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Nomination Letter for ESI Young Entomologist Award 2021

I want to recommend Dr. Rojeet Thangjam, an Assistant Professor in Entomology at the College of Horticulture, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Thenzawl, Mizoram, for “**ESI Young Entomologist Award 2021**” organized by the Entomological Society of India. A review of his credentials will confirm that Dr. Rojeet Thangjam is one of the most deserving candidates for the said award. He is a young, dynamic, and hardworking researcher from the North Eastern region of India who is working for the development of farmers’ communities in tribal areas and focuses on the conservation of the environment.

Dr. Rojeet Thangjam studied his B.Sc. (Agriculture) from Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam, and continued his M.Sc. in Agricultural Entomology (2012) at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka through JRF (2010). During his Master's degree, he studied insect pests of sesame and their management with special reference to phyllody vector. After getting a seat through SRF (2013), he completed his Ph.D. in Entomology (2018) from the Department of Entomology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam. He studied the Pest complex of Bhut Jolokia (King Chilli) and their management. He also qualified ASRB ICAR-NET during 2013 and 2014.

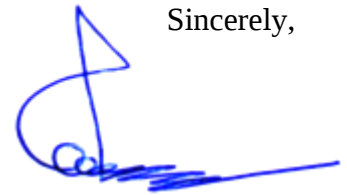
His significant contribution to entomological fields is that he has reported many new insect pests and their natural enemies from King chilli (*Capsicum chinense*), one of the important regional and cash crops in North East India. He has developed an Integrated Pest Management module for managing major pests of king chilli in North East India. He reported one new phytophagous coccinellid beetle (*Henosepilachna kathmanduensis*) and one hymenopteran parasitoid (*Oomyzus* sp.) for the first time from Assam, India. He also added ten species of Syrphid flies (*Eristalinus tristriatus*, *Eristalis tenax*, *Eristalodes paria*, *Lathyrrophthalmus arvorum*, *Lathyrrophthalmus megacephalus*, *Lathyrrophthalmus obliquus*, *Phytomia errans*, *Pandasyophthalmus rufocinctus*, *Metasyrphus bucculatus* and *Sphaerophoria macrogaster*) and two parasitoids (*Diplazon* sp. and *Syrphophagus aeruginosus*) from Assam for the first time. He recently reported and described two new species of stingless bee (*Tetragonula kyrdemkulaiensis* and *T. srikantanathi*) from Meghalaya, India, and reported the First report of drinking tear and sweat by Lisotrigona bees (Apidae: Meliponini) from Mizoram, India. He again describing four more new Stingless bee species under the genus *Lepidotrigona* from Mizoram and Sikkim, and it is under process. Dr. Rojeet Thangjam has published 28 peer-reviewed research articles in international and national journals, 17 extended abstracts, two popular articles, three book

chapters, two extension leaflets, and one short communication. He was awarded Best poster presentation in the National Symposium on “Entomology as a Science and IPM as a Technology-the Way Forward” during November 13-15, 2014 organized by ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA at CoHF, CAU (Imphal), Pasighat. Awarded Best Oral Presentation in National Entomologists’ Meet, 2015 during 5-7 February, 2015 organized by ICAR-IINRG, Ranchi. Awarded Third prized in Photography contest in the 4th Congress on Insect Science “Entomology for Sustainable Agriculture” during April 16-17, 2015 organized by INDIAN SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF INSECT SCIENCE at PAU, Ludhiana. Awarded “Young Achiever Award 2020” in International Web Conference on Perspective on Agricultural and Applied Sciences in COVID-19 Scenario (PAAS-2020) Jointly Organized (AETDS), Uttarakhand, India; (BARI), Gazipur, Bangladesh; (A NAAC Accredited, Deemed to be University), Meerut, India; (SWERI), Agriculture Research Center, (ARC) Giza, Egypt, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Itanagar, and Corteva agriscience on October 4-6th, 2020. Awarded Best Poster Presentation in 2-days Workshop on “Biological Control of Insect-Pests of Crops in NE Region of India” organized by Directorate of Extension Education, CAU (Imphal), Manipur from March 9th -10th, 2021. He has also conducted 4 Capacity Building Training programmes sponsored by ICAR-ATARI, Zone –VII, Umiam, Meghalaya, and ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

I strongly recommend Dr. Rojeet Thangjam, Assistant Professor (Entomology) of College of Horticulture, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Thenzawl, Mizoram for “**ESI Young Entomologist Award 2021**”. I wish him all success in the future.

With best regards

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