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EXPERIEN'CE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Dr. Alfred Daniel J worked as a Post Doctoral Researcher at The Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, under a project titled "Ecological tragedy: The collection of parasitized caterpillars by potter wasps " funded by the Israeli Science Foundation (from October 2020 to May 2023).

His main work involved the collection and identification of parasitoids from potter wasp nests and experimentation on potter wasp behavior. In addition, he was involved in several projects including a study on egg sac parasitoids of widow spiders, parasitoids of the lesser date moth in date plantations, and insect communities in wheat fields in Israel. Alfred Daniel is highly experienced in fieldwork, ecological research, and insect identification.

Throughout his stay, Daniel was hardworking, reliable, proficient, and performed extremely well independently as well as part of a team. He is undoubtedly an asset to any organization, and I wholeheartedly wish him every success in the future. Sincerely,

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Experience Certificate

It is to certify that Dr. Alfred Daniel J was conducting a Post-Doctoral Research at the Israel National Arachnid Collection, The National Natural History Collections (NNHC), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI), Israel in the "Long-Term Monitoring of Arachnids after an Oil Spill at 'Avrona, Israel". This project was funded by the Israel Nature and Park Authority and was coordinated by the "Ma'arag" monitoring scheme. Dr. Alfred received a half-time scholarship from the NNHC, HUJI (October 2023 - May 2023), and his work in the collections was focused on insect identification, in which he is very experienced, and spider identification, in which he received training during his Post-Doctoral research. As part of his training, he participated in a CETAF-DEST Blended Training Course on Spider Taxonomy and Field Methodologies, that was coordinated by the Natural History Museum of Crete, Heraklion, Crete, Greece and Sitia Unesco Global Geopark, Crete, Greece during April 2023. The work at NNHC, HUJI, and the course enabled him to gain new skills in identifying spiders and other arachnids. During his Post-Doctoral research Dr. Alfred identified successfully insects and spiders from the long-term monitoring (pitfall traps and trunk traps). In addition, Dr. Alfred was also involved in other biodiversity projects (with Prof. Dror Hawlena from HUJI) identifying and sorting arthropods and other terrestrial invertebrates and joined the laboratory of the arachnid collection in some field surveys in caves.

Dr. Alfred is always ready to assist others in identifying insects, spiders or any other mission. He is hardworking, reliable, very kind and creates friendly working atmosphere. His enthusiasm and curiosity, together with his pleasant character will be valuable in any place he will work. I wish him success in his future projects.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. Sincerely,

Dr. Efrat Gavish-Regev

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