

APPRECIATION LETTER TO MATANEL FOUNDATION

Dear Donors,

My name is Raanan Tzarfati, a PhD student in Haifa University and I am very proud and happy to express my honest gratitude to you for granting me the financial support that enabled me to implement my dream and carry out my PhD research.

I started my PhD three years ago in the Department of Evolutionary and Environmental Biology, under the supervision of Professor Abraham Korol, Professor Yehoshua Saranga and Professor Shahal Abbo. My research focused on the genomic of wheat domestication evolution and includes genetic mapping of domestication-related traits and functional genomics assay. This research is very beneficial for extra breeding efforts.

During my PhD, we published a paper in 'Annals of Botany', and this paper was mentioned at the well known scientific paper 'NATURE', in the section of "Research Highlights". We also published another scientific paper which is focusing on genetic and genomic dissection of traits related to domestication, evolution under domestication and plant improvement. Recently, we submitted another paper which focuses on glumes transcriptome and provides new insight about candidate genes involved in wheat domestication

All of this progress is as a result of your financial support. It is a great honor for me that Matanel foundation believes in my capabilities and in my work.

Thank you so much!

Yours sincerely,

Raanan Tzafati.