

AAB Member - Dr Nagib Nassar Celebrates 50 Years Teaching



I have found my teaching experiences extremely rewarding and feel that from teaching I have gained my greatest strength. Teaching for me was like composing a piece of music, and for years and years I had the aspirations of being admired by my students in the same way that they admire their idols of musicians and artists. I have always aimed to create a strong friendship with my students from the moment they joined my class up to their graduation.

My fifty years teaching were spent at Cairo University from 1958 to 1974 followed by the University of Brasilia. This multi-cultural experience exposed me to a broad range of learning styles and allowed me to acquire a number of different teaching methods. In Cairo University I taught Tropical Crops and Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources. At Brasilia University I taught Plant Breeding, Organic Evolution, Evolution of Cultivated Plants, Basic Cytogenetics, Cytogenetic Methods and Techniques, Economic Botany, Plant Breeding of Perennial Crops, and Botany of Cassava to both graduate and post-graduate level. I have introduced these courses to the federal universities of Goias, Vicosa, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasilia, Feira Santana, and Sao Paulo in Brazil, the Inter-american Center in Costa Rica, and Bern University in Switzerland.

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