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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Lecturer in Library and Information Science (PhD) with ten years of progressive academic and research-library experience across Algeria and the United Arab Emirates, including university-based repository leadership, teaching, and scholarly-resource stewardship. Specializing in scholarly communication, institutional repositories like DSpace, open access, open science, research data, digital scholarship, and applying AI to research and library services. Directing and overseeing the institutional digital repository at the University of Tamanrasset, I lead faculty and postgraduate researchers in repository setup, open-access policies, and strategies to enhance research visibility. With six years of prior service in a bilingual (Arabic/English) multicultural UAE research and cultural institution, which included public-facing teaching on repositories and open-source library systems, and native Arabic fluency. I have also been accepted as a volunteer at DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), further reflecting my commitment to advancing open access.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer — Library and Information Science | University of Tamanrasset, Algeria | Nov 2024 – Present

Teach Library and Information Science and manage the university's institutional digital repository, supporting open access, metadata workflows, research visibility, and scholarly communication. Chair the Master's Pedagogical Committee (since September 2024) and oversee the Library Science specialization (since September 2025).

Senior Librarian | Juma Al-Majid Centre for Culture and Heritage, Dubai, UAE | Nov 2017 – Jan 2024

Provided bilingual (Arabic/English) library and information services in an international research and cultural-heritage institution, while delivering professional seminars on institutional repositories, DSpace, and open-source library technologies. Developed regional expertise in open-access repository aggregation and digital-repository best practices.

Librarian — Reference & Information Services | Skikda's Cultural Palace, Algeria | Jun 2014 – Oct 2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Library and Information Science | University of Constantine 2 | 2022

Thesis: Algerian university institutional digital repositories: A project to develop and run the digital repository of Abdelhamid Mehri University of Constantine 2. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7456037>

M.S., Library and Information Science | University of Constantine 2 | 2014

Thesis: Open access to electronic thesis and dissertations: an accessibility project at the library of the Institute of Library Science and Documentation, Constantine, Algeria. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.193012>

B.S., Library and Information Science | University of Constantine 2 | 2012

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Babori, A., & Nabil, A. (2020). Increasing the Visibility of Grey Literature in Algerian Institutional Repositories. *Grey Journal*, 16, 43–51. (Scopus-indexed). <https://doi.org/10.17026/DANS-Z2A-MB5E>

Babori, A. (2023). Institutional digital repositories projects: towards an academic confederation of open access repositories in Algeria . *Journal of Information Studies & Technology (JIS&T)*. <https://doi.org/10.5339/jist.2023.10>

Babori, A. (2025). Towards implementing next-generation repositories technologies: a roadmap for transforming repositories into smart platforms. *Journal of Human & Social Sciences* 11, 3 ,623-649 <https://asjp.cerist.dz/en/article/289949>

BOOK

Babori, A. (2022). Building and managing institutional digital repositories: Planning, operational requirements, and implementation. Al-Warraq Publishing and Distribution. ISBN 978-9957-33-967-8.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Open Repositories 2026 — Paper presenter, online, 8–11 June 2026: Developing a national aggregator of open access repositories in Algeria: project proposal. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20789083>

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

- **Paper Presenter — University of Annaba, 27 October 2025:** *Challenges of AI Adoption in University Libraries.*
- **Paper Presenter — Public Library of Boumerdes, 28–29 September 2025:** *The Yunhan Library Services Alliance in China: A Pioneering Model for Networking Public Libraries Using FOLIO.*
- **Paper Presenter — Public Library of Skikda, 17–18 September 2025:** *The Role of Public Reading Libraries in Promoting AI Literacy: A Foresight Study of the Algerian Context.*

SEMINARS, LECTURES & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Mar 2021 | Juma Al Majid Centre, UAE |** Building and Managing Institutional Digital Repositories in University Libraries: Requirements and Best Practices.
- **Apr 2021 | Jordanian Library and Information Association, Jordan |** Applications of Open-Source Software in Libraries and Information Centers.
- **Aug 2021 | Juma Al Majid Centre, UAE |** Open-Source Digital Repository Systems in University Libraries: DSpace as a Model.
- **Nov 2022 | Sharjah International Book Fair, UAE |** Knowledge Resources in the Digital Age.
- **Feb 2023 | Emirates Library and Information Association, UAE |** Open Access Repository Aggregators and National Academic Visibility.
- **Apr 2023 | Arab Federation for Libraries and Information, Oman |** Digital Repositories: Arab Experiences.
- **Oct 2023 | Qatar National Library, Qatar |** Open Repositories MENA 2023.

ACADEMIC & SCHOLARLY SERVICE

- **Reviewer — TiK Ilmeu: Jurnal Ilmu Perpustakaan dan Informasi,** (ISSN 2580-3662).
- **Reviewer — International Journal of Library and Information Services (IJLIS),** (ISSN 2475-997X).
- **Editorial Review Board Member — International Journal of Library and Information Services (IJLIS)** (ISSN 2475-997X).
- **International Editorial Board Member and reviewer (Scopus indexed) — IP Indian Journal of Library Science and Information Technology,** (ISSN 2456-9623).
- **Reviewer — Journal of Human & Social Sciences,** (ISSN 2588-2104).
- **Accepted DOAJ Volunteer,** commencing September 2026.

OPEN SCIENCE, PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT & MEMBERSHIPS

- **Participant, OpenAIRE Open Science course / programme,** 2026.
- **Member, Emirates Library and Information Association (ELIA),** since 2021.
- **Member, Algerian Library and Information Association (ABIA),** since 2019.

SCIENTIFIC CONSULTATIONS

- **University of Al Wasl, Dubai, UAE (2020)** — Member of team preparing Bachelor's and Master's programmes.
- **Arab Language Academy, Sharjah, UAE (Jan 2023)** —consultation: management of Sharjah Linguistic Journal project using OJS.
- **Al Owais Cultural Foundation, Dubai, UAE (Jan 2023)** —consultation: Koha system implementation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Foundations of AI** — Elsevier — 22 July 2025.
- **Promoting Your Library** — Library Connect Academy — 18 July 2025.
- **Teaching Information Literacy** — Ohio State University — 05 July 2025.
- **Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Acquisitions** — ALA — 08 November 2024.
- **Fundamentals of Metadata** — ALA — April 2026.
- **Demonstrating Impact of Your Library and Institution** — Library Connect Academy — 27 July 2024.
- **Scopus Academy: Metrics Module** — Elsevier — 27 July 2024.
- **Research Data management and Sharing** — Coursera. July 2026.
- **Additional certificates:** Learning Virtualization; SSL Certificates for Web Developers — LinkedIn Learning.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- Digital Repository Project, University of Constantine 2 Abdelhamid Mehri — DSpace CRIS.
- Sharjah Linguistic Journal — OJS.
- Algerian Foundation for Science and Civilizational Promotion — WordPress.
- National Open Access Repository Aggregator for Algeria — current professional/research project.