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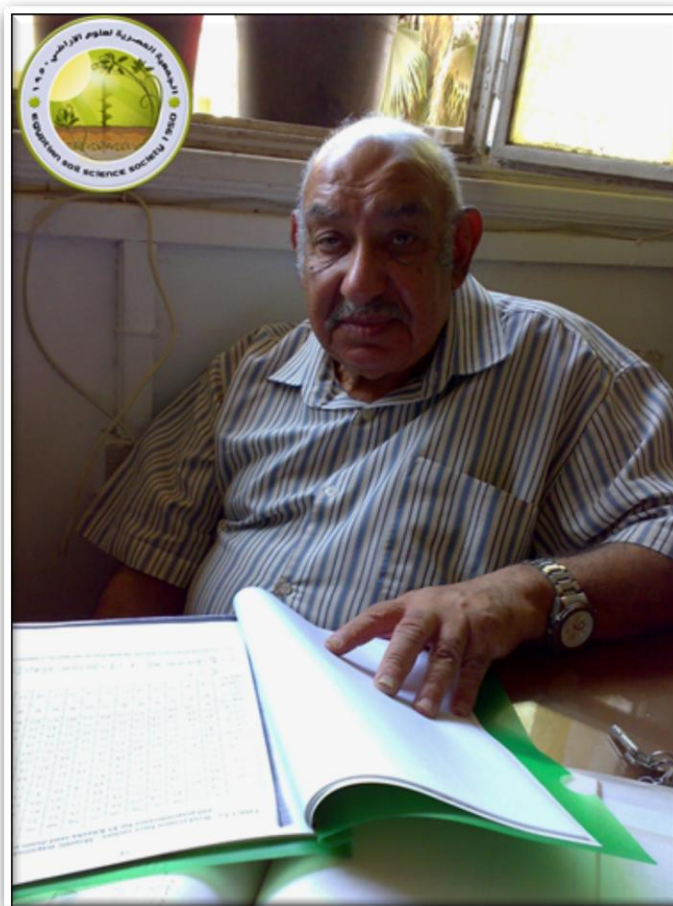
Egyptian Journal of Soil Science 2022: A Tribute to Prof. Omar El-Hady

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Prof. Omar El-Hady; A very active scientist and researcher. He used to work and help all members in the Egyptian Soil Science Society

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This is the 22nd of January 2022, the Egyptian Soil Science Society (ESSS) and Egyptian Journal of Soil Science (EJSS) lost their president Prof. "Omar El-Hady". This is a comment from the editorial board of the EJSS to say thanks a lot Prof. El-Hady. Thanks for your efforts and time and your life, which give for the EJSS and all members in the Egyptian Soil Science Society.

Prof. Dr. Omar Abdel Aziz El-Hady (1941 - 2022)

University education:

- Bachelor of Agriculture, Ain Shams University (Soils, 1959)
- Master Degree of Soil Sciences, Al-Azhar University (1973)
- Ph.D. of Soil Sciences, Al-Azhar University (1979)

Career history:

- Researcher at the Soils and Water Use Dept. at the National Research Center from 1979 to 1984
- Assistant Research Professor at the Soils and Water Use Dept. at the National Research Center from 1984 to 1989
- Research Professor, at the Soils and Water Use Dept., National Research Center, 1989 to 2001
- Emeritus Professor, the Soils and Water Use Dept., National Research Center, 2001 to 2022

Research interests:

- Application of natural and/or artificial soil conditioners under protected greenhouses using different irrigation systems,
- Application of some petroleum products and different hydrogel formulations to improve the physical, chemical and biological properties and nutritional status of different soils including sandy, calcareous and saline soils under dry and semi-dry conditions, and
- Studying the possibility of utilizing plant and wood wastes in manufacturing super absorbent materials for use as soil conditioners.

Professional activities:

- Active member of research groups to improve citrus and banana production in Egypt
- Principal researcher and active member of more than 25 research projects (international and local)
- Supervisor of graduate students more than 12 masters, and 15 Ph.D theses

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- He presented many papers at international conferences in Egypt beside in the Netherlands, France, Italy, Belgium, the Soviet Union, Austria and Poland.
 - Lecturer for several training programs of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, the departments of horticulture and agricultural engineering in Egyptian universities, the Nile Information Center in the field of specialization and training courses through the Norwegian Refugee Council.
 - General Secretary of the Egyptian Society of Soil Science for more than 24 years
 - Editor-in-chief of the Egyptian Journal of Soil Science for 12 years
 - Active member of the Egyptian Society of Polymers
 - Member No. 2373 of the National Encyclopedia of Distinguished Egyptian Personalities, second edition (1989)
 - He wrote many technical reports, and more than 200 research papers in different international journals and conferences
 - President of 4 conferences of the Egyptian Society of Soil Sciences (2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018).

Awards:

- 1- The Norwegian Refugee Council Award for Scientific Contribution to Agriculture twice in 1983 and 1988,
- 2- State Prize for Agricultural Sciences, from Academy of Scientific Research and Technology twice for the years 1984, 1990,
- 3- Medal of Science and Arts, first class, 1985
- 4- Medal of Excellence, First Class 1995
- 5- Shield of the Egyptian Society for Polymer Science and Technology, May 2002
- 6- The shield of the Norwegian Refugee Council 2002.

“It is a sad day to lose one of the most active scientists in soil science in Egypt. He was very keen to improve and develop this science. He seriously worked to gather all the staff members in scientific and social meetings. God bless him.” **Mohamed Abowaly**

“I first met Professor Omar El-Hady in 2004, when I had been employed in the Soils and Water Use Department, National Research Centre. I vividly remember many things about him from the first day: his long conversations to help and support young researchers, his caring manner, and his willingness to help others. I worked closely with Dr. Omar on two occasions; first, when I was serving as associate editor of EJSS, and second, during the organization of the last conference of the ESSS in 2018. During that time, I showed that Dr. Omar was a brilliant and fabulous human being from inside and outside. Professor Omar's office door was always open for everyone. His mind was always available to new thoughts and new ideas. Unfortunately, in our department, we lost a brilliant scholar and advisor. We all believe that death is true and must happen; however, we all feel deeply saddened by Dr. Omar's death.

Noura Bakr

“Since I was employed at NRC in 2004, I used to find Prof. Dr. El-Hady working on supporting Egyptian researchers to improve and publish their scientific work through an open-door approach. Scientists from Egyptian universities and research institutes used to visit his office and work late to organize research, conferences, and scientific meetings. Always he was an active and rational advisor. It was a pleasure to work with him as a member of the EJSS board to establish our journal's online system and start a new era of globalizing the publication of Egyptian soil research. With sympathy and well wishes, we will never forget his scientific efforts.” **Tamer Elbana**

We ask our God Almighty to bless him with his vast mercy, dwell in his vast gardens, and make all his knowledge and work an ongoing charity in the balance of his good deeds, and inspire his family, colleagues, students and lovers' patience and solace.



Some photos for Prof. El-Hady during the meeting, and conference of the ESSS



Some photos for Prof. EL-Hady and the members of ESSS during the meeting of the ESSS