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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS AND OBJECTIVE-veterinary professional with extensive experience in research and extension in food safety, in the production chain and zoonoses prevention. Highly motivated to pursue his professional, academic and scientific work in the field of Food Safety

PERSONAL DATA

Surname: Hamidi
Name: Afrim
Date of Birth: 17. May 1974

1. EDUCATION

2002 – 2005 Free University of Berlin, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Berlin, Germany

Ph.D. .in Veterinary Medicine

- Dissertation: Comparison of the prevalence of *Trichinella spiralis* in two european regions (Indoor, Outdoor)

1999 – 2001 University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria

Magister of Veterinary Medicine

- Acquisition of EU accredited university degree in Veterinary Medicine

1992 – 1997 University of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Tirana, Albania

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
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2. POSITIONS HELD:

10/2006 – present: Associated Professor

2008-2009- Head of Department of veterinary Medicine: Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary, University of Prishtina, Prishtina , Kosovo

2009-2012: Vice dean: Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary, University of Prishtina, Prishtina , Kosovo

2012-2015: Head of Department of veterinary Medicine: Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary, University of Prishtina, Prishtina , Kosovo

Part time:

06/2014-presents: Consult engineering, Prishtina, Kosovo

Position: Adviser within the Project for Advisory services for the development of Agriculture (Tasks: coordination of training activities in the field of Veterinary, livestock husbandry and food processing): project

07/2008-08/2008: Short term expert

Position: Short term expert: Assistance for long-term strategy for Kosovo Center for Livestock Breeding
Kosovo Centre for Livestock Breeding (WYG International)

07/2008-09/2008: Position: Coordinator (Part time)

Field: Food Safety and Public Health

Project of German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

“Hygiene in cheese production, quality and safety”

Contract No: 83019614

06/2007-08/2007: Position: Coordinator (Part time)

Food Safety and Public Health, Project of German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

“Hygiene aspects on the production line of local cheese (Sharri) in Kosova”

11/1997-11/1998: Position: Veterinary clinician (Food Animal)

City Veterinary Hospital, Kumanovo-Tetovo, Macedonia

3. COURSES TAUGHT AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS AND THE HOME INSTITUTION

-Development of new products

-Raw materials by animal origin in Food Technology :

-Meat Hygiene and Technology

-Food Security and Safety

-Food Hygiene and Microbiology

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1-peer reviewed journals

Driton Sylejmani, Arben Musliu, Naser Ramadani, Olivier Sparagano, Afrim Hamidi (2016): Association between the level of Bio-security and occurrence of *Dermanyssus gallinae* and *Salmonella spp.* in layer farms. Avian Diseases 60 (2); 454-459.

Afrim Hamidi, Dorte Lüscho, David George, Kurtesh Sherifi, Olivier Sparagano,

Hafez Mohamed Hafez, Driton Sylejmani (2016): Fowl-pox virus outbreaks in Kosovan layer flocks: an evidence of vaccination failure, *Veterinaria*, Vol 65 (2). 55-58

Afrim Hamidi, Driton Sylejmani (2016): Antimicrobial Susceptibility Of Staphylococci Isolated From Clinical Mastitis In Dairy Cows In Kosovo. *Bulgarian Journal of Agricultural Sciences* (in press)

Kurtesh Sherifi, Agim Rexhepi, Avni Robaj, Afrim Hamidi, Behlul Behluli, Arben Musliu, Petra Emerich (2015): A Survey of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever in Livestock in Republic of Kosova, *Kafkas Univ Vet Fak Derg*, DOI: 10.9775/kvfd.2015.14406

D. Sylejmani, N. Ramadani, A. Robaj, A. Hamidi (2015): Prevalence and antimicrobial susceptibility of bacterial isolates from subclinical mastitis in dairy farms in Kosovo, *Bulgarian Journal of Veterinary Medicine*, DOI: 10.15547/bjvm.938

Musliu A., Sopi L. Wood M. and Hamidi A. (2015): Under Invoicing of Imported Broiler Meat: a Challenge to the Development of the Local Broiler Industry in Kosovo. *Albanian Journal of Agricultural Sciences*. 14 (2), 121-126

Afrim Hamidi, Anne Mayer-Scholl, Shemsedin Dresha, Avni Robaj, Driton Sylejmani, Naser Ramadani, Sascha Al Dahouk, Karsten Nöckler (2015): Isolation and Identification of *Brucella melitensis* biovar 3 from vaccinated small ruminants: a public health threat in Kosovo. *Transboundary and Emerging Diseases*, doi:10.1111/tbed.12336, 2015

Musliu A., Sopi L. Wood M. and Hamidi A. (2015): Under Invoicing of Imported Broiler Meat: a Challenge to the Development of the Local Broiler Industry in Kosovo. *Albanian Journal of Agricultural Sciences*. 14 (2), 121-126

Hamidi, Afrim, H. Irsigler, D. Jaeger, A. Muschaller, R. Fries (2014): "Quantification of water as a potential risk factor for cross contamination with *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter* and *Listeria* in a poultry abattoir". *British Poultry Science*. Vol. 55 (5). 585-591

A. Hamidi, K. Sherifi, A. B. Behluli, S. Muji F. Latifi, A. Robaj, D. Sylejmani, R. Postoli, C. Hess, M. Hess, O. A.E. Sparagano (2011): *Dermanysus gallinae* in layer farms in Kosovo: A high risk for *Salmonella* prevalence. *Parasites and Vectors*, 4, 136-137

K. Sherifi, A. Rexhepi, **A. Hamidi**, B. Behluli, K.-H. Zessin, A. Mathis, P. Deplazes (2011): Detection of patent infections of *Echinococcus granulosus* ('sheep-strain') in naturally infected dogs in Kosovo. *Berliner und Münchner Tierärztliche Wochenschrift*, 124 (11/12), 518-521

A. Rexhepi, K. Bërxfholi, P. Scheinert, **A. Hamidi**, K. Sherifi (2011): Study of viral diseases in some freshwater fish in the Republic of Kosovo. *Veterinary Archives*, Vol. 81, No 3, 405-413

A. Hamidi, K. Sherifi, D. Sylejmani, F. Latifi, J. Leps, R. Fries (2010): Fasciolose, Dicrozoliose, Echinokokkose und Zysticerkose bei Schlachtrindern in Kosovo. *Rundschau für Fleischhygiene und Lebensmittelüberwachung*, 4, 115-117.

Driton Sylejmani, Elvira Beli, Skender Muji, **Afrim Hamidi (2010)**: Untersuchungen zum Vorkommen von *Listeria monocytogenes* in verschiedenen Käsearten in Kosovo. *Rundschau für Fleischhygiene und Lebensmittelüberwachung*, 3, 97-98

Bytyqi H., Zaug U., Sherifi K., **Hamidi A.**, Gjonbalaj M., Muji S., Mehmeti H. (2010) Somatic Cell Count and Quality of Fresh Milk in Kosova Related to Existing Standards. *Veterinary Archiv*, 80 (2), 173-183

Jens Leps und **Afrim Hamidi (2009)**: Hygienemaßnahmen verstärkter kontrollieren. *Fleischwirtschaft*, 12, 31-35.

Rexhepi A., Scheinert P., Bërxfholi K., **Hamidi A.**, Sherifi K., (2009). Occurrence of Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis (IPN) in farmed rainbow trout (*Onchorhynchus Mykiss*) in Kosovo. *Veterinaria*, 58 (1-2), 47-53, Veterinarian Faculty in Sarajevo

K. Nöckler, **A. Hamidi**, R. Fries, J. Heidrich, R. Beck and A. Marinculic (2004): Influence of methods for *Trichinella* detection in Pigs from endemic and Non-endemic Region. *Journal of Veterinary Medicine*, B 51, 297-301

4.2 Conference papers and proceedings:

Driton Sylejmani, Arben Musliu, Naser Ramadani, Olivier Sparagano, Afrim Hamidi (2016): Association between the level of Bio-security and occurrence of *Dermanyssus gallinae* and *Salmonella spp.* in layer farms. Conference of Society for Tropical veterinary medicine, 4-8 September, Berlin, Germany (oral presentation)

Hamidi A., Sylejmani D. and Giffey K. (2015): Meat Inspection - Challenges for the Future Perspective for the Republic of e Kosovo - Pass (Access) to Europe. 32 World Veterinary Congress, 13-17 September 2015, Istanbul-Turkey (Poster)

Hamidi A., Sylejmani D., Robaj A., Noci B., Ramadani N., Melzer F., Mayer-Scholl A., Al-Dahouk S., Noeckler K. (2015): Brucellosis in Kosovo: a challenge for the development of the sheep industry and consequences to public health. XXV Jubilee International Congress of the Hungarian Association for Buiatrics. 13th-16th September 2015, Budapest Hungary. S. 414 (oral presentation)

K. Sherifi, M. Alishani, A. Rexhepi, A. Hamidi, M. T. Armua-Fernandez, F. Grimm, D. Hegglin, P. Deplazes: "The role of Eid Celebration on transmission of *Taenia spp.* and *Echinococcus granulosus* in dogs". Poster Presentation, 25th International Conference of the **World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology (WAAVP 2015)**, Liverpool, United Kingdom, 16-20 August, 2015

Seric-Haracic S., Fejzic N., Hodzic A., Cavaljuga S., Bokonjić D., **Hamidi A.**, Latifi F., Ramadani N., Faustino A., Gomes Neves E., Starić J., Juricic M., Martin Castillo M., Noguerras Mas M., Sala V, Grieco V. (2015): "One Health" Master program as opportunity to improve cooperation and building capacity in interdisciplinary approaches and solutions for consumer health and protection in developing Western Balkan countries, WVA/WMA GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ONE HEALTH 21st-22nd May 2015 Madrid, Spain

Hamidi, A., Luschow, D., Muji, S., Sherifi, K., Sparagano, O., George, D., Hafez, H. (2014). Confirmation of fowl-pox virus and evidence of FWPV-REV integration in vaccinated laying hens in Kosovo. Joint 8th International Ticks and Tick-borne Pathogens (TTP-8) and 12th Biennial Society for Tropical Veterinary Medicine (STVM) Conference. Cape Town, South Africa, 24-29 August. P44.

Hamidi A., D. Sylejmani, C. Hess, M. Hess, B. Hulaj, D. George, O.A.E. Sparagano (2013): Salmonella in layer farms infested with *Dermanyss gallinae* in Kosovo. World Veterinary Poultry Association Congress, Nantes, 19-23 August, pp. 652

Hamidi A., B. Behluli, S. Muji, A. Rexhepi, K. Sherifi, O. Sparagano, D. George, D. Luschow, M. Hafez. (2013). Presence of fowlpox virus and evidence of FWPV-REV integration in vaccinated laying hens in Kosovo. Society for General Microbiology Spring Conference, March 25-28, Manchester, UK, pp. 87-88.

Avni Robaj^{1*}, Paskal Gjino², Driton Sylejmani¹, Kurtesh Sherifi¹, Agim Rexhepi¹, **Afrim Hamidi¹** (2011): Incidenca e Piometrës në mace në rajonin e Malishevës (The Incidence of Pyometra in cats in the region of Malisheva).VITH ANNUAL MEETING OF INSTITUTE ALB-SHKENCA, ALBANIA. ISBN 978-9928-4001-7-8

Avni Robaj, Kurtesh Sherifi, Driton Sylejmani, **Afrim Hamidi**, Agim Regjepi, Fatgzim Latifi (2011): Patologjitë e thundrave të lopët qumështore në Kosovë. Hoof pathologies in dairy cows in Kosovo: Alb-Shkenca, Albania. AKTET –VELLIMI.I, NR 1, 2011 JOURNAL OF INSTITUTE ALB-SHKENCA,FQ 91:

A. Hamidi, K. Sherifi, A. Rexhepi, F. Latifi, A. Robaj, D. Sylejmani, R. Postoli, C. Hess (2009):

Morri i kuq i shpendëve (*Dermanyss gallinae*) në fermat e pulave vojse në Kosovë. VTH ANNUAL MEETING OF INSTITUTE ALB-SHKENCA, ALBANIA, ISBN 978- 9928-4001-7-8

Hamidi A., Jana Heidrich, R. Beck, A. Marinculic und R. Fries (2003): Vorkommen von Spezies der Gattung *Trichinella* in zwei unterschiedlichen

europäischen Regionen.

Proc. 44. Arbeitstagung des Arbeitsgebietes Lebensmittelhygiene der DVG in Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany, Sept.-Oct. 2003, 610-615

Guest lectures:

16. 02. 2004 Free University-Berlin-: Institute for International Animal Health
Topic "***Transmissible diseases related to Public Health*** " within framework of:
Master of Science Studies in *Veterinary Public Health*

07. 06. 2009 Free University of Berlin- Institute for Meat Hygiene and Technology:
Within Qualification of auxiliary personal
Topics: Transmissible Spongiforme Encephalopathies, Post- Mortem Examination of cattle and pigs, Hands off Techniques in Meat Inspection and the impact to Public Health

5. OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND CONSULTATIONS)

Period: December 15, 2009
Title of the symposium: "Prevention of Salmonella in commercial poultry farms in Kosovo"

Participating Institutions: University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna

Period: May 15, 2012
Title of the Seminar: "Control of parasitic diseases and Salmonella in Kosovo"

Participating institutions: University of New Castle-UK, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Zurich-Switzerland, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine-Skopje-Macedonia, Kosovo Food and Veterinary Agency

Period: November 20, 2012
Title of the symposium: „The role of the Faculty as service provider: Cooperation

between the Food business operator, veterinarians, public administration and other partners
Participating Institutions: University of Veterinary Medicine-Hannover-Germany, Kosovo Food and Veterinary Agency

Period: **May 5, 2013**
Title of the symposium: "Animal Health in Kosovo:
Participating institutions: University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria,
AUKOS, Society of Milk Producers of Kosovo,

Period: **September 30, 2014**
Title of the seminar: Sustainable production in layer farms in Kosovo:
Participating institutions: University of Georgia, USA; Association of Poultry
and Poultry Feed Producers in Kosovo, Regional
directorates of Agriculture and rural development of
Kosovo

Period: **October 22, 2016**
Title of the symposium: "Austrian-Kosovar symposium on poultry health"
Participating Institutions: University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna-Austria,
Austrian Agency for Veterinary and Food (AGES)

6. MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

-World Association of Buiatrics:
-Society of Tropical and Veterinary Medicine
-Medilabsecure Network (Lui Paster Intitute France)
-VetIstanbul group 2014
-Kosovo Association of Milk Producers
-Association of Poultry Producers of Kosovo

7. PROFESSIONAL HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (RELEVANT HONORS AND AWARDS)

01/2013-04/2013: Norman Borlaug Fellow

University of Georgia, Department of Poultry Science, Athens: USA,
Trainings: Microbiological Risks in Poultry Production, Diagnostic skills (PCR,
VITEK, Salmonella and Campylobacter)

01/2011- 05/2011-Research Fellow (Junior Faculty Development Program)

Colorado State University: College of Veterinary Medicine and
Biomedical Sciences: Animal Population Health Institute, Fort Collins, USA
Trainings: Epidemiology of Food-borne pathogens

06/2009 – 09/2009- Research Fellowship

Institute for Meat Hygiene and Technology, Free University of Berlin
Research Project: Risk assessment of water used in poultry processing line in
regard to bacterial zoonosis (*Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Listeria*, *Yersinia*)
(German Academy for Exchange Service)

09/2007-10/2007: Visiting scientist

Clinic for Avian, Reptile and Fish Medicine, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, Austria,
Trainings: Poultry- Sectioning and p.m. examination, Bacteriological Examination, Farm management, serological investigation-ELISA

Chairman: International Congress in Veterinary Services and techniques August 2016, Sarajevo

Chairman: **International Conference** of the DAAD Biodiversity Network Project 'Agriculture and biodiversity on the Balkan Peninsula'. September 21-23, Prishtina, Kosovo

Scientific reviewer: of 3 International world journals (Parasites and Vectors, Transboundary and Emerging diseases, parasitology)

8. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHERS:

- Active role to support the animal shelter at the municipality of Prishtina and Graçanica
- Strengthen the economic growth in municipalities with minorities
- Active role to strengthen the cross border cooperation

SCIENTIFIC BOOK REVIEWS:

1. Mikrobiologjia me sëmundje infektive, ISBN 978-608-226-214-7 1 (for secondary school), Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia,
2. Zoohigjiena me dezinfektim, dezinsktim dhe deratizim, ISBN 978-608-226-217-81 (for secondary school), Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia,
3. Farmakognozja 2 (for second year-secondary school), approved by Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia, September 2009
4. Farmakognozja 3 (for third year-secondary school), approved by Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia, September 2009
5. Farmakognozja 4 (for fourth year-secondary school), approved by Ministry of Education and Science of Macedonia, September 2009

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE PUBLIC AND THE COMMUNITY:

Project title: Public health in the Western Balkans – improvement in the field of public health and development of a “One Health” educational and scientific architecture in Western Balkan countries

Financed by: European Union

Position in the project: Coordinator for activities for Kosovo

Project title: Improving current understanding and research for sustainable control of the poultry red mite *Dermanyssus gallinae* (COREMI)

Period: 2014-2018

Financed by: European Cooperation for Science and Technology
Position in the project: Coordinator for activities for Kosovo

Title of the project: Medilabsecure: Preventing vector borne diseases around the Mediterranean and black Sea regions by creating new networks

Period: 2014-2017

Financed by: European Commission

Position in the project: Coordinator for activities for Kosovo

Title of the project: Institutional Partnership with the University of Northumbria, New Castle, School of Health, United Kingdom,

Project title: Prevalence of Salmonella in layer farms infested with Dermanyssus gallinae in Kosovo, 2012

Funded by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Kosovo

Position in the project: Coordinator for activities for Kosovo

Title of the project: Institutional Partnership with Clinic of Poultry, reptiles and fishes, Veterinary Medical University, Vienna,

Project title: Dermanyssus gallinae in layer farms in Kosovo and its transmission role of Salmonella

Funded by: Austrian Federation Ministry for Education and Culture, ASSO Program (Austrian Scientific Offices)

Position in the project: Coordinator for activities for Kosovo

Title of the project: Institutional partnership: University of Zurich and University of Prishtina, department of Veterinary medicine.

Project title: Laboratory support for the diagnosis of parasitic diseases between

Funded by: Swiss National Foundation, Program SCOPES 2009-2013

Position in the project: Co-coordinator for activities for Kosovo

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Albanian, English, German, Serbocroatian