

Forrest Innovations Ltd. Announces the Appointment of Dr. Ima Braga and Prof. Philippos Papathanos to Its Advisory Board

British Columbia, Vancouver, Aug 23, 2021 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Forrest Innovations Ltd. ("Forrest") announced today the appointment of Dr. Ima Braga and Professor Philippos Papathanos to its Scientific Advisory Board. These appointments are expected to strengthen Forrest's ability to accelerate its implementation of its Natural Vector Control ("NVC") to prevent mosquito-transmitted disease and to enhance and broaden the ability of Forrest to expand into new market opportunities by developing additional disease prevention solutions.

Dr. Ima Braga holds a Ph.D. in Parasitic Biology from the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brazil. She is trained in epidemiology and is President of the Latin American Vector Control Network- Relcov. In addition, she is the Technical Advisor to the State Health Department of Minas Gerais in Brazil. Dr. Braga specializes in the control of dengue and malaria vectors, monitoring of vector resistance to insecticides, entomological surveillance, and evaluation of surveillance and control alternatives for *Aedes aegypti*.

Professor Philippos Papathanos heads the Insect Genetics Lab at the Department of Entomology of the Hebrew University in Israel. Over the last 12 years, Professor Papathanos has been at the forefront of developing genetic control technologies in *Anopheles* mosquitoes. His work includes the first introduction and testing of homing endonucleases into insects, and the first genetically encoded male sterility system. He combines principles of synthetic biology and computational genetics to build engineered alleles that result in beneficial new traits in insect species.

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Forrest was founded in 2013 and is a private Israel-based biotechnology company focused on mosquito-borne disease eradication with expertise in medical entomology R&D and healthcare. Forrest's proprietary technology, Natural Vector Control (NVC), is commercially approved. Forrest's pilot and commercial projects in Brazil led to an order of magnitude reduction in Dengue fever in treated areas*. For more information on Forrest, please visit <https://www.forrestinnovations.com/>.

Dr. Braga said: Arboviruses transmitted by *Aedes aegypti* such as dengue, Zika, and chikungunya have a great impact on public health. To meet this challenge, we need new approaches. I am very happy to participate in the Scientific Advisory Board of Forrest Innovations and contribute so that the proposed technologies such as Natural Vector Control are implemented.

Professor Papathanos added: Pushing the boundaries of traditional mosquito genetics and genomics has the potential to revolutionize the future of disease control and deliver new methods for their sustainable and cost-effective application. Acting in the Scientific Advisory Board of Forrest Innovations, which is spearheading new technologies for mosquito-borne disease control, I hope to contribute to the successful implementation of their technologies and its interaction with mosquito genetics.

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