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WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

University of Gastronomic Sciences [08/2023 – current]

Assistant Professor of Environmental and Applied Botany

EDUCATION & INTERNSHIP

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague [10/2018 – 03/2023]

Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, Tropical Agrobiolgy and Bioresource Management programme

Internship

University of Bonn [01/10/2019 – 01/12/2019]

Institute of Crop Sciences and Resource Conservation

Master of Science (M.Sc.)

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague [10/2016 – 06/2018]

Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, Tropical Crop Management and Ecology programme

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)

Tishreen University [10/2009 – 02/2015]

Faculty of Agricultural Engineering, five years programme (three years in general agriculture, and two years specializing in horticultural studies)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Arabic**

Other language(s):

English

Listening C2 Reading C2

Writing C2 Speaking C2

Czech

Listening A2 Reading A2

Writing A2 Speaking A2

Italian

Listening A1 Reading A1

Writing A1 Speaking A1

DIGITAL SKILLS

MS Office (Proficient) / SPSS (Intermediate) / R (Basic)

Socioeconomic Dimensions of Wild Food Plant Use During the Conflict in Syria

Sulaiman N, Verner V, Polesny Z. 2023. Socioeconomic Dimensions of Wild Food Plant Use During the Conflict in Syria. *Economic Botany*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12231-023-09579-6>.

Bitter Is Better: Wild Greens Used in the Blue Zone of Icaria, Greece

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Inventory of Medicinal Plants Used by Huni Kuin (Cashinahua) Herbalists in Purus Province in the Peruvian Amazon

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The Importance of Becoming Tamed: Wild Food Plants as Possible Novel Crops in Selected Food Insecure Regions

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Food Security beyond Cereals: Cross-geographical Comparative Study on Acorn Bread Heritage in the Mediterranean and the Middle East

Zocchi DM, Bondioli C, Hosseini SH, Miara MD, Musarella CM, Mohammadi D, Manduzai AK, Issa KD, **Sulaiman N**, Khatib C, Ahmed HM, Faraj TA, Amin HIM, Hussain FHS, Faiz A, Pasqualone A, Heinrich F, Fontefrancesco MF, Pieroni A. 2022. Food Security beyond Cereals: Cross-geographical Comparative Study on Acorn Bread Heritage in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. *Foods*, 11, 3898. <https://doi.org/10.3390/foods11233898>.

The Nexus between Foraging and its Sustainability: A Qualitative Assessment among a Few Selected Eurasian Case Studies

Aziz MA, Mattalia G, **Sulaiman N**, Shah AA, Polesny Z, Kalle R, Soukand R, Pieroni A. 2022. The Nexus between Foraging and its Sustainability: A Qualitative Assessment among a Few Selected Eurasian Case Studies. *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-022-02568-0>.

Chorta (Wild Greens) in Central Crete: The Bio-Cultural Heritage of a Hidden and Resilient Ingredient of the Mediterranean Diet

Pieroni A, **Sulaiman N**, Söukand R. 2022. *Chorta* (Wild Greens) in Central Crete: The Bio-Cultural Heritage of a Hidden and Resilient Ingredient of the Mediterranean Diet. *Biology*, 11(5):673. <https://doi.org/10.3390/biology11050673>.

From Şxex to Chorta: The adaptation of Maronite foraging customs to the Greek ones in Kormakitis, Northern Cyprus

Pieroni A, **Sulaiman N**, Polesny Z, Söukand R. From Şxex to *Chorta*: The adaptation of Maronite foraging customs to the Greek ones in Kormakitis, Northern Cyprus. *Plants*, 11, 2693. <https://doi.org/10.3390/plants11202693>.

Food Behavior in Emergency Time: Wild Plant Use for Human Nutrition during the Conflict in Syria

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Socio-Cultural Significance of Yerba Maté among Syrian Residents and Diaspora

Sulaiman N, Pieroni A, Söukand R, Whitney C, Polesny Z. 2021. Socio-Cultural Significance of Yerba Maté among Syrian Residents and Diaspora. *Economic Botany*, 75, 97–111. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12231-021-09523-6>.

CONFERENCES (selected)

Tropentag 2022

[Prague, Czech Republic, 14/09/2022 – 16/09/2022]

Poster presentation; the conference was organized by the *Czech University of Life Sciences Prague*.

2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress

[Rome, Italy, 15/11/2021 – 18/11/2021]

Oral presentation; the congress was convened by the *Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*, *CGIAR*, and the *Alliance of Biodiversity International and CIAT*, and organized in collaboration with a wide range of partner organizations.

Tropentag 2021

[Stuttgart, Germany, 15/09/2021 – 17/09/2021]

Oral presentation; the conference was organized by the *University of Hohenheim*.

Sociocultural Dimensions and Interdisciplinary Projections: Plant Diversity Towards Society

[Sofia, Bulgaria, 21/11/2019 – 22/11/2019]

Oral presentation; the conference was organized by the *Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research* at the *Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*.

Tropentag 2019

[Kassel, Germany, 18/09/2019 – 20/09/2019]

Member of the student reporters team, and a co-author in two abstracts. The conference was organized by both the *University of Kassel* and the *University of Gottingen*.

Tropentag 2018

[Ghent, Belgium, 17/09/2018 – 19/09/2019]

Oral presentation; the conference was organized by the *University of Ghent*.

PROJECTS

Ethnobotany of Neglected and Underutilized Plant Species in Tropical Agroecosystems (IGA FTZ 20223104)

Project member - [04/2022 – 12/2022]

Increasing Productivity and Supporting the Development of Mango, Cassava and Organic Fertilizer Value Chains in Western Province, Zambia (Czech Development Agency & Caritas)

Project member - [01/2020 – 12/2022]

Ethnobotany of Wild and Semi-domesticated Tropical and Subtropical Plant Species (IGA FTZ 20213113)

Project member - [04/2021 – 10/2021]

Taxonomy, Ecology and Economic Botany of Tropical Underutilized Crops (IGA FTZ 20205009)

Project member - [04/2020 – 12/2020]

Ethnobiology of Neglected and Underutilized Tropical Plant Species (IGA FTZ 20195009)

Project member - [04/2019 – 12/2019]

Identification of Promising Species of Useful Plants as New Potential Sources of Food, Medicine and Materials Through Ethnobiological Research (IGA FTZ 20185009)

Project member - [04/2018 – 12/2018]

INVITED SPEAKER

Workshop - VUB-ULB, Belgium

[20/01/2022]

The workshop entitled "Eating from the wild - Interdisciplinary perspectives on wild plant use and foraged food" was organized by *Brussels Institute for Advanced Studies, VUB-ULB*.

International Science Day – Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

[09/12/2021]

The event was organized by the *University of Mostar* and the *University of Dzemal Bijedić Mostar*, and sponsored by the *Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic*.

ArabFest - Pilsen, Czech Republic

[04/04/2019 – 06/04/2019]

The festival was organized by the *University of West Bohemia*. I presented an oral presentation on Agricultural Sustainability in the Middle East.

EDITORIAL AND REVIEW BOARD OF ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Member of the Editorial Board

[07/2021 – current]

Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine

Link: <https://ethnobiomed.biomedcentral.com/about>

Peer Reviewer

02.2023 – current

Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution

11.2022 – current

Journal of Herbal Medicine

05.2021 – current

Evidence-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine

02.2021 – current

Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine

11.2020 – current

Human Ecology