

Rita Gaby ABDELNOUR

Education:

Fall 2006-present	Graduate student at University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Agricultural Economics (MSc candidate)	Lincoln - Nebraska
1996-2001	BSc in Agriculture. Major: Agricultural Engineering – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Holy Spirit	Kaslik - Lebanon
1995-1996	French Baccalaureate, scientific section Grand Lycée Franco-Libanais – Achrafieh Beirut	Beirut - Lebanon

Work experience:

2001-2005	Chairman assistant and Foreign Trade Department Manager – Société Akl Frères pour l'Agriculture. Responsible for the import/export, set orders	Beirut - Lebanon
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Workshops:

03-06 Nov 2004	International Hortifair Amsterdam Invitation from the Department for Trade and Industry of the Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality	Amsterdam - The Netherlands
01-03 Nov 2004	British Crop Protection Congress	Glasgow - United Kingdom
Feb-2000	Viticulture and wine tasting	USEK - Lebanon
Nov-1999	Agro-alimentary industries with Pr. Jean-Paul Hébert	USEK - Lebanon
Dec-1998	Plants breeding with Pr. Jean Daydé	USEK - Lebanon
Nov-1998	Integrated pest management with Pr. H.-P. Aberlenc	USEK - Lebanon

Training:

May 00-Dec 01	BSc thesis: Contribution to the ethnopharmacological and pharmacognosical studies of the most used medicinal drugs and species in Lebanon, and the search of their adulterations Faculty of Agricultural Sciences – University of Holy Spirit	Kaslik - Lebanon
Aug-2000	Poultry feed preparation according to the age of the hens Sam Poultry	Beirut - Lebanon
Jul-1999	- Participation in the study of the effect of salinity on olive trees with Dr. Pasquale Giorio and Dr. Giuseppe Sorrentino - Participation in the study of the effect of salinity on sunflowers with Dr. Francesca De Lorenzi Irrigation Institute ISPAIM-CNR	Ercolano - Italy
Jun-1999	Worked on the maintenance of the greenhouse of the university, taking care of the plants, planting slips, fertilization, irrigation University of Holy Spirit	Kaslik - Lebanon
Jul/Aug-1998	- Field work with the agricultural engineers of the company: visiting the farmers, examining their cultures, identifying the crop diseases and ravagers and prescribing Phytosanitary products - Administrative work Agripest Company – Bayer: Phytosanitary company	Beirut - Lebanon
Jun-1998	Helping the friars in preparing the soils and cultivating the crops. Trapist Monastery	Ghazir - Lebanon

Trainings (contd):

Aug-1997 - Working on all the production stages and the quality control after each stage: water treatment, CO2 plant, syrup room, physiochemical laboratory, PRB/PET plant, microbiology, packaging
 - Working in the juice factory: pineapple, orange and apple flavors
 Société Moderne pour le Commerce (S.M.L.C.) – Pepsi Cola Choueifat - Lebanon

Membership:

August 2007 – present Departmental representative at Graduate Students Association – University of Nebraska Lincoln
 May 2007 - present President of Graduate Student Organization in the department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln
 April 2007 - present Golden Key International Honor Society
 November 2002 - present Cénacle Libanais pour la Protection de l'Environnement, Lebanon

Awards received:

August 2007 - present Graduate Research Assistantship – Department of Agricultural Economics University of Nebraska - Lincoln
 27 Nov 1998 Certificate of appreciation: Ibrahim Abd El Al Friends Association: report on the Litany river project

Other accomplishments:

Spring-2003 Business English Communication training course (Amideast – IFA) Chamber of Commerce
 Feb-2002 Certificate of Japanese Language Beginner's Course Japan Embassy - Lebanon
 1996-2001 Volunteer in the Lebanese Red Cross as a paramedic Beirut - Lebanon
 Dec-2001 Certificate of formation on Saffron culture Chamber of Commerce and Industry Zahleh - Leb
 Oct-1996 National First Aid diploma Beirut - Lebanon

Languages:

Arabic : Fluent
 French : Fluent
 English : Fluent

Computer skills:

Word – Excel – Power Point – Access – Internet Tools Usage – SAS and Shazam
 Typing: 60-65 words/min

Interests and activities:

Traveling – Reading – Sports – Cooking

References:

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- Eng. Camille HOBEIKA : - CEO of Hobeika Bros Company for Mechanical Agriculture Equipment
 - President of the Agricultural Committee in the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Zahleh, Lebanon
 - Professor at the University of Holy Spirit – Kaslik – Lebanon
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