

Personal Information

1. Primary information

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2. Overview

Dr. Akram Sadeghi received her PhD in molecular genetics from Tarbiat Modares University of Iran in 2013, and currently works as Associate Prof. in the Microbial biotechnology Department of Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute of Iran (ABRII). Her activities are focused on production of biofertilizers and biopesticides and identification of abiotic stress tolerance mechanisms in Actinomycetes. In addition, she is familiar with different technologies, such as genetic engineering, metagenomics, molecular markers, bioinformatics and functional genomics.

3. Research summary

• Performed Research

1. Study on optimum growth conditions and designing formulation for increasing viability of native *Streptomyces* isolates as biocontrol agent
2. Study of the mechanisms of salt tolerance in *Streptomyces* and their relation with biocontrol properties
3. Effect of drought stress and using *Streptomyces* bacterium on yield and yield components of maize hybrid KSC 260
4. The effect of native PGPR *Streptomyces* isolates on wheat salt tolerance
5. Isolation and molecular characterization of *Streptomyces* isolates effective on control of the fungal causal agent of sugar beet damping off and initial root rot
6. Preparation and evaluation of three products based on growth promoting bacteria on greenhouse cucumber, tomato and bell pepper (mega project)

4-Selected Papers

1. Eigharlou M, Hashemi Z, Mohammadi, A, Khelghatibana F, Nami Y, Sadeghi A. 2024. Herbicidal proteins from *Bacillus wiedmannii* isolate ZT selectively inhibit ryegrass (*Lolium temulentum* L.)
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5. Achievements

• Inventions (Patents):

- Sadeghi A. (2005) Biocontrol of fungal disease and growth promotion of plant using an abiotic stress resistant *Streptomyces* (Iranian Patent Grant Number:38505275)
- Sadeghi A., et al. (2008), Process of biocontrol of plant pathogens by a *Streptomyces* strain resistant to environmental stresses (Iranian Patent Grant Number:38710077).
- Karimi E., Sadeghi A., Dalvand Y. (2012) Simple and low cost formulation to increase viability of *Streptomyces* bacteria (Iranian Patent Grant Number:390120785)

• Books

- Biosafety aspects of Genetically Modified Plants, Authors: Salehi Jouzani Gholamreza, Masoud Tohidfar and Akram Sadeghi, 2011, ABRII Press, 317 pages.
- An introduction to Bioethics, Authors: Hassan Rahnama, Masoud Tohidfar, Gholamreza Salehi Jouzani, Seyyed Mojtaba Khayam Nekouie, Akram Sadeghi, Saeed Soheilvand, 2008, ABRII Press, 270 pages.

• Awards

- Obtaining the title of Superior Talent (Level 3 Invention) - 2009 judged by the Industrial Research Organization and the National Elite Foundation
- Unveiling of the achievement by the Honorable President 2011
- Receiving a plaque of appreciation from the Honorable Minister of Agriculture 2011
- Receiving a plaque of appreciation from the Honorable Governor of Alborz 2011
- Obtaining the title of Superior Talent (Level 3 Invention) - 2012 judged by the Industrial Research Organization and the National Elite Foundation
- Obtaining the title of Superior Researcher of the Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute in 2014
- Awarded the title of Outstanding Researcher in Promotional Findings for the Year 1403 at the Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute