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OBITUARY**Hussein Al-Amier Ibrahim (1966 – 2012)**

Dr. Hussein Al-Amier, Associate Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, Al-Azhar University, Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt, died February 10, of this year. A dedicated scholar and researcher, Dr. Al-Amier was a student of plant physiology, keenly interested in the effects of plant stress on plant development and yield. His published work includes articles related to development of salt-tolerant mints, secondary metabolite production, and quantitative analysis of plant auxins.

Born to a farming family near Sohag, a town along the West bank of the Nile in Middle Egypt, Dr. Al-Amier received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in horticulture from Al-Azhar University, completing his doctorate in 2001, with work on medicinal and aromatic plants. In addition to his research in Egypt, he visited the University of Massachusetts a number of times, working in the Departments of Food Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Plant and Soil Sciences. In all instances, he brought inquisitiveness and focused research to plant processes.

Dr. Al-Amier left a grieving wife and three children, the primary centers of his life. In addition, a brother, two sisters, and his parents suffered a loss to their family. But for us, colleagues and friends connected with the University of Massachusetts, we mourn the loss of a fellow scientist, one we respected and admired, recognizing his special relationship and contribution to our lives.

We miss you Hussein.

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