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2. Education

- **Ph.D.** Microbiology, 2002, University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria. Jan. 1997 – July 17, 2002.
- **M.Sc.** Microbiology, 1996, University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria. May, 1994 – Nov. 28, 1996.
- **B.Sc. (Hons).** Microbiology, 1992, Ogun State University, Ago-Iwoye Nigeria. Oct. 1988 - Nov. 5 1992.
- **WASC (Sciences)** 1987, Methodist Girls' High School, Yaba, Lagos Nigeria. 1982 - June 1987 (Punctuality prefect)
- **First school leaving certificate** 1981, African Church Princess Primary School, Akoka, Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria.

3. Professional Certificates Courses

- Middle Management Programme, Management Skills Development Jan-Dec 2016. North-West University School of Business and Corporate Governance. NQF 6. Assoc. of MBA accredited. ETDP SETA bursary. (Modules: Organizational Behavior, Financial Accounting, Operations Management, Management Accounting, Management Economics, Marketing Management, Labour Relations). North-West University, **Potchefstroom, South Africa.**
- Assessors' workshop (SAQA ID: 115753; NQF 5), 15th-18th March 2016, Ikhono consulting, Academic Development Centre, North-West University, **South Africa.**
- Springer Peer Review Academy. 16th Nov. 2015. academy.springer.com. Convenor: Juliane Ritt
- Fellowship of the Africa Science Leadership Program. (ASLP) 07th - 12th June 2015, FarmInn, **Pretoria, South Africa.** Convenor: Prof Bernard Slippers (<http://www.up.ac.za/en/centre-for-the-advancement-of-scholarship/article/2099449/aslp-2015>)
- European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Laboratory Management Course for Group Leaders. 24th-27th November 2014, Villa Toskana Hotel, Hamburger Strass 4-8, D-69181 **Leimen, Germany.** Convenor: Martin Cairns.
- Essential Good Laboratory Practice™ Short Course 22 - 24 October 2014 DNABiotec, de Havilland Crescent Perseuor Park, **Pretoria, South Africa.** Covenor: Prof A. Olckers
- Essential Science Project Management™ Course. 1st-3rd July 2014, DNABiotec, de Havilland Crescent Perseuor Park, **Pretoria, South Africa.** Covenor: Prof A. Olckers
- The "AAAS-TWAS Summer Course on Science and Diplomacy". 8th-13th June 2014, The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) - for the advancement of science in developing counties. How scientists can work with policymakers to have an impact on international relations **Trieste, Italy.** Convenor: Prof Romain Murenzi, TWAS, and Dr Vaughan Turekian, AAAS
- Intelligent Lean Laboratory Management, Creating a world class lab by employing Lean and Six Sigma techniques. 8th - 10th April 2014, Emperor's Palace Hotel, **Johannesburg, South Africa.** Convenor: Mr. Jaco Koen. Ngoboyi Training International.
- NWU leadership and management academy. New manager development programme (NMDP). Module 1: Fundamentals of management and leadership, 26-27th March 2014; Module 3: Governance, Finance, Legal and Risk, 24th June 2014; Module 4: Transformation, 15th-16th July

2014. Module 5: Strategic Planning, 29th July 2014 presented by Experiential Technologies; Module 6: People Management Skills for Managers, 18th-19th August 2014. **Mafikeng, South Africa**
- Assertiveness skill. Congruence people development specialist. Mafikeng, Feb. 25th 2014, **South Africa**. Convenor: Mr. Jeremy Coetzer
 - Applied Dual-Use Biosecurity Education, Twelve-week Professional Development online Train-the-Trainers course. 2012, Bradford Disarmament Research Centre, Dept. of Peace Studies, **University of Bradford, UK**. Convenor: Dr Simon Whitby
 - Facilitator workshop (US Code: 117871), 4th-5th Oct. 2011, Buffalo park, Mafikeng, **South Africa**. Convenor: Mr. Hennart van Schalkwyk
 - Biosafety Workshop “Problem formulation: A Strategic Approach to Risk Assessment of GMOs” Convenor: Drs. Wendy Craig and Giuliano Degrassi. 19-23rd Sept. 2011, ICGEB, **Trieste, Italy**.
 - Emotionally Intelligent Leadership, 16-17th May 2011, Kwelanga training, Ms. Hazel Ferrer. **South Africa**.
 - South Africa/Argentina Joint Regional Biosafety Workshop and Seminar. “Biosafety of GM crops: Emerging issues and challenges in regulatory decision making” 07-11 March 2011 Dept. of Agric., Forestry & Fisheries, **Pretoria, South Africa**. In collaboration with ICGEB, and Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganaderia y Pesca, Argentina. Convenor: Ms. Chantal Arendse.
 - 2011 Phase 3. Institutional Course for new lecturers (ICNL) in the Foundations and Ethical Aspects of Science, (Jan 28th and June 2nd). NWU, **South Africa**. Convenor: Prof Hannes van der Walt.
 - Designer assessment workshop (US Code: 115755), 24th-28th Jan. 2011, Buffalo park, Mafikeng, **South Africa**. Convenor: Mr. Hennart van Schalkwyk
 - SANBio/University of Mauritius Phylogenetics workshop, 15-19 Nov. 2010, University of Pretoria, **South Africa**. Convenor: Prof Jaufeerally-Fakim Yasmina.
 - Phylogenetics workshop, Hosted by Inqaba Biotechnical industries (Pty) Ltd and FABI. University of Pretoria, **South Africa**. Oct 20-22 2010. Presented by Dr Jane Wright.
 - Biosafety Workshop “An introduction to the risk analysis of current genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and their products, and to possible issues raised by novel GMOs in the future” ICGEB. Convenor: Drs. Wendy Craig and Giuliano Degrassi. 27 Sept - 1 Oct. 2010, Trieste, **Italy**.
 - Workshop on “Pathogen Genomics”, 2-6 August 2010, University of Pretoria, **South Africa**. Convenor: Prof Jaufeerally-Fakim Yasmina.
 - Personal Development Workshop: Emotional intelligence, May 2010. Presenter by Ms. Makheni, Real Solutions Training.
 - Moderator workshop (US Code: 115759), 29th-31st March 2010, Academic Development Centre, North-West University, **South Africa**. Competitive Edge Training Consultancy. Convenor: Mr. Hennart van Schalkwyk
 - Assessors’ workshop (US Code: 115753), 24th-26th March 2010, Academic Development Centre, North-West University, **South Africa**. Competitive Edge Training Consultancy. Convenor: Mr. Hennart van Schalkwyk

- SANBio/University of Mauritius Bioinformatics workshop, 22-26 Feb. 2010, University of Mauritius, Reduit, **Mauritius**. Convenor: Prof Jaufeerally-Fakim Yasmina.
- Institutional Course for New Lecturers (ICNL), 26th-28th Jan. 2010, Institutional office, North-West University, Potchefstroom, **South Africa**. Convenor: Ms. M. Klopper
- Workshop with Practical Components. “Risks, benefits and opportunities from the release of GMOs in the African Regions”. 15th-19th Sept. 2008, ICGEB Cape Town Component, Cape Town, **South Africa**. Convenor: Dr Helen Hinge
- Workshop on the Theory and practice of Phylogenetics, the University of Cape Town, 4-8th February 2008. (Instructor: Pablo Goloboff and Steve Farris), Convenor: Prof Tim Crowe. Funded by SABI, NRF, Dept. Sci. and Tech., and UCT. **South Africa**.
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Advanced laboratory training in Molecular biology, University of Cape Town, **South Africa**. October 16 2006 – January 16 2007. (cDNA synthesis, transfecting, RNA isolation, quantification, gel electrophoresis, Western blot, RT-PCR, Zymography, primer design, tissue culture, RFLP, BCA/BSA protein assay)
- Sixth International Workshop on Radiation Damage to DNA May 13 - 17, 2006 - Tekirova, Antalya, **Turkey**.
- Sustainable Environmental Management, June 25 - July 16, 2005. Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program. Convenors: Dr. Robin Marsh, and Prof. David Zilberman, University of California, Berkeley, **USA**. beahrself.berkeley.edu/All%20Participants%20List.pdf
- BioNET Africa Training Workshop on Bioinformatics/Computational Biology. 24-25 September 2002. Institute of Computer Science, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nairobi, Riverside Drive, Nairobi. **Kenya**. Convenor: Dr. Daniel Masiga.
- The 3rd IUBMB/FASBMB/SASBMB Biochemistry Education Workshop. 17-19 November 2001 Cape Town, **South Africa**. Convenor: Dr Trevor Anderson.
- Research Project Management an interactive course for postgraduate scholars. 5-9 November 2001. The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Nairobi, **Kenya**. Resource person: Dr. Odindo.
- Postgraduate Biostatistics for Graduate Scholars in Biological Sciences/ International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) Nairobi, **Kenya**/September 24 – October 26, 2001.
- Bionet-Africa Workshop on capacity building in biotechnology and biosafety. Theme: Network for capacity building in biotechnology and biosafety for African universities. Date: 11-13 July 2001. International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) Nairobi, **Kenya**.
- French for public speaking. 13 September 1999 – December 2000. The International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA). Instructor Dr. Saah Clotaire. French for beginners Alliance Française, Ibadan, **Nigeria**
- Agricultural Research Management Workshop for Graduate Research Fellows/ The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)/. Monday 13 – Friday 17 September 1999. Ibadan, **Nigeria**. Instructor Dr. Wale Adekunle
- Communication skill workshop for Graduate Research Fellows/ The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)//June 28-July 2 1999. Ibadan, **Nigeria**. Instructor Mr. R. P. Eaglesfield.

- Statistics and statistical computing/The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)/Feb.8-29 1999. Ibadan, **Nigeria**. Instructor Dr S. K. Nokoe

4. Other Professional, developmental Courses/Workshops attended

- Professional Administrative Skills, 18th-19th Nov. 2015. North-West University, Mafikeng Campus. South Africa. Convenor:
- Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Management, 5th-6th August 2015. North-West University, Mafikeng Campus. South Africa. Convenor:
- SPSS short course for researchers. July 6th-10th 2015. North-West University, Mafikeng Campus. South Africa. Convenor: Marike Cockeran.
- Time Management, 15th May 2015 North-West University, Mafikeng Campus. South Africa. Convenor: Feroza Sader
- Effective Business Writing™ RUZIVO, 13-14th May 2015 North-West University, Mafikeng Campus. South Africa. Convenor: Feroza Sader
- 2015 ADC trainings: Curriculum design 22nd April. Facilitator Prof Mwenesongole; Large class teaching 13th April, e-portfolios 15th April; Linking learning styles to blended learning/The flipped classroom. NWU, 14th /15th March. 2015 Convenor: Nico Baird
- Business Image & Corporate Etiquette. NWU, 12th Feb. 2015
- Scientific writing and Science Communication, ASSAF inaugural OWSD regional workshop, 19-22 August 2014. CSIR International Convention Centre, **Pretoria, South Africa**.
- Finance for non-financial managers. NWU, June 25th 2014
- Bioinformatics Workshop. September 16th-20th 2013 at the Kwazulu-Natal Research Institute (K-RITH), **Durban, South Africa**.
- Information Ethics in Africa, Provincial Workshops. Information Ethics in Practice, North-West University, 24th May 2013, Room 135, Institutional office.
- Employee Health & Wellness 2013: Early planning for retirement, April 11th/Financial literacy May 7th/ 2013.
- Seminar on Postgraduate Supervision. November 1st 2012, North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. **South Africa**. Convenor: Prof Laetus OK Lategan.
- Seminar on Laboratory Safety. October 1st 2012, Hall 2AG01, North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. **South Africa**. Convenor: Terry Nelson
- Roadmap to financial freedom. April 12 and 19th 2012. North-West University. **South Africa**. Convenor: JP Fouche and RJJ Barnard.
- SANBio/University of Mauritius Bioinformatics workshop, “Genome Sequencing, Assembly and Annotation” 21-25 Nov. 2011, Bioinformatics laboratory, University of Mauritius, Reduit, **Mauritius**. Convenor: Prof Jaufeerally-Fakim Yasmina.
- Making a positive difference in the workplace. Oct. 14th, 2010. North-West University, Mafikeng Campus, **South Africa**. Convenor: Kwelanga training.
- Stress management. People Capacity Solutions (Pty) Ltd. July 2010.

- Workshop on activating IKS networks in the Southern African region. 20-22 May 2010. IKS centre of excellence, North-West University. **South Africa**.
- The Foundation and Ethical Aspects of Science and Scholarship Programme, NWU, Mafikeng Campus. 31st May 2010.
- Microsoft Office Word 2007 level 1, 2 & 3, 19-20th April 2010, presented by Dynamix Learning Solutions.
- Wellness-Leadership & personal development presented by Neil Conradie & Associate
- Produce and use spreadsheets for business. Convenor: Martin Coetsee. L.B.T. Consortium.
- IT NWU Mafikeng courses attended in 2010: Telephone services (May 5), General ledger (July 15).
- Leadership and management. Life University: Center for leadership, excellence, achievement and development. 28th July 2010. www.lifeulead.org
- Advance eFundi training, 19th March 2010, Academic Development Centre, North-West University, **South Africa**. Convenor: Ms. M. Poee.
- Induction of new academic staff members, 15th March 2010, Academic Development Centre, North-West University, Mafikeng Campus, **South Africa**. Convenor: Dr. MA Mokoena
- Financial reporting and system management Oracle general ledger. 22nd April 2010, North-West University, **South Africa**. Convenor: Ms. Chimone Barends.
- MS Excel 2007 Advanced, 5th Oct. 2009. Convenor: HC Venter
- Course Writers' workshop, 27th July 2009, National Open University, **Nigeria**. Course material development in NOUN. Convenors: Prof A. Adebajo and Dr. B. Abiola.
- Enzyme kinetics workshop, 18th-20th Feb. 2008. University of the Western Cape, **South Africa**. Convenors: Prof. Michael J. Danson and Prof. David W. Hough.
- Workshop on the Theory and practice of Phylogenetics, the University of Cape Town, 4-8th February 2008. (Instructor: Pablo Goloboff and Steve Farris), Convenor: Prof Tim Crowe. Funded by SABI, NRF, Dept. Sci. and Tech., and UCT. **South Africa**.
- Identifying Protein Functional Sites from Multiple Sequence Alignment and Structure Data' Schmidt Auditorium, Biological data Analysis workshop series (2004-2005) at Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, **Israel**. Convenor: Dr. Shmuel Pietrokovski. Mining Biological Databases. January 20th 2005. Ebner lecture theatre, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, **Israel**. Convenor: Dr. Vered Chalifa-Caspi. Life Science Computer Courses: March - July 2005.
- Introduction to Bioinformatics. Spring Semester 2005. Ebner lecture theatre, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, **Israel**. Convenors: Dr. Irit Orr and Dr. Shifra Ben-Dor.
- SiRNA: Technologies and uses. January 6th 2005. Ebner lecture theatre, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, **Israel**. Convenor: Dr. Daniel Harari.
- Genome Browsers, December 9 2004. Schmidt Auditorium, Bioinformatics workshop series (2004-2005) at Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, **Israel**. Convenor: Dr. Shifra Ben-Dor.
- A 5-day integrated lecture on 'Molecular and cellular basis of the normal immune response. 8-12th December, 2003. Paul Hendrickse lecture theatre, University College Hospital, Ibadan, **Nigeria**. Convenor: Prof. Claude P. Muller UNESCO sub-regional seminar on biotechnology. Theme:

Development through plant biotechnology. Date: Monday 2 January - Friday 13 Jan. 1995.
University of Ibadan, Ibadan **Nigeria**.

- Computer Application training (C.A.T.) Drop-in sessions IITA Training Computer Laboratory.
Nigeria. Instructor Mrs. N.C. Woods

5. Teaching/Research Experience

(k) **Professor/Director Food Security and Safety Niche Area (June 2015 - May 2018) Associate Professor (Jan 2013 - Dec 2015)/ Senior lecturer (Sept 2009 - Dec 2012)/ (Head of Department: March 2010 - Feb. 2012)**, Dept. Biological Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Science and Technology, North-West University, Mafikeng campus. Private bag X2046, Mmabatho, 2735, South Africa. Tel (work): +27 183892568; Cell numbers: +27786551839 and +27715769397, Fax: +27 183892134; Web: www.nwu.ac.za

Work schedule:

Research: Set priorities, develop a work schedule, monitor progress towards goals, and track details/data/information/activities for the research projects;

Determine strategies to move the research project forward, set goals, create and implement actions plans, and evaluate the process and results;

Adopt and promote ethical standard in research protocols and best practices for project management.

Taught/Research courses:

BGYM 214: Bacteriology and Microbial Ecology

BGYM 213: Introductory Genetics

MKBS 212: Introduction to Microbial Genetics

MKBS 211: Introduction to Microbiology

MKBS 316: Microbial Ecology

BGYM 313: Bacterial Metabolism

BGYM 212: Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry

BGYM 221/227: Advance Molecular Genetics

MKBS 223: Introduction to Recombinant DNA Technology and Bioinformatics

BMCM 613: Bacteriology

BMCM 622: Environmental and Industrial Microbiology

BGYM 371: Research Project

RESM 671: Postgraduate Honours Project

BIYM 871: MSc Research Project

BIYM 971: PhD Research Project

Project students advised (at NWU)

Degree students - 5 (2010), 5 (2011)

Honours students - 6 (2010), 3 (2011), 3 (2012), 4 (2013), 5 (2014), 3 (2015), 0(2016)

Masters students - 3 (2011/2012), 3 (2012/2013), 1 (2013/2014), 3 (2014/2015), 3(2015/2016)

PhD students - 1 (2011), 3 (2012), 5 (2013), 5 (2014), 5 (2015), 5 (2016)

Postdoctoral fellows- 1 (2011), 3 (2012), 5 (2013), 4 (2014), 4 (2015), 3(2016)

Administrative: (and academic session).

- ✓ Director, Food Security and Safety Niche Area: May 2015 to date
- ✓ Coordinator, Faculty Quality Committee: March 2012 to Dec 2015. (Duties: coordinate quality activities in the Faculty; FAST; ensure an active Committee; coordinate all IPE's when due (e.g. receive plan for 2011- 2016 from Campus Quality Coordinator and be guided by it); work hand in hand with the teaching and learning, study guide, and research coordinators because what they do supports quality processes; prepare an update report for Faculty Board every time; a copy of which should be forward to Campus Quality Coordinator so that s/he can also update the Campus EXCO)
- ✓ Member, Sub-committee on external examiners: Oct 2014 to date
- ✓ Member, Faculty Research Committee: March 2012 to date
- ✓ Member, School Research Committee: April 2012 to 2013
- ✓ Subject Chair, Biological Sciences: March 2010 to Feb. 2012
- ✓ Member, Faculty Science Committee: March 2010 to Feb. 2012
- ✓ Member, Faculty Extended Management Committee: March 2010 to Feb. 2012
- ✓ Member, Senate Committee for Philosophical Grounding: May 2010 to 2016
- ✓ Member, Faculty Alignment Committee: March 2010 to Feb. 2012
- ✓ Member, Faculty Quality Committee: March 2010 to Feb. 2012

(i) **Lecturer 1 (Oct. 2006- Sept 2009)/ Lecturer 11 (Oct. 2003- Sept 2006)**, Microbial Biotechnology, Department of Microbiology, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State, Nigeria.

Work schedule:

Teaching and research. I contributed to the teaching of microbiological topics in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Student advised (Seminars and Laboratory projects):

Honours students - 40

Masters students - 5

Administrative: (and academic session).

Member, Faculty ethics of publication, grants and research committee 2008/2009

Member, Faculty week committee 2008/2009

Head, Missing results search team 2007/2008

Member, Departmental board of examiners 2006/2007

Final year student seminar/project coordinator 2005/2006

Assistant departmental postgraduate coordinator 2005/2006

Member, Faculty seminar committee 2005/2006

Course adviser, 100 level B.Sc. Microbiology students 2005/2006

Undergraduate taught/research courses:

MCB 301: Microbial Genetic and Molecular Biology
Bio 305: Cell and Molecular Biology
Bio 303: General cytology
Bio 208: General Physiology
Bio 002: Basic Physiology and Genetics
MCB 201: General Microbiology 1
MCB 202: General Microbiology 11
MCB 406: Microbial Ecology
MCB 401: Seminar Topics in Microbiology
MCB 490: Research Projects in Microbiology
MCB 315: Bacteriology
MCB 311: Pathogenic Bacteriology

Postgraduate taught/research courses:

Bio 803: Advanced Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
MCB 906: Advanced Molecular Genetics
MCB 814: Advanced Pathogenic Bacteriology
MCB 805: M.Sc. Research seminar
MCB 901: Ph.D. Research seminar
MCB 821: Applied Microbiology/Microbial Genetics
MCB 899: Research Project
Bio 804: Molecular Biology

(h) **Postdoctoral scientist (May 2007- Dec. 2008)**, Institute for Microbial Biotechnology and Metagenomics (IMBM), University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

My project entailed:

- Expanding the 16S rDNA framework for the genus *Streptomyces* from specific extreme environments via metagenomics and culture-based techniques. The work involves current molecular biology techniques, and the use of bioinformatics.

Work schedule:

- Implementation of actinomycetes research project
- Day-to-day running of the research project
- Presentation of research outputs in form of papers at conferences
- Report writing and result presentation in manuscript form
- Other relevant duties as assigned by the Director

(g) **Postdoctoral fellow (July 2004 – March 2006)**, Life Science Building, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel IL-76100.

The project entailed:

Transgenically enhancing the virulence of fungi used as biocontrol agent via

1. Designing and use of failsafe mechanisms to prevent spread and introgression
2. Enhancing of virulence of *Fusarium* spp against *Orobanche*
3. Enhancing *Colletotrichum* against *Abutilon*
4. Enhancing *Alternaria cassiae* against *Cassia senna*.

Work schedule:

- Set up experiments
- Implementation of research project
- Day-to-day running of the research project
- Data collection, input, statistical analysis
- Report writing and result presentation in manuscript form

(f) **Post-course trainee (May 2002 – October 2002)**, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Unit, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) Nairobi, Kenya. (Sponsor: OWSD)

Training fundamentals (schedule):

- Plasmid isolation, Northern blotting, construction of genomic DNA libraries, DNA probe, Hybridization probe, utilization of public databases on the internet, polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, fluorescent staining, Restriction fragment Length Polymorphism, Amplified fragment Length Polymorphism, Elisa, Phenotyping, DNA footprinting.
- Bioinformatics: Sequence retrieval and analysis, multiple sequence analysis, phylogeny reconstruction.

(e) **Dissertation Research Internship (DRIP) Scholar (July 2001 - December 2001)**, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Unit, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) Nairobi, Kenya. (Sponsor: OWSD)

Work schedule:

- Determination of ethylene production from bacterial isolates using gas chromatography and mass spectrometer
- DNA extraction, RAPD-PCR and targeted PCR amplification of ethylene producing bacteria
- Bacterial identification by API techniques
- Primer design

(d) **Research scholar (January 2001 - June 2001)**, Kenya Sugar Research Foundation (KESREF) Kisumu Kenya. (Sponsor: OWSD).

Work schedule:

- Pilot farm feasibility study of already established screen house work
- Establishment and management of multilocational on-farm research trials.
- Data collection, management and analysis using SAS for windows.
- Microbial plate counts of bacteria isolates obtained from cowpea Stand
- Ascertain probable effect of bacterial inoculum density and determination of inoculum threshold level

(c) **Visiting Research Fellow (July 1998 - December 2000)**, Plant Health Management Division, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) Ibadan, Oyo State.

Work schedule:

- Isolation, purification, screening, and estimation of soil bacteria.
- Establishment and management of screen-house trials (*Striga*).
- Data collection, management and analysis using SAS for windows.

(b) **Laboratory assistant (January 1994 - June 1994)**, Total Quality Control Department, Market Movers Nigeria Limited, Plot 22, Block 'A' Cocoa Industries Road, Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos.

Duties:

- Ensuring the fruits to be processed meet all the buying specification of the company.
- Daily supervision of the Company's sanitary condition.
- Bacteriological examination of raw water.
- Supervision of the hygiene level of workers on production line.
- Ascertaining the microbiological quality of the finished products.
- Forwarding memorandum to Production Manager.
- Assessment of product recalls.

(a) **Tutor (Nov. 1992 -Nov. 1993)**, School of Nursing, Ituk Mbang, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria (NYSC primary assignment).

6. Publications (h-INDEX 13, Google scholar: all citations)

(6a) Papers in refereed journals

2002

- 1) **Babalola O.O., Osir E.O., and Sanni A.I** (2002) Characterization of potential ethylene-producing rhizosphere bacteria of *Striga*-infested maize and sorghum. African Journal of Biotechnology 1(2): 67-69. ISSN: 1684-5315. www.ajol.info/index.php/ajb/article/view/14819/58495

2003

- 2) **Babalola O.O.**, Osir E.O., Sanni A.I., Odhiambo G.D. and Bulimo W.D (2003) Amplification of 1-amino-cyclopropane-1-carboxylic (ACC) deaminase from plant growth promoting rhizobacteria in *Striga*-infested soil. African Journal of Biotechnology 2(6): 157-160. ISSN: 1684-5315. www.academicjournals.org/ajb/.../Babalola%20et%20al.htm
- 3) **Babalola O.O** (2003) Molecular techniques: An overview of methods for the detection of bacteria. African Journal of Biotechnology 2(12): 710-713. ISSN 1684-5315. [www.academicjournals.org/AJB/contents/2003contentlist/December%202\(12\).htm](http://www.academicjournals.org/AJB/contents/2003contentlist/December%202(12).htm) - 42k

2004

- 4) **Babalola O.O** (2004) Molecular diagnosis and typing of microorganisms. Science Focus 6:118-125. ISSN: 1596-7026
- 5) **Babalola O.O.** and Berner D.K. (2004) Observations on preconditioning duration of *Striga hermonthica* on maize and sorghum yield attributes. Science Focus 8:79-82. ISSN: 1596-7026
- 6) **Babalola O.O.**, Sanni A.I., and Odhiambo G.D. (2004) Isolation of rhizobacteria associated with maize and assessment of their potential for use in *Striga hermonthica* (Del.) Benth. suicidal germination. Journal of Tropical Microbiology and Biotechnology 3 (1): 64-70. ISSN: 1607-4106. <http://ajol.info/index.php/jtmb/article/view/35428>

2005

- 7) Gressel, J, Al-Ahmad, H, Amsellem, Z, **Babalola, O**, Meir, S (2005) Transgenic enhancement of biocontrol agents. Phytopathology (USA), 95 (6): S126-S126 Suppl. S JUN 2005 0031-949X

2007

- 8) **Babalola O.O.** (2007) Pectinase and cellulase enhance the control of *Abutilon theophrasti* by *Colletotrichum coccodes*. Biocontrol Science and Technology (UK). 17(1-2): 53-61 ISSN: 0958-3157 URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09583150600828783>.
- 9) **Babalola O.O.**, Sanni A.I, Odhiambo G.D., and Baldwin T. (2007) Plant growth-promoting rhizobacteria do not pose any deleterious effect on cowpea and detectable amounts of ethylene are produced. World Journal of Microbiology and Biotechnology (The Netherlands). 23 (6):747-752. ISSN: 0959-1354 DOI: 10.1007/s11274-006-9290-6. <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/klu/wibi/2007/00000023/00000006/00009290>
- 10) **Babalola O.O.**, Berner D.K., and Amusa N.A. (2007) Evaluation of some bacterial isolates as germination stimulants of *Striga hermonthica*. African Journal of Agricultural Research 2 (1):27-30 ISSN 1991-637X. <http://www.academicjournals.org/ajar/PDF/Pdf2007/Jan/Babalola%20et%20al.pdf>
- 11) Baiyewu R.A., Amusa N.A., Ayoola O.A., and **Babalola O.O.** (2007) Survey of the post harvest diseases and aflatoxin contamination of marketed papaw fruit (*Carica papaya* L) in South Western Nigeria. African Journal of Agricultural Research 2 (4):178-181. ISSN 1991-637X
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- 1996, MSc Thesis: Screening for nisin producing *Lactococcus lactis* in milk and milk products. University of Ibadan, Ibadan.
- 1992, BSc (Hons) Thesis: Quality control study of some processed fruit Juices: A case study of Capri-some products. Ogun state University, Ago-Iwoye.

7. Networking

- 1) 2nd Thünen Symposium on Soil Metagenomics, 11 - 13 December 2013, www.soil-metagenomics.org. **Braunschweig, Germany**
- 2) SARIMA 2011 Conference. Preparing research innovation managers for the next decade. 08-10 June, Umhlanga, **Durban, South Africa**.
- 3) Indigenous knowledge and community innovations in the biosciences and biotechnology in Southern Africa. Regional symposium, 17-19 August 2010. Kwa Maritane lodge, **Pilanesberg, South Africa**.
- 4) BIO-08, a combined conference supported by the South African Society for Microbiology, Biotech SA and the South African Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, (SASM - Biotech SA - SASBMB). Jan 21-25, 2008. **Grahamstown, South Africa**.
- 5) 2nd South Africa Proteomics and Genomics Conference, University of the Western Cape. 03-05 March 2008. **Cape Town, South Africa**.

8. Research Interests

My research interests are centered on the application of molecular/ irradiation biology techniques to understand:

- Microbial biotechnology, molecular fingerprinting, soil metagenomics

- Molecular plant-microbe interactions, rhizosphere biology, biofertilizer, bioherbicides, Symbiosis, Rhizosphere Microbiome, New Concepts and Methods in the Rhizosphere, Below and Above Ground Interactions, Rhizo Remediation, Root Endophytes
- Biological control of noxious plants with microbes, plant pathogens
- GMO, biosafety and biosecurity

9. Academic recognitions

(9a) Invited Talks

- Jan 24-30, 2016, **Visiting Scientist**, CE3C - Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, Edifício C2, Piso 5, Sala 2.5.03 Campo Grande, 1749-016 **Lisboa, Portugal**
- 5th Jan- 4th Feb 2016, **visiting research scientist** UMR CNRS 5557 Microbial Ecology of Lyon University Lyon 1, Bat. Mendel 43 Bd du 11 Novembre 1918 69622 Villeurbanne (Cedex) - **France.**
- Oct 7- 21, 2015, **Visiting Scientist**, Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology, Iowa State University, **Iowa, USA.**
- April 28th-30th 2015, **Panelist**. Knowledge Exchange Forum: Important early career milestones and support. Gender Summit 5 Africa. **Cape Town, South Africa.**
- Oct -21 Nov 2014, **Guest lecturer/Visiting research scientist**. UMR CNRS 5557 Microbial Ecology of Lyon University Lyon 1, Bat. Mendel 43 Bd du 11 Novembre 1918 69622 Villeurbanne (Cedex) - **France.**
- August 18th-22nd 2014, **Session Chair**. The Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) Fellowship Holders Regional Workshop on Scientific Writing and Science Communication. CSIR International Convention Centre (ICC), **Pretoria, South Africa.**
- July 15th -18th 2013, **Speaker and Session Chair**. 6th Annual International Symposium on Agriculture, Athens Institute for Education and Research, **Athens, Greece.**
- June 19th -July 14th 2013, **Visiting**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Sciences, Faculty of Biology, Department of Genetics and Biotechnology, **Athens, Greece.**
- September 13-15, 2012. **Speaker and Session Chair**: 3rd World Congress on Biotechnology, Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad, **India.**
- May 2010, Exploitation of microbes. South Africa's celebration of the international year of biodiversity (by UNESCO, DST, NRF and SAASTA), Cooke's lake, Mafikeng, North West province, **South Africa.**
- February 2008, Effective studying and note taking technique, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, **South Africa.**
- **Visiting research scientist** February 2007, Japan Atomic Energy Agency, Tokai-Mura, **Japan.**

(9b) Professional avocation/responsibilities

- ✓ Member, advisory board, NGO SEHAT-India (Society for Environment, Health, Awareness of nutrition & toxicology).
- ✓ Host Institution Supervisor, Climate Impact Research Capacity and Leadership Enhancement Programme for sub-Saharan Africa (CIRCLE). The Association of Commonwealth Universities, UKaid.
- ✓ Member NRF Advisory panel for Agricultural Sciences (Thuthuka funding programme) 2013 - present.
- ✓ Member NRF Advisory panel for Microbiology and Biochemistry (CPRR & CSUR funding programme) 2013 - present
- ✓ Member review panels, Advisory sub-committee **GMO** act South Africa 2011-present.

(9c) Manuscript reviews responsibilities

Acta Physiologiae Plantarum	2013- to date
Journal of Basic Microbiology	2013- to date
Journal of the Saudi Society of Agricultural Sciences	2013- to date
Polar Biology (Canada)	2011- to date
Applied Soil Ecology (USA)	2011- to date
Annals of Microbiology (Springer, USA)	2011- to date
Journal of Yeast and Fungal Research	2010 -to date
International Journal of Biological and Life Science	2010 -to date
International Research Journal of Agricultural Science	2009-to date
African Journal of Plant Sciences	2009 -to date
Journal of Horticulture and Forestry	2009 -to date
African Journal of Food Science	2008- to date
African Journal of Microbiology Research	2007- to date
African Journal of Biotechnology	2007 -to date

(9d) External Assessor/examiner (funding and student thesis evaluation)

External examiner/moderator (Microbiology), University of Limpopo, Turfloop campus. **2016**. SMIB 032, SCIN 082, SBTC 082, SMOL 081, SBTB 031, SMIC 080, BIOC 302, SANL 081, SBIC 080.

MSc (Microbiology), Rhodes University, South Africa. June **2015** (Miss Aviwe Fulmaka, g13F7779). Title: Investigating soil microbial interactions of *Portulacaria afra*.

External reviewer, Appointments and Promotions Committee, Faculty of Science, University of Fort Hare (2015)

PhD (Microbiology), VIT University, Vellore, India. Genetic Polymorphic Studies in *Heteropneustes fossilis* and *Clarias gariepinus* using Microsatellite Markers” **2015**.

PhD (Microbiology), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India. **2015**. (Mr. K Rajesh).

MSc (Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. March **2015** (Ncedo Ntozonke, 200909172)

MSc (Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. Feb **2015** (Ms Busisiwe Makapela, 200906220)

MSc (Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. Jan **2015** (Ms Chinwe Juliana Iwu)

PhD (Nanotechnology), Anna University, Chennai, India, **2015** (Mr S. Satheeskumar). Title: “Synthesis, characterization and application of ZnMgAlO nano material”.

Post-harvest Innovation Programme **2014**

PhD (Microbiology), Ms. Shafaq Rasool, School of Biotechnology, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, J&K, India.

MSc (Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. June **2014** (Ms Nozuko Zukiswa Seti)

MSc (Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. June **2014** (Ms Andiswa Unathi Badela)

PhD (Microbiology), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India, **2014** (Mrs. P. Priyadharsini). Title: “Diversity, Characterization and Bioherbicidal potential of terrestrial Actinobacteria against the selected weeds”

PhD (Environmental Science), University of Pune, Ganeshkhind, Pune-4111007, India, **2014** (Aparna B. Gunjal). Title: “A Technology for Developing Soil Conditioner through Microbial Enrichment of Agro-Industry By-Products”

PhD (Microbiology), North-West University, Potchefstroom campus, **2013** (Mrs SG Mulamattathil), Student No: 11284404).

MSc (Microbiology), University of Limpopo, Turfloop campus. **2013** (Ms. K Mokatse 200626704), Title: "Production, Characterization and Evaluation of Fungal Cellulases for Effective Digestion of Cellulose"

PhD student thesis evaluation, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, India, **2013**

PhD (Environmental Science), University of Pune, Ganeshkhind, Pune-4111007, India, **2012** (Mrs. Nita Bhagwan Patil)

NRF Five Year Review of DST/NRF South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) grant holder review assessment, **2013** (1 candidate)

NRF Thuthuka applications review panel **2013**

NRF research funding (proposals) applications **2011**(4 candidates), **2012**(1 candidate), **2013**(1 candidate), **2014** (Blue skies, 2 candidates)

PhD (Environmental Science), North-West University, Potchefstroom campus, **2012**(1 candidate)

MSc (Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. Jan **2012** (Mr. SS Gusha)

MSc (Biochemistry), University of Fort Hare. Feb. **2012** (Mr. Fredrick Matongo)

MSc (Biochemistry and Microbiology), University of Fort Hare. **2010** (Zimasa N Cwala), **2011**

MSc (Microbiology), University of Limpopo, Turfloop campus. **2011** (Ms. R Maribeng, Student No: 200402212, Title: Screening, isolation and characterization of lectins from mushrooms indigenous to Southern Africa)

MSc (Environmental Science), North-West University, Potchefstroom campus, **2011** (Ms. SL Ferreira, Student No: 13036912)

External examiner/moderator: Biochemistry and Microbiology undergraduate modules (MIC 312 June, July; MIC 511, 512 degree exam; MIC 311|June, degree exam; MIC 311|July, supplementary, Nov 2013, Jan 2014), University of Fort Hare, South Africa. **2012 to date**

Biochemistry and Microbiology (Degree and Supplementary, MIC 311; Honours, MIC 511, 512, and 504/514), University of Fort Hare, South Africa. **2011**

(9e) Honors and Awards

1. Established Researcher, National Research Foundation (**NRF**) **Rating**, (South Africa) Jan. 2012-2017: C3.
2. Fellow: African Scientific Institute (ASI) 2016
3. Fellow: Africa Science Leadership Program (ASLP) 2015
4. Most productive female research, North-West University, FAST, Mafikeng campus, North-West University 2014.
5. Most productive NRF rated researcher Mafikeng campus, North-West University 2014.
6. South Africa /**Argentina** Joint Science and Technology Research “Prospection, identification and characterization of cellulases coding gene for obtaining bioethanol” (Aug 2013) UID: 91990. **R450,000**.
7. Indigenous Knowledge Systems Call 2013 (IKS12102214311) July 2013- June 2014. “Studies on the resident root-nodule bacteria from landraces of *Vigna subterranean* (Bambara groundnut). **R500,000**
8. **Top 20% performer** bonus (R36 686.00) **2013**; (R40 701.00) **2014**
9. Merit Bonus, for contribution to 2011 research output (R138 480.00) 2012
10. Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration (**KIC**) funding, UID: 83109, 2013 (R35, 000), UID: 98460, 2015 (R25, 000).
11. Merit Bonus, Institutional Research Excellence Award (**IREA**) 2011
12. Merit Bonus, for contribution to 2010 research output (R19 944.30) 2011
13. Online Distance Learning, University of Bradford, UK, Applied Dual-Use Biosecurity Training Course Bursary, United States Department of State, Bioengagement Program (£1,860 Sterling) 2012.
14. Merit Bonus, Institutional Teaching Excellence Award (**ITEA**) 2011.
15. North-West University, Faculty (of Agric, Sci. & Tech) **Travel grant**. (R28, 000) for an international meeting, Sept. 2011, Italy.
16. Merit Bonus, Institutional Research Excellence Award (**IREA**) 2010.
17. Vice Chancellor’s award (North-West University) for the **Top 20 employees** 2010.
18. North-West University, Faculty (of Agric, Sci. & Tech) **Travel grant**. (R21, 000) for an international conference, Nov. 2010, Egypt.
19. National Research Foundation, **financial support** UID73792 (R15, 000) to attend ICGEB-Biosafety Workshop, Sept 2010, Italy.
20. North-West University, Faculty (of Agric, Sci. & Tech) **Research grant**, April 2010. Microbial diversity of Mmabatho municipality (R30, 000).
21. Award of Olabisi Onabanjo University Senate Research grant (OOU/SRG/07/5) (N200, 000), 2008.
22. University of the Western Cape, NRF/UWC block grant for overseas conferences, May 11-15, 2008 Banff, Alberta, Canada
23. Network of Centers of Scientific Excellence, UNCTAD Advanced laboratory training in Biotechnology and Molecular biology, University of Cape Town, South Africa. October 16 2006 – January 16 2007.

24. DBT-TWAS (2006, 12 months) Postdoctoral fellowship Award, Centre for Biotechnology- Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (Prof Uttam Pati). Gratefully declined
25. Junior Investigator Award. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST, USA), (covers the registration fee, accommodation expenses, meals and drinks, and the Airport-Hotel-Airport transfers) to participate in *the IX International Workshop on Radiation Damage to DNA* held on May 13-17, 2006 in Tekirova, Antalya, Turkey.
26. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Fellowship, for training in Plant Breeding and Genetics, administered by Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS) from September 2005 - February 2006.
27. Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program, University of California at Berkeley. Partial scholarship, 22 June - 16 July 2005, for training in Sustainable Environmental Management. Funded by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.
28. Postdoctoral Fellowship: Feinberg Graduate School, Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS), Israel July 2004 - August 2005.
29. Travel aid (for a conference in Paris): International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) October 2002.
30. Young Scientist Travel Award (for a conference in South Africa): International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (IUBMB). November 2001.
31. Doctoral fellowship: Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOWS, now OWSD). Trieste Italy January 2001 - 31st December 2001, 14th May 2002 - 14th November 2002.
32. Visiting Research Fellowship: International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Training Program. July 1998 - December 2000
33. Ogun State Governor, once-off bursary for BSc (Hons), 1992.

10. Research Niche Area

Title: Food Security and Safety

Sub-programme 1: Plant Food production

11. Professional association

Member, South African Council for Natural Scientific professions (SACNASP: 400260/10) 2010 to date

Member, Royal Society of South Africa (RSSA) 2010 to date

Member, South African Society for Microbiology (SASM) 2010 to date

Member, South African Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SASBMB) 2007 to date

Member, South African Women in Science and Engineering (SAWISE) 2010 to date

Member, Org. of Women Scientists for the Developing World (formerly, TWOWS; now OWSDW, ID 3591) 2000 to date

Member, The Science Advisory Board (SAB)

Member, American Society of Microbiology (ASM)

Member, Southern African Research and Innovative Management Association (SARIMA) 2011 to date

Member, South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG) 2010 to date

Member, International Society for biosafety research (ISBR)

12. Community engagements

- Biotechnology enlightenment projects for the community by students in the Microbial Ecology course were organized annually
- A programme (Bio4LIFE) was developed for the rural areas concerning the importance of careful use of chemical fertilisers

13. Skills/Strength/Competency

- **Good leadership skill:** Many have testified to my high emotional intelligence. I am a role model amongst offspring's from my parents. I led the Department of Biological Sciences successfully in my tenure. I resolved conflict amicably. I am actively leading a group of upcoming scientists in Microbial Biotechnology. The team comprises of Hons, MSc, PhD students and postdoctoral fellows. I handled the Quality Control committee for my Faculty in a time saving manner.
- **Excellent background in Biology:** Besides my BSc (Hons), Msc and PhD in Microbiology, I demonstrated a good background in the design and layout of all my experiments (laboratory, greenhouse and field) techniques, enzyme activity assay methods, microbial ecology of bacterial-plant/fungal-plant relationships, isolation and identification of microbes (Microbial techniques). Evidently I have two international postdoctoral exposure in Biotechnology.
- I identified research problems, developed, analyzed and executed the proposals
- **Statistical analyzes:** I disseminated significant findings using SAS for Windows and JMP4.
- **Computer knowledge:** I handled Word Processing, Power Point presentations, Excel spreadsheet, Cricket Graph, Endnote and Reference manager, UNIX, and other operating systems. I am Conversant with workflow system (**Oracle**) and I used advance **eFUNDI:** to communicate with students, deposit teaching material, conduct assessment, and make announcement.
- **Current molecular biology techniques:** I managed a team of upcoming scientists in my research team on DNA extraction methods (genomic DNA, plasmid), RNA extraction methods (bacteria, fungi), RAPD, PCR (RT-PCR, Nested PCR, Quantitative real-time PCR, touchdown PCR, colony PCR), T-RFLP, AFLP, RFLP, ARDRA, DGGE, RNAi, Western blot, Southern blots, dot blots, DNA electrophoresis, protein electrophoresis (SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis), principle of gene manipulation, construction and screening of a plasmid genomic (and metagenomics) DNA libraries, cloning (competence cell, transformation, enzymatic digest), sequence analysis, protein purification, and Tissue culture techniques.
- **Strong communication skills and good written skill:** This is evident in my prolific publication style. 2010 (5 single authored journal articles); 2011 (9 journal articles); 2012 (14 journal articles). To this end, I directed every student that passes under my mentorship to write and publish their research findings.

- **Interdisciplinary teams, and multicultural settings capacity:** I served in Nigeria (many years), Kenya (2 years), Israel (2 years), South Africa (>7 years), besides my other scientific endeavors in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. I partnered with international scientists in my field:
- **Working knowledge of bioinformatics:** I implemented my routine research work in association with NCBI, Pubmed, Oligo (primer design), CLUSTALW, CLUSTALX, Blast, Multalign, DNAMAN, MEGA5, Internet information retrieval, Phylowin, TNT, BioEdit, PHYLIP, MP, MAFFT. I attended bioinformatics workshops to keep abreast of latest developments in the field.

14. Collaborators

Collaborator	Institution	Nature/Extent of partnership
Dr Katherine M. Pappas	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Sciences, Faculty of Biology, Department of Genetics and Biotechnology, Athens, Greece	Research
Dr Eugenia Barros	The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in South Africa .	Research/co-supervision
Dr Claire Prigent Combaret	UMR CNRS 5557 Microbial Ecology of Lyon University Lyon 1, Bat. Mendel 43 Bd du 11 Novembre 1918 69622 Villeurbanne (cedex) - France	Implementation of joint research projects, book chapter,
Prof Bernard R. Glick	Department of Biology, University of Waterloo, Canada	Publications
Dr Paola Monica Talia	Instituto de Biotecnología CICVyA, CNIA INTA Castelar. Los Reseros y Las cabañas s/n Hurlingham. Argentina	Implementation of joint research projects Student exchange
Dr Dhanasekaran Dharumadurai	Department of Microbiology Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli - 620024. Tamil Nadu, India	Publication, expert committee member, reviewers, evaluation
Prof Gwyn A. Beattie	Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology Iowa State University, Iowa, USA	Research
Dr Stefan Marius	“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Faculty of Biology, B-dul. Carol I, nr. 20 A, 700506, Iasi, Romania	Implementation of joint research projects
Prof Cristina Cruz	CE3C - Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, Edifício C2, Piso 5, Sala 2.5.03 Campo Grande, 1749-016 Lisboa, Portugal	Research

15. News

Raven in Argentina

<http://intranet.inta.gob.ar/noticias/boletin-de-noticias/boletin-301/compartir-el-conocimiento-para-crecer-juntos>

Tumelo in Argentina

<http://inta.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-es-el-lugar-elegido-por-tesistas-extranjeros>

16. Personal interests

Traveling, cuisine, swimming

16. Referees

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17. Post graduate students (for the period at NWU)

Prior to joining NWU: Graduated 47 Hons, and MSc

At NWU: 22 Hons, 7 Msc, and 3 PhD

Degree	Student	Supervisor	Result
BSc (Hons) research projects students			
2010	Madyibi Lorato M (18037852)	Babalola OO	Pass
2010	Bumunang Emmanuel M (22048219)	Babalola OO	Pass
2010	Sebogodi Keletso M (17099587)	Babalola OO	Pass
2010	Ndeddy Aka Robison (18022200)	Babalola OO	Pass (characterization and identification of enterobacteriaceae from fresh bovine tripe)
2011	Mokone Peter Ho (18035302)	Babalola OO	Pass
2011	Kodisang Seiphopo Lena (23409525)	Babalola OO	Pass
2011	Akindolire Muyiwa Ajoke (22826424)	Babalola OO	Pass
2012	Mogatianyane Keneilwe (21449090)	Babalola OO	Pass
2012	Esau Boipelo (21910040)	Babalola OO	Pass
2012	Motlagomang Khantsi (16162749)	Babalola OO	Pass Faculty Prize, Overall 2 nd Best Hons Student NWU, 2012, distinction in Hons thesis, Best PG student, 2013.
2013	Motsewabangwe KR (21472807)	Babalola OO	Pass Overall winner in the national FameLab competition, National Science Festival (Scifest) Grahamstown in 2013.

2013	Gae Neo A (21981183)	Babalola OO	Pass
2013	Kupi T (21508690)	Babalola OO	Pass
2013	Thebe Tumelo (22615865)	Babalola OO	Pass
2013	Rorisang Wendy Mmeno (21986762)	Babalola OO	Pass
2014	Adem Mohomud (21888205)	Babalola OO	Pass
2014	Mongadi Khomotso (21407398)	Babalola OO	Pass
2014	Mokgakane lindiwe (23129840)	Babalola OO	Pass
2014	Motete Tshoganyetso (23145889)	Babalola OO	Pass
2014	Frankel Thabiso (23264748)	Babalola OO	Completed, DST/NRF intern 2014
2014	Serumula Ketshepile Beverly (23251905)	Babalola OO	Pass
2014	Chukwuneme Chinenyenwa Fortune (25540122)	Babalola OO	Pass
2015	Onkemetse Moseitlhe (23789700)	Babalola OO	Pass

Masters' dissertation students			
Duration	Student	Supervisor	Result
2011-2013	Bumunang Emmanuel M (22048219) Impact of field grown genetically modified corn on indigenous rhizobacteria	Babalola OO	Pass. Published 3 articles, and 1 conference abstract. Faculty 2013 best MSc student award (R40, 000). Another article is under consideration
2011-2013	Sebogodi Keletso M (17099587) Molecular characterization of iron and sulfur oxidizing bacteria from Kalgold mine	Babalola OO	Pass. Nationwide best presenter DST/NRF interns 2012.
2011-2013	Kedibone Masenya (23405805) Determination of microbial community structure of bacteria from Mafikeng and Zeerust townships	Babalola OO	Pass. Published an article.
2012-2013	Ajilogba Caroline F (23703563) Molecular characterization of native <i>Bacillus</i> spp with biocontrol potential for Fusarium wilt of tomato	Babalola OO	Pass. Published 2 articles, 2 articles are under consideration, Faculty Prize, Overall 2 nd Best MSc Student NWU, 2012, SASM 2013 student attendance award
2012-2013	Modise Lorato M (18037852) Analysis of bacterial communities in cultivated plants rhizosphere of Mahikeng in the North-West Province	Babalola OO	Pass. An article is under consideration
2012-2014	Ajoke M Akindolire (22826424)	Ateba CN and	Pass. Published an article

	Detection and Molecular Characterization of Virulence Genes in Antibiotic Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> From Milk Using PCR analysis	Babalola OO	
2012-2016	Ndeddy Aka Robison (18022200) Identification and characterization of heavy metal-tolerant bacteria isolated from mine tailings and their potential use for phytoextraction	Babalola OO	Published an article. Submitted another manuscript
2013-2016	Motlagomang Khantsi (16162749)	Babalola OO	Ongoing
2014-2016	Motsewabangwe K. Raven (21472807)	Babalola OO	Ongoing, Argentina exchange bilateral project
2014-2016	Thebe Tumelo (22615865)	Babalola OO	Ongoing, Argentina exchange bilateral project
2015-2016	Mokgakane Lindiwe (23129840)	Babalola OO	Ongoing, Protea exchange bilateral project/ Innovation masters scholarship 2015 NRF
2015-2016	Oluseyi Samuel Olanrewaju (26704005)	Babalola OO	Ongoing
2015-2016	Oluwadara Pelumi Alamu (26689189)	Babalola OO/Mwanza M	Ongoing
2015-2016	Olalekan Ayodele Adedayo (27048187)	Babalola OO	Ongoing
2016-2017	Rorisang Wendy Mmeno (21986762)	Babalola OO	Ongoing
2016-2017	Refiloe Octavia Lecogo (22646795)	Babalola OO/Manjoro Munyaradzi	Ongoing
2016-2017	Neo Gae (21981183)	Babalola OO	Ongoing

PhD theses students			
Duration	Student	Supervisor	Result
2011-2015	Adegboye Mobolaji Felicia (23229926)	Babalola OO	Pass. Published 7 papers. Faculty Prize, overall 2 nd Best PhD Student NWU, 2012. Faculty 2013 best PhD student award (R80, 000). SASM 2013 student attendance award. Recipient H3abionet/sanbio scholarships for short-term training for Phd students.
2012-2016	Aremu Rhoda Bukola (23925523)	Babalola OO	Pass. Published two articles. Has two manuscripts accepted. Winner 1 st Prize SASM2016 best PhD student presentation.
2013-2016	Egbuta Mary Augustina	Babalola OO/Mwanza M	Submitted. An article is under consideration. Recipient H3abionet/sanbio scholarships for

	(23703563)		short-term training for Phd students. Faculty 2014 best PhD student award (R80, 000).
2012-2016	Esuola Catherine Oluwakemi (24054887)	Babalola OO/ Schlömann M./ and Tischler D.	Writing up. (DAAD, Germany). An article is under consideration
2013-2016	Fashola M Omotola (24804460)	Babalola OO/ Ngole V	Writing up. Published an article. An article is under consideration. Faculty 2015 best PhD student award (R80, 000). Winner SASM 2016 travel award
2014-2016	Ajilogba Caroline F (23703563)	Babalola OO	Ongoing. Faculty 2015 best PhD student award (R80, 000). Winner SASM 2016 travel award
2015-2017	Adeniji Adetomiwa Ayodele (26352842)	Babalola OO	Ongoing
2016-	Adegboyega Taofeek Temitope	Babalola OO	Ongoing
2016-	Ayangbenro Ayansina Segun (28072693)	Babalola OO	Ongoing, 2016 NRF–TWAS African Renaissance Doctoral Fellowships SFH150929143105
2016-	Masowa Manare Maxson	Kutu FR/Babalola OO	Ongoing

Exchange students/scientists hosted and the source of funds			
Duration	Fellow	Institute/Country of origin	Source of fund
2 months, 2013	Olorunjuwon Bello	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria	TETFund
30 days, August 2014	Ben Guerrero Emiliano	Instituto de Biotecnología CICVyA, CNIA INTA Castelar, Argentina	SA/Argentina bilateral
30 days, June 2015	Facundo Felix	Instituto de Biotecnología CICVyA, CNIA INTA Castelar, Argentina	SA/Argentina bilateral
6 months, June - Nov 2015	Adesetan Titilayo	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria	TETFund

Postdoctoral Fellows			
Duration	Fellow	Host	Status
Oct 2011 to Sept 2014 2013-SFP12091512869	Dr Faheem Ahmad (23849843), PhD, AMU, India	Babalola OO, NWU	Done
Jan 2012 to May 2014	Dr Lubanza Ngoma (24014028), PhD,	Babalola OO, NWU	Done

	Wits, SA		
Jan 2012 to July 2014 2013-SFP12090312175	Dr Hamid Igbal Tak (24037699), PhD AMU, India	Babalola OO, NWU	Done
Jan 2013 to Jan 2014	Dr Ezekiel Lawal (24870552), PhD UI, Nig.	Babalola OO, NWU	Done
Nov 2013 to Jan 2015	Dr Olajire Michael Dare (25665197), PhD UI, Nig.	Babalola OO, NWU	Done
Jan 2015 to Dec 2015	Dr Elizabeth Temitope Alori (26940922) PhD Ilorin, Nig.	Babalola OO, NWU	Done
Jan 2015 to Jan 2016	Dr Abeer Ahmed Qaed Ahmed (26923408) PhD, CIB, China	Babalola OO, NWU	Done
July 2014 to date	Dr Shivakumar P. Banakar (26426803) PHD, KU, India	Babalola OO, NWU	Ongoing
May 2015 to date 2016-SFP150731133595	Dr Mobolaji Felicia Adegboye (23229926) PhD, NWU, SA Awardee NRF scarce skill postdoctoral fellowship	Babalola OO, NWU	Ongoing
2016	Dr Renganathan Seenivasagan Periyar University, India	Babalola OO, NWU	Ongoing

18. Research funds

Funds source/project title	PI	Duration	Status	Amount
Incentive Funding for Rated Researchers 2012 (IFR1203150666; UID:81192)	OOB	7 years	2012-2017	R40,000 PA**
Indigenous Knowledge Systems Call 2013 (IKS12102214311; UID 86625) "Studies on the resident root-nodule bacteria from landraces of <i>Vigna subterranean</i> (Bambara groundnut)	OOB	1 year	2013- 2014	R500,000**
Knowledge Fields Development (Development Grants) UID: 83109	OOB	1 year	2013	R35,000**
South Africa / Argentina Joint Science and Technology Research "Prospection, identification and characterization of cellulases coding gene for obtaining bioethanol"(Aug 2013) UID: 91990 http://www.mincyt.gob.ar/convocatoria/programa-de-cooperacion-mincyt-dst-sudafrica-2013-8011	OOB & Dr Talia Paola	3 years	2014-2016	R450,000**
NRF/Protea Joint call 2014. Protection of maize by Pseudomonas Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria against <i>Fusarium graminearum</i> (FSTR14070673999;	OOB & Dr Claire Prigent-	2 years	2014/2015- 2015/2016	R137,100**

UID95111)	Combaret			
Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration (Conference Grants) (KIC150916142751; UID: 98460)	OOB	1 year	2015	R25,000 **
UK - South Africa Researcher Links Mobility 2016 160215158213	OOB	1 month	2016	R50,000 *

* Amount requested

** Amount already granted

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