

Professor Mouin HAMZE, Secretary General of the CNRS-L

Mouin HAMZE obtained his “Doctorat d’Etat - Es Sciences” from the University of Montpellier, France. He started his academic career at the Lebanese University where he established the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and acted as its Dean from 1985-1997. He was concurrently acting as Chairman of the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute.

In 1998, M. HAMZE was appointed Secretary General of the National Council for Scientific Research – Lebanon (CNRS-L), where he has given special attention to the launching of research and capacity building programmes including: the Ph.D. Scholarship Program, the Joint Grant Research Program, the Associated Research Units Programme, the Lebanese Science Journal and the Research Excellence Award in Lebanon. Since 2006, he has developed and implemented a fundamental science policy programme for Lebanon, while in 2016 he has led an initiative to develop the *Charter of Ethics and Guiding Principles of Scientific Research in Lebanon*, which was later confirmed as the basis for a regional Arab charter.

He also developed cooperation with numerous countries and organizations culminating in the implementation of bi-lateral and multi-lateral projects. During his mandate, the CNRS-L celebrated its Golden Jubilee (2012) and was granted the “Islamic Development Bank Award for Science and Technology” (2013) for its “outstanding scientific and technological contribution to the socio-economic development of the country”.

M. HAMZE has lead EU and international projects, chaired numerous international and regional Conferences, and has been actively involved in several international organizations, including: CIHEAM, MAI-Bari, IAEA, COMEST-UNESCO, ICARDA, ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC), AUF, PRIMA-EU, EMUNI, OPEN SCIENCE-UNESCO, and has most recently joined as member of the COMSTECH-Scientific Advisory Council.

M. HAMZE has co-authored and edited several books, reports and scientific papers; most recently: “Space Atlas of Lebanon” (Published by CNRS-L), “Atlas du Liban: Les Nouveaux défis” (Published by Presses de l’IFPO), “The Litani River Lebanon: An Assessment and Current Challenges” (Published by Springer, UK), “Shared Water Resources of Lebanon” (Published by Nova Science Publisher, NY), Five “Annual Reports on Research and Development in the Arab World”, “Innovate or Perish” and (In Press) “Empowering Knowledge and Innovation, Challenges for the Arab Countries” (Published by the Arab Thought Foundation).

In recognition of his work, M. HAMZE received Doctorate Honoris Causa from the University of Haute Alsace and from the University of Montpellier (France) and was awarded the “Chevalier de l’Ordre du Mérite Agricole” and the “Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite” (France), the “Ordine Al Merito Della Repubblica Italiana” (Italy) and recently the “Chevalier dans l’ Ordre de la Légion d’Honneur” (France).