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Dear Nimrod,

When I think of Africa (and Asia), I think of an enormous unfulfilled potential.

Prof. Thomas Risley Odhiambo thought so too. As a result, in 1970 he founded *The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)* in Nairobi, Kenya.

Israel was one of 10 contributing founders of *ICIPE*, and as such, [Prof. Rachel Galun](#) became part of the founders of this esteemed institute.

When Prof. Galun first arrived at *ICIPE* there was only **a single researcher** in the institute; a chemist.



Prof. Odhiambo and Prof. Galun (at the center)

This was the first trip, followed by many more in the coming years. Prof. Galun was immediately appointed as a *Visiting Director of Research at ICIPE* (1971 to 1979).

Later Prof. Galun was elected to the *International Committee* (1975) and the *Governing Board* (1979) of *ICIPE*. In total, Prof. Galun has kept her contact with the institute for 25 years!

The great work of the founders have done is well noted until this day. Nearly 50 years later, *ICIPE* is a major success story and a worldwide leading **center of scientific excellence and training in Africa.**



Founder and Director, Prof. Odhiambo (yellow arrow), with Prof. Galun to his right, and colleagues.

For Prof. Galun, ICIPE was one love story with Africa, in addition to several more, in many countries of the continent, including Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Egypt, Madagascar, and Mauritius.

Prof. Galun is a world-renowned scientist in the field of Medical Entomology. As such, her studies, research group and main contribution to African entomology and the world has to do with the efforts to control ticks, the Tsetse fly and mosquitoes (mainly *Aedes aegypti*).



[--->>> Video <<<---](#) of a recent discussion I had with Prof. Galun regarding D.D.T.

Today Prof. Galun is retired from any academic activities. However, she keeps in contact with many of her students, she takes part in scientific meetings, as much as she can.

My connection with Prof. Galun started as I was reading her articles, some of which were dealing with fruit flies and attractions to various attractants.

Those articles gave me insight into one of the biggest mysteries in entomology, which is insects' communication through smells. You have the beginning of a solution, once you fully understand the problem.

I was then lucky to have Prof. Rechel as my Professor during part of my Ph.D. study. Fourteen years have past since then, but we keep in contact and she helps me and my team see some issues in a different way then we are used to.

I was honored and happy when Prof. Galun gave her consent to take part in the Biofeed Board of Directors. Biofeed today is making use of Prof. Galun scientific work from 40 years ago. That is fantastic! Have on my Board a great scientist and a great friend, what more can I wish for?

I would like to end this mail with the words of Prof. Odhiambo (regarding *ICIPE*), that so much match my own thoughts and approach for Biofeed, as well as to any entrepreneurial activity

“The idea was actually very simple, get the very best people and then if you have more money, put buildings and equipment around them”.

Regards,



Nimrod

P.S. We are now finalizing our business plan for 2019. Why is it important for you to know? Because this is the last chance for you to contact Dotan Peleg (dotan@biofeed.co.il), our Head of Business, and make sure you close a deal for 2019 and secure your own region stay ahead of the others.

P.P.S. By the way, while we welcome all, our main focus is on West-Africa, East-Africa, and India. Your chances are higher to get our attention if you are a 'market player' from within those regions.

P.P.P.S. It is now the Holidays time in Israel. That means that things may take longer than usual so please be patient. But also don't be shy to contact if you get no answer within a week.

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