

# Short Biography

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Since 2014, Dr. Fatma Driss is an assistant professor at Laboratory of Biopesticides, Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax, Tunisia. She received the DEA and the Ph.D. degrees from the “Ecole Nationale d’Ingénieurs de Sfax” with the mentions very well and very honorable, respectively. Her thesis work was on the chitinolytic activities of the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* widely used for the biological control. During the thesis work, she was supervised by Professors Samir Jaoua and Nabil Zouari. She was granted by “The Third Academy of Sciences” (Twas) during a run time of 18 months for an international project entitled “Study and use of endogenous chitinases of *Bacillus thuringiensis* for improvement of its insecticidal activities”.

Dr. Fatma did a post-doctoral research work in Biopesticides team of the “Laboratoire de Protection et Amélioration des Plantes” - Centre of Biotechnology of Sfax (2008-2011). Then, with a fellowship from “Fundo Regional para a Ciência e Tecnologia” (FRCT), she did another post-doctoral research work at “Centro de Investigação em Recursos Naturais - Universidade dos Açores” (CIRN), Portugal (2011-2013) with Prof. Nelson Simões. Along her research work, Dr. Driss directed researches carried out by students while preparing their project graduation and their diploma of engineering. She has also been a member of two scientific committees for the evaluation of such students.

From 2007 to 2011, Dr. Driss had a higher education teaching experience at the “Faculty of Sciences of Gafsa, Tunisia”. She taught practical and managed work in molecular biology, cell biology, vegetal biology and genetics.

Dr. Driss contributed in three national and ten international meetings/Symposia. She took part in many trainings, courses and workshops. She is first author in five publications in periodic scientific journals, the second in one and the third in two others. She co-authored at five international congresses. According to Researchgate web site, her RG score is 12.12 and her Hirsch index is 3. She has more than 75 citations in scientific publications and 350 reads.