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EDUCATION

Nov. 2016: Best thesis award from the Royal Society of Gembloux Agricultural Engineers (AIGx)
2015-2016: Master degree bioengineering in Life Science and Agriculture, *Gembloux Agro Bio Tech (Liège University)*
Thesis: Analysis of the possibilities of production and commercialization of sugar cane syrup and sugar cane juice in order to improve the income of the farmers of Pignon, Haiti.
2009-2010: first year in civil engineering, Liège University
2008-2009: High school, *St Joseph Chênée*

INTERSHIPS

Sept.-Nov. 2016: Volunteer for TroPeople a.s.b.l organization of a study tour to Hong Kong for 9 researchers and entrepreneurs in urban agriculture in collaboration with the Belgian Hong Kong Society and the Hong Kong University
March-April 2015: - Libânio S.A., Fair trade Cocoa plantation (Rainforest and UTZ), Brazil
- Coolerg Gandu, milk producers cooperative, Brazil
Sept. 2013: International exchange session at the rural university of Québec, Canada

LANGUAGES SKILLS

French: native
English: native
Portuguese: fluent
Italian: good
German: basic

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Throughout these last years I have acquired a lot of understanding and knowledge about environment, agriculture, food industry, developing countries and international economy. Even though I am able to work in a proactive and independent way, I also enjoy working in teams or groups. I like having a good relation with my colleagues in a positive working atmosphere. At university I have always been involved into different volunteering experiences that improved many of my management skills. I also have the ability to adapt to new and different situations. I especially like to understand new cultures and working atmospheres. I was born in Brazil, grew up in Italy and moved to Belgium. I enjoy meeting new people and have good public-speaking skills.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCES

2015 - 2016 Volunteer at a local farming and food fair 200 participants
2014 Organization the 1st edition of TractoGembloux a tractor parade with gourmet stops valuing local farm products in Gembloux, 120 participants
2014 English teacher for 20-30 children from 4 to 8 years old for the "Compagnons Bâtisseurs", Basque Country-Spain
2013 Organization and animation of workshops on milk transformation for 70 primary school students in Gembloux
2013 and **2012** Association Générale des Etudiants- Treasurer for the university's student organization
2011 Clothes sorting for the Saint Lambert church in Grivegnée