan and Jordan). A project funded by DTRA, USA in cooperation with Professor Adam Driks, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood IL, USA. 1/2018-6/2022 fund amount (about 2,000,000 \$)
8/2014	Infections caused by Gram-negative bacteria in the unfortunate Syrian refugees in Jordan, epidemiological and molecular study.  International society of infectious control, small grants, USA (6000 \$)
10/2013	Molecular characterization of viral respiratory infections in children including, Influenza, RSV, Adeno and corona viruses.  Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies, Mu'tah University (5000 JOD)
8/2012	Bio-Molecular epidemiology of <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> , <i>Burkholdria mallei</i> , <i>Burkholdria pseudo mallei</i> , <i>Yersinia pestis</i> , animal and human sources. (Funded by Italy government with (117000 Euro) international cooperation research between Italy and Jordan)
3/2012	Nasal carriage and molecular characterization of methicillin-resist

stant Staphylococcus aureus isolates from healthcare workers and other healthy individuals from Al-Karak community Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies, Mu'tah University (2500 JOD)

10/2008 Epidemiological and biological study on the prevalence of MRSA (methicillin resistant S. aureus) among Jordanian hospitals. Genetic study Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies, Zarqa Private University (\$7,200)

Attempts for detection of nanoparticles-nanobacteria and distribution of their 11/2005 antibodies in Jordanian patients with urolithiasis Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies, Zarga Private University (\$5,720)

HONORS AND 2/2019	AWARDS Travel support/ CRDF to attend USDA ARS 5 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, February 11-14, 2019
5/2015	<b>Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship/Welcome trust</b> , scientific visit up to 3 months to the public health England, 61 Colindale, London, UK. Summer 2015
3/2015	<b>ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course fellowship</b> "New Perspectives in Infection Control" held in Kayseri, Turkey, from 12 – 14 March 2015.
6/2013	<b>ESCMID Observership</b> at the Department of Microbiology, National School of Public Health, research laboratories, Vari Attiki, Greece, 22/5/13 to 14/6/13
7/2012	<b>Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship</b> , scientific visit to the Health protection Agency, 61 Colindale, London, UK, 25/6/2012-27/7/2012
5/2012	<b>Full course fellowship</b> , ESPID, 30th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Thessaloniki, Greece from May 8-12, 2012
3/2011	<b>BioVision.Nxt 2011 fellowship,</b> programme for young scientists of BioVision, 7 <sup>th</sup> world life sciences forum, March 27-29, 2011-Lyon, France
10/2010	<b>Roche/IFCC travel scholarship</b> , XII Asian Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (APCCB), October 3 to 7, 2010, Seoul, S. Korea.
9/2010	Full travel scholarship, Higher Council for Science and Technology, SRTD project, 14th International Biotechnology Symposium and Exhibition,
6/2009	Palacongressi, Rimini, Italy, 14-18 September 2010 <b>Full course fellowship</b> , European society for pediatric infectious diseases, Brussels, Belgium
8/2008	Academic Excellence Certificate, Allied Medical Sciences Department, Zarqa Private University
2/2008	Young scientist Travel Award, ICGEB, Cape Town, South Africa
5/2005	Full course fellowship, European School of Genetic Medicine, Bertinoro, Italy
WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING 27-28th of July 2023 <b>13th International Scientific Conference on AKU</b> , the AKU Society. Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.	

Nov 13-16, 2022 Laboratory Network Development Workshop, supported by DTRA-BTRP and LANL team conducted training and coordination workshops and on-site technical support to assist the collaborative effort in establishing a well-coordinated Laboratory Network in Jordan based on the One Health framework. InterContinental Hotel in Amman, Jordan.

June 6-7, 2022	the importance of international accreditations for colleges of pharmacy. Under the auspices of The Association of Arab Universities, this workshop was held in Movenpick, Amman. The international Accreditation council for pharmacy education (ACPE), was explained: the history, the philosophy, methodology, application and impact.
February 6-8, 2022	<b>Jordan Biorisk Management Curriculum Development</b> - Academic Track Part 2 DTRA Program TD-O4-030, in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Workshop #1: 6-8 February 2022, Amman
Oct. 8-9, 2018	Training at Argonne National Laboratory, draft SOPs and reviewed including: Mapping & surveying, Sample collection & handling, Packaging & transport, Record keeping, CDC approved protocol for the inactivation of B. anthracis, BSL-2 laboratory safety. Training covering ELISA, PCR and the CDC kill protocol. Tours of the HTRL BSL-3 Laboratory and the NGS Core Facility. Biosafety training courses: BIO200 – Biosafety training for BSL-2 Laboratories, ESH536RES - Biosafety training for Bloodborne pathogens, ESH115 – Laboratory Safety Training, ESH195 – Personal Protective Equipment, ESH455 - Infectious Substances Transportation Training Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, IL, USA
26-29/11/2017	One health consultative workshop for development of the national action plan on antimicrobial resistance for Jordan. WHO. Amman, Jordan.
6/2015-8/2015	<b>Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowship/welcome trust</b> , short training course in hospital infection prevention in PHE, 61 Colindale, London, UK. Summer 2015
22/5/13 to 14/6/13	Central Public Health Laboratory establishment, National School of Public Health, Vari Attiki, Greece. Training in molecular characterization of Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) from human samples
4-8/9/2012	Istituto Zooprofilattico sperimentale of Puglia and Basilicata, FOGGIA, ITALY. Training on field. Isolation of Bacillus anthracis from environmental samples
25-6-2012-27/7/2012	Health protection Agency, Colindale 61, London Bacterial molecular characterization of MRSA and ESBL strains Isolated from Jordanian Patients and the community
29-30/1/2011	Laboratory tourniquets for microbial diagnosis, medical school, university of Jordan, Amman, Jordan
12-14/6/2009	Laboratory quality control workshop, Amman, Jordan
1-9/3/2008	Theoretical Course in "The Molecular and Cellular Basis of Infection" Cape Town, South Africa

12/2007	E-learning portal, Zaraqa Private University
15-21/5/2005	18th Course in Medical Genetics, Bertinoro di Romagna, Italy
1/3-1/5/2001	Training in the molecular detection techniques for Antibiotic resistant genes in bacteria, Hellenic Pasteur institute. Athens, Greece
1/5-1/6/1999	Genotype of bacterial DNA by means of Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis, microbiology department, medical school of Laresa, Greece

## **AFFILIATIONS**

2023-current.	UK International Coronavirus Network (UK-ICN)
2012-current	British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC)
2008-2010	European Society for pediatric infectious diseases (ESPID)
2008-current	The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID)
2008-current	Zahr Al-Basatein charity for children and mothers care, Jordan
2007-current	Jordan Society for Medical Laboratory Sciences

## MEETING ORGANIZATION

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4/ 2011	The 7 <sup>th</sup> scientific conference of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Mutah
5/ 2010	The 6 <sup>th</sup> scientific conference of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Mutah
4/ 2009	The 5 <sup>th</sup> science day of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Mutah
4/ 2008	Genomics and proteomics technologies conference. Faculty of Allied Medical
	Sciences, Zarqa Private University
11/2007	Nursing medical day. Nursing college, Zarqa Private University

#### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

4/2007	Pathology Molecular group 1. Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan
10/2007	Pathology Molecular group 2. National center for endocrine and diabetes, Amman

#### **INVITED TALKES**

- 1. Vaccines evidence-based approach  $5^{th}$  national conference, Amman, Jordan 20-21/5/2022. Talk entitled (Travelers vaccines)
- 2. Research in the faculty of Medicine, opportunities and potentials, Frontiers of Science in Jordan Symposium, Mutah University Edition, Monday 28 June 2021, Royal Scientific Society, Amman, Jordan.
- 3. Analyzing the spread of Anthrax in Farms in Pakistan and Jordan, project review, BTRP 2019 Science Program Review, September 17 20, 2019 at the Sheraton Warsaw Hotel, Warsaw, Poland.
- 4. Anthrax in Jordan and its molecular epidemiology, the biology of Anthrax international conference, Bari, ITALY. S E P . 3 6, 2019.
- Characterization of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) from patients in Amman, Jordan. Faculty of medicine 11<sup>th</sup> scientific conference, Movenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, Jordan 15-16/3/2018.
- 6. Anthrax in Jordan, the second conference of the infectious diseases and vaccine center, updates in infectious diseases and antibiotic resistance in Jordan, Landmark hotel, Amman, Jordan 12/12/2018.
- 7. Molecular epidemiology of Anthrax in Jordan. Kick off meeting day of the DTRA group, Intercontinental hotel, Amman, Jordan 23/10/2017.

8. Carbapenemase-producing *Klebsiella pneumonia* prevalence in a hospital in Amman. Pharmacy scientific day, Mutah University, 22/4/2015.

- 9. Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamases (ESBL) Enterobacteriaceae isolated in Jordan, epidemiological and molecular study. Jordan Society for Medical Laboratory Sciences (JSMLS) Annual Meeting (Amman, March 23-25, 2013)
- 10. Nanobacteria, infection and diagnosis. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordanian Conference for Medical Laboratory Sciences 'The Importance of Medical Labs' 24-26 June 2010, Princess Sumaya University for Technology Amman.
- 11. Antibiotic gene detection by molecular techniques in MRSA. Jordanian International Pharmaceutical Conference 2006 (JIPC 15-17 November 2006) At Al-Zaytoonah Private University. Amman, Jordan.
- 12. Avian influenza, special educational lecture, At Al-Zaytoonah Private University. Amman, 21/12/2005
- 13. The prevalence of Staphylococcus species -clinical strains- with decreased sensitivity to Mupirocin and investigating the responsible resistance mechanisms. Scientific program, 4/2008, Mu'tah University. Al-Karak
- 14. Genetic study of the MRSA clinical strains. 9/2004, Zarqa Private University. Zarqa

## MEETING PRESENTATIONS AND ATTENDINGS

- 1. CUGH 2024 Conference, The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites 404 S Figueroa St Los Angeles California, United, 03/07 03/10/2024, Poster presented
- 2. 62nd Annual Biosafety and Biosecurity Conference, October 15 20, 2019, Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, Birmingham, AL, USA
- 3. ABSA Conference, 2018, 61st Annual Biological Safety Conference, Charleston, South Carolina October 12-17, 2018, USA
- 4. USDA ARS 5th International Symposium in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, February 11-14, 2019
- 5. ABSA Conference, 2018, 61st Annual Biological Safety Conference, Charleston, South Carolina October 12-17, 2018
- 6. BSAC Spring Meeting & AGM 2013, Royal College of Physicians, London, Entitled *Gram negative*, gram positive, fungal and beyond the increasing complexities of "everyday" infections Thursday 14 March, 2013
- 7. ESPID, 30th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Thessaloniki, Greece from May 8-12, 2012
- 8. 14th International Biotechnology Symposium and Exhibition, Palacongressi, Rimini, Italy, 14-18 September 2010
- 9. 3<sup>rd</sup>JSP International Conference- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordanian-Hellenic Pathology Congress, *in collaboration with* European Molecular Pathology Group, European Society of Pathology, Amman, Jordan, November 5-8, 2008
- 10. Second Jordanian International Pharmaceutical Conference. Al-Zaytoonah Private University. Amman. 15-17 October 2008
- 11. 18<sup>th</sup> Course in Medical Genetics, Bertinoro di Romagna, Italy, May 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2005
- 12. New diagnostic methods for infectious diseases conference, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan, Amman 2/2000
- **13. Aqel A.** Rare occurrence of Mupirocin resistance among Staphylococcus isolates in Jordan. International Conference on Antimicrobial Stewardship, December 1 2, 2013, King Fahad Medical city, KSA. (Poster)
- **14. Aqel A.** Molecular epidemiology of Anthrax in Jordan. International Conference on *Bacillus anthracis, Bacillus cereus*, and *Bacillus thuringiensis* known as the "Bacillus ACT" meeting, September 1-5, 2013, in Victoria, Canada (Oral)

15. **Aqel A.** The Incidence of Mupirocin resistance among Staphylococcus spp. From Jordanian children, ESPID, 30th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Thessaloniki, Greece from May 8-12, 2012 (Poster)

- 16. **Aqel A.** Staphylococcus sp. MDR. XII Asian Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (APCCB), October 3 to 7, 2010, Seoul, S. Korea (Poster)
- 17. **Aqel A.** Rare Incidence of Clinical Staphylococcus sp. isolates from Jordanian Hospitals with decreased susceptibility to mupirocin. The 7<sup>th</sup> Arab Conference for Antimicrobial Agents, November 6 to 8, 2009, in collaboration with the World Health Organization under the auspices of the Lebanese Ministry of Health, Commodore Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon (Oral)
- 18. **Aqel A.** Nanobacterial infections. The 27th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, *ESPID* 2009, Brussels, Belgium, June 9-13, 2009. (Poster)
- 19. **Aqel A** MRSA endonosocomial infections and molecular diagnosis. Theoretical Course in "The Molecular and Cellular Basis of Infection" 29 February 9 March 2008 Cape Town, South Africa. (Poster)
- 20. **Aqel A.** Mupirocin resistant staphylococci spp. Genetic study. The 5<sup>th</sup> Arab Conference for Antimicrobial Agents, October 18-20.2007 Faculty of Medicine University of Jordan, Amman. (Oral)
- 21. **Aqel A.** The prevalence of multi drug resistant Staphylococcus species from the clinical strains. The first Hellenic conference for microbiology and clinical microbiology. 3/2000, Athens. (Poster)

## **IT SKILLS**

- MUCDL certificate by examination, Mutah 5-2012
- E-learning and examination method by Moodle (certified)
- Advanced course in SPSS, Mu'tah University.
- Microsoft word, Excel, Power point
- Internet and communications methods

## **LANGUAGES**

- Arabic (Mother tongue)
- English (Excellent reading, writing and speaking)
- Greek (Excellent reading, writing and speaking)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

## RESEARCH ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JORNALS

# <u>In preparation</u> (\* corresponding author)

- 1. Title: Ecological Epitome: A Multidimensional Exploration of Anthrax Spillover, Persistence, and Molecular Dynamics in Pakistan's Endemic Enclaves Authors: Nageen Sardar, Muhammad Waqar Aziz, Nadia Mukhtar, Tahir Yaqub \*, Aftab Ahamd Anjum, Maryam Javed, Muhammad Adnan Ashraf, Rabia Tanvir, Alan J Wolfe, Daniel S. Schabacker, Sara Forrester, Mark Khemmani, **Amin A. Aqel**, Muhammad Akib, Muhammad Zubair Shabbir
- 2. Title: Metagenomic reconstruction of *Bacillus anthracis* from complex samples enables high throughput identification and attribution in endemic hotspots in Pakistan Justin C Podowski1, Sara Forrester, Tahir Yaqub, **Amin Aqel**, Mohammad Abu-Lubad Nadia Mukhtar, Muhammad Waqar Aziz, Nageen Sardar, Hassaan Bin Aslam, Hamda Pervaiz, Daniel S Schabacker

3. Monitoring of Antibiotic Resistance Patterns within Al Karak Governmental Hospital, Jordan, in the Year 2022. Authors: **Amin Aqel**, Yaser Jaber, Taif, Tala, Tahrir Alnawiseh Detection, molecular epidemiology, and mapping of Anthrax outbreaks of animal farms in Jordan. Authors: Amin Aqel, Mohammad Abulubad, Tahir Yaqub, Alan J Wolfe, Daniel S. Schabacker, Sara Forrester, Mark Khemmani

# <u>Published</u> (\* corresponding author)

- 1. Gaber Y, TumAllah HM, AbdelAllah NH, Al-Zereini WA, Abu-Lubad MA, **Aqel AA**, Elkhatib WF, Goering RV, Soliman AM. Emergence and Genomic Characterization of a spa Type t4407 ST6-SCCmec Type IVa Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Strain Isolated from Al-Karak Hospital, Jordan. Medicina (Kaunas). 2024 Feb 9;60(2):295. doi: 10.3390/medicina60020295.
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