

Prof. Sobhi Nasir

Professor Sobhi Nasir graduated in Mineralogy/Petrology at Wurzburg University-Germany (1986). After his PhD studies he worked for 5 years at the Yarmouk University in Jordan, 4 years at the United Arab Emirates University, 8 years at Qatar University. Prof. Nasir Joined the Sultan Qaboos University in Oman in 2004 as a head of Department and now he is the Director of Earth Sciences Research Centre and the UNESCO Chair for Ophiolite Studies as well as an Adjunct Professor at Western University, Canada. Prof. Nasir relishes his continued involvement in teaching and research and contributes energetically to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in various fields of Earth Sciences. He has published more than 250 papers in international journals, and has built his international reputation through his research focusing on Oman, Germany, Australia and the Arabian lithosphere. He is a member in several editorial board members of international journals in earth sciences and received many national and international researches funding for his research as well as many international awards including the ESESCO Prize for Sciences and Technology 2016.



Prof. Nasir is highly involved in research with primary interest in the ophiolite geology, volcanic rocks, carbonatite, kimberlite, and applied mineralogy. His research on upper mantle and lower crust mineralogy and chemistry has resulted in building a school for the Middle East petrology which helped in interpreting large scale geological phenomena especially those related to the geodynamic evolution of the Arabian lithosphere and opening of the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.