Vita

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In 1991, he received a Bachelors degree, followed by a Masters degree in Physics in 1993, with concentration in Atomic and Molecular Physics, from the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), Dhahran-Saudi Arabia. His Masters thesis was on the "Experimental Determination of the Frequency Spectrum of the Rose Bengal Picosecond Fluorescence Using Two Beating Ring Dye Lasers".

In 1999 he received his Ph.D. in physics, specializing in condensed matter, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His Ph.D. thesis studied "Optical Properties of Size Selected Nanocrystallites in Porous Silicon".

In the same year he was appointed as an assistant professor in the KFUPM physics department. He was promoted to associate professor in 2005.

In December of 2007 he was appointed Founding Director of the Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology (CENT) at KFUPM, leading research activities for nanotechnology related to petroleum and petrochemical applications.

Zain is a Founding member of the Saudi Physical Society (SPS) and the Director of its Teachers' Division. He is a Board Member of the Saudi Society for Microscopes and a Board Member of the Saudi Nanotechnology Society. He is also an active member of the American Physical Society, the Optical Society of America, the American Association of Physics Teachers, and the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Yamani enjoys "popularizing" science, and has developed a course into the KFUPM curriculum: "The Physics of How Things Work".

Dr. Yamani received a number of awards amongst which was The King Abdul-Aziz Medal of the First Type for his scientific accomplishment.

His research interests are in the fields of laser spectroscopy, photo-induced chemistry and nanotechnology, related to which he was issued two USPTO patents while others are pending.

Dr. Yamani *current* (December, 2011) list of projects include:

Principle Investigator in:

a- Study of the Structural Properties and Hydrodesulfurization Activity of MoS_2 and Co/Ni/MoS_2 Catalysts Prepared by Laser Pyrolysis
b- Development of Metal-Oxide Zeolite Nanostructures for Hydrogen and Hydrogen Sulfide Detection
c- Nanoagents for Residual Oil Sensing

Co-Investigator in:

a- Carbon Nanofibers Grown on 3-D Solid Structures for Applications in Energy-Related Catalysis
b- Zeolite Nanosheets as a Materials Platform for Improved Refining Catalysts
c- Development of Highly Efficient Visible-light-driven Mesoporous Nanostructured Materials for Photocatalytic Applications

Numerous others proposals are in the proposal stage.

Dr. Yamani has over fifty publications in refereed international scientific journals and another fifty presentations in workshops and conferences, including:

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