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15. Saeed F, Hashmi MH, Hossain MJ, Ali MA, **Bakhsh A** (2020). Transgenic technologies for efficient insect pest management in crop plants. In: Kiran U, Abidin MZ, Kamaluddin (eds) Transgenic Technology Based Value Addition in Plant Biotechnology. Academic Press, Elsevier Inc. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-818632-9.00006-X>
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17. Ozturk Gokce Z.N. et al. (2020). Abiotic Stress Tolerance in Field Crops: Integration of Omics Approaches. In: Hasanuzzaman M. (eds) Agronomic Crops Vol 3. Springer, Singapore https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-0025-1_24
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21. Aasim M, Sameeullah M, Karataş M, Bakirci S, **Bakhsh A**, Akhtar MS (2019). An Insight into Biotechnological Approaches Used for the Improvement of Secondary Metabolite from the medicinal Aquatic Plant, Water Hyssop (*Bacopa monnieri* L.). In: Akhtar MS, Swamy MK (eds) Natural Bio-active Compounds. Springer, Singapore. ISBN 978-981-13-7438-8, pp 123-152.
22. Aasim M., Baloch F.S., Nadeem M.A., **Bakhsh A**., Sameeullah M., Day S. (2018). Fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum* L.): An Underutilized Edible Plant of Modern World. In: Ozturk M., Hakeem KR., Ashraf M., Ahmad MSA. (eds) Global

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25. Aasim M, Sameeullah M, **Bakhsh A**, Siviñç C, Day S, Khawar KM (2018). Plant Tissue Culture and Genetic Transformation Studies of Poor Man Crop Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* L.). In Nikolic BA (ed) Cowpea Research Progress and Management Challenges. © 2018 Nova Science Publishers, Inc. ISBN: 978-1-53614-282-2, pp. 65-96.
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CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Bakhsh A** (2023). Current Trends in Genome Editing of Crops; Success, Challenges and Regulatory Bottlenecks. Presented in Global conference on "Sustainable Developments in Agriculture, Biochemistry & Biotechnology organized by Women University, Multan on 15-16 February, 2023, Multan, Pakistan.
2. **Bakhsh A** (2023). Genome editing approach for better crop production and protection and regulatory landscape worldwide. Presented in International Conference on Mitigation and Adaptation (Focus on Agriculture and Food Security) organized by Forman Christian College University, on 6-9 February 2023, Lahore, Pakistan
3. **Bakhsh A** (2023). RNA interference; an important tool for better insect pest management. Presented in 2nd International Conference: New Trends in Biological Sciences organized by University of Okara on 16-17 January, Okara, Pakistan
4. Yasmin Aneela, **Bakhsh A**, Rao AQ (2022). Reduction in cold induced sweetening of potato through knockout of vacuolar invertase gene. Presented in International Congress of VI. International Anatolian Agriculture, Food, Environment and Biology Congress hosted by Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Kutahya Dumlupinar University and Turkish Journal of Agriculture-Food Science and Technology (TURJAF), 07-09 October, Kütahya, Türkiye
5. **Bakhsh A** (2022). New Frontiers in Genome Editing of Plants and Regulatory Landscape Worldwide. Presented in Kazakhstan-Türkiye-Pakistan Youth Forum on Biotechnology organized by COMSTECH on 13-15th September, Islamabad, Pakistan.

6. **Bakhsh A**, Yasmin A, Rao AQ (2022). Addressing cold induced sweetening of potato through knock out of vacuolar invertase gene. Presented in 3rd PlantEd Conference on 5-7 September, Dusseldorf, **Germany**.
7. **Bakhsh A**, Yasmeen A, Rao AQ (2022). New Frontiers in Genome Editing of Crops, Success, challenges and regulatory bottlenecks. Presented in 3rd International Virtual Conference of Biotechnology Research Centre on 26-27 July 2022 organized by Al-Nahrain University, Baghdad, **Iraq (Keynote Speaker)**.
8. **Bakhsh A**, AQ Rao, Yasmeen A, Azam S, Latif A (2022). The knockout of vacuolar invertase gene in potato to address cold induced sweetening. Presented in 4th International Turkic World Conference on Science and Technology on 23-24 June organized by Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Nigde, **Turkey**.
9. **Bakhsh A** (2022). The fate of genome edited crops, a regulatory perspective. Presented in 3rd international colloquium: challenges and opportunities of maize production organized by University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan on 18-20 May, 2022.
10. **Bakhsh A** (2022). Application of genome editing for better pest control and its regulatory landscape worldwide. Presented in International Conference on Food Security through Sustainable Plant Protection Strategies organized by Department of Plant Protection, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar, Pakistan on 16-20 January, 2022.
11. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Case study: Development of genome-edited potato lines. Participated and presented as trainer in COMCEC-COMSTECH training and workshop on new breeding technologies for food and nutritional security on 30th Nov-2nd Dec, 2021, organized by Middle East Technical University, Ankara, **Turkey**.
12. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Modern molecular tools for insect pest management of horticultural crops. Presented as live webinar organized by Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad on 2nd December, 2021.
13. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Utilization of new plant protection technologies in crop plants, way forward towards better IPM. Presented in 10th International Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Congress virtually held on 4-7th October 2021, organized by Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, **Turkey**.
14. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Use of genome engineering and manipulation technologies for better insect pest and disease control. Presented in 2nd International Congress of the Turkish Journal of Agriculture-Food Sciences and Technology, International congress organized by Turkish Science Technology Publishing (TURSTEP) 25-29th October, Gazimağusa, **Cyprus**.
15. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Genome editing in vegetable and fruit plants. Participated as speaker in a live webinar February 26th organized by Kazak National Agrarian University KazNAU, Almaty, **Kazakhstan**
16. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Modern day approaches to integrated pest management (2021). Participated as speaker in a live webinar (April 09th) organized by Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi, **Pakistan**
17. **Bakhsh A**, Aksoy E, Gökçe A (2020). Towards application of dsRNA Technology to downregulate imidacloprid resistant genes of Colorado potato beetle CPB). **Virtually**

conducted on 12-13th June 2020, Ashgabad, **Turkmenistan**.

18. **Bakhsh A** (2020). Application of dsRNA Technology against insect pests; towards better IPM. Presented as **Keynote speaker** in 3rd International Conference on Applied Zoology (ICAZ-2020) **virtually conducted** on 07-08 December, Faisalabad, **Pakistan**.
19. **Bakhsh A** (2020). Efficient In planta and Sprayable Delivery of dsRNAs against Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). Presented in 4th Annual Conference: Contribution of RNAi to sustainable agriculture, food safety and security in February 26-28, Athens, **Greece**
20. **Bakhsh A**, Naqqash MN, Aksoy E, Gökçe A (2020). Knock Down of Imidacloprid Resistant Genes in Colorado Potato Beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). Presented in Plant and Animal Genome Conference XVIII, 11-15 January, San Diego, California, **USA**
21. **Bakhsh A**, Dangol S, Barakate A, Çalışkan ME. Elucidation of the role of potato invertase inhibitor using Crispr-Cas9 application. Presented in The 1st PlantEd Conference, Plant Genome Editing-State of the Art Cost Action CA18111 (05-07 November) organized by University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, **Serbia**
22. **Bakhsh A**, Aksoy E, Gökçe ZNO (2019). Modern day techniques for efficient insect pest management in crop plants. Presented at Eurasion Congress on Molecular Biotechnology (ECOMB) on 19-21 September 2019, Trabzon, **Turkey**
23. Dangol S, Barakate A, Çalışkan ME and **Bakhsh A** (2019). Knockdown of Potato Invertase Inhibitor gene by CRISPR/Cas9 based approach. Presented in 2019 SIVB meeting (07-12 June) Tampa, Florida, **USA**
24. Rahamkulov I, Aksoy E, **Bakhsh A** (2019). Activity of stress inducible rd29A promoter in transgenic potato under abiotic stress. Presented in II International Green Biotechnology Congress (09-11 September) Organized by Marmara University, Istanbul, **Turkey**
25. Naqqash MN, **Bakhsh A**, Gökçe A (2019). Silencing of some important genes leads to reduced fecundity and survival rates of Colorado Potato Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). Presented in 1st International Molecular Plant Protection Congress on 10-13 April, Adana, **Turkey**
26. **Bakhsh A** (2019). Transgenic approaches towards better insect pest management. Presented in international seminar on modern techniques to improve crop yields in changing climate on 4th April 2019, Mansehra, **Pakistan**
27. Begimay TK, Asim A, **Bakhsh A**, Demirel U (2019). Investigating mirRNA Mediated Networking against Drought Tolerance in Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Presented in International Turkic World Congress on Science and Engineering on 17-18 June, Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Niğde, **Turkey**
28. Dangol SD, Çalışkan ME, **Bakhsh A** (2018). An insight into gene editing technologies and role of Crispr in plant improvement. Presented in CRISPR 2018 International Congress on 10-14 September, Novosibirsk, **Russia**
29. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Aasim M, Pirlak U, Aksoy E, Caliskan ME (2018) Development of Transgenic Potato Lines Expressing Ecdysone Receptor Gene of Colorado Potato Beetle. Presented in 2018 SIVB meeting (02-06 June), St. Louis,

Missouri, **USA**

30. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Rahamkulov I, Aasim M, Pirlak U, Aksoy E, Caliskan ME (2018). Plant Mediated RNAi Strategy to Induce Insect Resistance in Transgenic Potato Lines. Presented as oral presentation at International Agricultural Science Congress (09-12 May), Van, **Turkey**
31. **Bakhsh A**, Sumer S, Rahamkulov I, Hussain T, Demirel U, Caliskan ME (2018). Development of Glyphosate Tolerant Potato lines Expressing Mutant Version of EPSP Synthase. Presented as oral presentation at 7th International Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Congress on 25-27 April, Konya, **Turkey**
32. **Bakhsh A** (2018). Confinement of foreign gene expression to targeted parts of the plants. Presented as **invited speaker** in “Integration of classical and non classical techniques to improve crop yields” on 19th September, Swabi, **Pakistan**
33. **Bakhsh A** (2018). Genetic manipulations in Soybean against biotic stresses. Presented in “International conference on biofortification of staple food crops on 24-26th September, The University of Agriculture-Peshawar, **Pakistan**
34. Dangol SD, Caliskan ME, **Bakhsh A** (2018). Various Gene Editing Strategies and Developments Based On CRISPR Technologies in Plants. Presented as oral presentation at International Agricultural Sciences Congress (09-12 May), Van, **Turkey**
35. **Bakhsh A**, Anayol E, Ahmed HA et al. (2017). Confining Insecticidal Gene Expression to Insect Wounding Parts in Transgenic Cotton. Presented as invited speaker at SINO-PAK International conference on innovations in cotton breeding and biotechnology on 22-24 November, Multan, **Pakistan**
36. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Demirel U, Çalışkan ME (2017). Towards developing herbicide resistant potato lines. Presented as **invited Speaker** in 6th International and 15th National Conference on “Dynamic Trends in Plant Sciences: Fostering Environment (9-11 May), Quetta, **Pakistan**
37. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Demirel U, Çalışkan ME. (2016). Development of Efficient, reproducible and stable genetic transformation protocol for potato cultivars. Presented in international conference on biological sciences (21-23 October), Konya, **Turkey**
38. **Bakhsh A**, Dinç T (2016). Gene pyramiding strategy: an efficient approach to develop broad spectrum insect-resistant crops. Turkey 6th Plant Protection Congress (5-8 September), Konya, **Turkey**
39. **Bakhsh A**, Aasim M, Demirel U, Hussain T, Zia MAB, Çalışkan ME. 2015. Gene pyramiding strategy to develop sustainable insect resistant tobacco lines. Presented in 1st International Congress on Applied and Biological Sciences (16-20 September), Tetova, **Macedonia**
40. Aasim A, **Bakhsh A**, Sadi G, Zia MAB, Karataş M, Khawar KM. 2015. Establishment of an efficient reproducible genetic transformation method in aquatic plant (*Bacopa monnieri* L.). Presented in 1st International Congress on Applied and Biological Sciences (16-20 September), Tetova, **Macedonia**
41. **Bakhsh A**, Zia MAB, Hussain T, Tekeli FÖ, Gökçe AF (2015). Members of Alliace; better source of plant lectins to combat against sucking pests of the crops. Presented in

ISEA 2015; The 7th International Symposium on Edible Alliaceae (21-25th May), Nigde, **Turkey**

42. **Bakhsh A**, Ozcan S (2015). Transgenic Bt crops with limited gene expression to insect biting sites only; an approach towards efficient pest resistance strategy. Presented in first conference on environment and biosciences (16-17th April) organized by Sardar Bahadir Khan Women's University, Quetta, **Pakistan**
43. **Bakhsh A**, Qayyum AQ, Shahid AA, Husnain T (2014). Insecticidal gene (cry1Ac) in transgenic Bt cotton under the control of tissue specific promoter (rbcS) exhibits enhanced resistance against lepidopterans. Presented in plant physiology and genetics; achievements and challenges (24-26 September) in Sofia, **Bulgaria**
44. **Bakhsh A** (2014). Current Status of GMOs, Economic Impact and Biosafety Assessments. Presented in 2nd KOP regional development symposium (23-24 October), Niğde, **Turkey**
45. Özcan S, Anayol E, **Bakhsh A**, Onarıcı S, Aydın G, Aasim, Ozcan SF, Khawar KM, Ünlü L (2013). A new Approach to produce insect resistance transgenic cotton. Presented in Field Crop Congress, Konya, **Turkey**
46. **Bakhsh A**, GA Khan, M Ghazanfar, S Riazuddin, T Husnain (2012). Development of Transgenic Cotton with Pesticidal Gene (Cry1Ab) to encode resistance against Lepidopterans. Presented in 2nd Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Conference (15-18 November) in Antalya, **Turkey**
47. S Özcan, **A Bakhsh**, E Anayol, H Böke, F Özcan, S Onarici, M Aasim, KM Khawar, L Ünlü (2012). An approach to limit the cry endotoxin protein production in transgenic cotton using a wound induced promoter. Presented in First International Biology Conference (24-26 September) in Bishkek, **Kyrgyzstan**
48. **Bakhsh A**, AQ Rao, GA Khan, AA Shahid and T Husnain (2012). Insect Resistance Studies of Transgenic Cotton Cultivar Harbouring Cry1Ac And Cry2A. Presented in Tarim Symposium (20-23rd April) organized by Cankiri Karatekin University, Cankiri, **Turkey**
49. M Hajizadeh, **Bakhsh A**, Khawar KM (2012). Genetic Transformation of Chickpea (cv. Gokce) using mature embryonic axis expland. Presented in EUROBIOTECH 2012 Agriculture Symposium (12-14th April, Kayseri/Turkey) organized by Eurobiotechnology Thematic Network Association, **Turkey**
50. **Bakhsh A**, Aasim M, Rao AQ, Shahid AA, Khawar KM, Ozcan S and Husnain T (2011). Paradigms of biotechnology in Pakistan. Presented in European Biotechnology Congress (28 September -1 October) in Istanbul, **Turkey**.
51. **Bakhsh A**, Onaric S, Özcan SF, Ahmed HA, Khawar KM, Aasim M and Özcan S (2011). A Molecular Approach to Restrict Insecticidal Gene Expression in insect biting sites of Transgenic Crops. Presented in 3rd Biosafety and Genetic Engineering Congress (13-15 June) held in Islamic Azad University, Science and Research Branch, Tehran, **Iran**
52. Saleem MJ, Bajwa R, Hannan A, **Bakhsh A**, Qaiser TA, Khokhar MA and Mehmood N (2010). Genetic Diversity of Maize Seed Borne Mycoflora. Published in proceedings of International Science Conference on Utilization of Modern Agriculture Technology in changing Environmenal Prospectives organized by University of Azad

Jammu and Kashmir, July 21-23, 2010, **Pakistan**

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Grants Received as Principal Investigator

- **Project Leader**, Development of tomato lines resistant to tomato brown rugose fruit virus. A project awarded by M.Y. Genetiks Antalya Türkiye, 2023-2024, Budget 304,140 30,000 USD.
- **Project Leader**, Production of insect resistant transplastomic potato lines against Colorado potato beetle and Potato tuber moth (TOVAG 216O027). 2017-2020. Budget 304,140 TL. A bilateral Project with University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan supported by TUBITAK, Turkey and Pakistan Science Foundation, Pakistan.
- **Project Leader**, A novel Plant mediated RNAi strategy to develop insect resistant tobacco lines against Colorado Potato Beetle and Potato Tuber Moth (TOVAG 215O520). **2016-19**. Budget 306, 270.00 TL. TÜBITAK (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Development of herbicide resistant potato lines (TOVAG 115O022). 2015-17. Budget 100,000.00 TL. TÜBITAK (**Completed**)
- **Project Leader**, Development of broad-spectrum insect-resistant tobacco cultivars using gene pyramiding strategy. 2014-15. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (FEB314/10-BAEP6), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Transformation of a R2R3-MYB Gene in Potato against biotic stress (2020-21). Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (30,000 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Knock down of some important genes of Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, Say) using RNAi technology (TGT 2020/10-LÜTEP). 2020-21. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (7,500 TL).
- **Project Leader**, Silencing some important genes of *Tuta absoluta* (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae) with plant-mediated RNAi Technology (2020-22). Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey Project Budget (15000 TL).
- **European Co-operation in Science and Technology** (COST), MC member (substitute) from Turkey. **CA18111** - Genome editing in plants - a technology with transformative potential. Cost Chair, Dr. Dennis Eriksson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Alnarp/Sweden (**Continued**).

Participation as Researcher (Co-PI)

- **Researcher**, Investigation of the Role of GATA12 in Regulation of Iron Deficiency Signaling in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, 2019-2021. Awarded by “The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)”. Project Budget (360,240.00 TL) (**Continued**).

- **Researcher**, Development of novel screening tools to identify Potato Genotypes with low acrylamide potential (Depola) (TOVAG 115O949) 2017-20. Awarded by “The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)”. Project Budget (358,700.00 TL) **A bilateral Project with Germany (Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Identification of miRNAs and their functions regulating drought and heat tolerance of potato (TOVAG 115O405). 2015-18. Awarded by “The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)”. Project Budget (459,240.00 TL) **(Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Comparison of agricultural and economic productivity of potato minitubers produced in soil and without soil production systems. 2015-2017. Awarded by Doğuş Agricultural Research and Development Private Limited. Project Budget (213,500.00 TL) **(Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Improving Processing Potato lines using conventional plant breeding and molecular markers techniques. 2014-17. Awarded by Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (TAGEM-14/AR-GE/38), Turkey. Project Budget (186,211.00 TL) **(Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Use of Gene Silencing Techniques (RNAi) in control of Colorado potato beetle, [*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera)]. 2017-20. Awarded by Doğuş Agricultural Research and Development Private Limited. Project Budget (60,000 TL) **(Continued)**.
- **Researcher**, Determination of genetic and biological properties of a new virus detected by New Generation Sequencing (NGS) of grapevine (TGT 2019/06-BAGEP). Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (29,984.43 TL) **(Continued)**.
- **Researcher**, Control of *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Say) and *Phthorimaea operculella* Zeller with pyramiding of insecticidal genes in potato. 2017-20. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (20,000.00 TL) **(Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Determining Production of Alkanin/Şikonin (A/S) Metabolites in *Alkanna orientalis* (L) Boiss. var. *orientalis* and *Alkanna sieheana* Rech. Fil. by *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* mediated transformation. 2018-2020. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Bozok University, Yozgat, Turkey. Project Budget (14,000.00 TL) **(Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* Mediated Genetic Transformation in Aquatic Plants. 2014-16. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP: 03-M-14), University of Karamanoğlu Mehmet bey University, Karaman, Turkey. Project Budget (19,993.00 TL) **(Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Overexpression studies PCS1 gene in *Ceratophyllum demersum* to investigate its phytoremediation Potential. 2017-19. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), **Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya**, Turkey. Project Budget (50,000.00 TL) **(Completed)**.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

- Four days capacity building workshop for effective reporting and implementation of

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, UNEP-GEF Project For Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the BCH (BCH-III) organized by Ministry of Climate Change on 20-23 February 2023, Islamabad, **Pakistan**

- International Conference/Workshop on “Science Communication and Community Engagement” organized by COMSTECH, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 01-03 February 2023, Islamabad, **Pakistan**
- COMCEC-COMSTECH training and workshop on new breeding technologies for food and nutritional security on 30th Nov-2nd December 2021, organized by Middle East Technical University, Ankara, **Turkey**
- ICGEB-JRC Workshop "Genome Editing Applications and Beyond" 19-20 November 2019 | Trieste – **Italy**
- International Workshop on “Use of Genome Editing & Other New Breeding Technologies for Global Food Security” arranged by COMSTECH-ICGEB-NIBGE from April 8-10, 2019 at COMSTECH, Islamabad, **Pakistan**
- Course on Map Construction and QTL Analysis in Plants organized by University of Copenhagen, 14-18th Nov2011, **Denmark**
- Three Months training in mutation breeding at Nuclear Institute for Agriculture and Biology (NIAB) on May-July 2004, Faisalabad. **Pakistan**

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- Organized international Conference on Trends and Challenges in Health Sciences on 01-02 March, 2023 at CEMB.
- Organized a seminar entitled “Public awareness on GM soybean and potential of soybean cultivation in Pakistan at CEMB on 23rd January, 2023.
- International Conference on Plant Molecular Biology (ICPMB) on 14-15 December at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- 4th International Symposium on Advances in Molecular Biology of the Plants and Health Sciences, 23-24 December 2021 at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- CEMB Cotton Seminar, Success, Challenges and Future Directions on 22 March 2022 at CEMB at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- National Seminar “Awareness seminar on GM soybean and potential of Soybean cultivation in Pakistan” on January 23, 2023 at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Early-Stage Research Fellowship (2013) awarded by University of Bologna, Italy.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship awarded by TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey).

COURSES

MS/PhD Courses (Both in Fall and Spring Semester)

- AGE7103 Analysis of Genes and Genomes in Plants (average 10 student)
- AGE6113 Tissue Culture in Plant Breeding (average 10 student)

- AGE6101 Genetically Modified Plants (average 10 student)
- AGE6108 Haploids in Plant Breeding (average 10 student)
- AGE6112 Functional Genomics in Plant Breeding (average 10 student)
- AGE7102 Gene Transfer Techniques in Plants (average 10 student)
- 502-Biotechnology (at CEMB)

Undergraduate Courses (Both in Fall and Spring Semester)

- TGM3005 Plant Genetic Engineering (average 30 students)
- TGM4035 Biosafety (average 30 students)
- TGM2010 Plant Cell Tissue and Organ Culture (average 30 students)
- TGM3044 Recombinant DNA Technology (average 30 students)
- TGM4062 Breeding for Biotic Stress (average 30 students)

STUDENT ADVISORY

PhD Student (Graduated)

- **Md. Jakir Hossain** (2021) Production of insect resistant transplastomic potato lines against Colorado potato Beetle. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Sarbesh Das Dangol** (2021) Knockdown of Potato Invertase Inhibitor gene by CRISPR/Cas9 based approach, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Muneeb Hassan Hashmi** (2022) Plant mediated RNAi strategy to develop resistant tomato lines against Potato Tuber Moth. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey

PhD Students (Continued)

- **Faisal Saeed** (2018-2022) Developing mutants of negative regulator of immune response gene (CPL-3) in tomato using CRISPR-Cas9. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Noman Nazik** (2022-2025) Development of tomato lines resistant against Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV). Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

MS Students (Graduated)

- **Toga Dinç** (2016). Development of insect resistant tobacco lines expressing *cryIAc* and *cry2a* genes. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Safa Sümer** (2018). *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* mediated gene transformation of potato with herbicidal gene (CP4-EPSPS), Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Abdul Naser Amiri** (2018). Development of transgenic potato lines expressing insecticidal and herbicidal gene, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Ilhom Rahamkulov** (2019). Comparison of different promoters' activity in transgenic potato, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **İrem Aycan SIREL** (2018-2020). Overexpression of SIAIMI gene encoding R2R3 MYB transcription factor in potato under drought conditions. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Rabia Busenaz GÜNDÜZ** (2018-2020). Transformation of MYB108 gene in potato against biotic stress. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey

- **Shakhnozokhan TILLABOEVA** (2018-2021). Overexpression of Baby Boom gene in cotton to enhance somatic embryogenesis, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Ayça Betül Dönmez** (2019-2021). Optimization of *in vitro* regeneration of different soybean cultivars, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Binnur Yeşil** (2019-2021). Evaluation of genetic diversity of cotton genotypes (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.) using iPBS marker system, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Merve Tekinsoy (2019-2021). Overexpression of Jaburetox 2-Ec in Potato (*Solanum Tuberosum* L.), Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey.

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- Saqib Ali (2021-2023). Use of RNAi to control cotton pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*, Saunders)
- Zille Huma (2021-2023). Development of dsRNA based biopesticide against cotton dusky bug, *Oxycarenus hyalinipennis* Costa (Lygaeidae: Hemiptera)

PhD Students Graduated (As Committee Member)

- **Muhammad Nadir Naqqash (2019)**. Use of Silencing Gene Techniques in Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, control. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Muhammad Saleem (2019)**. Pyramiding of Insecticidal Genes in Potato to encode Resistance against Colorado Potato Beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Say). Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Tahira Hussain (2018)** Development of Potato Lines Resistant to Colorado Potato Beetle Using RNAi based Transformation Approach. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Saber Delpasand Khabazi (2017)** Transformation of Cotton with *GNA* and *cryIAc* gene for insect resistance. University of Ankara, Turkey

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- **Beyazit Şanlı (2020)**. Investigation of potential of miR162 in sustainable agriculture through overexpression in potato cultivars. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Melis Yalçın (2020)**. Investigation of Function of Novel 9 miRNA in Contrasting Potato Cultivars Using Transgenic Approach. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
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- **Canan Sevinç** (2019). Isolation and cloning of phytochelatin synthase (pcs1) gene used for phytoremediation studies. Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey
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- **Khazina Amin** (2016). Optimization of genetic transformation in Onion (*Allium Cepa* L.). Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Hasibe Yildiz** (2015). Investigation of Tissue Culture Propagation Techniques of some Vaccinium Species. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey

BS Thesis Students (Graduated)

- Nurefsan Cırık (2020) Genetic Transformation studies in watermelon. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Esra Duru (2020). Effect of drought and heat stress on in vitro cultured Black Nightshade. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Ykbal Azezbayeva (2020). Optimization of in vitro culture conditions for cotton cultivars. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Betül Ayça Dönmez (2019). Comparative Gene Transfer Efficiency of Five Agrobacterium Strains in Diploid and Tetraploid Potatoes
- İlknur Yel (2019). Optimization of Genetic Transformation in Diploid Potato
- Eyüp Özarslan (2019). PCR based detection of Begomoviruses from Different Weeds in Tarsus Surroundings
- Emre Benği (2019). Detection of Begomoviruses from Different Vegetables in Tarsus Surroundings
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