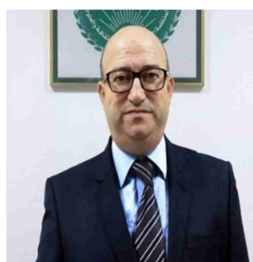# Biography of Mohamed JEMNI

Mohamed JEMNI is a Professor of Computer Science and Educational Technologies at the University of Tunis, Tunisia. He is the Director of ICT Department at The Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (www.alecso.org) and Minister Plenipotentiary at Arab League States from December 2013. He has been the General Director of the Computing Center El Khawarizmi, the Internet services provider for the sector of higher education and scientific research in Tunisia, from 2008 to 2013.

At ALECSO, he is currently leading several projects related to the promotion of effective use of ICT in education in the Arab world, namely, Artificial Intelligence, Smart Learning, OER, MOOCs, cloud computing and the strategic project of development of the "Unified Arab System for Blockchain-based Certificate Authentication".

He produced two patents and published more than 300 papers in international journals, conferences and books. He produced many studies for international organizations such as UNESCO and ITU.

Prof. Jemni has been awarded the honorary distinction of Commander of the Order of the Tunisian Republic in May 2009 and the Order of Educational Merit in July 2007.

Prof. Jemni and his research Laboratory have received several awards, including the Silver medal of the International Fair of Inventions in Kuwait 2007, the UNESCO Prize 2008 for the e-learning curriculum they developed for visually impaired, President's Award for the integration of persons with disabilities 2009 and the "World Summit Award (WSA) - Mobile 2010" in the field of social inclusion. In April 2012, his laboratory LaTICE received the Google Student AWARD and he has received the Best Communication Paper of the Web For All 2012. Prof. Jemni received the International Telecommunication Union Award: "ICT Innovation application challenge" during the WSIS Forum in Geneva in May 2013, and recently, the project "ALECSO APPS" that he is leading at ALECSO received the **Mohammed bin Rashid Arabic Language Award** (in the Technology topic), in May 2017.

Prof. Jemni is IEEE Senior member and member of the Executive board of IEEE Technical Committee on Learning Technology. He is co-editor of Springer Lecture Notes in educational Technology (www.springer.com/series/11777) and member of the steering committee of G3ICT – United Nations, Global initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies and he is also the president of a Tunisian NGO created in June 2011: the Tunisian Association of e-accessibility (www.e-access.tn). He has launched many initiatives to promote ICT accessibility in the Arab region including the project of WCAG2.0 translation to Arabic (www.alecso.org/wcag2.0/) to promote accessibility of Arabic Web Content and the 2009 initiative for using ICT to develop Arab Sign language.

His full CV is available at his web page : www.latice.rnu.tn/english/memb_jemni.htm