

Nicolas Joseph El Haddad

Nicolas Haddad was appointed as “Crop Production and Plant Protection Supervisor” at AREC in 2002. His tasks ranged from managing workshops and farm machinery, to crop production and plant protection. He assisted professors with their labs and taught a class on farm practice. In 2004, he established and ran the first Genetic Resources Unit (Seed Bank) in Lebanon.

In 2007 and 2008, Nicolas was appointed to ‘Acting Farm Manager’ and to ‘Interim Farm Manager’ respectively. During this period, he worked on improving AREC productivity and significantly decreasing its deficit. He also worked on improving available water resources and on renovating teaching and lodging facilities. Thanks to Nicolas, a research/education collaboration agreement between AUB and Mississippi State University (MSU) was established after he paid a visit to the MSU campus for training on new agricultural techniques.

In May 2008, Nicolas assumed responsibility of AREC’s creamery and operated it in collaboration with the Nutrition and Food Technology department. Today these dairy products are sold to the AUB community, to Healthy basket and to a commercial diet center. In October of the same year, Nicolas was appointed as “AREC Farm and Facilities Manager”.

Nicolas is a highly devoted person. His ambition, motivation and hard work have touched his colleagues and granted him valuable friendships with faculty members, students and visitors. As a supervisor he shows high sense of appreciation for his team’s hard

work by rewarding commitment and motivating ambitious staff. Mr. Haddad left his mark on AREC's marketing promotions as well, whereby he established a new website for AREC, issued a newsletter, and helped design labels for all farm products which include the nutritional value of each product.

All faculty members praise his services, with one of them stating: "I have seldom seen at AUB a staff member with so much dedication and commitment to his/her work..."