

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Food Science and Technology, Food Biotechnology,
University of Georgia, Athens USA. Nov, 1994
M.S. Food Science and Technology
University of Georgia, Athens USA. Jun, 1990
B.Sc. Food Science Department
King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, May, 1985

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant: Saudi Food & Drug Authority (Food Sector) from 9/2005 to 11/2007.

Consultant and Laboratories Director: Saudi Food & Drug Authority (Food Sector)
11/2007 to now.

Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, College of Agriculture, King Saud University from 6/2004 to now.

Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, College of Agriculture, King Saud University from 7/2/1995 to 6/2004.

PARTICIPATIONS

- Meetings of the National Committee of GCC Food Safety (Member of Saudi Arabia Delegation).
- SPS sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee Meetings, WTO (Geneva) (Member of Saudi Arabia Delegation).
- GMO Workshop GCC countries and USDA, USA, 2001) (Member of Saudi Arabia Delegation).

Selected Publications:

Frank, J.; **M.A. Gassem**, and R.A.N. Gillett. A direct viable count method suitable for use with *Listeria monocytogenes*. *Journal of Food Protection*, USA, 1992. 55: 697-700.

Gassem, M.A.; K.A. Schmidt, and J.F. Frank. Exopolysaccharide production from whey lactose by fermentation with *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* ssp. *bulgaricus*. *Journal of Food Science*, USA, 1997, 62: 171-173, 207.

Gassem, M.A. Study of the Microorganisms Associated with the Fermented Bread (Khamir) produced from Sorghum in Gizan Region, Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Applied Microbiology*, Great Britain, 1999, 86: 221-225.

Gassem, M.A., A microbiological study of Sobia: a fermented beverage in the Western province of Saudi Arabia. *World Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology*, Netherlands, 2002, 18 (3):173-177.

Khlid, G. M.; Abu-Tarboush, H. M. **and Gassem, M. A.** Growth and Viability of *Lactobacillus acidophilus* and Bifidobacteria in Carbonated Acidophilus Milk. *Journal of Saudi Society for Food and Nutrition*, Saudi Arabia, 2006 1(2): 1-20.

Gassem, M. A. & Osman, M. A. Chemical composition and nutritional potential of pearl millet grown in Jazan region of Saudi Arabia. *J. Saudi. Soc. Agric. Sci.* (2007).

Symposia and Workshops

- FSANZ International Training: Chemical Risk Analysis 7-11 November 2005.
- The Food Safety Regulatory Forum, Collaboration and leveraging for Food Safety in the Middle East. Manama, Bahrain 4-7/7/2006.
- Training course in Packaging Materials 20 – 24/2/ 2006.
- Sanitary And Phytosanitary Measures, TBT And Agriculture And WTO Dispute Settlement, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Riyadh Saudi Arabia 4-6/6/ 2007
- National Seminar on the WTO SPS Agreement, SFDA, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 16-17 /5/ 2009.
- GCC- Risk Analysis Workshop, Abu-Dhabi , UAE, 11-12/5/ 2009

Membership of Scientific Associations:

- Member of Saudi Society for Agricultural Sciences (SSAS).
- Member of Saudi Society for Food & Nutrition (SSFN).

Principal Advisor and member of evaluation committees for master and Ph.D. students

University and Community Service:

- Member of Fruits and Vegetables Committee, at Saudi Arabian Standards Organization. (1995-1999).
- Head of Fruits and Vegetables Committee, at Saudi Arabian Standards Organization. (1999 to now).

- Evaluation of research papers sent for publication in the Journal of Food Sciences (Institute of Food Technologists IFT, USA).
- Evaluation of Standards proposals in the field of Foods submitted to Saudi Arabian Standards Organization.