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## **Personal Details**

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# Education

2011	Dr. sc. agr. in plant molecular genetics and breeding, Plant Breeding Institute, Christian-Albrechts University of Kiel, Germany.
	<b>Dissertation:</b> "Novel Genetic Factors Affecting Bolting and Floral Transition Control in <i>Beta vulgaris</i> " (Summa Cum Laude).
2002	M.Sc. in Agronomy and plant breeding, Faculty of Agriculture, Assiut University, Egypt.
1997	B.Sc. in Agronomy and plant breeding (with honor degree), Faculty of Agriculture, Assiut University, Egypt.

# Academic Career

2021-present	Professor at the Agronomy Dept., Assiut University, Egypt.
2016-2021	Assistant Professor at the Agronomy Dept., Assiut University, Egypt.
2011-2016	Associate Professor at the Agronomy Dept., Assiut University, Egypt.
2011-2014	Postdoctoral research associate and group leader at the Plant Breeding Institute, CAU-Kiel, Germany.
2006-2011	Research assistant and Ph.D. student at the Plant Breeding Institute, CAU-Kiel, Germany.
1998-2006	Professor assistant at the Agronomy Dept., Assiut University, Egypt.

# Administrative career

2021-present	Vice-Dean for Graduate Studies & Research at Faculty of Sugar and Integrated
	Industries Technology, Assiut University, Egypt.

2019-2021	Vice-Dean for Education and Student Affairs at Faculty of Sugar and Integrated Industries Technology, Assiut University, Egypt.

2017-2019 Head of Department of Science and Technology of Sugar Industry (Agriculture), Faculty of Sugar and Integrated Industries Technology, Assiut University, Egypt.

#### Honors and Scientific Awards

2011	The Faculty prize for the best PhD thesis in the CAU-Kiel, Germany.
2011	Postdoctoral fellowship from the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) at the Plant Breeding Institute, CAU-Kiel.
2006	Four years Ph.D. scholarship from the Ministry of Higher Education, Egypt.

#### **Professional Activities and Affiliations**

- Member of the German Plant Breeding Society (GPZ) since 2006.
- Honorary membership of the Arab Science and Technology Foundation (ASTF) since 2009.

#### List of Publications

- 1. Jiana Chen, **Salah Fatouh Abou-Elwafa**, Min Huang. Dynamic changes in the fossil energy use efficiency in crop production: A case study from Hunan province of China. *Journal of Cleaner Production (2022)*.
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- 6. Fahad S Alotaibi, Rahmah N Al-Qthanin, Maha Aljabri, Tariq Shehzad, Mohammed Albaqami, **Salah Fatouh Abou-Elwafa**. Identification of genomic regions associated with agronomical traits of bread wheat under two levels of salinity using GWAS. *Plant Molecular Biology Reporter* (2022).
- 7. Rui Pan, Sebastian Buitrago, Ying Peng, **Salah Fatouh Abou-Elwafa**, Kui Wan, Yi Liu, Rongsen Wang, Xinsun Yang, Wenying Zhang. Genome-wide identification of cold-tolerance genes and functional analysis of IbbHLH116 gene in sweet potato. *Gene (2022)*.
- 8. Ni-qing He, Guang-ping Zhan, Feng-huang Huang, **Salah Fatouh Abou-Elwafa** and Dewei Yang. Fine mapping and cloning of a major QTL *qph12*, which simultaneously affects the plant height, panicle length, spikelet number and yield in rice (*Oryza sativa* L.). *Frontiers in Plant Science* (2022).

- 9. Bo Li, Caixian Yang, Bingzhuang An, Hongpan Wang, Mohammed Albaqami, **Salah Fatouh Abou-Elwafa**, Le Xu, Yanhao Xu. Comparative transcriptomic and epigenetic analyses reveal conserved and divergent regulatory pathways in barley response to temperature stresses. *Physiologia Plantarum (2022)*.
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- 11. Zhixue Liu, Salah Fatouh Abou-Elwafa, Jiarong Xie, Yajing Liu, Siyuan Li, Maha Aljabri, Dongling Zhang, Fengran Gao, Lili Zhang, Zhiyong Wang, Chongyu Sun, Bingqi Zhu, Miaomiao Bao, Xiaomeng Hu, Yanhui Chen, Lixia Ku, Zhenzhen Ren, Li Wei. A Nucleoporin NUP58 modulates responses to drought and salt stress in maize (*Zea mays* L.). *Plant Science* (2022).
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- 35. Salah F. Abou-Elwafa and Tariq Shehzad. Genetic diversity, GWAS and prediction for drought and terminal heat stress tolerance in bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.). *Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution (2020).*
- 36. Salah F. Abou-Elwafa, Abu El-Eyuoon A. Amin and I. Eujayl Shehzad. Genetic diversity of sugar beet under heat stress and deficit irrigation. *AGRON J* (2020).
- **37**. Zhaobing Liu, Xionghui JI, Yunhe XIE, Jianwei Peng, Ahmed E. Fahmy, Mamdouh A. Eissa, **Salah F. Abou-Elwafa**. Effect of Continuous Liming on Remediation, Immobilization and Accumulation of Cadmium Rice in Acid Paddy Soils. *J SOIL SCI PLANT NUT (2020)*
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- 39. Salah F. Abou-Elwafa and Tariq Shehzad. Genetic Identification and Expression Profiling of Drought Responsive Genes in Sorghum. *Environ Exp Bot* (2018).
- 40. Amer F. Mahmoud, Salah F. Abou-Elwafa and Tariq Shehzad. Identification of Charcoal Rot Resistance Quantitative Trait Genes (QTGs) in Sorghum using. *J. Appl. Gent.* (2018).
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- **43**. Nour Ibrahim, **S.F. Abou-Elwafa**, H. Mahrous, A.A. Ismail, E. E. Mahdy. Efficiency of Single and Multiple Traits Selection for Yield and Its Components in Varietal Maintenance of Giza 90 Egyptian Cotton Variety. *World Journal of Agricultural Research (2016)*.
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- **53.** Salah F. Abou-Elwafa, B.Büttner, F.Kopisch-Obuch, C.Jung and AE.Müller. Genetic identification of a novel bolting locus in *Beta vulgaris* which promotes annuality independently of the bolting gene *B. J Mol Breeding (2012)*.
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- 55. Büttner, B., **S.F.Abou-Elwafa**, W.Zhang, C.Jung, and AE.Müller. A survey of EMS-induced biennial Beta vulgaris mutants reveals a novel bolting locus which is unlinked to the bolting gene B. *Theor Appl Genet. (2010).*
- 56. Salah F. Abou-Elwafa, H.M.Abdel-Rahim, A.M.Abou-Salama, and E.A.Teama. Sugar Beet Floral Induction and Fertility: Effect of Vernalization and Day-length Extension. *Sugar Tech* (2006).

## **Conference Presentations**

- 1. **Abou-Elwafa, S.F.** and Imad Eujayl. Experimental Sugar Beet Seed Production in Egypt. 9<sup>th</sup> Intl. Conference on Sugar and Integrated Industries. Luxor, Egypt; November 18-21, 2018.
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- Abou-Elwafa, S.F., A. Galal, K. Xiao, E. Laubach, C. Jung. Candidate Genes for Root Lesion Nematode Resistance in Barley. *PLANT 2030 Status Seminar 14, Potsdam, Germany; March 31-April 2, 2014.*
- 4. **Abou-Elwafa, S.F.**, A. Galal, K. Xiao, E. Laubach, C. Jung. Genetic Fine Mapping of Root Lesion Nematode Resistance QTLs in Barley. *17. Conference of the Genome Research Working Group* "*Crop Genomics and Plant Breeding*", *Cologne*, *Germany; February 11-13, 2014*.
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## **Professional Experiences and Skills**

- 1. Strong understanding of research technology tools for bioinformatics including;
  - i. High-performance computing (HPC) and visualization including extensive experience with UNIX/Linux based systems
  - ii. Familiarity with next generation sequencing data management and processing
  - Sequence analysis and annotation including; similarity, homology, gene regulation and structural analysis, phylogenetic analysis and protein functional analysis (Training on "Advanced Protein Domain Analysis", *Lyon, France, May 18-20th*, 2008)
- 2. Deep understanding and solid experience in standard molecular biology techniques such as cloning, vector construction, plant transformation, transgenic, mutant analysis and gene expression analysis
- 3. Extensive experience in plant molecular breeding and QTL analysis including development of breeding materials, genetic analysis, genetic mapping using different molecular markers (AFLP, SNP, CAPS, etc) using JoinMap and QTL mapping using PLAB QTL and QTL Cartographer
- 4. Strong understanding of statistical analysis and experimental design
- 5. Computer skills: International Computer Driving License (ICDL)
- 6. Languages: Arabic, English and German