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1. **PROFILE**

A Food Scientist doctored in the field of biological activities of natural products having graduated in Food Science & Technology and mastered in Postharvest Technology with research interests on New product developments, Biological activities of natural products, Functional foods, Food packaging and Postharvest technology of fresh commodities. The objective is to full utilization of my abilities, while making a significant contribution to the success of the organization.

2. **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

PhD

MSc – Postharvest Technology

BSc – Food Science & Technology

3. **ACADEMIC HONOURS (AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS)**

1. Recognized as a Tire 4* Researcher (Agriculture) as per the UGC Circular No.05/2018 based on *h-index*.
2. The researcher having highest citations of the Department of Export Agriculture at UWU Research Awards for 8 consecutive years since 2014.
3. President's Awards for Scientific Publication in 2014.
4. Business Solution Awards 2015 - 3rd place.
5. Awarded the Best Paper/Presenter Award at the 4th International Conference on Nutrition and Food Science (ICNFS – 2015), Bangkok, Thailand (2015).
6. Recipient of the Brain Korea 21 Scholarship for the Doctor of Philosophy studies (2009 –2012) from the Government of Republic of Korea.
7. Awarded the Best Presenter Award at the Green and Personalized Foods, International symposium and annual meeting, Daegu, South Korea (2010).
8. Awarded the Merit Award from the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka for the excellent achievement in Master of Science studies (2008).

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Amarakoon, A.M.C., Rathnayake, R.M.S.D., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.**, Herath, H.M.S.K. (2023). Assessing the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on agricultural and food systems in Badulla District, Sri Lanka. *Agri east*, 17, 14-24.
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8. Wedamulla, N.E., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.** (2021). Application of polysachcharides in food technology: A review. *Trends in Carbohydrate Research*, 13: 35-49.
9. Wedamulla, N.E., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.** (2021). Batoko plum (*Flacourtia inermis*) peel extract attenuates deteriorative oxidation of selected edible oils. *Grasas Aceites* 72 (3), e416. <https://doi.org/10.3989/gya.0450201>
10. Chandrasiri, M.H.T.K., Hettiarachchi, D.N., Ellepola, V.P., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.**, Hitigedara, D.L.C.N. (2020). Evaluation of nutritional, physicochemical and sensory properties of vacuum dehydrated *seenibanana* (*Musa acuminata* AAB) snacks. *IOSR Journal of Environmental Sciences, Toxicology and Food Technology*, 14: 31-36.
11. Chandrasiri, M.H.T.K., Hettiarachchi, D.N., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.**, Ellepola, V.P., Hitigedara, D.L.C.N. (2020). Development of banana snack using vacuum dehydration and evaluation of its nutritional, physicochemical and sensory properties. *International Journal of Research Publication*, 63.
12. Nanayakkara, S.U.G., Wedamulla, N.E., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.** (2020). Effect of *Flacourtia inermis* peel extract on oxidative stability of sunflower oil and virgin coconut oil. *Journal of Technology and Value Addition*, 2: 81-92.
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18. Liyanage, T., Jayasundara, K.K.I., **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.**, Aththanayake, A.M.C.I.M., Edirisinghe, E.D.K., Bandara, W.M.S.R. (2017). Qualitative screening of phytochemicals from fruit and rind of five selections of *Garcinia quaesita* in Sri Lanka. *Proceedings of the Symposium on Minor Export Crops (Ed: B. Marambe)*, 116-121.
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20. **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.**, Vairappan, C.S., Jeon. Y.J. (2015). Exploitation of health promoting potentials of edible sea cucumber (*Holothuria edulis*): Search of new bioactive components as functional ingredients. *International Proceedings of Chemical, Biological and Environmental Engineering, Nutrition and Food Science IV*, 86: 36-41.
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4.2 Books/Book Chapters

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2. **Wijesinghe, W.A.J.P.**, Jeon, Y.J. (2013). Chapter 15 – Enzymatic extraction of bioactives from algae. *Functional Ingredients from Algae for Food and Nutraceuticals*. Domingues, H. (Ed)., 1sted. Woodhead Publishing Limited. pp 517-533. ISBN 9780857095121.
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4.5 Theses/Dissertations

PhD - Search of new bioactive components and exploitation of their health promoting potentials as functional ingredients from brown seaweed *Ecklonia cava* and edible sea cucumber *Holothuria edulis*.

MSc - Utilization of cassava through freezing.

BSc - Farmer practices of postharvest handling on quality of 'Mauritius' pineapple.

6. PATENTS

1. National Patent (22526) – A method for manufacturing a fresh Dragon fruit (*Hylocereous polyrhizus* L.) pulp incorporated novel set yoghurt (In process).
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7. RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVED

1. Formulation of jackfruit seed flour incorporated gluten-free biscuit and evaluation of its physicochemical, sensory and nutritional properties
2. Influence of pre-treatments and packaging on the quality maintenance of fruit leathers

3. Utilization of Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus* L.) seed flour as a food additive
4. Extraction of anthocyanins from the peel of selected local fruits grown in Sri Lanka as a natural food colourant and its utilization to retard rancidity of edible oils
5. Development of tomato jam and evaluation of its physicochemical properties
6. Study of consumer preference and physiochemical properties of commercially available edible oils in Badulla district
7. Impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on agricultural and food systems

8. **GRANTS RECEIVED**

1. Research work funded by the University Capital Grants – 2022
2. Research work funded by the University Capital Grants – 2020
3. Research work funded by the University Capital Grants (Short-Term) - 2019
4. Research work funded by the University Capital Grants – 2018
5. Research work funded by the University Capital Grants – 2015

9. **THESIS SUPERVISION**

- Hundred and seventeen (117) BSc undergraduates
- Five (05) MSc
- One (01) MPhil
- One (01) PhD

10. **TEACHING CONTRIBUTION**

1. Principles of Food Science (EAG 261-1)
2. Principles of Postharvest Technology (EAG 262-1)
3. Advanced Postharvest Technology (EAG 361-2)
4. Postharvest Technology (ANS 348-2)
5. Food Preservation Technology (EAG 364-2)
6. Food Packaging Technology (EAG 461-2)
7. Research Methodology and Scientific Writing (EAG 491-1)
8. Introduction to Agriculture (TEA 151-2)
9. Agricultural Food Processing (ANS 342-2)

11. **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Position	Institute/Company	Duration
Professor	Uva Wellassa University, Badulla, Sri Lanka	Oct. 2019 – To date
Senior Lecturer (Gr.II)	Uva Wellassa University, Badulla, Sri Lanka	Mar. 2014 – Oct. 2019
Program Assistant (Agriculture)	Food Research Unit, Department of Agriculture, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	Aug. 2005 – Feb. 2014

Development Assistant	Food Control Administration Unit, Ministry of Health Care, Colombo, Sri Lanka	Feb. 2005 - Jul. 2005
Postharvest Quality Management Executive	Bio-Foods Pvt., Ltd., Gampola, Sri Lanka	May 2004 – Oct. 2004
Research Assistant (ACIAR project)	Food Research Unit, Department of Agriculture, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	Aug. 2002 – Apr. 2004

12. **OTHER POSITIONS HELD**

1. Head/Department of Food Science and Technology since 01st February, 2023.
2. Member / Board of Study of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka since 2023.
3. Director/Postgraduate Unit of Uva Wellassa University since 01st February, 2019.
4. Deputy Senior Student Counselor – Faculty of Animal Science & Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University (From 1st January, 2018 to 31st December, 2020).
5. Chairman/Sports Advisory Board – Uva Wellassa University (Since 9th October, 2017).
6. Faculty Coordinator for Internal Quality assurance Unit (IQAU) from May 2016 to Oct. 2017.

13. **RESOURCE PERSON**

1. 100-hour Short Course on Selected Topics in Agriculture and Biosystem Technology organized by Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of Uva Wellassa University with the collaboration of Uva Provincial Department of Education in 2016.
2. Six-day workshop on Bio system Technology for A/L Students in Uva Province organized by Uva Agriculture Development Forum with the collaboration of Uva Provincial Department of Education in 2016.
3. Two-day workshop on Home Economic Science for A/L Students in Uva Province organized by Uva Agriculture Development Forum with the collaboration of Uva Provincial Department of Education in 2016.
4. Two-day workshop on Bio system Technology for A/L Teachers in Uva Province organized by Uva Agriculture Development Forum with the collaboration of Uva Provincial Department of Education in 2016.
5. Served as a Resource Person for the workshop on Food Technology for Public Health Inspectors in Badulla district organized by Regional Director of Health Services, Badulla in 2016.
6. Three-day workshop on Bio system Technology for A/L Students in Uva Province organized by Uva Agriculture Development Forum with the collaboration of Uva Provincial Department of Education in 2015.

7. Two-day workshop on Bio system Technology for A/L Students in Uva Province organized by Uva Agriculture Development Forum with the collaboration of Uva Provincial Department of Education in 2015.
8. Served as a resource person for the workshop on Food Technology for Public Health Inspectors in Badulla district organized by Regional Director of Health Services, Badulla in 2015.

14. **CONSULTANCIES**

1. Consultation on packing house operations in fresh produce exportation - Vegan Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.
2. Consultation on production of RTS beverage from *Nelli* - Jay Sea Foods Processing (Pvt) Ltd.

15. **TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

1. Online Training Programme: Prevention of postharvest loss in the value chain of agricultural crops 4-8 July 2022 Organized by King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand.
2. Professional Development Training on Scientific Writing and Publishing (2022).
3. Workshop on Food Storage Models Conducted by Asian Productivity Organization (2022).
4. Australia Awards Short Course Awarded in Multisectoral Approach to Nutrition and Food Security (Sri Lanka) Conducted by Griffith University, Australia (2021).
5. Virtual event on 'Unlock with your Research Potential with IEEE Xplore' (2021).
6. Business Incubation Process Training Manual Workshop at Uva Wellassa University (2021)
7. Professional Development Training on Use of online tools and techniques for teaching and assessments (2020)
8. Seminar on Food Quality and Safety in Food Industry organized by the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon (2020)
9. Workshop on Counselling and Mentoring for Academic Staff (2020)
10. Professional Development Training on Effective and Innovative Assessment Methods in Outcome-Based Education (2020).
11. Professional Development Training on Curriculum Mapping for Student Centered Learning (2019).
12. Consultative Workshop on Creating Conductive Learning Environment in State Universities, Organized by University Grants Commission (2019).
13. VI Postharvest Unlimited ISHS International Conference, Madrid, Spain (2017).
14. 15th International Conference on Food Processing & Technology, Rome, Italy (2016).
15. 4th International Conference on Nutrition and Food Science (ICNFS – 2015), Bangkok, Thailand (2015).
16. International symposium and Annual Meeting, A new era of biotechnology and bioeconomy, Busan, South Korea (2012).
17. International Conference on Food Factors, Taipei, Taiwan (2011).
18. Meeting of Fisheries Science Association of Koea, Bussan, South Korea (2011).

19. The 6th Asian Pacific Phycological Forum, Yeosu, South Korea (2011).
20. Green and personalized foods, International symposium and annual meeting, Daedu, South Korea (2010).
21. Annual meeting of the Korean Society of Phycology, Wando, South Korea (2010).
22. The 6th Korean Symposium of Marine Biotechnology, Jeju, South Korea (2010).
23. Workshop on Nurturing Research Culture within universities, organized by University Grants Commission.
24. National workshop on Separation Techniques in natural Product Research held at National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
25. Workshop on Accreditation of Good Laboratory Practices in Research & Development Laboratories, organized by Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment.
26. E-Learning course on Exporting agro-food products in major global markets (phase 2), organized by Asian Productivity Organization and National Productivity Secretariat in 2008.
27. Workshop on Scientific Writing, organized by the Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 2006.
28. Workshop on HACCP, organized by Council for Agricultural Research Policy, Sri Lanka in 2005.
29. Workshop on Biotechnology, organized by Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2005.

15. **EDITOR/REVIEWER ASSIGNMENTS**

1. 7th International Research Conference (IRCUWU-2023), Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka.
2. Journal of Agricultural Sciences, Sri Lanka.
3. Tropical Agricultural Research & Extension.
4. 4th International Symposium on Agriculture (NSA-2021), Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
5. Editorial Board Member for the Journal of Agriculture and Value Addition (JAVA) from 2018 to 2023.
6. International Research Conference on Dry Zone Agriculture-2018, University of Jaffana, Sri Lanka.
7. Editorial Board Member for the Journal of Nutritional Dietetics & Probiotics (JNDPS).
8. 3rd Ruhuna International Science and Technology Conference (RISTCON 2016).
9. Member of the Editorial Committee – Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (since March, 2014).
10. Member of the Technical Committee – International Conference on Nutrition and Food Science since 2015.
11. Chairman and Session Evaluator for the session Food Science & Nutrition at 08th YSF Symposium organized by National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC) – 2019.

12. Editorial Board Member for the Proceedings of the 8th YSF Symposium Organized by National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC).
13. Session Evaluator for the session Food Science & Nutrition at 07th Young Scientist Forum (YSF) Symposium organized by National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC) - 2018.
14. Jury Member for Sri Lanka Inventors Commission to evaluate inventions of Uva Province in 2017.
15. Member of UWU Research Award Committee in 2016 and 2017.
16. Act as a reviewer for several indexed journals including Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture, Journal of Applied Phycology, International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, International Journal of Food Sciences and Nutrition and Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

16. **SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES MEMBERED**

1. Member of Young Scientist Forum (YSF) Steering Committee since 2018-2019
2. Member of Senior Scientist Forum (SSF) since 2020
3. Member of International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) (Since 2017)

17. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Surname : Wijesinghe
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