AgroTec Center at Palestine Polytechnic University

<u>(PPU)</u>

The AgroTec center has been established as an integration and expansion of the existing laboratories at Biotechnology center, at the PPU, as part of the funded ERASMUS+ sponsored project (AgroTec NO. 101092160)

One of the primary roles of the Agrotech center at PPU, is to providing consultations and services for stakeholders and local community, training students and farmers, and to provide services for the Agrifood sector. The services provided by the center include:

- 1- Gathering information on local plants soil and climate change
- 2- Training on GIS and GPS applications in agriculture
- 3- Chemical analysis of agri-food products
- 4- Plant pests and diseases

The Agritech center encompasses several state of the art equipment which include the following:

- 1- Drone for agricultural application
- 2- Green house
- 3- Tissue culture lab
- 4- Kjeldahl device for Chemical analysis of agrifood products
- 5- Agrilive system which includes sensors for humidity, temperature, soil salinity and PH , that provide realtime data using data acquisition system
- 6- Chlorophyll meter for crop health
- 7- PCR device for disease diagnosis and genotyping

The AgroTec center at the PPU also encompasses the center of Chemical and Biological Analysis and Calibration (CCBAC). It was established to meet the growing need of the Palestinian community for highquality testing services. The center aims to serve food, drug and cosmetics manufacturers or distributors and crop farmers and animal growers to meet the needs of regulatory bodies such as the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of National Economy. The center has obtained the international standard certificate for testing and calibration laboratories ISO 17025:2017.

The establishment of CCBAC at Palestine Polytechnic University PPU, reflects its commitment to close interaction with PPU faculties and students, and highlights its academic and training role in conjunction with its primary mission of providing high-level analytical services, which are:

- Implementing chemical and biological tests for medicines, nutritional supplements, food, agricultural crops and cosmetics to ensure their compliance with global health and quality standards.
- Analysis of veterinary drugs.
- Analysis of pesticide residues in vegetables and fruits.

- Implementing chemical and biological tests for pesticides.
- Calibration of basic devices in the field of chemical tests (providing calibration services for devices used in chemical tests to ensure the accuracy and stability of results).
- Encouraging the participation of researchers in internal and external tests and providing support to researchers from inside and outside the university, which enhances scientific exchange and cooperation.
- Providing training courses in the fields of chemical and biological analysis.
- Water analysis and testing to ensure the safety of water used in various sectors.

The Agritech Center at the PPU collaborates and provide services to several stakeholders and farmers in the local agrifood industry. The network of the center included in the following list:

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The following are some photographs for the equipment available at the AgroTec Center at the PPU:



Figure (1): Digestion Unit. This system is used to analyze food and agrifood ingredients.



Figure (2): Kjeldahl unit used for food and agrifood ingredients.



Figure (3): Agri-live system for the monitoring of temperature, humidity, ph and other crop parameters



Figure (4): Agri-live system for the monitoring of temperature, humidity, ph and other crop parameters



Figure (5): Chlorophyll meter for the measurements of crop health.



Figure (6): Chlorophyll meter for the measurements of crop health.



Figure (7): Safety cabinet. A common lab for sterilized environment.

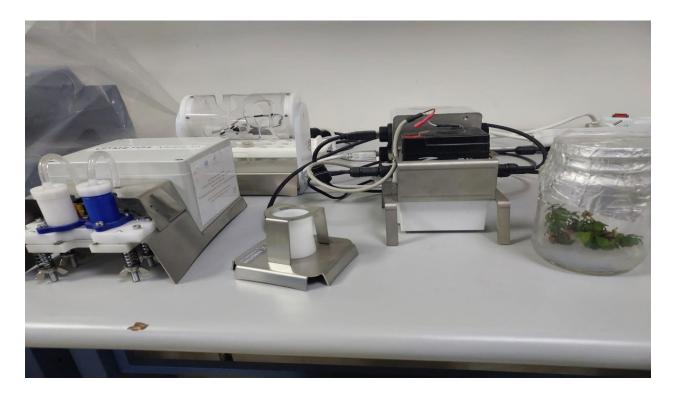


Figure (8): Mobile unit used to monitor soil parameters, including Ph and humidity.



Figure (9): Green House used for crop seedling preparations



Figure (10): Green House used for crop seedling preparations and student training



Figure (11): HPLC and ICP for agrifood chemical analysis



Figure (12): GC-MS for agrifood chemical analysis



Figure (13): HPLC for agrifood chemical analysis.