

Dr. Jacques G. Fuchs: CURRICULUM VITAE

Jacques G. Fuchs is a graduate in Agronomy of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, with a PhD in soil microbiology. Founder of Biophyt AG (www.biophyt.ch), Mellikon, a company specialised in the biological quality of compost, compost utilization and development of compost based products. He counsels and assists composting plants in maintaining consistent and reliable products, and by optimizing compost utilisation. He is since 2000 researcher in plant pathology at the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL, www.fibl.org). He co-authored the Swiss guidelines for compost quality (2001, rev. 2010).

For the last eight years, he has worked as a project manager at the FiBL in the plant protection division. He has been working with antagonistic bacteria and fungi to protect plants against stillborn disease. Since 1994 he has specialised on the influence of microbiological communities on the development of plant diseases, especially on the potential of compost microflora to protect plants, under lab and field conditions. He has developed different biotests to study and characterise the disease suppression of substrates and soils and the influence of different parameters on disease suppression.



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9. Education:

Institutions:	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich)
Date:	1989-1994
Degree:	PhD in soil microbiology
Institutions:	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich)
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Degree:	MSc in agronomy

10. Language skills:

Language	Level	Passive	Spoken	Written
French	Mother Tongue	5	5	5
German	5	5	5	4
English	4	4	4	4

11. Membership of Professional Bodies:

- Head of Research and Advisory institute biophyt ag
- Board member of Swiss Society of Phytomedicine
- Board member of advisory scientific board of RITTMO (Recherche, Innovation et Transfert de Technologie pour les Matières fertilisantes Organiques, France)
- Vice-president and senior scientist of academic committee of “Swiss Chinese Herbal Medicine and Functional Food Innovation Center”
- Adjunct professor at the University of Agronomy of China (Beijing) (2019 - 2022).

12. Other skills:

- Chair of the organizing committee of the international congress CODIS 2008 on February 27-29 in Switzerland on Compost and digestate
- Board member of foundation pro mellikon for cultural and social relation of Mellikon, Switzerland
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13. Present Position:

- Project Manager by FiBL
- Director and project manager by Biophyt Ltd.

14. Years of professional experience: 32 Years

15. Key qualifications:

- Plant Pathology
- Compost and digestate production, compost and digestate quality, compost and digestate use
- Soil-borne diseases

16. Specific experience outside Switzerland/EU (not exhaustive):

Country	Date	Name and brief description of the project
Saudi Arabia	2014	Cooperation with the GIZ Organic Farming Project with the Ministry of Organic Agriculture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Senior Consultant in consulting and providing training in composting for applied Research Approach for the Organic R&D Center, Unayzah, Qassim.
China	Since 2016	Knowhow transfer and capacity building on the recycling of organic wastes to improve soil fertility and plant health. Optimization of recycling concepts of organic fertilizer and evaluation of the best possibilities to improve and secure soil fertility. Lectures at the CAU (China Agriculture University)
Kenia	Since 2017	Knowhow transfer. Planification and improvement of a compost plant by the waste management plant of TakaTaka Solution (www.takatakasolutions.com). Development and implementation of quality system in order to produce quality compost improve soil fertility and plant health. Education of compost plant workers. Long term accompaniment of the project.
Marokko	Since 2018	Knowhow transfer. Planification and improvement of a compost plant by the waste management plant of Ecofertil (www.ecofertil.ma). Development and implementation of quality system in order to produce quality compost improve soil fertility and plant health. Education of compost plant workers. Long term accompaniment of the project.
Costa Rica	Since 2019	Knowhow transfer. Planification and improvement of a compost plant by the waste management plant of the Municipality of Pérez Zeledón. Development and implementation of quality systems in order to produce quality compost improve soil fertility and plant health. Education of compost plant workers. Long term accompaniment of the project “Sustainable Management of Organic Municipal Waste in the Municipality of Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica”.
Sri Lanka	Since 2023	Development of organic fertilizers in order to diminish the use of chemical fertilizers and to help a transition to organic agricultural production.
Ivory coast	Since 2023	Knowhow transfer. Development of two pilot compost facilities (traditional composting and worm composting) to valorize all the organic waste from a palm oil factory, and to improve soil fertility and plant growth and health.

Colombia	2022-2024	Development of an innovative and replicable training strategy to strengthen expertise and entrepreneurial capacities for integrated organic solid waste management in Colombia .
Nicaragua	2024	Knowhow transfer. Development of a specific compost recipe from the coffee pulp, inclusive quality management and concept to use the compost.
Rwanda	Since 2024	Knowhow transfer. Development of composting system to valorize organic residues of coffee plantations and coffee washing stations. Test to optimize the composting process with biochar.
Burkina Faso	Since 2024	Knowhow transfer. Planification and improvement of a compost plant by the waste management of a new mango and cashew processing factory.

17. Professional experience:

Date:	Location	Company/ Organisation	Position
Since 2000	Frick, Switzerland	FiBL	Project manager

Job Description: Senior scientist working on plant pathology, compost and soil-borne diseases. Partner of several EU and Swiss Projects.

Date:	Location	Company/ Organisation	Position
Since 1991	Mellikon (CH)	Biophyt Ltd.	Managing director

Job Description: Director and project manager in compost / digestate consulting, education and quality control projects.

Date:	Location	Company/ Organisation	Position
1999-2000	Villigen (CH)	Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI)	Member of the scientific staff

Job Description: Study about the increase of virulence complexity of nomadic airborne pathogens from west to east across Europe.

18. Teaching activities

- Annually lectures at the ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences and at the School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences HAFL.
- Education of collaborators of compost plants (since more than 20 years)
- Lectures at the University of Agronomy of China (Beijing)

19. Publications and Seminars (selection):

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- Fuchs, J.G. 2018. Evaluation of liquid digestate for organic cultivation of field vegetables. Presentation at the conference "Progress Manure & Digestate 2018" in Schwäbisch Hall, Baden-Württemberg, 16.-18. Oktober 2018.
- Fuchs, J.G. 2017. Composting process management and compost benefits for soil fertility and plants. Acta Horticulturae. 1164., 195-202.

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