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Short Biography

Imed Ben Aissa. (male) is working as Researcher at the CRRHAB of Chott-Mariem since 2007. He is specialized in on-farm irrigation scheduling and crop water requirements. From 2003 to 2006 he has worked as researcher at INRGREF-Tunisia and charged to work on Kebili date-palm oases. Actually, he is involved in some research programs and carries out research activities mainly on crop water requirement and irrigation scheduling for trees and vegetable crops (under open-field and greenhouse conditions) using precision monitoring tools and modeling. He has participated in international and national projects focusing on water and salt management and irrigation scheduling. Actually, Imed Ben Aissa is member of the research Laboratory titled "Production and Protection for Sustainable Horticulture (2PHD) - LR21AGR03 (code of the Lab at Sousse University)

Professional Preparation (Academic Education)

Higher School of Horticulture Ch.Mariem-Tunisia	Horticulture	Engineer Diploma, 1994
National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia	Horticultural Sciences	Specialization degree, 2000
SupAgro-Montpellier, France	Soil, Water&Environment.	R.M.Sc., 2006
AgroParisTech, ABIES, France	Water&Environment	Ph.D. work, 2007-2009

Appointments (Professionnel experience)

2007-Present	Associate Researcher, Irrig. & Crop water needs, Regional Centre of Resear. on Hort. and Organic Agric., Tunisia
2003-2007	Associate Researcher, Irrig. & Crop water needs, Nat. Res. Inst. for Rural Eng. Water and Forestry, Tunisia
2001-2002	Contract Engineer (Development), Agric. water saving. Agric. Investment Promotion Agency (APIA, Ministry of Agric.), Tunisia
1999-2001	Contract Engineer (of Research), Plant-Water relations. National Research Inst. for Rural Eng. Water and Forest, Tunisia



Scientific Production and Publications (Peer-Reviewed papers and chapters)

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- Ammar A., **I. Ben Aissa**, M. Mars and M. Gouiaa, **2020** Seasonal variation of fig tree (Ficus carica L.) physiological characteristics reveals its adaptation performance. *South African Journal of Botany* 132, 30-37. doi: 10.1016/j.sajb.2020.04.020. WOS:000554733400004
- Ammar A., **I. Ben Aissa**, M. Mars and M. Gouiaa, **2020** Comparative physiological behavior of fig (Ficus carica L.) cultivars in response to water stress and recovery. *Scientia Horticulturae* 260, 108881. doi:10.1016/j.scienta.2019.108881. WOS:000496896500018
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- Ghannem A., **Ben Aissa I.**, Cetin M., Majdoub M., **2019** Assessing salt accumulation in the root zone of tomato plant through using ordinary kriging interpolation technique under deficit irrigation regime. *M.K.U. Journal of Agricultural Sciences 24 (Special Issue):120-127.*
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- A. Laarif, **I. Ben Aissa**, M. Mansour, H. Jeder, T. Bouslama, and A. Navarro Garcia, **2024**. Innovative Greenhouse Support System in the Mediterranean Region: efficient fertigation and pest management through IoT based climate control (iGUESSmed) Case study in Tunisia. *Paper 963*, *oral presentation by slides and abstract*. 6th Euro-Mediterranean conference for environmental integration (EMCEI-24). Marrakech-Morocco, 15–18 May 2024.
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- **Imed Ben Aissa**, Asma Hadj Sghaier, Mohsen Mansour, Amal Ghannem, **2022**. Estimating Reference Evapotranspiration under Monotunnel Plastic Greenhouses in a Coastal Tunisian Region by using ETgage Atmometer, Class-A Evaporation Pan and Agrometeorological Models. *Paper 774*, *oral presentation by slides and abstract*. 4th Euro-Mediterranean Conference for Environmental Integration (EMCEI-22), Sousse, Tunisia, 01–04 November 2022
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- Ghannem A., **Ben Aissa I.**, Majdoub R. (**2018**) Etude de l'état hydrique du sol sous séchage partiel de la zone racinaire et irrigation déficitaire conventionnelle appliquées sur une culture de tomate sous serre au Sahel Tunisien. *Oral presentation by slides and ext. abstract*. In: Proc. Scientific Days of Medjerda "SDMed2017" 25-27 Oct. 2017, Medjez Elbeb, Tunisie, pp 202-211.
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Research Projects (Coordination and/or Participation, most recent 5 projects)

- CléProD (project team member): Sustainable and integrated management of protected vegetable crops in the Center east of Tunisia: Local PRM research project funded by IRESA, Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, (MAWRF). Coordinated by Asma LAARIF (CRRHAB). Duration 36 months, (2016-2018)
- **CONEVAL-Fruits** (**project team member**): Conservation and Evaluation of Fruit crops (Fig, Pomegrante and Vines) in Tunisia: Local PRM research project funded by IRESA, Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries (MAWRF). Coordinated by Messaoud MARS (CRRHAB). Duration 36 months, (2016-2018)
- ASID_Sous-serre (project coordinator): Adoption of the deficit irrigation strategies to improve the water use efficiency of under-greenhouse and open-field vegetable crops. Local PARAR research project funded by IRESA, Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, (MAWRF). Coordinated by Imed BEN AISSA (CRRHAB). Duration 36 months (2018-2020)
- AIDE_Grenade (project coordinator): Adoption of the deficit irrigation strategies to improve the water use efficiency of pomegranate orchards. Local PARAR research project funded by IRESA (Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, (MAWRF). Coordinated by Imed BEN AISSA (CRRHAB). Duration 36 months (2021-2023)
- iGUESSmed PRIMA (project team member): iGuessMed is a PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area) project, relates to the Call: Section 1 Farming Systems 2019 and belongs to the IA Topic 1.2.2: "Sustainability and competitiveness of Mediterranean greenhouse and intensive horticulture" https://www.iguessmed.com/. Coordinated by Alejandra NAVARRO (CREA, Italy). Duration 48 months, (2020-2024)

Other Main Synergistic Activities

- Member of the Scientific Board of the Regional Research Center on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture (CRRHAB), Chott-Mariem, Tunisia, since 2011.
- Associate member of the "Non-conventional-Water Valorization" Research Laboratory (LR-VENC) at the National Research Institute for Rural Engineering, Water and Forestry (INRGREF), Tunis, Tunisia, 2014-2016.
- Member of the "Integrated Horticultural Production in the Tunisian Central East" Research Unity at the Regional Research Center on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture (CRRHAB), Chott-Mariem, Tunisia, 2012-2018
- Member of the "Water Management and Irrigation Systems" Research Laboratory at the National Research Institute for Rural Engineering, Water and Forestry (INRGREF), Tunis, Tunisia, 2003-2009
- General Secretary of the Alumni Association of the Higher School of Horticulture (ESH) at Chott-Mariem Tunisia, 2015-2016