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Bio

Lamis Chalak holds a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from University of Montpellier, France, in 1995. Full professor at the Plant Production Department, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the Lebanese University, Beirut. Her current research interests are focused on plant genetic resources, agrobiodiversity and neglected fruit crops. She is the Head of the National Committee on Plant Genetic Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon. She was the Head of Plant Biotechnology Department at the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute [1996-2008]. She was the National Focal Point of Lebanon for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - FAO Rome [2005-2008], and for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - FAO Rome [2005-2015]. Lamis is member of the Roster of Experts of the Benefit Sharing Fund of the ITPGRFA. She is also member of the Team of Technical and Legal Experts on Access and Benefit Sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. She was recently the focal point and co-author of the country report on "Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture in Lebanon", for the Commission of genetic resources for food and agriculture. She was the Regional Coordinator for the regional FAO/TCP/SNO project "Optimizing the use of Plant Genetic Resources in Iran, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon for adaptation to climate change". She led the preparation process of the National Strategy for the "Conservation and management of plant genetic resources in Lebanon", for the Ministry of Agriculture. Last but not least, Lamis is the author of more than 50 publications in peer reviewed journals on biotechnology, agrobiodiversity and plant genetic resources, and author for more than 80 communications in international and national conferences.