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EDUCATION

2021 – 2023

Master degree in Zoonoses and One Health
Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB)
Barcelona, Spain

2021 – 2024

Master degree in Food and Health
University of Padua (UniPd)
Padua, Italy

2009-2014

Bachelor degree in Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Faculty of Azerbaijan State Agriculture University (ASAU)
Ganja, Azerbaijan

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2019 – September 2021

Azerbaijan Food Safety Institute (Baku, Azerbaijan)

Head of the Quality Management Division of the Quality Control Department

- Designed and implemented the quality control system for the Food Safety, Veterinary, and Phytosanitary Diagnostic Laboratories;
- Conducted internal audits of the laboratories;
- Inspected food processing facilities under veterinary and sanitary control;
- Oversaw quality control of newly-implemented procedures at laboratories;
- Created the analytical database for laboratory activities;
- Assisted with the accreditation of the veterinary and food safety laboratories;
- Delivered relevant training for the Institute and laboratory staff;
- Coordinated the laboratory proficiency testing programs;
- Developed scientifically based documentation (i.g regulations guidelines) for food safety and veterinary topics

Nov 2021 - July 2022

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Laboratory assessor (part time)

- Introduction of stakeholders to FAO's Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT).
- Assess relevant documentation and conduct preparatory work before the mission.
- Perform an assessment of the laboratory capacities using the Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT), both the Core and Biosafety modules in Uzbekistan.
- To prepare a technical report following the standardized template upon completion of the mission.
- Proposal of suggestions and follow-ups based on obtained gaps.

June – September 2021

World Bank Agricultural Competitiveness Improvement Project (ACIP)

Trainer on Early Identification of Infectious diseases

- Developed a relevant training curriculum and associated assessment tests;
- Delivered trainings to field veterinarians;
- Assessed test results to evaluate effectiveness of training;
- Created progress reports

November 2019 – June 2021

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (Baku, Azerbaijan)

National Consultant on Veterinary Epidemiology

- Assessed and improved the field surveillance system to detect Transboundary Animal Diseases (TAD);
- Assisted with conducting an assessment of Azerbaijan's surveillance system and laboratory capabilities using FAO's Surveillance Evaluation Tool (SET) and Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT);
- Prepared disease prioritization seminars;
- Reviewed and assessed Azerbaijan's current disease reporting and database system;
- Evaluated existing information on TADs in Azerbaijan;
- Assessed and improved the diagnostic capacity of Azerbaijan's central and regional veterinary laboratories;
- Prepared Azerbaijan's Central Veterinary Laboratory for international accreditation;
- Liaised with project stakeholders;
- Organized relevant trainings, workshops, and meetings

August 2018 – May 2019

Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan Republic (Baku, Azerbaijan)

Lead Adviser

- Managed the national database of agricultural objects (i.g farms, production facilities, laboratories);
- Managed the national database on artificial insemination;
- Issued licenses and attestations for private breeding farms;
- Coordinated the administration of financial support to farmers;
- Managed the development of genetic background of local cattle breeds;
- Served as the point of contact for collaborations with international organizations.

June 2016 - 2018

State Veterinary Control Service (Baku, Azerbaijan)

Head Adviser

- Analyzed risks associated with the importation of live animals and livestock products;
- Conducted audits of farms (fattening, dairy, and poultry), meat plants, dairy processors, and slaughterhouses;
- Developed national strategies for disease control;
- Served as point of contact for international cooperation between state veterinary organizations and with international organizations;
- Created national databases for imported livestock, products of animal origin and veterinary drugs;
- Developed and oversaw the national electronic disease surveillance system;
- Point of contact for collaboration with international organizations;
- Delivered trainings on topics including epidemiology and the recognition of clinical disease;
- Managed the annual vaccination plan

June 2014 – May 2016

Bechtel National Incorporated/Technology Management Company (Baku, Azerbaijan)

Project Coordinator

- Served as a Project Coordinator for the United States Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency's (DTRA) Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP) being implemented in Azerbaijan, by Bechtel National Inc. which focused on biothreat reduction;
- Developed new training materials as well as reviewed, revised, and adapted existing training materials for both content and translation for the program;

- Organized and conducted trainings for field veterinarians and epidemiologists on clinical recognition of and outbreak responses to diseases caused by the Especially Dangerous Pathogens for State Veterinary Control Service veterinarians;
- Assisted with the development of legal guidelines and documentation that supports the sustainment of the CBEP training programs and materials in Azerbaijan;
- Supported the development and implementation of CBEP research projects that engaged and trained veterinarians and veterinary laboratory personnel in the areas of scientific writing, grant writing and other required research skills

TRAININGS and WORKSHOPS

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- Qualitative Risk Mapping Analysis Optimization of Monitoring Systems on Transboundary Diseases, Montpellier, France (18-31 March 2018)
 - Regional Training Course on the Use of Decision Making Tools for Remediation Measures in Animal Production Systems, Budapest, Hungary (22-25 May 2017)
 - Regional Training Seminar for OIE National Focal Points on Animal Welfare, Chisinau, Moldova (25-27 April 2017)
 - FAO Regional Workshop on Lumpy Skin Disease, Budapest, Hungary, (7-9 March 2017).
 - 2nd PPR Regional Roadmap Workshop for ECO countries, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (28 February - 2 March 2017)
 - Workshop on Cross Border Animal Disease Control, Shenzhen, People Republic of China (5–7 December 2016)
 - Advanced Diagnosis & Control of Emerging Transboundary Animal Diseases, Vienna, Austria (21-25 November 2016)
 - Training of Trainers - CBEP Program, Baku, Azerbaijan (September 2014)
 - Artificial Insemination - Ataturk University, Erzurum, Turkey (February 2012)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES

Language/ Skill	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Russian	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Turkish	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Office tools (Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)

ABILITIES AND SKILLS

- Experience organizing public meetings and trainings.
- Ability to enhance cooperation among government and non-government organizations as well as with international organizations.
- Preparation of scientific materials (disease information, booklets, posters, presentations)
- Creating and editing interface, design of software dedicated for veterinary purposes
- Written and oral presentation skills
- Excellent time management