

Curriculum Vitae



Personal information

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Desired employment / Occupational field

Ph.D Candidate in Agriculture, Food and Environment at Università degli studi di Catania

Work experience

<p>Dates</p> <p>Position held and project location</p> <p>Main activities and responsibilities</p> <p>Name and address of employer</p> <p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>August 2015 – February 2016</p> <p>Project Planning- Conservation of Iranian Wetlands Project- Tehran/ Iran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diversification of rural economy in Urmia Lake water basin - Support local initiatives in water management - Extension of sustainable agricultural techniques <p>UNDP/GEF- Conservation of Iranian Wetlands Project</p> <p>Project contract</p>
<p>Dates</p> <p>Position held and project location</p> <p>Main activities and responsibilities</p> <p>Name and address of employer</p> <p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>March 2015 – August 2015</p> <p>Economic & social advisor / project facilitator - Izadkhasht River Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflict resolution on agricultural water usage between 3 main communities - Improving agricultural revenues - Introduction (agricultural or non-agricultural) new sources of income for farmers <p>Ab Dasht Saman Co. , Iran Water Resources Management Co.</p> <p>Private Consulting Company</p>
<p>Dates</p> <p>Position held and project location</p> <p>Main activities and responsibilities</p> <p>Name and address of employer</p> <p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>April 2014- Dec 2014 (8 months)</p> <p>Project Facilitator – Veis Irrigation and Drainage Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowerment of local society - Planning project activities - Monitoring and evaluation the effects of project activities - Conflict resolution on land tenure <p>Mahab Godds Consulting Engineering Company, Ahvaz- Iran</p> <p>Private Consulting Company</p>

Dates	April 2013- March 2014 (12 months)
Occupation or position held	Economic consultant and market analyst
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project assessment - Market analysis - Project planning - Monitoring and evaluation
Name and address of employer	Jaam Consulting Company, Sari- Iran
Type of business or sector	Private Consulting Company
Dates	December 2011- March 2013 (16 months)
Position held and project location	Rural Development Activities' Facilitator – Bisheh Jonubi Local Agricultural Service Center
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizing participatory rural appraisals in villages - Training need assessments - Planning extension activities - Monitoring and evaluation the effects of extension activities
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Jihad-Agriculture- Babol-Iran
Type of business or sector	Governmental
Dates	February 2011- June 2012 (three academic semesters)
Occupation or position held	University Lecturer
Courses taught	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic development - Agricultural economics - English terms in agricultural economics
Name and address of employer	Mazandaran University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Farahabad blvd, Sari, Iran
Type of business or sector	Educational
Dates	November 2007- July 2008 & October 2010-December 2011 (22 months)
Position held and project location	Evaluation and Monitoring Assistant & Project's initiatives facilitator - Alborz Integrated Land & Water Management Project
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitoring & evaluation of project impacts- Monitoring for 3 successive years and a final evaluation - Execution of baseline survey (in the project area) for monitoring and evaluation purposes - Training field survey officers - Assisting in preparation of Extension Capacity Building Plan for 5 years of project - Acting as a facilitator in organizing training courses for experts and farmers
Name and address of employer	Petro Peyman Pars - SNC Lavalin joint venture, PIU-MJAO building(World Bank project), Amir Mazandarani st., Sari, Iran
Type of business or sector	Private Land & Water Consultant Company
Dates	2004-2011(part time)
Occupation or position held	Researcher/ Research assistant
Main research projects' titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability assessment of rural tourism of Kordkola and Golmahaleh villages, - Assessment of agricultural bank credits policy for small and medium enterprises, - Economic evaluation of greenhouse production in Mazandaran province, - Improving the productivity of agricultural property
Name and address of employer	Agricultural Bank of Iran, Agricultural Insurance Fund, Ministry of Jihad-Agriculture, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics & Planning, Oughaf (state charity organization)
Type of business or sector	Governmental organizations

Dates	2004-2013(part time)
Occupation or position held	Teacher(part time during educational year, and full time during summers)
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching English and Spanish to adults and children.
Name and address of employer	Marefat Language Institute, Ashrafi 18 th alley, Navab st, Babol, Mazandaran province, Iran. Reh-e-Daneshgah institute, Besat st, Sari, Mazandaran Province, Iran Cambridge English Institute, Gharan st., Sari, Mazandran Province, Iran
Type of business or sector	Language Educational Institute
Education and training	
Dates	March 2016 – On-going
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D in Agriculture, Food and Environment
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	- Social Life Cycle Assessment - Philosophy of cooperation Thesis title: Sustaining strategies for small-scale fisheries in Mediterranean Sea
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Università degli studi di Catania and SupAgro-Montpellier (CIHEAM-IAMM) Joint Doctorate Program under AgTrain program,
Level in national or international classification	ISCED 6
Dates	Sep 2008 – Sep 2010
Title of qualification awarded	International MSc in Rural Development
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	- Territorial approach to rural development - Sociology of rural areas - Human Development Economics - Agricultural and Rural Policy - Research methods & project planning - Evaluation of agricultural systems' sustainability, Thesis title: Assessment of factors influencing the decision making of a farmer to join an agricultural cooperative: The case of olive marketing in Andalusia
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Agrocampus-Ouest, Rennes-France (1st semester), University of Ghent- Faculty of Bio-science engineering, Gent-Belgium (2 nd semester), Universidad de Córdoba, facultad de economía agraria, Córdoba, España (3 rd & 4 th semester) and Humboldt university, Berlin-Germany A joint master degree under IMRD program
Level in national or international classification	ISCED 6
Dates	September 2003- July2007
Title of qualification awarded	BSc in Agricultural Economy
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	- Farm Management, Evaluation of Economical Firms; Agricultural Development Economics; Agricultural Products Marketing; Sustainable Agriculture
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sari University of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Sari, Iran
Level in national or international classification	ISCED 6, Bio Engineer
Dates	3 August 2009 – 28 August 2009
Title of qualification awarded	Internship
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	European agricultural policy – 4 th axis of European rural development policy -Leader

Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Nitra Agricultural University, Slovakia

Level in national or international classification | ISCED 6

Dates | Summer 2006(240 hrs)

Title of qualification awarded | Internship

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered | Agricultural Insurance

Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Mazandaran's Agricultural Insurance Fund(Governmental Organization), Sari, Iran

Level in national or international classification | ISCED 6

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) | Farsi(Persian) & Mazani (local dialect)

Other language(s)

Self-assessment
European level ()*

English

Spanish

French

Italian

Arabic

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user
Proficient User	Proficient User	Proficient User	Proficient User	Proficient User
Intermediate	Proficient User	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
Intermediate	Intermediate	Basic	Intermediate	Intermediate
Basic	Intermediate	Basic	Basic	Intermediate

(*) *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

Awards | Erasmus Mundus Scholarship from European Commission-Education and Training Director General for 3 years Doctrote degree program in [Agricultural Transformation by Innovation http://agtrain.eu/](http://agtrain.eu/)
Erasmus Munuds Scholarship from European Commission-Education and Training Director General for two year master program in [Rural Development http://www.imrd.ugent.be/](http://www.imrd.ugent.be/)

Professional Activities | President of student association of International Master in Rural Development (IMRD), for more info: <http://www.imrd.eu>
Students' representative in Master program's managing board meetings (held twice a year)
Responsible of scientific activities in Iranian students' association in Rennes-France (during his stay)

Social skills and competences | Ability to manage teaching and learning activities (through classic teaching activities and informal extension activities)

Organisational skills and competences | Having good team work ability, Paying attention to others' reactions (by office work in Petro Peyman Pars and Ministry of Agriculture).

Technical skills and competences | A good ability in gathering primary data through surveys or secondary data from relevant organizations (through research works that he has done).

Computer skills and competences	Having a good proficiency in using Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point), Familiar to economical and statistical soft wares; Eviews, Lindo, Spss & GAMS.
Artistic skills and competences	A good ability in drawing (passing 2 years graphic classes), Ability to carve on wood (passed a 3 month course).
Other skills and competences	Knowing 4 styles of swimming, learned through 4 sets of 10-12 sessions of swimming classes during 5 years. Trained 2 years in Kick Boxing (received a blue belt). Rock climbing with equipments (4 months training in gym)
Driving licence	Received car's driving licence in 2002.
Personal Interests	My favourite hobbies are camping and mountain climbing. I'm interested in looking after plants, flowers and domestic animals. Love to travel and learn other languages and cultures.

Additional Information

Publication and Papers:

- Mojaverian, M, Soltanpour, Y. Ahmadi, S., (2014), "Sustainability assessment of rural tourism: case study of Kordkola and Golmahaleh villages", Journal of tourism planning and development, (under assessment)
- Soltanpour, Y., Domingo Sanz, J. (2010) "Assessment of factors influencing the decision making of a farmer to join an agricultural cooperative: The case of olive marketing in Andalusia", University of Cordoba, Spain (Master Degree Thesis)
- Soltanpour, Y., Mojaverian, M. (2007) "Effective factors on the beneficiaries' satisfaction from Agricultural Products Insurance Fund", Bime-o-Keshavarzi (Insurance & Agriculture), 5th year, 15 & 16th edition, 2008. (Peer-review publication)
- Mojaverian, M, Hakimabadi, M.T, Soltanpour, Y., (2007) "The study on increased tendency reasons to sell the wheat to state" Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology(JAST), (Peer-review publication)
- 5th Chapter of the book of: Mojaverian, M, Heshmati, D, (2008) "Water & Economy", Ghaemshahr Azad University press, Iran

Research projects

- Soltanpour, Y. Mousavi, H. (2012), "Improving the productivity of agricultural property of Oghaf Organization (a state charity organization)", Oghaf Organization, Sari, Iran
- Soltanpour, Y. (2012), "Socio-economic assessment of Mohamad-Abad region- Golestan province", Tose Paydar Jolgeh irrigation and drainage consultant company, Sari, Iran
- Soltanpour, Y. & Mojaverian, M, (2011), "Sustainability assessment of rural tourism: case study of Kordkola and Golmahaleh villages", Financed Mazandaran University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Mojaverian, M., Asadpour, Soltanpour, Y., (2010-2011), "Assessment of agricultural bank credits policy for small and medium enterprises", Mazandaran Agricultural Bank
- Soltanpour, Y., solaymani, A., Taylor D., (May 2008) "Evaluation Report on Capacity Building Training Course for Extension Experts", AILWMP implementation unit, Sari, Iran
- Anderson, M. Amirnejad, H., Soltanpour, Y., (Feb 2008) "Agricultural Production and Marketing in Iran", SNC Lavalin, AILWMP monitoring and evaluation unit, Sari, Iran

Conference presentations:

- Tectonic assessment of Alborz and Zagros mountains, employing shear sand box modelling Seyed Vahid SEYED NEJAD, Yazdan SOLTANPOUR, Geo Mundus October 2009, Lisbon-Portugal
- "Commodity Exchange and Institutional Changes: Case of Iranian Agricultural Commodity Exchange". Yazdan SOLTANPOUR, IAMO Forum, June 2010- Halle –Germany, <http://econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/52718/1/676465536.pdf>