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Dr. Ami Bouganim

Matanel Foundation

Mr. Gabriel Malka

School of Tourism, University of Haifa

Dear Dr. Bouganim and Mr. Malka,

In accordance with the "Call for Proposals" issued by the University of Haifa on July 18th, 2011 I wish to confirm that the three students whose names appear below received scholarships from the *Matanel Foundation* gift designated towards scholarships for excellent students:

Hanan Abu Tayeh is Israeli born and lives in Nazareth. Her research thesis proposal was approved in September 2013 and is under the supervision of Dr. Dalit Barkan and Dr. Amiram Ariel. Her research deals with testing whether expression of a gene called integrin beta 3 in breast cancer cell lines will promote their reversion to a normal like breast tissue thus normalizing their malignant phenotype. She has submitted her PhD thesis for review in April 2016. Ms. Abu Tayeh volunteered at the elementary school in her neighborhood in Nazareth. She helped the children with their homework assignments and other tasks. She volunteered for 4 hours on a weekly basis and at times even longer. She has fully completed her volunteering duties which were a condition of the *Matanel Scholarship*.

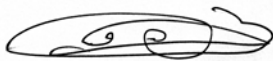
Adi Kfir is Israeli born and lives in Haniel which is a Moshav in the Sharon area of Israel. Her research thesis proposal was approved in October 2012 and is under the supervision of Prof. Edi Barkai. Her research deals with the role of GluR6 subunit of Kainite receptors in complex of factory learning. Her PhD thesis will be submitted for review in February 2017. Ms. Kfir has volunteered with the Israel Cancer Association in her area. She tutored an 11 year old boy whose family member has cancer. She was with him twice a week for two hours. She has fully completed her volunteering duties which were a condition of the *Matanel Scholarship*.

Raanan Tzarfati is Israeli born and lives in Jerusalem. His research thesis proposal was approved in November 2012 and is under the supervision of Prof. Abraham Korol, Prof. Yehoshua Saranga and Prof. Shahal Abbo. His research deals with genomics of wheat domestication: genetic mapping and expression assay using *Triticum durum* and *T. dicoccoides* populations. He has submitted his PhD thesis for review in August 2015 and has been approved to receive a PhD in March 2016. Mr.

Tzarfati has volunteered at the Ben Gurion School and Tel Hai school in Haifa. He assisted two girls from Tzadal families studying at the schools with their homework assignments in Math and English. He has fully completed his volunteering duties which were a condition of the *Matanel Scholarship*.

I hereby confirm that the University of Haifa has facilitated the research of these three scholarship recipients and has provided them with proper infrastructure and research tools to advance their research. The University of Haifa is grateful to the *Matanel Foundation* for this meaningful gift which has truly made a difference in the lives of these three students and has impacted their research. We hope that the Foundation continues to support research students in such a manner.

With kind regards,



Prof. David Faraggi
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