## **Biography**



Dr. Rida A. Shibli is a Prof. of Plant Biotechnology and Biodiversity at the University of Jordan. He was born in Mursa / Jarash on July 15, 1962. He received his education in primary and secondary schools in Jerash/ Jordan. His B.Sc & M.Sc was from the University of Jordan- Amman, Jordan and his Ph.D was from University of Illnois; USA. Dr. Rida has occupied many Administrative positions in his scientific work; he has recently been selected as founder and dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Al-Ahliyya Amman University. Beside Executive Secretary of The Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA), from 2/2019- till now. Furthermore, he was appointed as the Minister of Jordan Agriculture for 4 months from 6-9/2016 and he has been a member of the Jordan Senate since Sep. 2016 till Sep. 2020. Before that he, occupied the position of the President of Mutah University, Karak-Jordan from 4/2013 till 6/2016. He worked at the University of Jordan as Prof Agriculture Faculty from 2008, and took some administrative positions such as Vice-President for Scientific Faculties and Institutes and the President of the University of Jordan- Aqaba Branch. Also, he worked at the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid-Jordan (1990-2008) and in American Universities in post doctorate and sabbatical programs the last was in 2006; at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA. Dr. Rida has a wide experience in research in Plant Biotechnology and Biodiversity and has more than 200 scientific publications. He has many research projects funded and has supervised many postgraduate students. He participated in many professional activities & societies, steering committee memberships, and in many workshops and training courses, also he had many achievements in community education. Prof. Rida Shibli had been awarded many prizes such as the ISSECO Prize in Science and Technology, 2012. He has an active life full of scientific work tirelessly from his beginning till now and this can be seen in his C.V.