



## **Special Call - 2022**

### **Addressed to the Lebanese Alumni of CIHEAM-IAMM**

#### **Proceedings of the meeting held on Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> for the selection of the candidates**

As indicated in the call description, all received applications have been evaluated by a mixed jury containing members of CIHEAM-IAMM, represented by Thierry Dupeuble (director), Hatem Bellouchette and Georgios Kleftodimos (Scientific administrators), and the Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon, represented by Wafaa El Dikah Hamze (CIHEAM Board-Delegate of Lebanon, Senior Adviser Agriculture & Int'l Cooperation), which was held on Friday January the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Nine applications have been received within the application period, coming from CIHEAM alumni. A detailed table with the profiles of the candidates is presented below.

#### **Eligibility of the candidates**

Eight out of nine candidates are eligible to acquire these scholarships as IAMM alumni, as they are currently involved in scientific research within Lebanese institutions and/or involved in agricultural development and/or technology transfer projects in public institutions or private enterprises in Lebanon.

The 9<sup>th</sup> candidate is also involved in scientific research within Lebanese institutions but, as she is not an IAMM alumni, she is not eligible. Consequently, despite the quality of her project it is not possible to select the applicant.

#### **Evaluation of the candidates**

As indicated in the call description, the applications have been assessed through 4 criteria: the quality of the proposal, the scientific interest and urgency of the projects, the academic and research background of the candidates, and the impact of the proposals on the current needs of Lebanon. The results of the evaluation of each candidate is given in table 1.

It has been noticed that almost all the eligible applications reach a score of 10 out of 20, which demonstrates the level of candidates. However, it is also noticed that cover letters don't give



enough precisions on work project, which should be clarified to make sure the content of the stay will really help. It is then decided by the jury to set, preliminary to the welcoming of the selected alumni, a step of clarification of each project.

### **Selected candidates**

According to the budget allocations, the jury decided to grant 6 candidates out of the 8 eligible ones. As one application doesn't reach the score of 10/20, it will not be retained. Among the two candidates who reach the score of 10/20, one has already received an IAMM scholarship and the second one is not eligible (see previous section). In conclusion, the selected alumni are the first 6 ranked in table 1, according to their score.

### **Information of graduates and next steps**

All candidates will receive an individual notification of their selection, and detailed information on the procedure after which they will get their scholarship (see appendix 1).

As indicated above, all candidates will be contacted by IAMM researchers to clarify each project and ensure an adequate internship content. The schedule of the internship will be defined by the scientific committee of IAMM.

Friday January the 21<sup>st</sup>,

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**Table 1 : Results of the applications evaluation**

Ranking 1-5 (1 the least and 5 the most)											
Ranking	Alumni	Action	Quality	Scientific interest and urgency	Academic and research background	Impact on the current needs of Lebanon	Institution	Specialization	Documents	Comments	Score
1	IDTE	3	3	4	3	5	Projet SUPMED Liban:	The candidate is currently working on the identification and modelization of local farming systems towards the creation of resilient farming systems	CV, Cover letter	This candidate is a PhD student currently working on the climate change mitigation measures in Lebanon agricultural systems. His participation in this Action will be beneficial for the elaboration of his thesis as well as for his future career.	15
2	IDTE	1	3	4	3	3	Water supervisor in "WASH" project at the organization "LOST"	A former IAAM student who wants to publish her's master thesis elaborated with Mme Melanie Requier des Jardins	CV, Cover letter, proposal	The candidate proposes a very interesting work for publication which falls within the scientific interests of IAMM	13
3	IDTE	3	2	3	3	4	"Coastal Management and Monitoring Network for tackling marine litter in Mediterranean sea (COMMON)" - Tyre Coast Nature Reserve EU-ENI CBC MED program	The candidate is working on the mobilization of local stakeholders to participate in forums for participative plans for marine litter	CV, Cover letter	The candidate is currently working on EU-ENI CBC MED program in Lebanon aiming to tackle marine litter in the mediterranean sea. Her participation may ameliorate her abilities on the field.	12
4	IDTE	3	2	3	3	3	GEORGES N. FREM FOUNDATION - ONG JOUNIEH, LB	The candidate is currently working on a NGO in Lebanon aiming to analyse local agricultural value chains.	CV, Cover letter	The candidate is currently working on a NGO in Lebanon aiming to analyse local agricultural value chains. Her participation may ameliorate her abilities on the field.	11
5	IDTE	3	3	2	3	3	Delegated Chief Scribe, Environmental Public Prosecution, Ministry of Justice, LB.	The candidate is currently working on the identification of potential trade-offs between agricultural activities and ecosystem services	CV, Cover letter	The candidate is currently working on the Ministry of Justice in Lebanon as a delegated chief scribe at the environmental public prosecution department. This department aims to eliminate the potential negative trade-offs that exist between agricultural activity and the environment. Her participation in this action may ameliorate her abilities to detect and to tackle these trade-offs	11
6	IDTE	3	2	2	3	3	Classification des installations alimentaires dans toutes les régions libanaises sur la base d'un formulaire de classification, Health Society (NGO), Liban.	The candidate is working in the field of biochemistry and more specifically on the subject of food fraud.	CV, Cover letter	This candidate is already participating in the Action 2 in a more interesting project	10
7	IDTE	3	2	2	3	2	Territorial Development Project Consultant  AFD - French Agency of Development	The candidate supports the water and sanitation portfolio and the rural and urban development portfolio under the French agency of development	CV, Cover letter	This candidate has a very interesting profile. However, her cover letter is not very well constructed. Hence, it is very difficult to understand her reasoning	9
8	IDTE	3	3	3	3	1	Master of science IAMM	-----	CV, Cover letter	The candidate has already acquired a scholarship from our institute	10
9	-----	2	4	4	4	4	Researcher of biostatistics at the HIS of Lebanon with specialization in food fraud	Researcher of biostatistics at the HIS of Lebanon with specialization on food fraud	CV of the team, Cover letter, Proposal, Questionnaire	The PI is not an IAMM alumni, however, the members of the team are. Also a member of the team is Mrs MAKKI who applied also for the action 3	16

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### **Appendix 1 : Proceedings for the mobility of the selected candidates to CIHEAM-IAMM**

After the announcement of the selected candidates the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022, the following proceeding should be respected by them for the acquirement of the scholarships and the elaboration of their projects.

- I. The period between 01/02/2022 and 01/03/2022, the selected candidates will be contacted separately by the scientific committee of CIHEAM-IAMM for the organization of internal online meetings/workshops. The purpose of these meetings is to identify the main needs of each one of the candidates, select the objectives of the mobility, and conclude on their individual projects.
- II. The period between 01/03/2022 and 01/04/2022, all the candidates should elaborate and project proposal and submitted, via e-mail, to the scientific committee. Then, at a second step, they have to prepare and present their projects to the research team of CIHEAM-IAMM in selected days between 01/04/2022 and 15/04/2022.
- III. After the successful completion of the above tasks, the candidates will be invited to organize their mobility to the installations of CIHEAM-IAMM. Their mobility should take place within the period between 01/05/2022 and 15/06/2022.
- IV. Having finished with their mobility, the final task demands for the candidates to prepare and detailed report of the outcomes and the results obtained as well as to clearly state how this opportunity will be integrated in their future goals. This report should be submitted to the scientific committee of CIHEAM-IAMM by the end of July 2022, which will transmit it to the Delegate of Lebanon Ms. Wafaa El DIKAH HAMZE. Then, the candidates should present their report to the above committee for their final evaluation the period between 01/09/2022 and 15/09/2022.