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Education And Qualifications

- 1970 Bsc. Agriculture, Shiraz University, Iran.
- 1974 Management Diploma, The Game Conservancy UK.
- 1981 Msc. Ecology, University of Aberdeen UK. This work involved extensive research in the breeding biology of birds.
- 1987 PhD Ecology, University of Wales College of Cardiff. This work was an investigation of the effects of agricultural land improvements on upland bird population in Mid Wales. This incorporated an extensive breeding census and vegetation analysis and involved much discussion and negotiation with farmers, conservancy councils and local government.

Employment Experience

- 1970 -1973 During this time I worked as an Agricultural Advisor in the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Bank of Iran. This work involved giving advice and information to farmers and other organizations besides involving substantial amounts of investigations and research.
- 1973 -1980 Employed initially as a Field Biologist at the Department of the Environmental Conservation in Iran. I was then made Director of the Bureau of Wildlife with major responsibilities for public relation and education. During this period I represented my country at an international level all over the world and made extensive use of my organizational and communication skills. My responsibilities also included the making and presenting of a weekly television program on wildlife and conservation.
- 1975-1980 Part time lecturing assignments on environmental subjects in the universities and colleges of higher education in Iran.

- 1982-1987 Demonstrating and teaching assignments and extensive translation and interpretation consultancies, during my PhD studies.
- 1988-1991 Lecturer, University of Tehran. During this period I taught environmental sciences and carried out researches in the field of ecology.
- 1991-1998 Environmental Consultancies with the Private Firms in Iran and the United Kingdom. Interesting and important projects were initiated and carried out by myself and my team of Environmentalists. Bird Census Techniques in Moughan, The Crocodile Project in Balouchestan and the comprehensive surveys of the wetlands, flora and fauna of Sistan & Balouchestan are but a few of the exciting projects that I was involved in. I am now supervising similar projects.
- 1998-now During the last eight years (Some of the most fruitful periods in my life), I have been involved in quite a varied scientific and academic activities. These included: Lecturing, writing scientific articles (65), publishing papers and giving speeches, publishing books (8), traveling and supervising the ecologic projects in various parts of Iran and the UK. I attended many meetings, both at national and international levels, conducted surveys inside Iran .and supervised international projects initiated by G.E.F. and U.N.D.P.-and carried out by the D.O.E. I also presented environmental programmes on the Iranian national Radio and Television.CNN, BBC,...

List of the Scientific Papers

These are a few of the scientific papers I have published:

1. Distribution of the game birds in Iran , English
2. History of Falconry in Iran, English
3. Ground survey of Great Bustard in Iran, English
4. Aerial survey of Great Bustard in Western Iran, English
5. A study of the birds of prey in Iran
6. Mid Winter Waterfowl Counts in the Iranian Wetlands, English
7. Pheasant Crowing Census in Iran, English
8. Waterfowl in Balouchestan, in the English
9. White Stork breeding survey in Iran, English
10. The Great Bustard and the Crane Census in Iran, English
11. Mid Winter waterfowl Counts in the Iranian wetlands 1975, English
12. A report on the International Convention on Trade on Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (following the meeting in Geneva)
13. Wetland survey and Wildlife Census in Central and Eastern Iran, Mid Winter (1973-1974)
14. Mid Winter Waterfowl Counts in six provinces of Iran (survey if the important wetlands), 1978
15. White Stork breeding survey in Tehran, 1976
16. Aerial and ground survey of Houbara Habitats in Central Iran, 1978
17. Selection of a site for Great Bustard Refuge Center in Western Iran, 1975, English
18. The Status, Distribution and Trends of the Great Bustard in Iran, English. This paper was presented in the Sofia Great Bustard Symposium by myself in May 1978
19. The report on the Great Bustard Symposium in Sofia July 1978
20. An Introductory survey of Lake Parishan & Filming script
- 21: And many more...

Books:

1. (With P.N.Humphreys) The Lion and the Gazelle, The Birds and Mammals of Iran. Comma International, Gwent U.K. pp 224, 1995
2. Translator: Ecology, Recreation and Tourism, by: Edington and Edington Published by the Dept. of the Environment, Iran, pp 216, 1996.
3. Life and Death of the Dinosaurs (Selected as the book of the year) Soroush Publications Tehran, pp 150, 1996
4. The Sharks Soroush Publications Tehran, pp 169, 1997
5. Translator: Ecology and Environmental Planning Dept. of the Environment, pp 220, 1997
6. Translator: Wetland Benefits D.O.E, Tehran, pp 160, 2000
7. Wildlife at home (Not published yet)
8. Wetlands of Iran (Not published yet)

List of Publications:

The following articles are only examples of the articles I have published in the scientific magazines:

1. Friendly Chase The scientific article on Radio telemetry of Pheasants in England 1975
 2. Birds and nests 1975
 3. Great Bustard (also in English) Distribution of the Bustard in Iran 1975
 4. Pheasants Hosts An article on the Pheasants and their predators in English (England 1996)
 5. White Stork in Iran. (Also in English) Distribution and population trends of white storks in Iran
 6. Birds slaughtering in Europe An article on the bird eating countries of Europe such as Italy, Spain, etc 1976
 7. Flamingo, Pelikan and Gulls in Lake Rezaieh, Iran 1975
 8. Birds of the Persian Gulf 1977
 9. History of Falconry in Iran 1977 (Also in English) 10. An article on the International Convention on Trade of Endangered Species of wild Flora and Fauna, Geneva, 1977
 11. An article on Crane Project in Iran 1977 12. Ecology, Recreation and Tourism. A scientific paper on the effects of tourism on the environment 1996
 13. Road construction and the Environment, A paper on the impact of construction of new roads on the natural environment and the wildlife. Published in the Mohit- e- Zist, 1997
 14. Water and Life, 1998 An article about the importance of water and the marshlands. Mohit- e- Zist 1997. Dept of the Environment Tehran.
 15. The Environment High Council on Sustainable Development (IRCSD), Bulletin, No. 1. Dept of the Environment Iran.
 16. Oil pollution in the Persian Gulf, Mohit- e- Zist 1999.
 17. Threats to the wetlands of Iran. English.
 18. Iranians and wildlife, Lecture and article presented to the Royal Society For the Asian Affairs, London. 2001
- And Many more....

Involvement in Ecological and Educational Projects

I am a field Biologist. I learn from the Natural Laboratories in the wilderness and present my findings to my students in the class room or to the general public by the magic power of the radio T.V., and the press. I have been initiating and conducting numerous ecological projects during my colourful career. I have studied the following birds in Britain and Iran; Great Bustard, Houbara Bustard, Birds of prey (At least 20 Species, including Red Kite; Merlin, Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Shikra, Golden Eagle, Osprey. Hobby etc.), Majestic water birds such as Flamingo, Pelikan, and many species of ducks and geese. Projects that I carried out on these birds varied from ringing and census programs to "Ethnology", or collecting specimens and captive breeding, or captive rearing. I am particularly pleased with the outcome of my research into the population of the Great bustard in Western Iran

which led to the establishment of a refuge in Assad Abad Plains.

I am also pleased with my studies of the Common Crane, the Persian Pheasant and the census and ringing project of the White Stork. The Iranian wetlands have always been in the focus of my studies, so much so that I claim that I have visited all the wetlands of Iran and that I am familiar with the problems of the important wetlands, (The Ramsar Sites and the Motreux List). Please see the attached C.V.

Membership of the professional organizations

Member of the RSPB. Member of WWF,
Member of the Ecological Society of Iran.
Member, Cardiff Bird Watchers Club, Editorial Board Avaye- Sabz,
Member, the British Institute For Persian Studies (London).
Member the Royal Society for the Asian affairs (London).
Member, Central Library,
Member, the artists and Writers Club Tehran.
Member, Hunting and Nature Club of Iran.

Experience as external Examiner

I have acted as an external examiner for over 19 doctoral thesis on ecological topics, currently supervise some 30 students on their projects.

Computer Skills

I have gained comprehensive computer knowledge by training at the Cardiff Information Technology Center under the Adult Training Scheme (U.K.). I have achieved the City and Guilds Computer Application Certificate.

Working with the Media:

Since early years of my service with the D.O.E., I realized that there was a great potential in employing the power of the media to raise public awareness on the issues related to the environmental problems in Iran and indeed all over the world.) was extremely lucky to find myself working with some of the most redound personalities in this field.

Some of the agencies that I have had the pleasure to work with, are as follows:

Omaha wildlife, USA. Filmed Urumieh wildlife. I acted as a field biologist ringing the birds.

Peter Ferra film Company, (then) West Germany, Anzalli Complex and Central Kavir in Iran were filmed, I was again a field biologist, carrying out research.

National Iranian Radio and TV. They produced Safar-e Abi. A thirteen episodes documentary on the Wetlands of Iran. I did the research and presented the series.

CNN, .Gary Strieker spent some weeks in Iran .He made four award winning documentaries on the Iranian wildlife. I presented the programmes in which the efforts of Iranians to conserve their wildlife, was admired and reported to the countries all over the world. These programme, were presented in English.

Radio Farda, I produced and presented two weekly programmes on the topics of Iranian Nature and Iranian wildlife. These programmes were on air for three years. BBC.I regularly give interviews on the issues related to the Iranian as well as the International environmental topics. These interviews are in Farsi and English.

Radio France International. They too regularly interview me on the environmental issues.

Radio Free Europe, and Radio Swiss International, Interview me in English Language.

Iranian Radio Stations too regularly interview me broadcasting live or recorded, quite regularly.

I value these activities and consider them as an important duty for any ecologist, to try to pass on the knowledge and the information, on our only HOME, Planet Earth.

Press: I do give interviews to the press in Iran and European countries. I have also written more that

100 articles, all on the environmental topics. I write both for general public and the students and specialists in the relevant scientific magazines, In Iran and some other countries.

I believe that we are here to try to have impacts in our world, and try to make it a better place. These are my little ways to try to achieve my goals. So help me God.

Lecturing Experience

Year	Subject	Level	University
1994	Ecology	MSc.	Tehran
1994	Man & his Environment	MSc.	Tehran
1994	Wildlife Ecology	Diploma	College, Dept. of Environment
1994	Wildlife Management	Diploma	As above
1995	Man & Disaster	MSc.	Tehran
1995	Ornithology and Practicals	Diploma 2 nd year	College, Dept. of Environment
1995	Game Animals Biology	BSc. 3 rd	Azad University
1995	Ornithology and practical	BSc.	Azad University
1995	Wildlife Ecology	BSc.	Azad University
1995	Wetland Management	BSc.	Azad University
1995	Wetland Management and Practicals	Diploma 2 nd year	College, Dept. of Environment
1996	Wildlife Ecology advance, 3 Cred.	MSc.	Tehran
1996	Ornithology, Ecology, Wildlife Ecology, wetland Management and practicals	BSc. 3 rd year	Azad University
1997	All the above courses	BSc.	Azad University
1997	Wildlife Ecology and Practicals (Advance Course)	MSc.	University of Tehran
1994 - now	Lectures, Seminars, Television appearances, Radio talks, Interviews with the press in Iran, articles for the newspapers gathering materials for my future books	People of all walks of life, particularly the younger generation	Television, Radio, Press, Schools

International Projects

I have been involved in a number of major international projects. These projects have usually been initiated by the United Nation's Development Programme (UNDP) and are executed by the Department of Environment of Iran (D.O.E).

1. Frame work of Sustainable Development, I.R. Iran 1995 - 1996. Initiated by the UNDP, and the DOE. This project was carried out by some 107 Iranian specialists in 20 different subjects. The topics included some of the most important issues in the Iranian Society. Examples included Agriculture, Soil erosion, Water, Forests, Tourism, Women Sustainable Development, and Coastal Developments. I compiled the 20 background reports and produced the final reports in Farsi and English (650 pages). I am particularly pleased and proud of the contributions I made to this important international Project.
2. Strategy for Bio-diversity and Action Plan I.R.Iran, 1999-2000. In this project I acted as the group leader. There were four groups (working groups), and my responsibilities involved gathering the available information on the plants and animals of Iran. The status of various species was then estimated and effective measures were proposed to protect the environment and the species. Nine people worked for a period of 1.5 years to complete the project. I have to admit that it was a unique experience and I learnt a lot.
3. E.I.A in Assaluyeh for Total Oil Company, 1997. This project involved technical field work in this gas and oil field in Bushehr province in July. I carried out the ground survey of the Coastal regions and the wetlands to predict the adverse effects of the gas refinery project proposed for the site. A detailed vegetation, birds, mammals and insects survey was carried out and detailed report was then submitted.
4. Crocodile Project, Baluchestan, I.R.Iran, 1997 -2003, This project is aiming at establishment of a fenced, well-protected area in order to increase the number of the crocodiles for commercial use. Extensive field work has been carried out in the wetlands of Bahoo-Kalat and the rivers where the crocs live.
5. Wetlands Project, Initiated by G.E.F for the wetlands of I.R.Iran 1999-future. I act as a member of Technical Advisory Group and will monitor the quality of the scientific works produced by the working groups. This work involved extensive survey of the wetlands of Iran, accompanied by the representative of GEF. (Mr. De Cruise).
6. Hamoon Project, Green Front of Iran.2004.(Survey of wetlands of Sistan, and Baluchistan.
7. Our Planet, CNN Project with Gary Strieker, filming wildlife + man, in Yazd + Mazandaran. This project involved Survey of the wetlands in Mazandaran for filming purposes..
8. Project Initiated with George Schalter in Tehran + Yazd. Leading to the Cheetah Project in Iran.
9. Talks in Zurich (E.T.H Technical University), London (Royal Society for the Asian Affairs), (The British Institute for Persian Studies). These are the ongoing talks I give when I travel to London.

Additional Information

I am eloquent and consider myself to be a good communicator at all levels, be it talking to farmers or negotiating on behalf of an organization at international level. I am goal oriented and highly organized as evidence by getting both an Msc. and a PhD in the UK. I am fluent in Persian and English languages.

I enjoy working with the people and am highly motivated in whatever I do.