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Obtained PhD from Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University in 2003 in plant biotechnology. I served as a foreign professor in Botany Dept., Shah Abdul Latif Univ., Pakistan for 5 years starting in 2006. Scientific achievements include more than 55 published research papers in local and international impact factor journals, nine published books as leading author and coauthor written in 3 languages (English, Arabic and Urdu). Supervised 16 Msc and PhD students. Principal Investigator and foreign counterpart for six research projects one of them is funded by STDF (Egypt) which I am running right now and others are in other two countries. Reviewer in a number of journals with IF such as Journal of Plant Growth Regulation (IF: 2.2), Acta Physiologiae Plantarum (IF 1.58), Tropical Plant Pathology (IF 0.52) Journal of Animal and Plant Sciences (IF 0.448), Applied Biological Research (IF 0.6), Pakistan Journal of Agricultural Sciences (IF 1.24), and others. Consultant to some tissue culture laboratories in Egypt, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan for commercial micropropagation of various plant species including date palm, oil palm, banana, potatoes, papaya, pear, sugarcane, strawberry, artichoke, pineapple, prickly pear, cycads, ginkgo, sage, syngonium, orchids, gladiolas, philodendrons. Conducting a series of international short training courses annually from 2013-2015. Awarded a medal from ISHS, Belgium as a convener for the 9th International Symposium of In Vitro Culture and Horticultural Breeding (Giza, 13-17 March, 2016). Award of Excellence from Nigerian Institute of Oil Palm in 2014. Shield of meritorious services as a consultant to Date Palm Research Institute in 2013, Pakistan. Participated in many international conferences as a keynote speaker and travelled to USA, Portugal, Algeria, Nigeria, Jordan, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan for research and business work from 2003 till now.

Title of invited lecture:

### **Date palm micropropagation: achievements and prospects**