



Personal Information Early Stage Researcher EUTRAIN project:

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One page summary of your cv, including:

❖ Your education and training:

I graduated in 2004 from the Lebanese American University in Byblos, Lebanon with a Masters' degree in molecular microbiology. I took a job offer in 2007 as an animal facility technician in the Sayegh Lab at Children's Hospital Boston in the U.S. where I worked for two years before taking on my own projects in the same lab. I became part of a team whose research focus is looking for a cytokine biomarker for the diagnosis of acute or chronic rejection in the blood of kidney transplant recipients. I learned many techniques during those two years (Flow cytometry, ELISPOT, ELISA, Luminex for cytokine and alloantibody detection, realtime RT-PCR and immunofluorescence) in human samples as well as in mouse models of transplantation, pregnancy and diabetes. I managed as well a core lab specialized in the detection of alloantibodies, as part of a clinical trial consortium.

I moved to Germany in 2011, where I joined a research lab for one year whose focus was the pathophysiology of ischemia-reperfusion in a mouse model thereof.

❖ Your major area's of interests, both professionally and privately:

Professionally, I am interested in cytokine profiling of immune reactions in subjects with inflammatory disorders. From a clinical point of view, I am interested in clinical trials in this field that involve mechanistic assays that run in parallel to observational or interventional trials.

Privately, we have an 18-month old boy and we are expecting a baby girl in July 2013. I am an amateur film photographer; I like as well cooking, cinema and music.

❖ Your expertise:

I have acquired a modestly good network of colleagues around the world, whom I have learned from or taught, and this I think is my biggest asset. Multi-cultural environments and adapting to different people's backgrounds and approaches is a challenge I am always interested in tackling.

❖ Your personal expectations for EUTRAIN:

I am expecting to acquire more expertise in seeing immunology from different perspectives, as well as upgrading my technical knowledge and learning new techniques to answer new questions. I would like to learn planning a project from scratch and following it through to becoming a publication or a grant submission. Alongside the technical aspects, I am interested in building professional relationships, starting/maintaining fruitful collaborations, building long-lasting friendships and sharing experiences.

Being a pan-European project, I see this as an opportunity to learn, share knowledge, and develop into the next generation of researchers who work differently, yet together, each with his/her own approach, with eyes on the same goal.